



Scripps Gerontology Center's

ANNUAL REPORT

2022



OUR MISSION

Our mission is to do work that makes a positive difference in the lives of aging individuals, their families and communities, and to meet the needs of aging societies.

We accomplish our mission through excellence in Research, Education, and Service.

VALUES STATEMENT

Our outstanding reputation is built on shared values of integrity, collaboration, and commitment to excellence.

VISION

To be the national leader for trusted research, useful information, and transformative educational experiences that contribute to dignified and engaged lives for all older adults.

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Miami University's Land Acknowledgement

Miami University is located within the traditional homelands of the Myaamia and Shawnee people, who along with other indigenous groups ceded these lands to the United States in the first Treaty of Greenville in 1795. The Miami people, whose name our university carries, were forcibly removed from these homelands in 1846.

In 1972, a relationship between Miami University and the Miami Tribe of Oklahoma began and evolved into a reciprocal partnership, including the creation of the Myaamia Center at Miami University in 2001. The work of the Myaamia Center serves the Miami Tribe community and is dedicated to the revitalization of Miami language and culture and to restoring that knowledge to the Myaamia people.

Miami University and the Miami Tribe are proud of this work and of the more than 140 Myaamia students who have attended Miami since 1991 through the Myaamia Heritage Award Program.

Scripps Gerontology Center Charter

WE VALUE COLLABORATION

We believe that being good colleagues means valuing each other as people, building each other up, sharing ideas, listening to each other, being open to feedback, sharing the workload, picking up slack, and helping when others are in need.

WE DEVELOP THE NEXT GENERATION OF GERONTOLOGISTS

We believe in developing students to their fullest potential through teaching, mentorship, collaborating, supporting their learning, research, and career interests. We work with students to identify opportunities to enhance their abilities/needs/skills/interests that foster personal and professional development.

WE SUPPORT INDIVIDUALS PROFESSIONALLY AND PERSONALLY

We believe in supporting individuals professionally and personally by mentoring, networking, knowing each other's strengths, and providing development opportunities both internally and externally to Scripps.

WE VALUE RESEARCH

We believe in continuing Scripps' research excellence through an active and diverse research agenda, responsible and ethical stewardship, strong relationships with external partners, and innovation.

WE RECOGNIZE AND CELEBRATE EACH OTHER

We believe in recognizing and celebrating both organizational and individual, professional and personal accomplishments (e.g., new grants, new publications, personal milestones, major family accomplishments). We do this by sharing information at staff meetings, in internal newsletters, and asking what/how people would like to be celebrated.

WE PRIORITIZE HEALTHY WORK-LIFE INTEGRATION

We believe in facilitating work-life integration through flexible scheduling and recognizing that we all have a life outside of work. We recognize that healthy work-life integration improves everyone's quality of personal and professional lives.

WE RELY ON PERSONAL AND TEAM ACCOUNTABILITY

We believe in personal accountability to follow through with what we say we're going to do and to pull our own weight. We demonstrate team accountability by showing up on time, providing timely responses to requests, communicating availability through Google Calendar, being aware of interruptions by checking calendars, being accessible and approachable, and inviting questions (e.g., "You can always ask.," and "I'm so glad you asked.")

WE HAVE FUN TOGETHER

We believe in spending time together to build relationships.

Executive Director Suzanne Kunkel retires after 42 years



After 42 years at Miami and 24 years as the Executive Director of the Scripps Gerontology Center, Suzanne Kunkel, Ph.D., is retiring from her faculty and administrative positions.

“I’ve worked with Suzanne for more than 30 years.” said Director of Research Jane Straker. “She is always the hardest working person in the room, and she never saw an interesting question that she didn’t want to answer.”

As a Distinguished Professor, Kunkel holds many individual accomplishments. She has been Principal Investigator or Co-PI on externally-funded projects totaling more than \$14.5 million. Her publications include: three books (one of which is in its sixth edition) and several edited volumes, 11 book chapters, more than 120 journal articles, book chapters, and research reports and monographs. Kunkel has given more than 100 presentations at professional meetings and has held leadership positions in several professional organizations.

Some of her most rewarding experiences have been in the classroom and mentoring graduate students. “I love that Suzanne always gave me enough time and space where I could experiment with my research knowledge and skills and learn from my own mistakes. Besides being a great academic mentor, she was caring, always there to lend a listening ear, and offer emotional support,” Social Gerontology Ph.D. candidate Usha Dhakal explained.

