

# Research Connections

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<p>A Life Course, Collaborative Approach to Understanding LGBTQ Aged 50 Plus Populations'™ Health in The New England Region of The United States</p> <p>Organization University of Connecticut</p> <p>Study Purpose LGBTQ+ adults 50+ face challenges of health disparities, resulting in health outcomes that are worse off than cisgender and heterosexual counterparts. This study will examine the following: 1. What health determinants do the LGBTQ aging community feel are causing these health disparities and 2. What specific research, policies, and/or interventions do they think will help support a decrease in negative health outcomes? The answer to these questions hopes to produce a greater research base regarding health disparities and promote the creation of services and policy reforms for LGBTQ elders. The study will be conducted over a 12 month funding period and results will derived from the lived experiences of LGBTQ+ adults, as partners in the research in order to improve the health and lives of this population.</p> <p>Target Population Sampling will be done through the below noted recruitment process. The researcher will approach LGBTQ, Aging, and LGBTQ Aging agencies who serve LGBTQ+ community members 50 and over that are open to participating in New England. Recruitment will occur until there are 7-10 people per focus group as per Padgett (2016)'™s recommendation for focus group size. For LGBTQ older adult focus groups, participants will have to be over 50 years of age (with no top age), report no cognitive impairments or legal guardians, and identify as part of the LGBTQ community. Each state in New England will aim to be represented in the focus groups.</p> <p>Research Incentives and Benefits \$20 debit gift card for participating in a focus group and \$30 for a one on one follow up interview</p> <p>Estimated Time Commitment 90 minutes to 2 hours, and if they wish to participate in a one on one interview, approximately 60 more minutes</p> <p>Primary Contact Breana Bietsch</p> <p>Recruitment Start Date Thursday, 18 January 2024</p> <p>Recruitment End Date Thursday, 01 May 2025</p>	<p>(313) 626-7164</p>
<p>Caregiving Networks and Future Care Planning of Older LGBTQ+ Adults</p> <p>Organization Wayne State University</p> <p>Study Purpose LGBTQ+ individuals face unique caregiving challenges due to the limited access to traditional support networks. We hope to understand whether social networks translate into available or actual caregiving networks of LGBTQ+ adults, and how that affects their future care plans. Specifically, we aim to understand the composition and dynamics of caregiving networks, the role of chosen family in providing support, and the barriers or facilitators that influence future care preparations. Participants will be asked to complete a screening call, then an online interview over zoom. We aim to recruit participants until mid-June of this year so we can conduct data analysis and complete a report of our findings for GSA in November and the WSU undergraduate poster day next spring.</p> <p>Target Population We are recruiting LGBTQ+ individuals aged 55 or older who are community dwelling, fluent in English, and who have access to a device with zoom.</p> <p>Research Incentives and Benefits Yes, participants will be given \$20 e-gift cards sent to their email upon completion of the interview.</p> <p>Estimated Time Commitment Participants will be expected to complete a short 5-minute screening phone call prior to enrollment, then they're expected to complete a 30-45-minute interview.</p> <p>Primary Contact Barbara Castro Sanchez</p> <p>Recruitment Start Date Monday, 12 May 2025</p> <p>Recruitment End Date Monday, 09 June 2025</p>	<p>isafe@utah.edu</p>

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Study Overview Information  
programs designed to alleviate financial hardship and thereby improve mental and physical health in people with dementia and their care partners.

People in the study will answer brief questionnaires and participate in online group discussions using a technology device such as a computer. Participation lasts about 90 minutes. Participants receive \$75 for participation.

Target Population

Inclusion Criteria

All 18 years and older who are care partners to someone with dementia (this can mean direct hands-on care and/or providing money for care)

Access to the Internet and technology devices such as a computer

Speak and read English

Exclusion Criteria

Care partners who are under age 18

Individuals who do not speak English

Persons living with dementia who are younger than 50

Care partners who have never provided direct care nor assistance with expenses

Research Incentives and Benefits

We provide compensation to participants.

