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Elder Abuse: A Criminologist's Perspective

Brian Payne was first exposed to the issue of elder abuse when working on his doctoral dissertation in criminology. He had been studying abuse of the health care system by physicians and health care providers through the examination of Medicaid Fraud Control Unit reports. Not only did he find evidence of this white collar crime, but he found many reports that documented elder abuse perpetrated against nursing home patients.

"I was stunned, not only by the occurrence of elder abuse, but by the volume of cases. It seemed that about one out of every three reports concerned elder abuse or neglect," he observed.

The results of that study were first published in the *Journal of Elder Abuse and Neglect* (Payne and Cikovic, 1995). Dr. Payne recalls that working with the editor, the late Dr. Rosalie Wolf, and other pioneers in the field encouraged him to delve into

research addressing wide-ranging criminological and sociological aspects of elder mistreatment.

Nursing home abuse, crimes in home health care settings, ageism in the media, and community risk factors that contribute to elder abuse are among the topics that he has considered through the theoretical perspectives of criminal justice. Through his experience, he has come to realize that it is vital to consider the impact of not only mistreatment but of prevention and intervention strategies through the eyes of the elder.

"One of my pet peeves is that criminologists do not study crimes against older people. That has implications for prevention strategies." For example, he notes that younger people are often counseled on how to safeguard against street crime. However, this has minimal benefit for elders as research indicates they are far less likely to be in a position to experience street crime and at greater risk to be mistreated by a known and trusted perpetrator.

Dr. Payne believes that the *routine activities theory* holds considerable potential for establishing effective prevention measures against elder abuse. The theory suggests that in order for crime to occur, there must be three elements present: a motivated offender; a vulnerable target; and the absence of a capable guardian. When applied to a nursing home setting, he suggests that although the overwhelming majority of staff members are not motivated offenders, stringent screening and hiring practices can further reduce this element of risk. Elders living in nursing homes are vulnerable and likely to become increasingly vulnerable over time; therefore, efforts to empower residents are vital. Finally, there are multiple strategies to consider in order to enhance the presence of a "capable guardian" in a nursing home environment. The use of surveillance cameras may be one way to strengthen the presence of a capable guardian. Similarly, training of caregivers

and residents themselves to spot the signs of elder abuse, and establishing and following procedures for reporting – and for supporting those who report – strengthen the presence of a capable guardian and thus may minimize risk. He suggests that the theory can also be applied to identify areas in which risk could be reduced in community settings as well (Payne and Gainey, 2006).

While it is important to understand the criminal aspects of elder abuse, Dr. Payne cautions against remedying elder abuse by simply applying the law as strictly as possible. He has conducted extensive research comparing the views of different occupational groups addressing elder abuse, such as law enforcement, nursing home administrators, ombudsmen, etc., and noted major differences in how these groups perceive the severity of different types of mistreatment and appropriate sanctions (Payne, Berg, and Byars, 1999; Payne and Berg, 2003).

"The primary consideration should be how to support the victim, and that requires a philosophical meeting of the minds across all disciplines involved."

Recently, Dr. Payne has studied elder abuse in community settings through crime mapping analysis. This is a relatively innovative approach for the field which tends to focus on personal and interpersonal characteristics of the victim and/or abuser for insights regarding risk factors. Crime mapping enables us to consider community characteristics which may contribute to increased risk of abuse. It can also be used to identify services available to address victimization or decrease risk. In his research, Dr. Payne pinpointed a higher rate of identified abuse among elders who lived in disadvantaged areas. He also found an association between isolation and increased risk, an association previously identified in the literature (Payne and Gainey, 2009; Acierno et al., 2010).

Dr. Payne's goal is to conduct research that can be translated into effective prevention and response strategies. The third edition of his book, ***Crime and Elder Abuse: An Integrated Perspective*** (due for release this spring) focuses on the need to "take the science" and incorporate it into evidence-based practice. This edition also includes an applied exercise to demonstrate differences between younger and older victims in terms of needed interventions. Like the first and second editions, the upcoming edition is intended to enhance the multidisciplinary response to elder abuse and is written for a broad audience of practitioners.

Dr. Payne is currently investigating differences between elder abuse and elder neglect, particularly how the criminal justice system addresses these different categories of mistreatment. He is also examining the training needs related to elder abuse among various professional groups throughout the state of Georgia. In addition, he continues to incorporate elder abuse curricula into his criminal justice courses and studies how students across disciplines are being trained to recognize and address these problems.