In addition to personal achievements, Suzanne is grateful to have had the opportunity to work with colleagues to bring Scripps into an era of exceptional grant productivity, and a state and national reputation for work that makes a difference in the lives of aging adults, their families, and their communities. Scripps was recognized by the Ohio Department of Higher Education as a Center of Excellence and has been one of Miami’s top performers in the receipt of external funds.

In the academic literature, public media, professional associations in gerontology and in the halls of the Ohio legislature and the U.S. Congress, the reputation of Scripps has grown under Suzanne’s leadership. Scripps enters its second century and Suzanne has positioned the organization well for the next hundred years of research and service.

“I can always count on Suzanne for always having the best interest of Scripps at heart,” said Director of Finance and Operations Cheryl Johnson. “She has an incredible amount of knowledge when it comes to gerontology, she is committed to excellence at every level, and is deeply invested in the success of our organization.”

Following retirement, Suzanne is looking forward to spending more time with family (especially grandkids), learning more about the hundreds of rocks she has collected from nearly every trip she has ever taken, and going to the grocery store on a weekday.

She is also enthusiastic about returning to Scripps part-time to continue work on her externally funded research projects.

TRANSFORMATIONAL LEADERSHIP



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» **Suzanne R. Kunkel Transformational Leadership in Aging Award**
Dedicated to promoting and encouraging diversity among the next generation of emerging leaders in gerontology.

Director of Research and Senior Research Scholar Jane Straker retires —



Jane Straker, Ph.D., first came to Scripps as Acting Assistant to the Director in 1984. Following a brief leave to complete her doctorate degree, Straker returned to Oxford in 1993 and has been at Miami ever since.

Working the last 29 years at Scripps Gerontology Center, Straker led 43 funded research projects. Straker's research contributions include: 33 publications, 7 books and chapters and 72 reports. She has also given 129 professional presentations during her career, while maintaining membership in professional organizations and serving on several community organization boards.

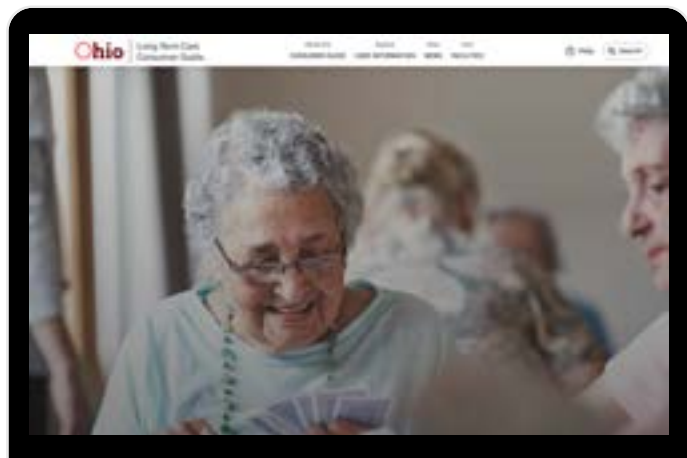
"Jane has been an incredible leader and mentor for the Scripps research staff. She has generously dedicated her time, knowledge, and experience to helping us each grow professionally and to helping Scripps grow as an organization," said Associate Director of Research and Senior Research Scholar Jennifer Heston-Mullins.

Straker is a nationally recognized expert on studies designed to gather input directly from older people. She was one of the architects of Ohio's Long-Term Care Consumer Guide, designing the resident and family survey that provides information to potential residents and their families across the state. As part of that study, Straker and her team routinely collect data from more than 30,000 family members of Ohio's long-term care residents. Her resident and family surveys have also been expanded to home care recipients, making Straker's work well known across the nation.

"Jane has become a national leader on hearing the voices of consumers, especially older individuals with disability," Director of the Ohio Long-Term Care Research Project and Scripps Research Fellow Robert Applebaum said. "She works each day to make sure that every person is able to provide input about the quality of their care experience. She has helped to improve the quality of care across long-term care settings by making sure the views of residents count."

Straker looks forward to spending more time with her family and getting away from the cold next winter.

"I'm going to miss Scripps. It's been a very rewarding career and the people have been great," said Straker. "But I'm looking forward to something new that has a little more freedom and starts a little later in the morning!"