Estimated Time Commitment

Eligibility surveys will take between 10-20 minutes.

Focus group conversation will last 90 minutes.

Primary Contact

Sara Bybee

Recruitment Start Date

Monday, 14 April 2025

Recruitment End Date

Saturday, 30 June 2029

Incongruent Identity Documents (IIDs) Among Transgender and Nonbinary Populations and Structural Implications for Access to Social Security Benefits, Disability Insurance and Healthcare

Organization

VNS Health, Center for Home Care Policy & Research

Study Purpose

This is a study that examines the impact of incongruent or mismatched identity documents on obtaining social security benefits, and public health insurance specifically for Transgender and Nonbinary (TGNB) individuals. As is well understood, social security and disability benefits, insurance coverage and numerous other bureaucratic processes rely on official identity documents. Studies have shown that those presenting IDs that do not match their gender presentation experience significantly increased odds of harassment in housing, employment and health care. This study is interested in understanding how official documents that do not accurately reflect name or gender markers impact social security and disability benefits by using survey and focus group discussion methods.

Target Population

The web-based survey is restricted to Transgender and nonbinary participants who are 55 years or older; OR TGNB participants who have a long-term disability.

Research Incentives and Benefits

Yes, the survey is compensated with gift card amount of \$20.

Estimated Time Commitment

about 20 to 30 minutes

Primary Contact

Mary J. (Sonia) Cheruvillil

Recruitment Start Date

Monday, 27 January 2025

Recruitment End Date

Tuesday, 30 September 2025

LGBTQ People's Retirement Planning and Transitions

Organization

Florida State University

Study Purpose

Our research team at Florida State University is conducting an interview study that focuses on retirement planning among LGBTQ people in the US. We are looking for people who can share their stories in Zoom interviews.

In the interview, we will ask about your thoughts about your upcoming retirement, work history, and intimate relationships.

You do not need to have clear plans for retirement to participate in the study; we are interested in hearing about your ongoing thoughts and concerns. We will keep the interviews confidential, and we will not collect any information that identifies you.

Target Population

We are looking for people who meet all of the following criteria:

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- (1) Identify as non-heterosexual or non-binary;
- (2) age between 60 and 75;
- (3) currently working; and
- (4) live in the US.

Those who have previously retired are not eligible for the study, even if they are currently working.

### Research Incentives and Benefits

\$20 Amazon gift card

### Estimated Time Commitment

60-90 minutes for zoom interview. If they agree, they will participate another zoom interview of a similar length in two years.

### Primary Contact

Koji Ueno

### Recruitment Start Date

Monday, 24 March 2025

### Recruitment End Date

Thursday, 31 December 2026

LGBTQ+ individuals' negative communication with family

### Organization

University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign

### Study Purpose

The purpose of this study is to understand how LGBTQ+ individuals communicate with family about their identity, and how they experience being dismissed, unheard, ignored, or stigmatized through family communication and interactions. We hope this research contributes understanding to how LGBTQ+ folks experience dismissal through communication, but especially what they do to empower themselves again. The results of this study will hopefully help LGBTQ+ family members, and their family, understand how LGBTQ+ identity is experienced and communicated in the family, and how LGBTQ+ family members can navigate experiences with dismissal or stigma in the family based on sexuality and/or gender identity. The study aims to do most of its recruitment between July 1, 2024 and December 31, 2024.

### Target Population

Participants must be at least 18 years old, reside in the US, and identify as queer or LGBTQ+. They must also, because of their LGBTQ+ identity, have felt or experienced one or more of the following from family interactions: Discredited or dismissed, misunderstood, minimized, alienated, belittled, silenced or muted, stereotyped, excluded, ignored, rejected, stigmatized, disregarded, lost support and/or relationships.

### Research Incentives and Benefits

There are no direct benefits to those who participate in the study. However, those who participate will support research toward gaining an increased understanding of how LGBTQ+ family members experience dismissal and stigmatization in the family, and what communication and credibility work they can do to empower themselves.