"It is vital to train students in elder abuse awareness. They are the practitioners and researchers of the future."

Brian K. Payne is professor and chair of the Department of Criminal Justice at Georgia State University. His research focuses on elder abuse, crime policies, white-collar crime, family violence, and community-based sanctions. He is the author of five books including ***Crime and Elder Abuse: An Integrated Perspective***, ***Crime in the Home Health Care Field***, and ***Family Violence and Criminal Justice***. He is a recipient the *Southern Criminal Justice Association's Outstanding Educator Award* and the *Indiana University of Pennsylvania Department of Criminology Distinguished Scholar Award*.

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To search for additional references on elder abuse, including published research by Dr. Payne and colleagues visit the [Clearinghouse on Abuse and Neglect of the Elderly \(CANE\)](#) online.

Elder Abuse Prevention Advocates Receive Prestigious Awards

Two esteemed practitioners and researchers were recently honored for their contributions to the field of elder abuse prevention.

In November, Terry Fulmer, PhD, RN, FAAN, was honored by the American Academy of Nursing and the John A. Hartford Foundation as the 2010 Nurse Leader in Aging. Dr. Fulmer received the award at the Building Academic Geriatric Nursing Capacity (BAGNC) Leadership Conference held in New Orleans. Dr. Fulmer is The Erline Perkins McGriff Professor and Dean of the College of Nursing, at the College of Dentistry at New York University. A researcher, educator, and practitioner, Dr. Fulmer has worked for decades to integrate elder abuse and neglect awareness and screening into health care service delivery.

XinQi Dong, MD, affiliated with Rush University Medical Center, is currently a Congressional Health and Aging Policy Fellow. Dr. Dong received the 2010 Institute on Medicine as a Profession (IMAP) Physician Advocacy Merit Award. Among other topics, Dr. Dong has extensively researched risk factors and mortality related to elder abuse, particularly among Chinese-Americans.

Congratulations to Dr. Fulmer and Dr. Dong!

To read descriptions of research published by Dr. Fulmer and Dr. Dong, visit the [Clearinghouse on Abuse and Neglect of the Elderly \(CANE\)](#) online.

Request for Presentations: The New York City Elder Abuse Conference

The Annual New York City Elder Abuse Conference will be held on Wednesday, June 22, 2011, at The New School Institute for Retired Professionals, 66 West 12th Street, New York, NY 10011.

The theme of the 2011 conference is:

Is This Elder Abuse? When Elder Abuse is Not the Presenting Problem

The conference offers participants an excellent opportunity to be part of a multidisciplinary network of individuals and agencies collaborating to maximize services for victims of elder abuse in New York City and surrounding communities. Conference planners are currently soliciting presentation proposals.

The program will focus on identification, prevention, and intervention strategies when elder abuse is the "hidden" issue revealed through exploration of other concerns. Presentations should focus on emerging trends, portals and issues involving financial abuse/banking, grandparenting, kin care and family violence, worker and client safety, mandated reporting, advocacy initiatives, and related themes.

Submissions are welcome from, but not limited to, the following fields: social work, psychology, psychiatry, law, finance, medicine, religion and spirituality, policy, education, research, and media.

Presentations, each 90 minutes in length, may be grouped to create interdisciplinary sessions and support panel discussions.

Submissions for the keynote address are also requested.

Those interested in submitting a proposal should provide a 300-word abstract, three learning objectives for the proposed presentation, a brief presenter biography, and suggested resources.

Deadline for Submission: February 22, 2011.
Email materials to: achalfy@jasa.org

Questions should be directed to Amy Chalfy at: 212 273-5279 or achalfy@jasa.org

The Sixth Annual New York City Elder Abuse Conference is sponsored by: JASA; The Harry and Jeanette Weinberg Center for Elder Abuse Prevention at The Hebrew Home at Riverdale; David Berg Center for Law and Aging; New York City Department for the Aging; Carter Burden Center for the Aging; The New York City Human Resources Administration/ Department of Social Services; Council of Senior Centers and Services of NYC, Inc.; The New School Institute for Retired Professionals; and Fordham University Graduate School of Social Service.

Special thanks to Aurora Salamone for submitting this article.

