



THE EDDEM NETWORK

The EdDem Network's Fall 2024 Newsletter



Announcements

Network Affiliate Dahai Yue awarded grant from National Institute on Aging

- EdDem Network Affiliate Dr. Dahai Yue has been awarded a [\\$3.5 million grant from the National Institute on Aging](#).
- With support from this grant, Yue, who is a health policy and management professor and director of the School of Public Health's Center on Aging at the University of Maryland, and his research team will examine how two key factors in childhood---quality of education and the infectious disease environment---may predict differences in longevity and cause of death, perhaps with variation across race and geography.
- "EdDem's generous support, enabling me to attend trainings and workshops across the country, has been invaluable in shaping my research idea, particularly regarding the quality of education," Yue said.

Call for 2024 Grant Proposal Workshop Applications

The EdDem Network will host its annual Grant Proposal Workshop for Network members in December 2024.

- The goal of the workshop is to provide feedback and mentoring to Network members on their planned NIA Alzheimer’s Disease and Related Dementias (ADRD) grant submissions to increase their funding success and encourage sustained commitment to unpacking the education—ADRD relationship. Investigators at any career stage are encouraged to participate in the workshop.



- **By October 6**, applicants must submit their project title, target submission date, and NIA grant mechanism (e.g., R01, K99, K01, R21) to ebddp_network@umd.edu.
- **By November 15**, applicants must submit the full application materials.
- [See our website for more information on eligibility and application materials.](#)

Coffee and Conversation at GSA 2024



Will you be attending the Gerontological Society of America’s (GSA) conference in Seattle this year? The EdDem Network is planning to host an informal networking event on Thursday morning, November 14th.

- [Indicate whether you plan to attend here](#) and stay tuned for more details on time and location as the conference approaches.

Highlights from Past Webinars and Related Events



Webinar with Dr. Amelia Karraker

- On September 16, NIA Program Official Dr. Amelia Karraker discussed upcoming NIA funding opportunities and other topics related to NIA grant funding, including applying for funding, the review process, etc.
- [Click here to watch a recording of the webinar on our YouTube channel.](#)

Identifying Midlife Social Exposures that Might Modify Risk for Cognitive Impairment Associated with Early Life Disadvantage

- EdDem Network Directors Pam Herd and Katrina Walsemann were featured as speakers during this [two-day public workshop](#) held at the end of August at the National Academy of Sciences.
- The event discussed the state of knowledge and identified conceptual approaches to guide research on better understanding midlife exposures that may be modifiable in reducing the risk of later-life dementia.

Biomarkers of Alzheimer's Disease and Neurodegeneration in the HRS with Jessica Faul

- In June, Jessica Faul of the University of Michigan presented a webinar on the development of blood-based biomarker of Alzheimer's Disease and dementia, current limitations of collection, and use of these biomarkers in population-based studies, including the Health and Retirement Study (HRS) and the Harmonized Cognitive Assessment Protocol (HCAP) within the HRS. The webinar was co-sponsored by the HRS.
- Jessica is a Research Associate Professor at the Survey Research Center in the Institute for Social Research (ISR) at the University of Michigan. She is the co-director of the Biospecimen Lab at ISR and the Associate Director of the Health and Retirement Study (HRS).
- [Click here to watch a recording of the webinar on our Youtube channel.](#)

EdSHARe Webinar with John Robert ("Rob") Warren

- Professor Rob Warren presented “EdSHARE: Repurposing Two Large, Representative, and Diverse Education Cohort Studies for Research on How Education Shapes Later-Life Health and Cognition” in March.
- Rob is Professor of Sociology and Director of the Institute for Social Research and Data Innovation at the University of Minnesota. He leads the EdSHARE project with Eric Grodsky, Chandra Muller, Adam Brickman, and Jennifer Manly.
- [Click here to watch a recording of the webinar on our Youtube channel.](#)



Other Items of Interest

Upcoming funding opportunity:

Small Research Grant Program for the Next Generation of Researchers in Low- and Middle-Income Countries (LMICs) for Aging and Alzheimer’s Disease (AD) and AD-Related Dementias (ADRD).

- The letter of intent is due October 7, 2024, and the application is due November 7, 2024.
- [Read here for more information.](#)

New Guidance from NIA on Administrative Supplements:

- Read more about considerations for administrative supplement submissions on the [NIA page for Research Grant Mechanisms.](#)

[Click Here for All Upcoming EdDem Events and Webinars](#)

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