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### ***The demographic revolution is here...***

**Seventy percent** of baby boomers will use long-term supports and services during their lifetime.

### ***From the Director***

*Thank you, Scott*

### **For Pioneering Work in Behalf of Older Adults, People with Disabilities, Service Providers**

**By Bronwyn Keefe**

**Sweet and bitter, bitter and sweet.** This column is both, because we are announcing the upcoming retirement of our longtime director, colleague, and friend, **Scott Miyake Geron (pictured at right), who is retiring from BU at the end of this semester.** We'll miss Scott's pioneering vision, his creativity, and his companionship. At the same time, we are excited to hear about his future endeavors, many of which will continue to focus on the well-being of older adults and people with disabilities.



Scott is the founding director of CADER which began as the Institute for Geriatric Social Work (IGSW) in 2002. Scott brought his achievements in research and related practice, his knowledge of the aging field, and his belief that one of the most important ways to impact the lives of older adults and people with disabilities is through developing a skilled and well-prepared workforce.... [Read more](#)

Photo courtesy Scott Miyake Geron

### ***Issues and Views***

*Conversation with a leader in managed care*

### **What Skills Do Managed-Care Organizations Want In the Long-Term Supports and Services Workforce?**

**By Mary Johnson**



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## Courses in the Pipeline

Watch for

- Legal Issues in Aging and Disability (revised)

## The Center Presents

**Kathy Kuhn, director of workforce development**, will present a panel session, "Uncovering Hidden Secrets-What to Look For," at the Case Management Society of New England's educational conference, *The Case Manager's Safety Net: Identifying Elders at Risk*, at NewBridge on the Charles, Dedham, Mass., Nov. 4. Download the [conference brochure](#) for more info.

## Get Your Own LearningEdge!

**The LearningEdge** from the **Center for Aging & Disability Education & Research at Boston**

**The way healthcare is delivered** has changed dramatically over the past few years, spurred by the Affordable Care Act and its goals of better care, for more people, at lower cost. Increasingly, the emerging system centers around managed care. For long-term supports and services, managed-care organizations are becoming the main link between government and other funders; provider agencies; and individual "beneficiaries."

What skills and competencies do managed-care organizations want and expect from agencies and their workers who provide long-term supports and services? What kind of training is best? To find out, we asked a most qualified expert, **Michelle Bentzien-Purrington (pictured at right)**. She is vice president of Managed Long Term Services and Supports and Duals Integration for Molina Healthcare, a national managed-care organization. Read what she says about standards, testing, why she'd train unpaid as well as paid care providers, [and more](#).



Photo of Michelle Bentzien-Purrington courtesy Molina Healthcare, Inc.

## Outside, in a National Park Kids and Retired Volunteers Are Beneficiaries and Stewards

By Mary Johnson

**The New York Times** once listed Edgar Rivas as one of the six most powerful aging-policy lobbyists in Washington. As part of a long career, he served on the staff of the U.S. House Select Committee on Aging and also held positions at state and area offices on aging and several national aging organizations, including AARP. But these days he often can be found in the woods outside of D.C.

**Rivas is a member** of the Canal Classroom Corps of the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal National Historical Park. The Canal Classroom program relies on volunteer teachers—most, like Rivas, are retired—to work side-by-side with park rangers, providing natural history and other lessons to local students. "This work harkens back to my early years as a special-education teacher using the outdoors as a classroom for kids with cognitive disabilities," Rivas says.... [Read more](#)



Photo of Edgar Rivas leading hikers from the Latin American Youth Center and YMCA, both of Montgomery County, Md., courtesy C&O Canal Trust

## Notable News and Resources

*More on what the ACA means for Americans*

### The ACA Has Cut Rate of Uninsured Women, Narrowed Longtime Gaps in Care Access For Blacks and Hispanics

**The findings of ongoing research** on effects of the Affordable Care Act since its implementation continue to emerge, even while the fate of the law—and the nation's healthcare system—remains unclear. Every day we learn more about what the ACA means for individuals and families. Two recent reports show how women and black and Hispanic Americans have fared under the law. Both reports are based on analysis of findings from The Commonwealth Fund's Biennial Health Insurance Survey. **Read [the specifics...](#)**



*A timely, must-have guide*

### Emergency Preparedness for Older Adults

**University** is sent quarterly, free of charge, to readers who have expressed an interest in improving knowledge and skills of the social services workforce for older adults and people with disabilities. If you have received this issue from a friend and wish to be added to our mailing list, click [here](#).

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**With Hurricanes Maria, Irma, and Harvey** in mind, it's a good time to take a look at "Emergency Preparedness for Older Adults." This concise tip sheet from the American Geriatrics Society's Health in Aging Foundation is the authoritative and practical resource that older adults, their caregivers, and service providers need in order to be ready for and respond to an emergency.



Older adults are among the most vulnerable to the effects of disasters like those we've just seen. That's not because of age, per se, but rather is due to health issues common in later life.... Read more and get the [tip sheet](#).

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This CADER course provides a comprehensive overview of how disability and age can affect function and quality of life along the continuum of adulthood. You will gain the skills and tools you need to help clients with disabilities and their families identify and obtain appropriate programs and services. You also will develop an understanding of the related legal and ethical issues and, not least, personal and professional values that come into play working with diverse clients who have a disability. [Sign up now and receive a 10 percent discount](#) (enter code **ENEWS2017**).

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