Call for Papers: WHO Bulletin Special Issue on Violence against Women

Throughout 2011, editors of the WHO Bulletin will be soliciting papers addressing violence against women for inclusion in a special topic issue. This provides an excellent opportunity to discuss late life DV and other forms of violence against older women.

According to the [solicitation](#):

“We are particularly interested in research with a strong intervention focus, including ways to get violence against women onto different policy agendas and lessons about how to address some of the challenges policy-makers face; innovative approaches to prevention or to service provision, including community-based programmes in both conflict- and crises-affected and more stable settings; research to address more neglected forms of violence against women; and evidence on the costs and cost-effectiveness of intervention

responses. Descriptive research that contributes to a better understanding of the global prevalence and costs of violence, or that provides evidence about the root causes of such violence will also be considered. Submissions can be made throughout 2011 at: <http://submit.bwho.org>."

[Read the complete call for submissions.](#)

New NCEA Webcasts Available

In October, the NCEA presented the webcast, *The Elder Justice Act: What It Says, What It Means, and When Will It Be Implemented?* The presentation covered a brief history of the development of the Act, the first comprehensive federal legislation to address elder abuse, which was signed into law by President Obama in March, 2010 as part of the health care reform act. The webcast, presented by Bill Benson, the NAPSA National Policy Director, provides a section-by-section discussion of the Act and an explanation of the implementation process of the Act.

Visit the [NCEA Webcast Archives](#) to access this and other presentations. The NCEA Webcast series is hosted by NAPSA, the NCEA grantee responsible for training initiatives.

On January 31st, NCEA presented *Public Policy, Elder Abuse and APS* moderated by Paula Mixson, Certified Validation® Group Practitioner and Certified Guardian, and former APS administrator. For those who were unable to attend the live presentation, it will also soon be accessible from the [NCEA Webcast Archives](#).

New Legal Reference Available

The Civic Research Institute has recently published a comprehensive legal reference book dealing with elder financial abuse:

Financial Exploitation of the Elderly: Legal Issues - Prevention - Prosecution - Social Service Advocacy

authored by Rose Mary Bailly, J.D. and Elizabeth Loewy, J.D., with Margaret A. Bomba, J.D. and James J. Lynch, M.D.

As quoted from the publisher:

"This master reference examines a range of best-practices for detecting, investigating, documenting, and prosecuting criminal and civil cases, and recovering stolen assets for victims."

Warning signs of financial exploitation, building cases based upon evidence, determining when to pursue civil versus criminal remedies, and guardianship are among the subjects examined.

Review the complete [Table of Contents](#) online. To order, [Click Here](#).

Funding Opportunities

The following are descriptions of open funding solicitations:

OVW Fiscal Year 2011 Grants to Encourage Arrest Policies and Enforcement of Protection Orders Program

The Office on Violence Against Women (OVW) special interest areas include projects that focus on traditionally underserved populations including individuals experiencing abuse in later life;

individuals with disabilities; Indian and Native Alaskan individuals; individuals from diverse racial and cultural communities; gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender, and questioning individuals.

- For more information: [Click Here](#).
- Registration Deadline: February 8, 2011.
- Application Deadline: February 23, 2011.

(Note that both hard copy and electronic submission of the application is required.)

OVW Fiscal Year 2011 Legal Assistance for Victims Grant Program

As quoted from the announcement:

"The Legal Assistance for Victims (LAV) Grant Program is intended to increase the availability of civil and criminal legal assistance¹ needed to effectively aid adult and youth victims of sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence, and stalking who are seeking relief in legal matters arising as a consequence of that abuse or violence. Criminal legal assistance is limited to criminal matters relating to sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence, and stalking. LAV Grant Program funds may not be used to provide criminal defense services."

Note: Services to victims who are elders and/or vulnerable adults are **not** specifically identified as priority areas.

- For more information: [Click Here](#) .

¹ Legal Assistance includes assistance to adult and youth victims of sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence, and stalking in: a) family, Tribal, Territorial, immigration, employment, administrative agency, housing, campus administrative or protection or stay away order proceedings, and other similar matters; and b) criminal justice investigations, prosecutions and post-trial matters (including sentencing, parole, and probation) that impact the victim's safety and privacy.

- Pre application conference calls:
 - February 3, 2011 10AM-noon EST
 - February 3, 2011 2PM-4PM EST
- Letters of Intent deadline (requested but not required): February 8, 2011
- Registration deadline: February 8, 2011
- Application deadline: February 23, 2011

(Note that both hard copy and electronic submission of the application is required.)