As an incentive and token of our appreciation for their time and perspectives, participants receive a \$25 Amazon e-gift after the interview.

### Estimated Time Commitment

1. about 5 minutes to complete screening survey
2. about one hour for the interview

### Primary Contact

Emily Gerlikovski

### Recruitment Start Date

Monday, 01 July 2024

### Recruitment End Date

Wednesday, 01 July 2026

PERSEVERE in Lewy Body Dementia: A Randomized, Controlled Trial of Peer Mentor

Support and Caregiver Education

### Organization

Rush University Medical Center

### Study Purpose

PERSEVERE is a national virtual study funded by the NIH, led by Dr. Jori Fleisher at Rush University Medical Center. It tests an educational program for family caregivers of people with Parkinson's Disease Dementia, Dementia with Lewy Bodies, or Lewy Body Dementia. The study aims to determine if a disease-specific, caregiver-centered educational intervention can improve caregiver knowledge, confidence, strain, and health outcomes, and benefit those living with the mentioned conditions. Caregivers will receive weekly educational guidance through a 12-week virtual curriculum. All participation is virtual and scheduled when it works for you. There are no in-person visits and only family caregivers participate. Participation includes online surveys and assessments at baseline, every two weeks, and a six-month follow-up. The study spans 12 weeks of active participation plus a six-month follow-up. The goal is to enhance caregiver support and health outcomes.

### Target Population

\*Must be 18 years or older.

\*English-speaking.

\*Reside in the US (Including Territories).

\*Currently cohabitating with or spending 10+ hours weekly caregiving for a family member with LBD (LBCRS score  $\geq 3$ ) or have done so in the past if the family member is deceased

\*Access to and comfort with using a phone (including adequate hearing or assistive devices).

\*Access to and comfort with using the internet (including email and adequate vision or assistive devices).

\*Capacity to consent to research participation

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\*No known terminal diagnoses or life expectancy less than 2 years (self-reported).

## Research Incentives and Benefits

In addition to receiving education and support, participants are also compensated for their time used in completing surveys. Participants may earn from \$275-\$400 over the span of the study, and depending on which group they qualify to be in.

## Estimated Time Commitment

Participants will engage in a 12-week virtual educational program designed for caregivers. This includes weekly guidance, resources, and activities. This will then be followed by a six-month follow-up period. During the 12 weeks, participants are expected to read educational materials for at least 30-40 minutes each week. If matched with a mentee or mentor, participants are expected to additionally speak with them at least once a week by phone call for about 30 minutes a week in addition to caregiver education.

## Primary Contact

Wdasie Fleisher

## Recruitment Start Date

Monday, 13 January 2025

## Recruitment End Date

Friday, 15 October 2027

## Project AFFIRM

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## Study Purpose

The goal of the study is to learn more about the relationship between minority stress and resilience cardiovascular disease (CVD) risk among trans and gender nonbinary individuals. We will do so through a baseline interview and a two-week period wherein participants complete surveys, measure their own blood pressure, activity, and sleep patterns. We intend to enroll 390 participants by February 2026. This study will help us better understand the impact of social support, access to care, and identity development on mental health and CVD risk, as well as resilience factors that may influence the relationship of minority stress to mental health and CVD risk.

## Target Population

Must be:

- 18 or older
- Identify as trans or nonbinary
- Live in the Metro-Atlanta area

## Research Incentives and Benefits

Though this study is not intended to directly benefit participants, they will be compensated based on the number of steps completed within the study.

Participants will receive \$50 compensation for completing the first interview visit, and up to \$100 additional compensation upon completing the study: \$30 for the two week follow up, up to \$30 for completed daily survey and blood pressure readings, and \$40 upon the successful return of study devices (i.e., watch, blood pressure monitor, etc.).

## Estimated Time Commitment

Session 1: 2-3 hours; a member of our study staff will ask you to complete a number of tasks to evaluate your CVD baseline. The study staff will ask you to report your height and weight. Next, study staff will administer a 90-minute interview. Lastly they will provide instructions for the 2-week EMA period.