See the Consumer Guide
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From the Director



KATHERINE ABBOTT, Ph.D.

Dear Friends of the Scripps Gerontology Center,

It is my great honor to be named the 6th Executive Director in the 100-year history of the Center. I wanted to take this opportunity to introduce myself and give you a glimpse into the future I see for Scripps.

As an undergraduate student at Indiana University, I worked part-time for the YMCA as well as the Older Americans Center. Jumping from serving congregational meals to filling in during euchre tournaments to teaching Arthritis Aquatics classes opened my eyes to the broader field of gerontology. In addition, I was fortunate to work on a research project that explored ways older adults could improve their balance and successfully recruited the members I met from the Older Americans Center to participate in the study. My interest in research continued to build, leading me to the MGS program at Miami University in 1995 where I was a graduate assistant for Drs. Bob Atchley and Suzanne Kunkel. I completed my summer practicum working with Dr. Powell Lawton at the Philadelphia Geriatric Center's Polisher Research Institute.

I still had questions that I needed answers to so I continued my education with a doctorate in sociology at Case Western Reserve University with specializations in aging, medical sociology, and research methods. After graduation, I went to work for the University of Pennsylvania's School of Nursing as a research faculty member. For seven years I worked closely with Dr. Mary Naylor before returning to the Polisher Research Institute to work with Dr. Kimberly Van Haitsma on preference-based, person-centered care.

In 2014 I returned to Miami as an assistant professor. After securing over \$2.9 million in external funding and publishing 50+ peer-reviewed articles, I was promoted to professor of gerontology in 2022. My work focuses on the intersections of preference-based, person-centered care for older adults living with dementia using implementation science theories, frameworks, and methods. I currently have funding from the National Institute on Aging IMPACT Collaboratory, which you can learn more about in the pages of this report. One of the nursing home communities participating in the IMPACT grant collaborated with me before I started the MGS program. I taught chair exercises for their residents and when I walked back into the community 30 years later it felt like my career had come full circle.

The future of the Scripps Gerontology Center is dynamic and exciting. At our core is the dedication to serve the mission of the Center to do work that makes a positive difference in the lives of aging individuals, their families and communities, and to meet the needs of aging societies. We will continue to collaborate with our aging network, state, and federal partners. I am committed to using Agile methodologies as a way for our teams to continuously improve their processes. Enjoy summaries of our centennial celebration along with other major accomplishments in this annual report. I welcome your thoughts, drop me an email at abbottkm@MiamiOH.edu.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "K. Abbott".

Katherine Abbott, Ph.D., MGS, FGSA

Executive Director, Scripps Gerontology Center

Professor of Gerontology, Department of Sociology and Gerontology, Miami University





CENTENNIAL CELEBRATED WITH PERSONAL STORIES OF AGING

One hundred years have passed since E.W. Scripps and others founded the research center in 1922. To celebrate this historical landmark, the Scripps Gerontology Center put on several events, programs, and displays. There was a feature story of the center's history in Miami's alumni magazine. Former executive director, Suzanne Kunkel, Ph.D., participated in a lecture series for the University Libraries' Special Collections in honor of National Archives Month. Of particular interest, Kunkel recognized that in 1955, two premiere demographers, Warren Thompson and P.K. Whelpton, were the first to directly ask women about their thoughts on family planning as a way to predict population growth (a novel idea at the time).



Read "One for the Ages"
bit.ly/one-for-the-ages



Watch "The E.W. Scripps Legacy"
bit.ly/scripps-legacy

To commemorate this milestone, the Scripps Gerontology Center hosted a weekend of events with a mix of presentations, activities, and opportunities for guests to connect socially. The "Gerontology Made Personal" panel facilitated by Jennifer Heston-Mullins, Ph.D., with former faculty and researchers Kathy McGrew, Ph.D., Shahla Mehdizadeh, Ph.D., and Lisa Groger, Ph.D., was a highlight for many. The panelists shared how the subjects they spent their careers devoted to had become part of their own personal experience. Groger, an anti-ageism advocate, talked about the increasing (and often forgotten) diversity of older people and how an internal sense of ageism seeped into her own thoughts as she regrettably categorized people as "healthy" and "not healthy" in her new home at a continuing care retirement community. Mehdizadeh, an economist, discussed how the now distant, statistical data on what she knew about aging had become personal. McGrew, who heavily researched caregiving in her career, shared anecdotes from her lived experience as a full-time caregiver to her husband with Parkinsons. Reflecting on the duality of dependent and

interdependent, both McGrew and Groger said, "we are all interdependent." All panelists thoughtfully connected personal stories with their time as a gerontology researcher or faculty member. McGrew, reflected, "In a society that does not value dependency in later life, where is my husband's legitimate place in the life course? Even interdependence can be lost and there is so much shame around dependency."

