



Forward at 40: Advancing Equity in Aging



UMass Boston Gerontology
2023-2024 Impact Report

UMASS BOSTON GERONTOLOGY

2023-2024 BY THE NUMBERS

\$655K

awarded in student support

\$4M

external funding spent in FY 2024

\$3.7M

market value of endowed funds

50

gerontology doctoral students

64

Management of Aging Services master's and certificate students

62

grad & undergrad students gaining research experience as paid assistants

113

articles published in peer-reviewed journals (along with 10 book chapters & 61 reports)

103

presentations given at national & regional conferences & stakeholder meetings

#1

of 39 journals, CiteScore ranking for Journal of Aging & Social Policy, 1 of 2 gerontology journals based at UMass Boston

MOST PHDS OF ANY GERONTOLOGY PROGRAM

113

gerontology PhDs

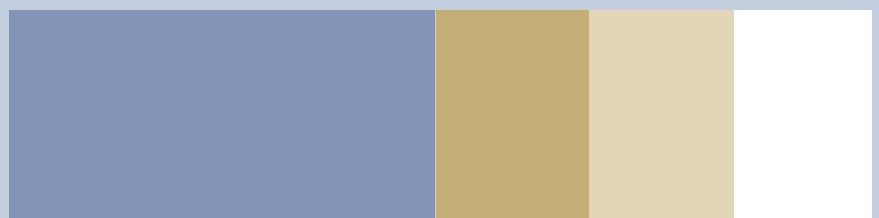
388

MAS master's students

71

MAS certificate holders

PROFESSIONS OF OUR GERONTOLOGY PHDS



academic positions
50%

private sector
17.6%

nonprofit leadership
16.7%

federal/state/municipal
15.7%



News highlights, 2023-2024

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Aging equity

- Hernandez appointed to City of Boston dementia care coalition
- After COVID, will states continue to invest in Medicaid services?
- Justice in Aging creates equity & data fellowship with LTSS Center

Age-friendly communities

- CSDRA supports expanded Activating Boston program
- Healthy Aging data reports expand scope, footprint
- PhD student gains ‘invaluable’ experience helping COAs win grants

Education & mentoring

- GSA honors Miller with prestigious Maxwell A. Pollack Award
- Gerontology faculty honored for teaching & mentoring
- OLLI at 25: Remembering the early days of lifelong learning at UMB

Financial security

- Pension Action Center’s fraud summit educates attendees
- UMB joins Boston College’s Center for Retirement Research
- Elder Index report measures gender disparities in economic security

Long-term services & supports

- Saving low-income older adults from the Medicare Cliff
- Cohen’s Moving Forward Coalition committee releases action plan
- Community Catalyst, LTSS Center earn 4-year caregiver grant

Social determinants of health

- Inequities found in how well health-care providers listen to preferences
- Could vaping be a harm-reduction option for older smokers?
- Older adults with sensory impairments showed pandemic resilience



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FOUR DECADES OF LEADERSHIP IN AGING

We're celebrating the 40th anniversary of the Gerontology Institute at UMass Boston in 2024. The university's gerontology program is globally recognized for its expertise in policy, equity, financial security and other areas of focus.

We began with the Frank J. Manning Certificate program in 1979, followed five years later by the launch of the undergraduate program and the Gerontology Institute. In the late 1980s, the Gerontology Department and doctoral program were established and the *Journal of Aging & Social Policy* was founded. The Management of Aging Services program was added in 2003.

The Gerontology Institute has grown to include four unique centers: Pension Action Center (1994), Osher Lifelong Learning Institute (1999), Center for Social and Demographic Research on Aging (2012), and LeadingAge LTSS Center @UMass Boston (2017).

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