EMA: 2 Weeks; 15 min per day.

Session 2: 45 min for the follow-up interview.

## Primary Contact

Tulane University

## Recruitment Start Date

Monday, 04 November 2024

## Recruitment End Date

Sunday, 01 February 2026

## Queer Marriage

## Organization

Davidson College

## Study Purpose

We are conducting a study on LGBTQIA+ relationships. We are interested in interviewing LGBTQIA+ individuals from across the US about their attitudes and experiences with marriage, relationships, and family. Using this data, we aim to write multiple papers that look at various aspects.

## Target Population

We are looking for queer adults based in America, regardless of relationship status.

## Research Incentives and Benefits

Participants will receive a \$25 gift card after the interview.

## Estimated Time Commitment

5 minutes for screening

60-90 minutes for the interview

## Primary Contact

Gayle Kaufman

## Recruitment Start Date

Monday, 01 July 2024

## Recruitment End Date

Thursday, 01 May 2025

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Rainbows of Care

Organization

University of Nevada Las Vegas

Study Purpose

The Rainbows of Aging team at The University of Nevada, Las Vegas invites former or current LGBTQIA+ caregivers of someone living with dementia to participate in a 60-90 minute interview to share your experiences. Interested? Call 833-966-6974.

Those who participate will receive a \$50 e-gift card.

Target Population

Inclusion: former or current LGBTQIA+ caregivers of someone living with dementia

Research Incentives and Benefits

\$50 e-gift card

Estimated Time Commitment

60-90 minutes

Primary Contact

Brittany Klenczar

Recruitment Start Date

Wednesday, 01 May 2024

Recruitment End Date

Friday, 31 December 2027

Sexual Minority's Aging and Sexual Health (SMASH) Study

Organization

University of Miami

Study Purpose

The objective of the study is to better understand traditional and age-related syndemic factors (co-occurring psychosocial problems) related to HIV risk and quality of life (QOL) among older (HIV-negative) sexual minority men across the state of Florida. Specifically, we aim to:

1. To examine the frequency and co-occurrence of theoretically linked psychosocial problems occurring in HIV-negative OSMM.

2. To assess the influence of age-related traditional psychosocial problems in HIV-negative OSMM on HIV risk and QOL outcomes.

3. To explore interaction effects between the most influential age-related psychosocial conditions and an additive index of traditional syndemics (psychosocial problems) on HIV risk and QOL outcomes.

Target Population

Eligible participants include people who:

1. Are between the ages of 55-90 years old.

2. Identify as a cisgender man.

3. Identify as a sexual minority man (e.g., gay, bisexual, man who has sex with men).

4. Live in Florida

5. Report being HIV-negative or HIV status unknown.

Research Incentives and Benefits

Participants who are eligible and complete the survey will be compensated \$35.

Estimated Time Commitment

One time online survey - 45-65 minutes.

Primary Contact

Elliott Weinstein

Recruitment Start Date

Monday, 07 August 2023

Recruitment End Date

Monday, 30 June 2025

STAY: GOLDEN

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Organization

Columbia University

Study Purpose

STAY GOLDEN stands for Supporting Trans Aging & golden Years: Gender Over the Life course, Discrimination, affirmation, and Economic experiences, Networks and needs Study. The study aims to deepen understanding about how gender affirmation, discrimination, and economic experiences have impacted transgender and gender expansive (TGE) people over the course of their lives and in older adulthood. This study welcomes TGE people regardless of gender. We are conducting interviews now.

Target Population

It is open to people who are 50 or older and living in the larger metropolitan areas of New York City, Atlanta, and the San Francisco Bay Area. We especially hope to hear from people of color and those who are experiencing any and all forms of economic disadvantage.

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Yes! Participants who complete interviews will be paid \$100, via their choice of Venmo, PayPal, direct deposit, mailed physical check, or gift card.

