

Health and Aging Policy Fellows Profiles

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HAPF Fellowship Q&A

Describe your HAPF fellowship placement(s):

AoA ACL: worked on the elder justice act appropriation and older American act reauthorization as well as collaboration with NIA on translating research into practice initiative to disseminate aging relevant research into the aging networks.

CMS: worked on the mental health screening and cognitive impairment screening guidelines according to USPTF recommendations in collaboration with multiple federal and academic partners.

IOM: Global health violence prevention forum on violence across life span and held a work shop on elder abuse from the global perspective.

What are some of the most important new skills/knowledge that you learned during your placement?

Collaboration, policy formation, policy implementation, Washington dc politics, complexities of the aging networks and partners.

How would you assess the impact you had at your fellowship placement?

It is difficult to articulate this as perspectives may be different pending different perspectives. I think from my perspective, my placement sites have broader understanding of elder abuse and mental health issues in older adults and how research have informed practice and policy.

How has the HAPF Fellowship influenced your current work and career path?

Fellowship has positively informed my research, practice and policy lens. I think I understand better the policy implications of my work and the field's work. I think I am better at asking what are the policy relevant research questions regarding my field and how to better move it forward.

Biography:

XinQi Dong, MD, MPH, is the Director of the Chinese Health, Aging and Policy Program, the Associate Director, Rush Institute for Healthy Aging, and Associate Professor of Medicine, Nursing and Behavioral Sciences at the Rush University Medical Center. As a geriatrician and population epidemiologist, Dr. Dong has published extensively on the topics of violence, mental health and culture with more than 140 publications, serves on the editorial board of 10 different journals and Editor in Chief for special issues for 4 major aging journals. Dr. Dong is currently leading an epidemiological study of 3,200 Chinese older adults to quantify longitudinal relationship among culture factors, elder abuse and trajectories of psychosocial wellbeing. Dr. Dong and his team have been awarded over \$10 Million in research funding from National Institute of Health, public and private foundations. Dr. Dong has been invited as visiting professors both nationally and internationally (including China, Hong Kong, Korea, Ireland, England and Scotland) to teach broader aging issues and has given presidential and plenary symposiums at international meetings including the Ministry of Health of Mexico and the World Health Organization.

Dr. Dong serves as the Senior Policy & Research Advisor for Administration on Aging and a Senior Policy Advisor for Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services. Dr. Dong also is recipients of numerous national and international awards: including the Paul Beeson Award in Aging, National Physician Advocacy Merit Award, the Nobuo Maeda International Aging and Public Health Research Award, Rosalie Wolf Award for Prevention of Elder Abuse and the Maxwell Pollack Award in Productive Aging. Dr. Dong was elected to be a Commissioner for the Commission on Law and Aging of the American Bar Association (ABA), and the Board of Directors for the Chinese American Service League. He is an elected fellow of the Institute of Medicine of Chicago (IOMC) and chaired of the Institute of Medicine (IOM) Global Violence Prevention Forum on Elder Abuse in April 2013.

He received his BA in biology and economics with honors from the University of Chicago, his MD from Rush University College of Medicine, and his MPH in epidemiology at University of Illinois at Chicago. He completed his internal medicine residency and geriatric fellowship at Yale University Medical Center.