

GATEWAY TO
**GLOBAL
AGING
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**EDUCATION,
AGING, AND
GLOBAL HEALTH
CONFERENCE**

**SEPTEMBER 4-5, 2025
BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS**

Gateway to Global Aging Data's 2025 Education, Aging, and Global Health Conference

Thursday, September 4th – Friday, September 5th, 2025
Florence and Chafetz Hillel House, Boston University
213 Bay State Road, Boston, MA 02215

All times are in Eastern Standard Time (EST).

Day 1. Thursday, September 4

Bay State-Castle Room

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Session 1

Intergenerational Effects of Education

9:00 AM

Introductory remarks

Mauricio Avendano (University of Lausanne) and David Knapp (University of Southern California)

9:15 AM

Intergenerational Education and Late-Life Cognitive Performance: A Comparison Between Rural Mexico and South Africa

Presenter: Erika Meza (Harvard University)

Discussant: Adina Zeki Al Hazzouri (Columbia University)

Mechanistic Pathways Between Adult-Child Education and Late-Life Parental Health Outcomes: Cross-National Comparisons Across the US, Mexico, and India

Presenter: Emma Nichols (University of Southern California)

Discussant: Joseph Saenz (Arizona State University)

Parental Education and Children's Old-Age Mortality: Evidence Using College Expansions

Presenter: Hamid Noghanibehambari (Austin Peay State University)

Discussant: Sandra García Jaramillo (Universidad de Los Andes, Colombia)

Panel

11:15 AM

Themes and Potential Directions in Research on Education and Cognition Over the Life Course

Moderator: Maria Glymour (Boston University)

Panelists:

Ken Langa (University of Michigan)

Theresa Osypuk (University of Minnesota)

Susan Dynarski (Harvard University)

Session 2

1:15 PM

Compulsory Schooling Reforms

Does Additional Education Affect Memory Consistently? An Analysis of Compulsory Schooling Reforms Across Europe and the US

Presenter: Francisco Perez-Arce (University of Southern California)

Discussant: Rita Hamad (Harvard University)

Can Education Reduce Dementia Risk? Evidence from Taiwan's Compulsory Education Reform

Presenter: Daeho Kim (Brown University)

Discussant: Patrick Turley (University of Southern California)

Cohort Differences in the Education-Health Mechanisms: A Causal Decomposition Analysis

Presenter: Jiahui Xu (Penn State University)

Discussant: Deborah Carr (Boston University)

Session 3

3:15 PM

Effects of Education and Literacy on Late-Life Outcomes

Delaying Cancer: The Effect of Education on the Age at Cancer Diagnosis

Presenter: Sonja Spitzer (University of Vienna, Austria)

Discussant: David Rehkopf (Stanford University)

Digital Capital and the Measurement Frontier: Mapping a New Mechanism of Educational Inequality in Later Life

Presenters: Ian Lee (Harvard University) and Shine Kim (Songpa District Council, Seoul, Korea)

Discussant: Sean Clouston (Stony Brook University)

The Impact of Literacy on Cognition of Low Socioeconomic Status Older Adults

Presenter: Emma Aguila (University of Southern California)

Discussant: Jere Behrman (University of Pennsylvania)

4:45 PM

Closing remarks for Day 1

Day 2. Friday, September 5

Bay State-Castle Room

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Session 4

Novel Topics in Education and Health

9:00 AM

College Access and Later-Life Cognition in the US Health and Retirement Study

Presenter: Amanda Irish (Washington University in St. Louis)

Discussant: Ichiro Kawachi (Harvard University)

Does Education Shield Against Vaccine Hesitancy? Causal Evidence from Older Adults in Eastern Europe

Presenter: Yarine Fawaz (Center for Monetary and Financial Studies, Spain)

Discussant: Kevin Croke (Harvard University)

Education and Volunteering for Older Adults: Cross-Country Evidence from Europe

Presenter: Mohammad Almomani (Flinders University, Australia)

Discussant: Marco Bertoni (University of Padova, Italy)

Panel

10:45 AM

The Role of Evidence-Based Research in Future Education Policy

Moderator: Mauricio Avendano (University of Lausanne)

Panelists:

Jackie Torres (University of California, San Francisco)

Christina Ciocca Eller (Harvard University)

Joshua Goodman (Boston University)

Katrina Walsemann (University of Maryland, College Park)

Session 5

Effects of Education in Low- and Middle-Income Countries

12:45 PM

Long-Term Mental Health Effects of Schooling in Developing Countries: New Causal Evidence from Brazil, China, India, and Mexico

Presenter: Vikesh Amin (Central Michigan University)

Discussant: Naveen Sunder (Bentley University)

Educational Attainment and Social Isolation Trajectories from Midlife to Later Life in Four High- and Middle-Income Countries

Presenter: Zhiyong Lin (The University of Texas at San Antonio)

Discussant: Rudi Rocha (São Paulo School of Business Administration, Brazil)

Long-Term Impacts of School Expansion on Cognition, Economic Mobility, and Mental Health: Evidence from India

Presenter: Shweta Sogani (Indian Institute of Management Bangalore, India)

Discussant: Emilie Courtin (London School of Economics)

Session 6

Disparities in Late-Life Outcomes Based on Early Life Experiences

2:45 PM

Dividing Lives: The Impacts of Delayed School Tracking on Inequalities in Cognitive Aging in Europe

Presenter: Filippo Da Re (University of Padova, Italy)

Discussant: Serena Canaan (Simon Fraser University, Canada)

Examining Associations Between School Suspension or Expulsion in Early Life and Later-Life Cognition: A Mediation Analysis of Lifecourse Educational Pathways

Presenter: Catherine Duarte (Stanford University)

Discussant: Jennifer Manly (Columbia University)

3:45 PM

Closing remarks for Day 2