Estimated Time Commitment

Screening time burden: 5-10 minutes

Consenting time burden: 10 minutes

Interview length: up to 1.5 hours

Primary Contact

Emily Paine

Recruitment Start Date

Thursday, 03 April 2025

Recruitment End Date

Wednesday, 01 October 2025

The effect of Social Isolation on Lexical Retrieval in Elderly Adults

Organization

Hunter College CUNY

Study Purpose

Coming up with the word we want to say (lexical retrieval) is a worrying concern among older adults. They may struggle with people's names, but also with words for objects. Moreover, while the problems arise primarily for low-frequency words, they sometimes arise even when the word is quite familiar. Such problems with lexical retrieval appear to be compounded by the lack of speaking opportunities resulting from the social isolation that often accompanies aging in 21st century North America. In this project, we use a refined task to induce tip-of-the-tongue (TOT) experiences and predict that performance on that task will correlate with the degree of social isolation which our participants have endured. We propose to examine whether word-finding ability correlates positively with the degree of social isolation and negatively with the extent of opportunities for communicative exchanges on word-finding difficulties.

Target Population

We will be recruiting older adults (aged 54 to 89 years) to participate.

Self-reported fluency in English (acquire english by age 7)

- No self-reported history of language disorders.

- No self-reported history of neurological disorders. Individuals aged between 54 and 89 with a score of 11 or above on the Mini Montreal Cognitive Assessment (Mini MoCA), will be eligible to participate.

No self-reported history of head injury (rationale: traumatic brain injuries influence cognitive status and thus word naming ability).

- Self-reported normal or corrected-to-normal hearing and vision

Research Incentives and Benefits

Participating in research often feels good and helps to advance the science.

Estimated Time Commitment

2-2.5 hours in a single session with breaks provided as needed.

Primary Contact

Amy Vogel-Eyny

Recruitment Start Date

Friday, 23 February 2024

Recruitment End Date

Saturday, 31 May 2025

The Lived Experience and Resilience of Trans and Gender Diverse Individuals

Exposed to Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity Change Efforts

lguillemin@wi.edu

Organization

The Wright Institute

Study Purpose

This dissertation study ("The Lived Experience and Resilience of Trans and Gender Diverse Individuals Exposed to Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity Change Efforts") explores the experiences of trans and gender diverse (TGD) adults exposed to attempts to change or suppress their sexual orientation or gender identity (â€œconversion therapyâ€). The study will use 1:1, confidential, online interviews for an in-depth understanding of the experiences of TGD individuals who underwent â€œconversion therapy.â€ Participants will share their experiences in their own words, to ensure a fully trans and gender diverse-focused perspective of the impacts of these approaches. The study will help raise awareness of the unique experiences of TGD adults who underwent "change efforts", which may inform future research, advocacy, and support services for TGD people. It will contribute to research designed by and for TGD people, with the aim of amplifying the voices of historically underrepresented community.

Target Population

Participants must:

- Be at least 18 years old

- Have experienced, or think they may have experienced, change efforts (or â€œconversion therapyâ€) in religious or mental health counseling settings

- Self-identify as transgender, non-binary, and/or gender diverse

- Be fluent in spoken English

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### Exclusion criteria:

- Minors
- Individuals who don't speak fluent English
- Individuals who were exposed to "conversion therapy" but do not identify as TGD
- Individuals who are currently participating in "conversion therapy"

### Research Incentives and Benefits

To show our gratitude for their valuable insights and time, participants will receive \$25 upon completing the interview. This study will help raise awareness of the unique experiences of TGD adults who were exposed to change efforts, which may inform future research, advocacy, and support services for other trans and gender diverse people. It will also contribute to research designed by and for trans individuals, with the aim of amplifying the voices of a historically underrepresented community.

