

NHATS 10th Year Anniversary Conference: Call for Submissions

Conference Dates: May 26 & 27, 2021

Abstract Due Date: December 15, 2020

The National Health and Aging Trends Study and the TRENDS network of the Michigan Center on the Demography of Aging are pleased to announce NHATS' 10th anniversary conference on late-life disability and care.

[NHATS](#) provides a basis for understanding trends and trajectories in late-life functioning, disparities in the disablement process through the end of life, and the consequences of aging and disability for individuals, families, and society. Its companion study, the [National Study of Caregiving](#), provides linked information on family caregivers.

Conference Format

The conference will be held online over two days, on the afternoons of May 26th and 27th. We anticipate 10-12 presentations altogether in 4-5 sessions.

Special Issue

Papers presented at the conference will be peer-reviewed and those that successfully complete the process will be included in a supplemental issue of the *Journals of Gerontology: Social Sciences*.

Topics of Interest

Papers may use NHATS alone or in combination with NSOC. Analyses that fit thematically into one of the session topics below are especially encouraged, but other topics will be considered.

- Session I: Late-life Disability Trends
 - Examples: trends in late-life physical, cognitive, or sensory impairments, on successful accommodation or other aspects of the disablement process; trends in end of life care
- Session II: Late-life Disability Trajectories
 - Examples: disparities in the disablement process, from onset to end of life, and associated health care utilization; biological underpinnings of the disablement process
- Session III: Care Dynamics
 - Examples: the dynamics of residential care; the dynamics of dementia caregiving; a day in the life of a family caregiver
- Session IV: COVID-19 and the Daily Lives of Older Adults*
 - Examples: delays in health care related to COVID-19; changes in social networks during COVID-19; caregiving during COVID-19

*We expect rapid versions of the 2020 COVID-19 collections to be released in time for conference participants to analyze. Questionnaires are available for [NHATS participants](#) and up to two [family members and friends](#) who helped them.

How to Apply

Submit an abstract of up to 2 pages describing study objectives and proposed analyses to Vicki Freedman vfreedma@umich.edu.

Deadlines

Abstracts are **due December 15, 2020**. Selected participants will be notified by January 15, 2021 after review by the NHATS steering committee. Initial papers are due May 15, 2021; revised papers will be due August 1, 2021.

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