Twentieth Annual University of Maine Clinical Geriatrics Colloquium

Work and Wellness for Older Adults

Thursday October 23, 2025 8:30 a.m. – 3:45 p.m.

8:30-8:45 a.m. Introduction, Welcoming Remarks, and Greetings

Sandra De Urioste-Stone, MS, PhD, Asst. Vice President for Research, Professor of Nature-based Tourism, University of Maine

David Harder, **PhD**, University Research Professor and Director, Institute of Medicine, University of Main**e**

8:45–9:30 a.m. Workforce Aging: Employer Practices and Worker Well-being

Peter Berg, PhD, Professor of Employment Relations at the School of Human Resources and Labor Relations at Michigan State University

9:30–10:15 a.m. Resilient, Skilled, Essential: Older Workers at Work

Commissioner Laura Fortman, Commissioner Maine Department of Labor

10:15-10:30 a.m. Break

10:30 – 11:15 a.m. Healthy Workforces at Every Age: Supporting and Retaining Older Workers

Janine Vanderburg (Facilitates) CEO of Encore Roadmap and American Society on Aging's 2024 Awardee for Success in Diminishing Ageism Panelists:

Daisy Wilson, Piper Shores Jodi Waterhouse, University of CO Kristin Okerholm, LLBean

11:15 – noon Working in Later Life: Older Workers Perspectives

Elizabeth Gattine (Facilitates), JD, Senior Policy Analyst & Cabinet on Aging Coordinator Panelists:

William King, York County Sheriff Suzie Nutbrown Ginny Joles

Noon – 1:00 p.m. Break (Lunch)

1:00 - 1:45 p.m. **Breakout Session**

Breakout Session 1:

The Health Joys and Challenges of Unretirement

Richard Eisenberg, former Managing Editor of Next Avenue and former Executive Editor of Money Magazine

Breakout Session 2:

Social Security: Past promises, Future Realties, and What It Means for You

Cal Halvorsen, PhD, Associate Professor at the Brown School of Social Work and School of Public Health and senior fellow at the Harvey A. Friedman Center for Aging at Washington University in St. Louis

Breakout Session 3:

Intersection of Aging and Disability at Work: Inclusion Strategies and the Americans with Disabilities Act

Susan Gatti, Employer Relations Specialist at MaineHealth providing education and strategic guidance to help employers promote Disability Inclusion

1:50 – 2:30 p.m. No One Left Behind: Designing Employment Programs that Work for Every Older Person

Philip Taylor, **PhD**, Professor at the Institute of Employment Research, University of Warwick, UK

2:30-2:40 p.m. Break

2:40 – 3:35 p.m. Reimagining Older Adult Workforce Programming: Program and Participant Perspectives

Jennifer Crittenden (Facilitates), PhD, MSW, Associate Professor of Social Work at the University of Maine and the Associate Director for Research at the University of Maine Center on Aging Panelists:

Eva Haubruch, Assistant Director of Community Health Workforce Development at The HAP Foundation

Marilyn Donaldson, AmeriCorps Seniors Workforce Development Coordinator, Porter-Leath

Lisa Dublin, Associate Director, Research Training and Pathway Programs, University of Chicago

Catherine Stanford, Program Participant, HAP Foundation

Jacqueline Mills, Member, University of Chicago, Comprehensive Care, Community and Culture Program (C4P)

3:35-3:45 Closing Remarks

Noël Bonam, Maine State Director of AARP