Leanne Clark-Shirley, Ph.D., and Vice President of Programs and Thought Leadership at American Society on Aging, was among many others that remembered the panel with fondness. Clark-Shirley received her master's in Gerontological Studies (MGS) in 2004. As a former student of the panelists, she found herself sitting in the audience, fully engaged, "It was a neat moment to relate to these professors in a new way and reflect on the development of my own intellectual understanding of the life course." The vulnerability that the panelists showed by sharing their experiences on current, real-life issues in their personal lives made a significant impact on the audience. Clark-Shirley went on to say that the centennial was a unique time to reflect on her own journey that began with the MGS program. Scripps has always been a trailblazing organization in gerontology and in the spirit of the weekend, she saw her career and the work of her cohort fitting into that lineage of excellence.



From Right to Left: Jennifer Heston-Mullins, Kathy McGrew, Lisa Groger, and Shahla Mehdizadeh.

RESEARCH

Discovering the possibilities

We conduct a wide range of aging-related research in areas that include demography, long-term care, program evaluation, the aging workforce, and arts and dementia programming. Our work provides information to the people who can use it so they can make informed decisions for and with our aging population.

2022 RESEARCH BY THE NUMBERS

1,263

The number of times people visited the *Ohio Population Website*, which is funded by the Ohio Long-Term Care Project.

Our Researchers with Aging Interests Are From:

19 DEPARTMENTS &

6 COLLEGES/SCHOOLS

in addition to Scripps & the Graduate School

120}

Number of times Scripps, Scripps research staff, and fellows *were directly mentioned in the media* in 2022.

56

publications in journals, books, and reports produced by our faculty and staff in 2022.

This includes:



43 journal articles in peer-reviewed publications

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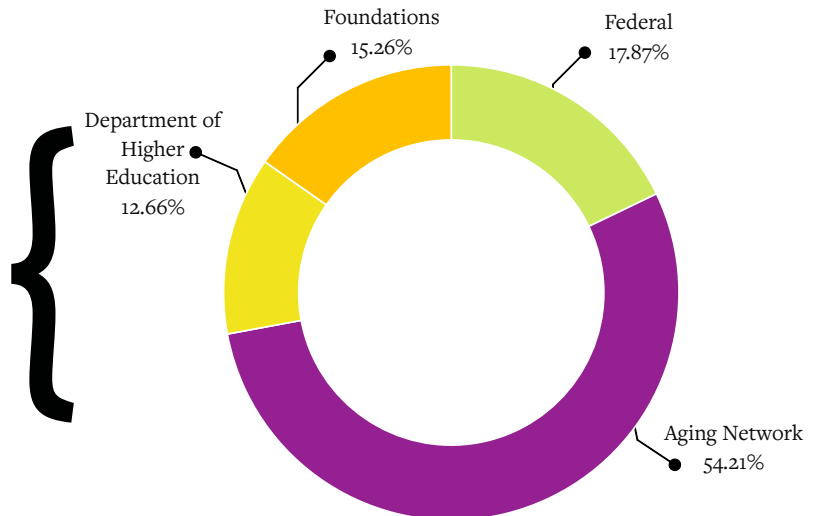


9 reports,

4 book chapters

2022 RESEARCH FUNDING BY SOURCE

We generated **\$2,438,938** in external research funding.



NATIONAL INSTITUTE ON AGING (NIA) IMPACT

A New Field of Study: Implementation Science

We have learned that it takes, on average, 17 years for an evidence-based practice to reach clinical care. This long gap created the need for a new field of study called implementation science.

The National Institute on Aging (NIA) through their IMbedded Pragmatic Alzheimer's disease (AD) and AD-Related Dementias (AD/DRD) Clinical Trials (IMPACT) Collaboratory is addressing this issue. Getting right to the point, as stated in the collaboratory's acronym, IMPACT is driven by a vision to "transform the delivery, quality, and outcomes of care provided to Americans living with dementia and their care partners by accelerating the testing and adoption of evidence-based interventions within healthcare systems." Scripps Executive Director, Katy Abbott, is partnering with United Church Homes (UCH) to make a difference with her research on the Individualized Positive Psychosocial Interaction (IPPI) program.