### Estimated Time Commitment

Each participant can expect to dedicate a total of 1.5-2 hours of participation, as follows:

- Screening questionnaire (est. 5min)
- Demographic questionnaire (est. 5min)
- Consent form (est. 5min)
- Online interview (est. 60-90min)

### Primary Contact

L'Guillemin

### Recruitment Start Date

Saturday, 05 April 2025

### Recruitment End Date

Monday, 01 September 2025

The Parkinson's Progression Markers Initiative (PPMI)

### Organization

The Michael J Fox Foundation

### Study Purpose

PPMI aims to better understand how Parkinson's disease (PD) starts and changes over time. The study follows groups of people, including those both with and without Parkinson's disease. The information from this study could transform how we diagnose, treat, and potentially prevent PD.

### Target Population

To join PPMI's online component, participants must be 18 years of age or older. For PPMI's clinical component, we are recruiting individuals who are at least 60 years old and are: First-degree family members (parent, child, sibling) of a person with Parkinson's OR People who have risk factors for the development of PD (known genetic mutation, loss of smell, history of physically acting out dreams during sleep, and others); Individuals who are least 30 years old and are: People with Parkinson's who have been diagnosed within the last two years and are not currently taking standard PD medications OR People without Parkinson's and no known risk.

### Research Incentives and Benefits

There is no direct benefit to you or others, however, your participation will help us understand how PD develops and changes over time. You will be compensated for your time and travel. Any findings from PPMI may aid in the development of new treatments, and potentially, cures.

### Primary Contact

Maddie Kutler

### Recruitment Start Date

Friday, 30 September 2022

### Recruitment End Date

Saturday, 31 December 2033

Trans Legacies Study

313-355-2873

### Organization

University of Michigan Population Studies Center

### Study Purpose

The Trans Legacies Study is a qualitative interview study exploring how trans older adults of color navigate aging and older adulthood. The objective of this study is to identify health-related needs and priorities among this population to improve healthcare and social services. Researchers planned this study in collaboration with organizations that serve LGBTQ+ elders.

People who are eligible for the study will complete a 1-hour Zoom or phone interview with a trans researcher and a 10-minute online survey. Questions will ask about personal experiences of aging and what may help older trans adults of color live longer, healthier lives.

Following completion of all study activities, participants will receive a \$100 online gift card. We plan to begin interviews in April 2025 and complete them by August 2025. Findings from this study will be shared back with partnering organizations by December 2025 and disseminated at public health conferences and in academic journals in 2026.

### Target Population

### Eligibility criteria:

- At least 50 years old

- Are trans or a person of trans experience
- Are a person of color (i.e., any race and ethnicity other than non-Latine White)
- Live in the Midwest United States
- Speak and can provide informed consent in English

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### Exclusion criteria:

- Any evidence of cognitive impairment or psychosis that would impede ability to honestly and accurately answer questions

### Research Incentives and Benefits

There are no direct benefits to participants. Participants will receive a \$100 online gift card using Tango. Tango allows participants to select from over 200 retailers, including Mastercard.

### Estimated Time Commitment

Screening - 5 minutes

Informed consent - 5 minutes

Interview - 1 hour

Survey - 10 minutes

Primary Contact

Wesley Correll-King

Recruitment Start Date

Monday, 14 April 2025

Recruitment End Date

Friday, 01 August 2025

Understanding Sexual Experiences and Sex Education Needs Among Transgender and Nonbinary Adults

Organization

University of Wisconsin-Madison

Study Purpose

We are conducting a qualitative study titled "Understanding Sexual Experiences, Education, and Communications of Transgender and Nonbinary (TNB) Individuals." This research aims to explore how transgender and nonbinary individuals experience community conversation about sex, sexual experiences, and sexual education throughout their lives. We seek to understand how TNB people navigate these aspects both within trans communities and in broader societal contexts. Our goal is to reflect these experiences in therapeutic practices and educational materials. We plan to recruit participants through May 2025.

Target Population

We are inviting transgender and/or nonbinary adults (18 years or older) who speak English and reside in the United States to participate.

Research Incentives and Benefits

\$100 per interview

Estimated Time Commitment

Just sending out a recruitment email or posting on social media

Primary Contact

Stephanie Budge

Recruitment Start Date

Monday, 17 February 2025

Recruitment End Date

Wednesday, 30 April 2025