OVW Fiscal Year 2011 STOP Violence Against Women Formula Grant Program

As quoted from the announcement:

"This solicitation provides program and application guidelines for the Fiscal Year 2011 Services Training Officers Prosecutors (STOP) Violence Against Women Formula Grant Program (STOP Program) funding, including guidelines for complying with requirements of the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) as amended. By statute, the STOP Program supports communities in their efforts to develop and strengthen effective law enforcement and prosecution strategies to combat violent crimes against women and to develop and strengthen victim services in cases involving violent crimes against women."

Statutory purpose areas of the grant include:

"developing, enlarging, or strengthening programs to assist law enforcement, prosecutors, courts, and others to address the needs and circumstances of older and disabled women who are victims of domestic violence or sexual assault, including recognizing, investigating, and prosecuting instances of such violence or assault and targeting outreach and support, counseling, and other victim services to such older and disabled individuals;...."

- For more information: [Click Here](#).
- Registration deadline for GMS: February 14, 2011.
- Application deadline: February 23, 2011.

For assistance with the requirements of this solicitation, contact OVW at (202) 307-6026.

NIJ Ph.D. Graduate Research Fellowship Program FY 2011 Solicitation

As quoted from the solicitation: "The NIJ Ph.D. Graduate Research Fellowship (GRF) program provides awards for research on crime, violence, and other criminal justice-related topics to accredited universities that support graduate study leading to research-based doctoral degrees. NIJ invests in doctoral education by supporting universities that sponsor students who demonstrate the potential to successfully complete doctoral degree programs in disciplines relevant to the mission of NIJ. Applicants sponsoring doctoral students in policy and health sciences or in an education field are eligible to apply only if the doctoral research dissertation is in an NIJ-supported discipline (i.e., social and behavioral sciences, operations technology, information and sensors research and development, and investigative and forensic sciences).

"The GRF program is intended to support universities that sponsor students who are in the final stages of graduate study. Awards are granted to successful applicants in the form of a grant to cover a doctoral student fellowship. Currently, the GRF fellowship is \$25,000...."

- For more information: [Click Here](#).
- Application deadline: February 28, 2011.

Building and Enhancing Criminal Justice Researcher-Practitioner Partnerships

As quoted from the solicitation: "NIJ is interested in funding multiple projects in support of criminal justice researcher-practitioner partnerships, as well as capturing, in detail, relevant accounts of these collaborations. Such partnerships have frequently been encouraged in solicitations for research. However, this solicitation specifically aims to support activities that capture and build on these efforts and that provide opportunities for creating, enhancing, and sustaining criminal justice researcher-practitioner partnerships that will lead to better criminal justice policy, practice, and research. Projects that address issues and agencies in the juvenile justice system are also eligible.

For the purpose of this solicitation, practitioner or criminal justice practitioner refers to those persons working in public-, private-, or community-based agencies related to law enforcement; corrections, including parole, probation, and offender reentry; the criminal judicial system; forensic sciences; or crime victim services. Similarly, practice-based organizations or agencies refer to public-, private-, or community-based criminal justice agencies....NIJ intends to support research in two areas related to new and ongoing criminal justice researcher-practitioner collaborations. Applications should fall under one of the following areas: Junior Faculty Grant Program to Promote Criminal Justice Researcher-Practitioner Partnerships or Criminal Justice Researcher-Practitioner Fellowship Placement Program...."

- For more information: [Click Here](#).
- Application deadline: March 1, 2011.

W.E.B. Du Bois Fellowship Program FY 2011

As quoted from the solicitation: "With this solicitation, NIJ seeks applications for the W.E.B. Du Bois Fellowship Program FY 2011. The W.E.B. Du

Bois Fellowship Program seeks to advance knowledge regarding the confluence of crime, justice, and culture in various societal contexts. The Fellowship places particular emphasis on crime, violence, and administration of justice in diverse cultural contexts within the United States...."

- For more information: [Click Here](#).
- Application deadline: March 22, 2011.

NIJ Advancing Forensic Science Research

As quoted from the announcement:

"Through the Applied Research and Development in Forensic Science for Criminal Justice Purposes solicitation, NIJ is seeking applicants for funding to support applied research and development projects that will: (1) increase knowledge or understanding necessary to guide forensic science policy and practice or (2) result in the production of useful materials, devices, systems, or methods that have the potential for forensic application...."

