



Research Inclusion
Supports Equity

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RISE REGISTRY QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

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

In this issue, you will find the latest news from the RISE team and partners as we continue to serve the LGBTQIA+ community.

THE RISE REGISTRY

RISE is a research study being conducted by Emory University, the University of Nevada, Las Vegas (UNLV), and the University of Tennessee, Knoxville (UTK). 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 questionnaires, interviews or focus groups related to aging and the LGBTQIA+ population
- LGBTQIA+ friendly resources for adults with memory concerns and caregivers

*As of November
2022,
367 people
have signed up
to be part of the
RISE Registry!*



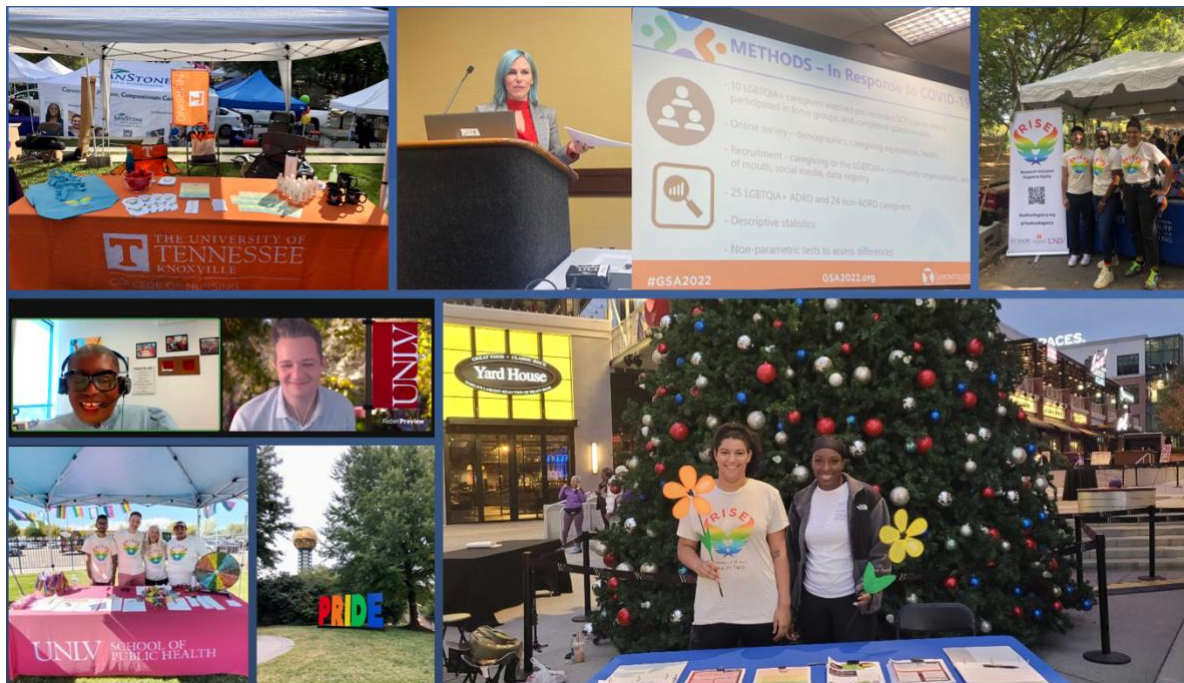
You can learn more and sign up for RISE today at
theriseregistry.org.

RISE IN THE NEWS AND THE COMMUNITY

In September, RISE Principal Investigator Dr. Whitney Wharton spoke about the RISE project at the Atlanta Black Pride Influencers' Dinner.

October and November were busy months for the RISE project! Each of our teams at Emory University, UNLV, and UTK participated in pride celebrations in Atlanta, Asheville, Knoxville, and Las Vegas, as well as the Alzheimer's Association Walk to End Alzheimer's in Atlanta, Knoxville, and Las Vegas. Drs. Jason Flatt and Krystal Kittle presented their work at the Gerontological Society of America conference in Indianapolis. Dr. Joel Anderson presented a session on caregiving at the Knox County Office on Aging's annual Aging: A Family Affair symposium.

In November, RISE Principal Investigator Dr. Jason Flatt presented a webinar on the experiences of LGBTQIA+ caregivers for the Florida and Georgia Chapters of the Alzheimer's Association.



LGBTQIA+ NEWS AND RESEARCH



The RISE team has a new collaborative research paper out on the [feasibility of the Savvy Caregiver program for LGBTQIA+ caregivers of people living with Alzheimer's disease and related dementias](#). This project was conducted in collaboration with the Los Angeles LGBT Center.



This news story from the Washington Blade describes how [care providers are catering to the LGBTQIA+ community](#).



November was National Caregivers Month. This [issues brief on LGBTQIA+ caregiving and dementia](#) from SAGE provides a wealth of information.

RISE COMMUNITY PARTNERS

We are so grateful to the members of our National Advisory Board and Community Advisory Boards for helping us make RISE a success! Learn more about some of our advisory board members below.



Dr. Mark Brennan-Ing serves as a member of our National Advisory Board. Dr. Brennan-Ing is the Director of Research and Evaluation at the Brookdale Center for Healthy Aging. Their research focuses on people living with HIV and sexual minority and gender diverse older adults.

A self-proclaimed “Equality-For-All activist,” Judy Bowenwiener serves as a member of the UNLV Community Advisory Board. Judy lived on Christopher Street at the time of the Stonewall Riots and participated in the early Christopher Street Liberation Day Marches.



Hillary Williams Thomas serves as a member of the Community Advisory Board at Emory University. Hillary serves on the OUT Georgia Business Alliance Board of Directors and Emory’s Equality in Caregiving Board and was appointed to the City of Atlanta Mayor’s LGBTQ Advisory Board.

Susan Long serves on the Community Advisory Board at UTK. Previously the Director of the Knox County Community Action Committee Office on Aging, Susan has worked in senior services for over 37 years, beginning her career in supportive senior housing.



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