RESEARCH CENTERS COLLABORATIVE NETWORK
of the National Institute on Aging, NIH

RCCN Workshop: Multidisciplinary Research in Aging/Team Science

May 20-21, 2026
Bethesda, MD & Virtual
All times noted are Eastern Time.

Wednesday, May 20, 2026
Please click the link below to join the webinar:
https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83300072240

1:00 – 1:30 pm	*Welcome and Overview of the RCCN* Stephen Kritchevsky, Wake Forest School of Medicine
1:30 – 1:50 pm	*Plenary: What makes for an effective team in science?* Stephen Fiore, University of Central Florida
	Topic I: Multidisciplinary Teams Moderator: Stephen Kritchevsky, Wake Forest School of Medicine
1:50 – 2:05 pm	Translation: Barriers and Pathways Steve Cummings, University of California, San Francisco
2:05 – 2:20 pm	*Multidisciplinary Team Formation & Maintenance* Kristen Beavers, Wake Forest University
2:20 – 2:35 pm	*Tools to understand multidisciplinary interactions* Sijia Wei, Northwestern University
2:35 – 2:50 pm	*Case Study: MoTRPaC* William Kraus, Duke University
2:50 – 3:10 pm	*Moderator Wrap-Up / Group Discussion*
3:10 – 3:35 am	*Break*
	Topic II: Early Translation Moderator: David A. Bennett, Rush University
3:35 – 3:50 pm	*The Mechanistic - Observational Divide* Stacey Rizzo, University of Pittsburgh
3:50 – 4:05 pm	*Combining Human and Preclinical Studies* Veronique VanderHorst, Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center

4:05 – 4:20 pm	*Exploring Multidisciplinary Approaches for Using Organoids in Early Translational Applications* Jerome Mertens, University of California, San Diego
4:20 – 4:35 pm	*Early Translation Case Study: Lithium Mouse to Trial* Bruce Yankner, Harvard Medical School
4:35 – 4:55 pm	Moderator Wrap-Up / Group Discussion
6:00 – 8:00 pm	*Reception at SILVER (7150 Woodmont Ave, Bethesda, MD 20815)*

Thursday, May 21, 2026
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8:00 am	*Breakfast available in meeting room*
8:30 – 8:45 am	*Recap of Day 1 and Goals for Day 2*
8:45 – 9:15 am	*Plenary: What the RCCN Has Learned About Promoting Multidisciplinary Research* Stephen Kritchevsky, Wake Forest University School of Medicine
	Topic III: Multidisciplinary Communities/Geroscience Moderator: Christy Carter, National Institute on Aging
9:15 – 9:30 am	*Population Health's Perspective on an Aging Society* Jessica Faul, University of Michigan
9:30 – 9:45 am	*Economist's Perspective on an Aging Society* Lauren Schmitz, University of Wisconsin-Madison
9:45 – 10:00 am	*Basic Scientist's Perspective on Aging Organisms* Steve Austad, University of Alabama at Birmingham
10:00 – 10:15 am	*Clinical Researcher's Perspective of Aging People* George Kuchel, UConn Health
10:15 – 10:30 am	*Social Scientist's Perspective on Living Longer* Rafael Samper-Ternent, UTHealth Houston School of Public Health
10:30 – 10:50 am	*Moderator Wrap-Up / Group Discussion*
10:50 - 11:05 am	*Break*
	Topic IV: Tools and Barriers in Multidisciplinary Research Moderator: Reyhan Westbrook
11:05 – 11:20 am	*Use of Existing Data Collected by Other Disciplines* Eric Klopack, Indiana University

11:20 – 11:35 am	*Barriers in Academics to Multidisciplinary Team Science* David A. Bennett, Rush University
11:35 – 11:50 am	*Including the Community in Multidisciplinary Teams* Patricia Garcia, Indiana University School of Medicine
11:50am – 12:05 pm	*Mentoring Outside Your Comfort Zone* Ken Covinsky, University of California, San Francisco
12:05 – 12:25 pm	*Moderator Wrap-Up / Group Discussion*
12:25 – 1:00 pm	*Final Thoughts & Key Takeaways*
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