July 27, 2006 – East Lansing, MI
The Michigan Department of Community Health presents the 9th Annual Michigan Consumer Conference, *Lives Like Ours: Peers in Recovery*, at the Kellogg Center on the Michigan State University campus. Workshop topics include person-centered planning, advanced diagnosis, recovery, peer supports and much more. Registration is $30 per person and the deadline for registering is July 8th. For a copy of the conference brochure or further information, email Teri Baker at bakert3@michigan.gov or call her at 517/241-5066.

July 27, 2006 – Ann Arbor, MI
Optimal Life Designs in Dementia Care is sponsoring a one-day workshop, *Person-Centered Dementia Care: What Is It, Why It Works and Methods For How To*, at Huron Woods, a residential dementia program located on the campus of St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Ann Arbor. Participants will have the opportunity to critically reflect on current care practices in their own care settings that support or undermine human dignity and personhood. The cost is $85. CEUs are available for most disciplines. For more information, contact Anne Robinson by phone at 810/231-2723 or email annonerobinson2@sbcglobal.net.

August 10, 2006 – Bath, MI
Optimal Life Designs in Dementia Care is sponsoring a one-day workshop, *Positive Social Psychology: Relationship-Based Care to Address Behavioral Symptoms for Individuals with Dementia*. Participants will examine assessment methods that can be used to identify details about a specific behavior, determine possible causes related to the environment, unmet needs, biological and behavioral factors and the development of a person-centered care plan that addresses behavioral symptoms and supports well-being. The cost is $95. CEUs are available for most disciplines. For more information, contact Anne Robinson by phone at 810/231-2723 or email annonerobinson2@sbcglobal.net.

September 6–8, 2006 – San Francisco, CA
The 5th International Conference on Frontotemporal Dementias will be held at the Grand Hyatt Hotel Union Square. One day will be devoted to caregivers, family members, and interested laypersons. The other three days will consist of scientific sessions for professionals. Fees are $500 for MDs and Principal Investigators, $275 for Allied Health Professionals, and $75 for caregivers. To view the conference brochure go to: [http://www.ucsfcmec.com/2006/MNR07002.pdf](http://www.ucsfcmec.com/2006/MNR07002.pdf)

September 11–13, 2006 – Atlanta, GA
The 14th Annual Alzheimer’s Association Dementia Conference will be held at the Westin Peachtree Plaza Hotel. This conference is a multidisciplinary national forum for professionals dedicated to the care of people with dementia and their families. The program highlights the latest and most innovative practices and programs appropriate for both the beginning and the advanced practitioner, with topics ranging from early-stage to end-of-life issues. For more information, visit the conference website at: [http://www.alz.org/careconference/06/overview.asp](http://www.alz.org/careconference/06/overview.asp) or call 312/335-5790.

September 11–14, 2006 – Philadelphia, PA
The American Society on Aging presents the east coast version of the Autumn Series on Aging at the Hilton Philadelphia City Avenue. For more information, go to the ASA webpage at [http://www.asaging.org/index.cfm](http://www.asaging.org/index.cfm) and click on Autumn Series on Aging under ‘conferences’.

September 25–28, 2006 – San Francisco, CA
The American Society on Aging presents the west coast version of the Autumn Series on Aging at the Embassy Suites Hotel in South San Francisco. For more information, go to the ASA webpage at [http://www.asaging.org/index.cfm](http://www.asaging.org/index.cfm) and click on Autumn Series on Aging under ‘conferences’.
FALL SEMESTER 2006
GERONTOLOGY SEMINARS
Presented by the Health and Human Services Department at Lansing Community College

Friday October 6, 2006  8:00 AM – 5:00 PM
Fee: $85
GERO 191: Non-Alzheimer's Dementias: What They Look Like and Implications for Care
This seminar will describe the course of various non-Alzheimer’s dementias, such as Dementia with Lewy Bodies, Fronto-temporal Dementia, and Vascular Dementias. Behaviors, cognitive changes, and brain changes will be examined and implications for intervention will be explored. Differences between Alzheimer’s disease and other types of dementia will be highlighted. Presenter: Shelly Weaverdyck, PhD, Director, Eastern Michigan University Alzheimer’s Education & Research Program, Ann Arbor.

Friday, October 27, 2006  8:00 AM – 12:00 PM
Fee: $50
Having opportunities to reminiscence and share our experiences is considered a key factor in maintaining positive mental health in late life. This seminar will help participants understand the concepts of reminiscence and life review and utilize them in their interactions with older adults. Presenter: Arlene Campanella, MC, LPC, Mental Health Therapist and personal historian.

Friday, October 27, 2006  1:00 PM – 5:00 PM
Fee: $50
GERO 191: Validating Feelings to Improve Communication with People with Dementia
A dementing illness affects a person’s ability to respond appropriately to sensory cues. This seminar introduces communication techniques designed to validate feelings, reduce anxious behavior, and enhance both the well-being and functioning of people with dementia. Time is allotted for practicing these skills. Presenter: Christine Simons, BS, CTRS, Dementia Care Coordinator, Clark Retirement Community and Owner, Our Place Cares Adult Foster Care Home.

Continuing education credits for AFC Licensees & Administrators, Nurses, and Nursing Home Administrators are pending.

For more information contact Matt Beha at 517/483-1529 or email: beham@lcc.edu

Gerontology Network and Touchstone innovare Programs
Gerontology Network will provide the following all-day programs:

- August 11, 2006: Losing Your World: Implications for Caregivers of Individuals with Dementia. Stanton, MI.
- September 8, 2006: Advanced Techniques in Dementia Care. Tustin, MI.
- August 1 – September 12, 2006: Caregiver Training and Education, a six-week series for families caring for loved ones. Jenison, MI.

Touchstone innovare and Gerontology Network are collaborating to present a series of trainings addressing ethics and pain management in the following locations:

- August 4: Ithaca
- August 25: Grand Rapids
- September 22: Traverse City
- October 10: Muskegon
- October 13: Kalamazoo
- December 1: Grand Rapids

For more information on the above trainings, contact Mary Waskiewicz at 616/771-9710 or email her at mwaskiewicz@gerontologynetwork.org.

The dog, er . . . the computer ate our records!
A video from the MHAP lending library has come up missing: Age Related Sensory Losses: An Empathetic Approach with Dr. Leon Pastalan. If you checked this video out, please return it so others may borrow it. Thanks.
Update is available online, with the exception of any copyrighted journal articles. Visit the Mental Health and Aging Project website at http://www.lcc.edu/mhap/ and click on Newsletter.

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