



Research Inclusion
Supports Equity

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RISE REGISTRY QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

*Our vision is to
establish
inclusive
research that
promotes equity.*

In this premier issue, you will find upcoming events, news, and work the RISE team and partners have been conducting to serve the LGBTQIA+ community.

THE RISE REGISTRY

RISE is a research study being conducted by Emory University, the University of Nevada, Las Vegas, and the University of Tennessee, Knoxville. RISE stands for Research Inclusion Supports Equity.

The RISE study includes a research registry created to help ensure the LGBTQIA+ community is represented in Alzheimer's research. RISE strives to create a network in research of Alzheimer's disease and related dementias for the LGBTQIA+ community through community-focused, inclusive approaches to research engagement, recruitment, and support of caregivers and people living with memory loss.

By registering with RISE, you'll receive:

- Notice of research opportunities related to aging or caregiving in your area, and nationally
- Opportunities to participate in educational and advocacy events online or in-person
- Invites to participate in additional questionnaires, interviews or focus groups related to aging and the LGBTQIA+ population
- LGBTQIA+ friendly resources for adults with memory concerns and LGBTQIA+ caregivers

*As of August
31, 2022,
293 people
have signed up
to be part of the
RISE Registry!*



You can learn more and sign up for RISE today at
theriseregistry.org.



UPCOMING RISE EVENTS

Knoxville Pride Festival

The UTK RISE Team will be at the 2022 Knoxville Pride Festival October 1st. Stop by our booth to learn more about RISE and LGBTQIA+ aging and caregiving and to pick up some swag! RISE is proud to be a sponsor of this year's Knoxville Pride Festival. Learn more at <https://www.knoxpride.com>.

Atlanta Pride Festival

The Emory RISE Team will be at the 2022 Atlanta Pride Festival October 8th and 9th. Stop by our booth to learn more about RISE and LGBTQIA+ aging and caregiving and to pick up some swag! Learn more at <https://www.atlantapride.org/>.

The Joy of Dementia: Creating A New Performance of Dementia (and Life)

Join the UNLV RISE Team for a virtual workshop on October 5th at 11:00am Pacific. We welcome anyone looking for more intimate, emotionally supportive and growth-filled ways to live with memory loss, aging and dementia; who are interested in using diagnosis as a starting point for creativity; and who want to discover together how to create more connection, inclusion, hope...and yes, joy in even the most difficult and uncertain of life situations. Log on to WebEx: <https://unlv.webex.com/meet/jason.flatt>.

RISE IN THE NEWS AND THE COMMUNITY

In May, RISE Principal Investigator [Dr. Jason Flatt](#) spoke to [KJZZ](#) about the [RISE Registry](#).

The RISE Project was well represented at the 2022 Alzheimer's Association International Conference (AAIC) in July! AAIC is the largest and most influential international meeting dedicated to advancing dementia science. RISE Principal Investigators Drs. Whitney Wharton and Jason Flatt presented information about the RISE project and promoting inclusion of LGBTQIA+ individuals in aging and Alzheimer's disease research. RISE team members Kelly Likos and Dr. Krystal Kittle also presented their work at AAIC.

In April, RISE Principal Investigator [Dr. Joel Anderson](#) presented information about the RISE Project at the [2022 University of Wisconsin LGBTQ+ Health Summit](#).



LGBTQIA+ NEWS AND RESEARCH



[A new research paper by RISE Principal Investigator Dr. Jason Flatt](#) and colleagues about memory concerns for transgender and non-binary older adults finds that discrimination in medical settings may prevent these individuals from getting cognitive screenings and care.



This news story from ABC highlights how the [LGBTQ+ community faces challenges in getting Alzheimer's care](#).

RISE COMMUNITY PARTNERS



[The LGBTQ Caregiver Center](#) aims to raise awareness of the unique challenges faced by LGBTQ Caregivers and those who care for LGBTQ individuals, empower LGBTQ Caregivers to live with pride and dignity and serve as a conduit for education, wellness, training and research. The Center provides information and resources, delivers training and innovative services to enhance the health and well-being of LGBTQ Caregivers. Co-founders of the Center, Jennifer Henius and Zander Keig, serve on the RISE National Advisory Board.



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