The evidence-based IPPI program starts with an educational component on emotional intelligence. The four-module course helps care partners recognize and manage their own emotions and then learn strategies to recognize and support the emotions of people living with dementia. Recognizing emotions of people living with dementia instead of saying they are having "behaviors" is the goal. IPPIs are brief (e.g., ten minute) preference-based interactions that occur 2-3 times per week.

Abbott received two grant awards from the NIA IMPACT Collaboratory. The first award was as a Health Care Systems Scholar, which provided one year of support for Abbott to work directly with UCH to learn how they implement new programs. UCH is a 106-year old nonprofit national senior living provider that services 79 senior living communities based in 14 states and two Native American nations. Abbott spent time visiting nine of their nursing home communities in Ohio and talked with over 121 staff, 37 residents, and 17 family members about their perspectives on dementia care.

The second award will start in 2023 and is a grant for a one-year pilot study intended to generate preliminary data necessary to design and conduct future full-scale embedded pragmatic clinical trials. UCH will be implementing the IPPI program in nine Ohio nursing homes.

Abbott believes the IMPACT Collaboratory is unique because, "during the pandemic many organizations moved away from person-centered care in order to meet regulatory mandates. Now they are ready to move the pendulum back toward person-centered care and have so many new staff members who would welcome the education on emotion-focused communication and preference-based interactions for residents living with moderate to severe dementia."



Learn more
bit.ly/What-is-IPPI

EMOTION-FOCUSED COMMUNICATION TRAINING WINS AWARD

Each year, Mather Institute recognizes organizations that have moved away from conventional practices to design and develop innovative approaches to support those they serve. Scripps was one of three organizations recognized with the Promising Practice Award that enhances the lives of older adults through addressing the emotional aspects of dementia caregiving. Caring for a person living with dementia requires a unique set of psychosocial skills that are not often taught to caregivers. Without basic skills in listening actively or recognizing emotions in persons living with dementia, caregivers can find their work especially challenging.



The Emotion-Focused Communication Professional Certificate teaches strategies that enable caregivers to better manage their own feelings and those of their care recipients. These strategies are designed to build a stronger relationship and more positive care experience for caregivers and care recipients alike. The course is designed for direct care workers and other caregivers. The focus is on providing care to an individual living with dementia but the course is relevant to any caregiving situation. To access the course, visit preferencebasedliving.com/emotion-focused-communication-training.

EDUCATION

Impacting our next generation

Education is an integral part of our work and mission. We administer and support two graduate programs in gerontology offered through the Department of Sociology and Gerontology. We also put graduate education at the center of our research by including graduate assistantships in our grant proposals. In doing so, we create a learning environment that is centered on the student research experience and empowers them with hands-on opportunities.

CONGRATULATIONS 2022 MGS GRADUATES!



From Left to Right: Marc Schneiderman, Dayna Bennett, Sydney Shadovitz, Hannah McCarren, Christina Martin-Smith, Meghan Kelley

COLONIAL SERVICES LONG-TERM CARE RESEARCH AWARD

The \$400 Colonial Senior Services Long-Term Care Research Award is presented to gerontology graduate students for outstanding research or program development in long-term care.

In 2022, this award was presented to four students: Isha Karmacharya, Bailee Brekke, Lexi Talmage, and Makenna McClure.



Isha
Karmacharya



Bailee
Brekke



Lexi
Talmage



Makenna
McClure

The Next Generation of Gerontologists

USA



Kamryn Kasler '23

MGS

"Being associated with this program has helped me expand my network and seek career-building opportunities. Anyone joining this community will find it supportive, enthusiastic, and ambitious!"



33 Total students

14 Master of Gerontological Studies (MGS)

19 PhD in Social Gerontology

Representing 9 Countries

CANADA

IRAN

SOUTH KOREA

CHINA

NEPAL

TAIWAN

GHANA

NIGERIA

USA



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NIGERIA



Runcie Chidebe

Ph.D. Student

"I am so lucky to be working with a diverse and inclusive research group at Scripps. This experience is stretching my limits, expanding my strengths, and preparing me for a stellar career in gerontology."



