
Aging in America: We Are All in This Together

October 6, 2021, 3:30-5:00pm

This session will set the context of aging in the United States by framing changing demographics, the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on marginalized groups, and the role we all play in shaping our own future as aging adults. We will begin to explore the social and policy issues that will be addressed in the series with keynote speaker Margaret Franckhauser and will engage in conversation regarding participant views and attitudes as we navigate these emergent topics during the series.



Margaret Franckhauser, BSN, MS, MPH, is the Director of Aging Services at John Snow, Inc. She has over 40 years' experience at the intersection of public health and aging, and she consults on issues of public health, healthcare system design, and aging. An adult/geriatric nurse practitioner by background, she served as a clinician and community health administrator in the National Health Service Corps and later in rural and state-sponsored public health settings. Margaret previously served as the Program Chief of Community Epidemiology in the state of New Hampshire, where she oversaw a statewide team responding to communicable diseases of public health importance. For 20 years, Margaret served as CEO of a highly successful New Hampshire community health organization that offered home-based clinical and supportive services to both children and adults in rural communities. For the first 15 months of the COVID-19 pandemic, Margaret worked closely with the New Hampshire COVID Operations Center to lead the response to COVID-19 outbreaks in congregate settings including nursing homes, retirement communities, healthcare settings, schools, camps and childcare settings. Margaret has a Masters in Primary Care Nursing from the University of Maryland and a Masters in Public Health from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.