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Can Research Change Practice? Designing Behavioral Interventions with Real World Application

Dr. Laura N. Gitlin, an applied research sociologist, is professor in the Department of Community Public Health, School of Nursing with joint appointments in Department of Psychiatry and Division of Geriatric Medicine at Johns Hopkins University. She is also the founding director of the Center for Innovative Care in Aging at Hopkins which is transforming health care delivery and the health and wellbeing of older adults and their families. Dr. Gitlin is nationally and internationally recognized for her research on developing, testing and implementing novel nonpharmacologic interventions to improve the quality of life of persons with dementia and their family caregivers, and daily functioning in older adults with functional disability. She also is recognized for her intervention research programs concerning nonpharmacologic approaches in dementia care, family caregiving, functional disability, and mental health. She is also involved in translating and implementing proven interventions for delivery in different practice settings.

Dr. Gitlin is the recipient of numerous awards including the 2009 Eastern Pennsylvania Geriatric Society, Charles Ewing Presidential Award for outstanding contribution to geriatric care; the 2010 United Way Champion Impact Award for Healthy Aging at Home, the 2010 National Institute of Senior Centers Award with Center in the Park, the 2010 MetLife Award for translating the Skills2Care Program (a dementia caregiver intervention program) with Fox Rehabilitation (a home health agency); and the 2011 John Mackey Award for Excellence in Dementia Care, from Johns Hopkins University. She is the author of over 180 scientific publications and has authored or co-authored 4 books, with a 5th book forthcoming on behavioral intervention research.

All faculty, students, staff and clinical educators are invited to attend.

Lunch will be provided at both locations (first come, first served)