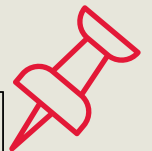
NEPAL



Usha Dhakal

Ph.D. Candidate

"Aging is inevitable, and as gerontologists, we have the power to create an environment that fosters the safety, inclusivity, and belongingness of older adults in this world. Getting an opportunity to contribute to creating one for myself and my loved ones as we grow older draws me into gerontology."



SERVICE

Giving back to others

Our staff, faculty, and fellows provide professional service and leadership in many volunteer roles at the local, state, and national levels. They mentor faculty at other institutions, serve on the editorial boards of publications, hold leadership positions for state and national organizations, and engage our local community.

SERVICE IN OUR BACKYARD

Oxford is one of 25 Ohio communities and 700 communities nationwide who have joined the AARP Network of Age-Friendly States and Communities. Age-friendly network members commit to a five-year cycle in which they convene community partners, assess the needs of their community, and then develop and implement an action plan to build a “livable community”. A livable community is one that enhances personal independence, supports residents to remain in their homes and communities as they age, and provides opportunities for residents of all ages, ability levels, and backgrounds to engage fully in civic, economic, and social life. Scripps Gerontology Center has been engaged with this work since 2017, and in 2022 Scripps committed to a new partnership with Oxford Seniors, Inc. and the City of Oxford to support the next five years of the initiative.

The Age-Friendly Oxford (AFO) initiative began its first five-year cycle in January 2018 under the leadership of Oxford community residents Ann Garrison Whelpton and Jessie Leek, whose passion and dedication to improving the lives of older adults inspired them to initiate the application to the AARP network. Operating on a completely volunteer basis with no dedicated funding, Whelpton and Leek collaborated with community partners to secure several small grants which supported AFO’s first-cycle efforts. Their vision and hard work guided AFO through the COVID-19 pandemic and established important connections with other age-friendly communities across Ohio.

In 2022 Whelpton and Leek stepped down from formal leadership roles and passed these responsibilities to three “pillar” organizations - Oxford Seniors, Inc., Scripps Gerontology Center, and the City of Oxford. Together these organizations will move AFO forward into its next five-year cycle, which began in January 2023.

Oxford Seniors serves as AFO’s fiscal agent, mailing address, and phone contact. Scripps handles administrative responsibilities including coordinating meetings; managing AFO’s email listserv, website, and social media channels; and overseeing general communications. The City of Oxford will continue to be the official applicant to the AARP Network, providing guidance on local regulatory and governance matters.

