

Climate, Aging, and Health:
A Pre-PAA Interdisciplinary Mini-Conference/Workshop
focused on Rural America

Interdisciplinary Network on Rural Population Health and Aging (INRPHA)
with the Center for Aging, Climate, and Health (CACHE)
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Climate change is influencing human health and is particularly challenging for older adults. In terms of these climate-health connections, rural America is characterized by distinct vulnerabilities, including a relatively older population and far more challenging access to health care and other necessary services. At the same time, extreme environmental events – hurricanes, floods, tornadoes – are rapidly increasing in frequency and severity with projections of further intensification. Amid climate-related health impacts, many rural communities continue to age.

Importantly, there are few scholars already investigating this three-way intersection – we seek participation from aging, health, and/or rural researchers with interest in expanding their portfolio to climate-related questions.

The complex connections between Aging-Climate-Health in rural America requires new and innovative research attention. This workshop brings together researchers in these topical areas with the objectives of reviewing current research, identifying knowledge gaps, and building grant-oriented collaborations.

The 1-day mini-conference/workshop will include research presentations and a discussion of data resources and gaps, led by the Center for Aging, Climate, and Health. Time will also be offered for a brainstorming within topically focused breakout groups aimed to build collaborations, discuss broad research agendas, explore dissemination, and/or work toward high-impact scientific publications and proposals. There will also be a half-day remote, follow-up meeting several weeks after the conference to reconnect, discuss ideas, and share opportunities.

Brief applications are required to ensure adequate space and to identify key thematic areas for working groups.

Some funds are available to support travel expenses that are in addition to PAA travel. In your application, please include your CV and 1-page on your interest in the mini-conference including its relation to your research agenda or interests. If interested in presenting your research, please also include an extended abstract (no more than 1 page). Also please note if funding is required. Participants and presenters will be selected based on research alignment with conference objectives and quality of abstract. Attention will also be paid to achieving diversity of representation by discipline, geography, career stage, and socio-demographics.

Submit materials by January 10th, decisions will be made by Jan 24th.

Questions? Lori.Hunter@colorado.edu Application to: Lori.Hunter@colorado.edu

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