



Ginny Thomas "Addressing the Mental Health Needs of the Elderly"

Ginny Thomas was a champion for both the traditional and nontraditional student and enthusiastically gave of her time, energy, ideas and friendship to support students in their quest for education. Ginny was the Director of the Rural American Scholarship Fund (RASf) from 1997 until she passed on in 2007 after a valiant bout with cancer. Ginny was an integral part of paving the way for students to receive scholarships in the amount of several hundred thousand dollars over the years. Ginny was a person of integrity and understanding, and knew firsthand the difficulty of gaining an education which was elusive in her own life. Her interest in making sure that students succeeded in their endeavors and reached their goals, especially in the health professions, was always her focus. This symposium and the others to follow are dedicated to this wonderful woman who has played a vital role in making lives richer, engaged and productive. Ginny Thomas lives in the hearts and minds of many.

Thanks to the generosity of a concerned philanthropist, the Thomas Geriatric Symposium is being funded entirely in memory of Ginny Thomas. Current and future health-care professionals will benefit significantly with state-of-the-art data and information on the aging population provided by this event.

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Thomas Geriatric Symposium

**Addressing the Mental Health
Needs of the Elderly**

December 5-6, 2008

Kasiska College of Health Professions

Rendezvous Complex • Room 203

Free Admission

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Schedule of Speakers: Rendezvous Center Room 203

Friday, December 5

8:00 a.m. Continental Breakfast

8:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. Opening Remarks
Linda Hatzenbuehler, PhD, Dean, Kasiska
College of Health Professions
“The Importance of Mental Health in the
Elderly”

9:00 a.m. – 9:50 a.m.
Jim Groome, Ph.D., Professor of Neuroscience,
Idaho State University
“Understanding the Biology of Dementia”

10:00 a.m. – 10:50 a.m.
Ann Swanson, MHA, MSG, Portneuf Regional
Medical Center Alzheimer’s Disease
Management

11:00 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.
Tony Cellucci, PhD, Professor of Clinical
Psychology, and Jessica Pelton, PhD-c in
Clinical Psychology
“Evidence-based Integrative Psychotherapy for
the Elderly”

12:15 p.m. – 1:15 p.m. Lunch Break

1:15 p.m. – 2:15 p.m.
Dave Hachey, PharmD, BCSP, Associate
Professor of Pharmacy
“Preventative Pharmaceutical Care for the
Elderly”

2:30 p.m. – 3:20 p.m.
Fred Belzer, JD, Belzer Law Offices
Legal issues of the Geriatric Patient:
“Legal Issues for Seniors: What Clinicians Need
to Know”

3:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.
Kim Torganski, Director, Idaho Commission on
Aging
“Engagement of the Elderly in the Workplace”

Saturday, December 6

8:00 a.m. Continental Breakfast

8:30 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.
Crystal Huml, LSW, and Christy Forkenbock,
MA, RAS, Eastern Idaho Community
Action Partnership
“Indicators of Abuse, Neglect, Exploitation and
Undue Influence Among Elders”

9:35 a.m. – 10:35 a.m.
Marie Peterson, Substate Ombudsman, Eastern
Idaho Community Partnership
“What are the Choices in Long Term Care?”

10:45 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.
Kim Jardine, RN, MSN, BC, CADC, Clinical
Professor of Nursing
“A Human Face of Elder Abuse”

11:45 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Lunch Break

1:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m. Panel
Dealing with Dementia: A Personal Perspective
Moderator: Sister Anthony Marie, Director
Area V Agency on Aging
Panelists: Mark Anderson; Kay Gortcinsky;
Debbie Gross

2:30 p.m. – 4 p.m.
“Prevention of Dementia through Healthy
Lifestyles for the Elderly”
Moderator: Cindy Seiger, PT, MS, PhD-c
Panelists: Helen Stanton, VISTA Volunteer;
Gene Wiggins, retired, Professor of
Nursing; Jean Lazusky, retired, Idaho
State University

Parking

Friday: Free parking in the northeast corner
of Holt Arena. Shuttle runs every 5 minutes.
Saturday: Free parking at the College of
Technology, Reed Gym, Pond Student Union
Building and across from the College of
Education.

Biannual Ginny Thomas Geriatric Health Symposium – December 5-6, 2008 • Registration Form

Please pre-register by November 28. Five easy ways to register: 1) Complete this form and fax it to (208) 282-5894; 2) Mail the completed form to ISU Continuing Education, 921 S. 8th Ave, Stop 8062, Pocatello, ID 83209-8062; 3) Stop by our office at 1001 N. 7th Ave., Suite 202; 4) Register by phone at (208) 282-3155; 5) Email us at extendedlearning@isu.edu.

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