



Research Inclusion  
Supports Equity

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# RISE REGISTRY QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

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

In this **Pride 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 June 2023, 533 people have signed up to be part of the RISE Registry!*

You can learn more and sign up for RISE today at [theriseregistry.org](https://theriseregistry.org).

## RISE IN THE NEWS AND THE COMMUNITY

RISE consultant Dr. Jennifer Manly was recently honored as a [distinguished lecturer by the National Institutes of Health](#).

Members of each of our teams are staying busy in the community this Pride Season! Team members will be at Pride events in Nevada, North Carolina, Tennessee, and Texas. The Emory team recently attended the Atlanta Mayor's LGBTQ Elders Breakfast in Atlanta. UTK Project Manager David Jackson will be in Austin, Texas, sharing information about RISE in early June. We wish everyone a safe and happy Pride Season!

RISE Principal Investigator Dr. Jason Flatt gave a presentation for the NIH about [promoting inclusion of LGBTQIA+ people in Alzheimer's and aging research](#).



## LGBTQIA+ NEWS AND RESEARCH



The [Diverse Elders Coalition](#) has created "[Caring for those who Care](#)," a resource for health, social service providers, and aging professionals to learn about the unique needs of diverse family caregivers.

RISE Principal Investigator Dr. Jason Flatt recently contributed an article to a special issue of the *San Francisco Bay Times* about [ensuring the LGBTQIA+ community is included in Alzheimer's and Parkinson's disease research](#).



## 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. Marcy Adelman serves on our National Advisory Board. She is co-founder of [OpenhouseSF](#), which provides housing to LGBTQIA+ elders in the San Francisco area. Dr. Adelman advocates for affordable LGBTQIA+-friendly senior housing and trains service providers.

Cody Yamada, MPH, is a member of our UNLV Community Advisory Board. Cody is the Education Coordinator for the Dementia, Engagement, Education, and Research (DEER) Program in the School of Public Health at University of Nevada, Reno.



Malik Brown as a member of the Community Advisory Board at Emory University. He is an LGBTQIA+ advocate and political strategist, a first-generation American, and a lifelong Atlantan. He has been featured in prestigious outlets like "CNN", "NBC News", and "The Hill."

UTK Community Advisory Board Member Angela Bartlett has worked with the older adult population since 2013 in assisted living and nonmedical home care. She is the Aging Services Manager for the Knoxville-Knox County CAC Office on Aging.



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