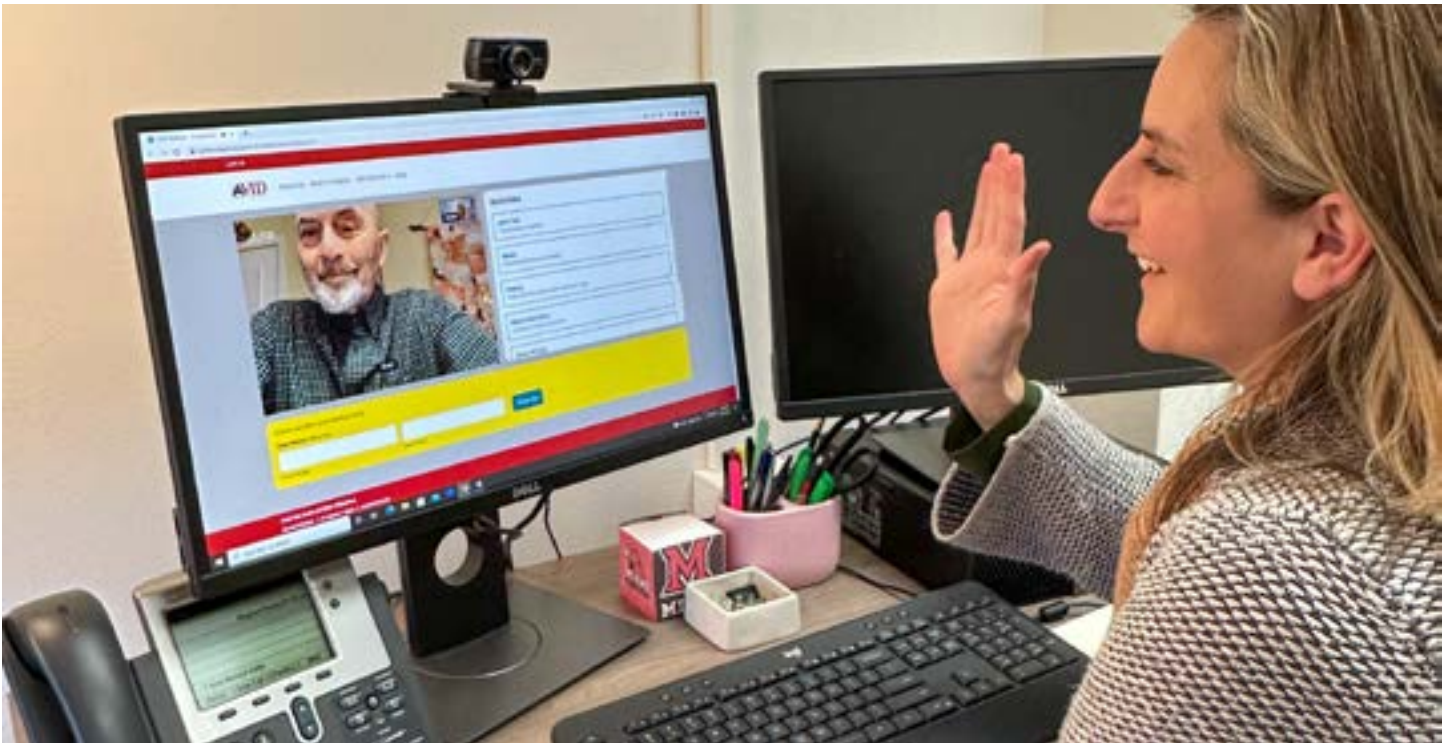


A Leadership Team comprised of representatives from the three pillar organizations and Oxford area community members directs AFO’s efforts, guided by a Community Advisory Group comprised of organizations and individuals representing multiple sectors of the community.

In February, Scripps launched the 2023 Age-Friendly Oxford Community Survey. This survey was a follow-up to the Community Needs Assessment Survey conducted by Scripps in 2018 as part of AFO’s first cycle. The survey centered around AARP’s “8 domains of livability” which include: outdoor spaces and buildings, transportation, housing, social participation, respect and social inclusion, work and civil engagement, communication and information, and community and health services. These domains influence what type of work needs to be done to ensure people of all ages can live with a high quality of life. Based on the findings from the 2018 Needs Assessment, AFO’s first cycle focused on the domains of housing, transportation, community and health services, and communication. The results of the 2023 Community Survey will show which domains are now priorities for the Oxford area and help shape and guide AFO’s work in the next cycle.

Scripps Associate Director of Research, Jennifer Heston-Mullins, Ph.D., serves as the Scripps representative on the AFO Leadership Team and supervises graduate assistants and undergraduate student interns who are assigned to age-friendly efforts.

“We are excited to be co-leading AFO’s next cycle. This work aligns perfectly with the Scripps mission and has provided valuable opportunities for students to think about aging on a community level.” said Heston-Mullins, “We look forward to continuing our service to the Oxford community, and also growing connections with other age-friendly initiatives across the state and the country.”



CONNECTING GENERATIONS THROUGH THE ARTS ONLINE

When the COVID-19 pandemic prevented in-person connection between Miami students and older adults, Opening Minds through Art (OMA) staff members were not sure how to proceed virtually. Like many others, they had no experience in online teaching and learning, let alone online experiential service learning. “How could we build intergenerational relationships when we cannot be together in the same space?” wondered Dr. Elizabeth “Like” Lokon, founder and director of OMA.

After several semesters of experimentation, they came up with a new video-chat based program called ScrippsAVID. AVID stands for Arts-based, Virtual, Intergenerational, and Dementia-friendly. Like the traditional OMA program, ScrippsAVID also builds intergenerational connections through sharing the arts.

ScrippsAVID was designed to be dementia-friendly so it is easy for anyone to use prompts that are provided to share music, poetry, visual arts, writing, and stories to get to know one another better. Initial studies on ScrippsAVID show that both students and older adults benefit from this repeated virtual engagement.

A student participant said, “My older partners have been humorous, talkative, and intellectual; they are so much more than the stereotype of what an ‘old person’ is.” One older participant commented on a reduction of loneliness, “I’ve been so isolated through the pandemic. I really have looked forward to having the video interface with the students.”