- For more information: [Click Here](#).
- Application deadline: April 5, 2011.

NIJ Research on Violence and Victimization Across the Life-Span

As quoted from the announcement:

"With this solicitation, NIJ seeks research and evaluation proposals to address basic research on violence and victimization across the life-span, special topics on violence and victimization as described in the Program-Specific Information section, and especially on elder mistreatment...."

"Elder Mistreatment. This focus area seeks proposals that address gaps in our understanding of elder abuse, neglect, and exploitation of

individuals living in the community or in residential care facilities. The National Institute on Aging and the National Academy of Sciences co-hosted a meeting on June 22, 2010, on research issues in elder mistreatment and financial fraud. Several critical areas of needed research were identified at the meeting and are described in detail in the meeting [report](#)...."

"Applicants are encouraged to address one or more of the gaps recommended in the report, particularly those recommendations related to the following topics: (1) methodological issues in elder abuse research; (2) interventions to prevent or address elder mistreatment (including criminal justice, social service, and mental health interventions); (3) legal and criminal justice issues; (4) research on minority populations; and (5) research on financial fraud.

"A secondary goal of this focus area is to broaden the conceptual framework in which elder mistreatment is considered by expanding the scientific infrastructure of scholars for conducting scientifically sound research in the field. To that end, NIJ requests applications from researchers studying other related fields in the behavioral and social sciences (e.g., intimate partner violence, sexual violence, child maltreatment, criminal behavior). Applications are encouraged from principal investigators new to the field of elder mistreatment and from a field directly or conceptually related to elder mistreatment (e.g., gerontology, geriatrics, criminology, sociology, psychology, neurosocial science, social work, economics). The principal investigator is encouraged to partner with an experienced elder abuse researcher as either a co-principal investigator, co-investigator, or consultant.

"Research on self-neglect will not be funded. Applications with a primary focus on elder abuse that include participants under age 60 (e.g., clients of Adult Protective Services or other agencies that

serve vulnerable adults) will be considered. Applications that include mixed-age populations should discuss the need to include subjects under the age of 60 and describe how the data will be disaggregated in the analysis plan."

- For more information: [Click Here](#).
- Application deadline: April 6, 2011.

For questions relating to the elder mistreatment initiative, contact: Carrie Mulford at: 202-307-2959 or by [email](#).

State News: Updates from California, Nebraska, and New York

California: San Louis Obispo County Awarded Funding to Continue Outreach Efforts

San Louis Obispo County's [Elder Abuse Outreach and Advocacy Project](#), based in the Office of the District Attorney Victim/Witness Assistance Center, was recently awarded a state grant to support continued crime prevention efforts.

In addition to providing crisis assistance to senior crime victims, the Project sponsors several outreach initiatives including: the *Senior Guardian* program, which offers presentations to local service clubs, clergy, and faith congregations; the *Senior Empowerment* program, which provides crime prevention presentations at senior centers, mobile home parks, residential care facilities, and other community-based settings; *Scam Alert* programs for seniors and their families; and *Senior Watch*, a program designed for people who provide services to seniors.

Since 2000, the program has provided assistance to over 3,000 senior crime victims. The Project will

receive \$125,000 a year for the next five years to continue this work.

Nebraska: Focus on Guardianship and Elder Rights

Nebraska State Unit on Aging, Division of Medicaid and Long Term Care in the Department of Health and Human Services sponsored a training session on elder rights issues on October 26, 2010. This was a project of the Elder Rights Coalition and funded by Older Americans Act Elder Abuse Funds. About 250 individuals representing a broad spectrum of professionals including staff in the Area Agencies on Aging, health care, and long term care facilities, hospices, financial institutions, and elder law attorneys attended the training offered via satellite at 17 locations across the state.

The program featured information on guardianships and conservatorships, advance directives, representative payees, ethical issues in health care decisions and concluded with an interactive discussion on case studies and identifying issues. Presenters were legal services providers in the state aging network including Elder Access Line Attorney Margaret Schaefer and a county judge who provided the view from the bench.

"The training was timely for Nebraska in that a report on the Nebraska Supreme Court Review Committee on the Status of Adult Guardianship and Conservatorship was just released," said Madhavi Bhadbhade, Elder Rights Coordinator. The report noted current challenges: lack of available expertise of guardians and conservators; the need for increased supervision and accountability; and the rapidly aging population. Nebraska is the only state in the country that does not have a public guardianship program.

