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Fellowship Placement: National Institute on Aging (NIA), National Institutes of Health (NIH) and AAA

XinQi Dong, MD, MPH, is a Professor of Medicine, Nursing, and Behavioral Sciences at the Rush University Medical Center, Director of the Chinese Health, Aging and Policy Program and the Associate Director of Rush Institute for Healthy Aging. Dr. Dong has published extensively on the topics of violence prevention with more than 160 publications and is currently leading a longitudinal epidemiological study (The PINE Study) of 3,300 Chinese older adults to quantify relationships among culture factors, elder abuse and trajectories of psychosocial wellbeing. He has taught on these topics as visiting professors nationally and internationally including China, Hong Kong, Korea, Mexico, Canada, Ireland, Scotland and United Nations. Dr. Dong serves on 10 editorial boards and guest editor-in-chief for Journal of Aging Health and Journal of Gerontology: Medical Sciences. Dr. Dong has served on numerous study sections and is a member of the Health Services Organization and Delivery (HSOD) study section.

As an APSA Congressional Policy Fellow/Health and Aging Policy Fellow, he served as a Senior Policy & Research Advisor for AoA/ACL and a Senior Policy Advisor for CMS. Dr. Dong is the recipient of the Paul Beeson Award by National Institute on Aging, the National Physician Advocacy Merit Award by the Institute for Medicine as a Profession, the Nobuo Maeda International Aging and Public Health Research Award by the APHA, the Maxwell Pollack Award in Productive Aging by the Gerontological Society of America, the Rosalie Wolf Award by the National Committee on the Prevention of Elder Abuse, Outstanding Scientific Achievement for Clinical Investigation Award by the American Geriatric Society and APHA Award for Excellence by the American Public Health Association . 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, the largest social services organization in the Midwest serving the needs of Chinese populations. He has been a member of the IOM Global Violence Prevention Forum since 2010 and chaired of the IOM Elder Abuse Prevention workshop in 2013. Currently, Dr. Dong serves as co-chair of the IOM Global Violence Prevention Forum.

He received his BA in biology and economics from the University of Chicago, his MD at 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.

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 workshop 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.