ScrippsAVID was developed in collaboration with Dennis Cheatham, associate professor in the art department and Scripps Fellow. The program has received funding from the National Endowment for the Arts and the NextFifty Initiative, a Colorado-based foundation that supports efforts to improve the lives of older adults and their caregivers. A pilot test of ScrippsAVID will launch in Spring 2023.

ScrippsAVID is free and available for anyone to use. No art background or preparation is required to participate.

Contact ScrippsAVID@MiamiOH.edu for more information or to get started.

IN 2022

72

Miami Students

172

Older Adults

Engaged in OMA programs both online and in-person



Autumn by Pat

“I feel like
I can do
anything!”

- Older Adult in the OMA program

144

Professionals trained online
to facilitate OMA

BUDGET

Cultivating our efforts

We could not make an impact without the financial support from donations, Miami University, and our endowment. This year we received a 34% increase in total donations due to the centennial celebration, and we will build on that momentum to make an investment in Scripps' mission.

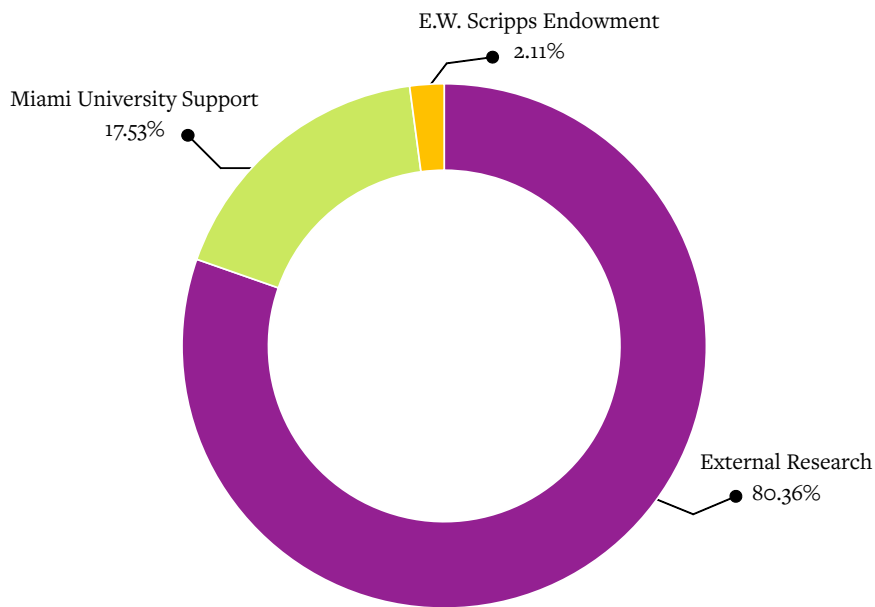
Research is the core of what we do

In 2022, Scripps managed **55** externally-funded research grants that generated **80.36%** of our total operating budget.

We are also a vital part of the Miami community. Our leadership in education and our focus on external funding are important contributions to the University's mission. In 2022, Miami provided **17.53%** of our budget to help us deliver on our mission.

Our total operating budget in
2022 was

\$3,035,267



CONNECT THROUGH GIVING

Another way you can connect with our mission and help us continue to provide quality research, education, and service is through giving charitable donations to these funds:

- » **Scripps Enrichment Fund** supports student attending conferences.
- » **The Leaders in Aging Research Fund** enhances scholarly enrichment through lectures.
- » **The W. Fred Cottrell Leadership Development Program Fund** supports leadership trainings.
- » **Opening Minds through Art (OMA) Fund** purchases art supplies to support the program.
- » **Scripps Gerontology Center–Alumni Fund** defrays the costs of thesis and dissertation research.
- » **Scripps Gerontology Center–General Fund** supports the educational mission of the center.
- » **Suzanne R. Kunkel Transformational Leadership in Aging Award** encouraging diversity among the next generation of emerging leaders in gerontology.



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We couldn't do all that we do without our donors.

Your support helps extend our capacity to meet our mission year in and year out.

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- » Council on Aging of SW Ohio
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- » Direction Home Akron Canton Area Agency on Aging
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“The thing is, people who love Gerontology always love Gerontology. I made wonderful friends at Scripps, who I still get to see when I go to conferences and even work with sometimes. We all still work in the field of aging, so coming to Gerontology conferences is like coming home for me.”



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