The recent training, coupled with the release of the report, highlights the importance of these issues

and their impact on Nevada's vulnerable population.

The video training and presentation materials are currently available [online](#).

Special thanks to Madhavi Bhadbhade, MPA, SMP Director and Legal Services Developer of the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services, for submitting this article. For questions, please [email Ms. Bhadbhade](#).

New York: Agencies Collaborate to Provide Senior Information Line

In late October, the New York State Consumer Protection Board, the State Office for the Aging and the Harry and Jeanette Weinberg Center for Elder Abuse Prevention at the Hebrew Home at Riverdale combined efforts to launch the state's [Senior Information Line](#). The goal is to provide "information that seniors can use to stay safe, maximize their independence and improve their everyday lives."

Although consumer protection information is abundant online, including specialized information for seniors, Senior Information Line planners believe that a toll-free telephone information resource will allow them to reach a wider audience.

Recorded messages will highlight a topic of interest such as preventing falls, reducing the risk of identity theft, or information on the latest scams and frauds. The first message ran in November and provided tips for avoiding telemarketing fraud. The December/January message discussed medical identity theft.

The Senior Information Line can be reached in New York by dialing 1-800-503-9000. All information will be available in English and Spanish. Tech savvy seniors and those out of state may access the consumer protection messages [online](#).

Special thanks to Joy Solomon, Director and Managing Attorney of the Jeannette and Harry Weinberg Center for Elder Abuse Prevention for submitting this information.

Editorial Note

The NCEA E-News features the following columns on a rotating basis: Research Highlights, State News, and Federal Legislative Updates. The March NCEA E-News will feature Federal Legislative Updates.

Calendar of Events

February 15, 2011

[Safeguarding Vulnerable Adults: 15th National Conference](#)
Manchester Conference Centre
Manchester, England

February 16, 2011

[The Way Forward...Fighting Elder Abuse](#)
Southwest Washington Medical Center
Vancouver, WA

February 16-18, 2011

[17th International Conference of the Nursing Network on Violence Against Women](#)
Heritage Hotel
Auckland, New Zealand

March 1-2, 2011

[Forum on Aging and Annual Meeting](#)
Sharonville Convention Center
Cincinnati, OH

March 3-4, 2011

[National Consumer Law Center Fair Debt Collection Practices Training Conference](#)
Red Lion Hotel
Seattle, WA

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March 14-18, 2011

[National Victim Assistance Academy](#)

Albuquerque, NM

March 16, 2011

[Neglect of Vulnerable Adults: Clinical and Legal Response](#)

United of Greater Houston Auditorium
Houston, TX

March 21-22, 2011

[The Nurses' Conference 2011](#)

Aerial UTS Function Centre Sydney
Sydney, Australia

March 28-29, 2011

[Action on Elder Abuse National Conference 2011](#)

Manchester Conference Centre
Manchester, England

March 30-April 1, 2011

[4th Annual Forensic Investigations Conference: From Scene to Courtroom](#)

Kansas City Marriott Downtown
Kansas City, MO

March 31, 2011

[Call To Action 2011: 7th Annual National Summit Preventing Financial Exploitation of the Elderly](#)

Mission Bay Conference Center
San Francisco, CA

April 10-16, 2011

[National Crime Victims' Rights Week](#)

National Observance

April 15-16, 2011

[The Developing Science of Violence and Abuse: Toward a New Understanding](#)

Crowne Plaza Hotel
Bloomington, MN

April 16-17, 2011

[Unite For Sight Global Health and Innovation 2011 Conference](#)

Yale University
New Haven, CT

April 26-30, 2011

[Aging in America](#)

American Society on Aging - National Council on Aging
Hilton San Francisco Union Square
San Francisco, CA

May 19-21, 2011

[National Academy of Elder Law Attorneys Elder and Special Needs Law Annual National Conference](#)

Wynn Hotel
Las Vegas, NV

May 25-27, 2011

[Sixth National Sexual Assault Response Team \(SART\) Training Conference](#)

The Austin Hilton
Austin, TX

June 20-22, 2011

[National Center for Victims of Crime 2011 National Conference](#)

Hyatt Regency Washington on Capitol Hill
Washington, DC

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