

The Stockton Center on Successful Aging to Present "The Economic Security of Older Americans: Is it at-Risk?"

Scholarly Research Lecture Scheduled for March 23

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Galloway Township, **NJ-** The Stockton Center on Successful Aging (SCOSA) will host a scholarly research lecture to address the potential financial risks that Americans will face as they reach retirement. The lecture, titled "The Economic Security of Older Americans: Is it at-Risk?," is scheduled for **Tuesday**, **March 23, 2010 at 6:00 p.m.** in C-Wing (room C-134) on The Richard Stockton College of New Jersey's main Galloway Township campus.

The lecture will address the demographic shift in the United States; traditional versus non-traditional sources of retirement income; Social Security; retirement income adequacy; the Employee Retirement Income Security Act; the Pension Protection Act; and how policy has influenced the financial dilemmas facing retired individuals across the country.

Dr. Karen Zurlo, the featured speaker, is an Assistant Professor in the School of Social Work at Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey. Dr. Zurlo earned her Ph.D. from the University of Pennsylvania in 2009, and shortly thereafter, she pursued a teaching position at Rutgers. Prior to joining Rutgers' School of Social Work, Dr. Zurlo was a recipient of the Hartford Foundation's Pre-Dissertation Award, the Hartford Doctoral Fellows Award, and a research grant from the National Institute on Aging. Dr. Zurlo's dissertation research analyzes the relationship between demographic characteristics of older adults and their financial well-being. Dr. Zurlo currently conducts qualitative and quantitative research on older adults and retirement related topics that include financial well-being, health, life course development, and intergenerational issues. On the international research level, Dr. Zurlo has assessed poverty, globalization, and the welfare state.

For more information, please contact Associate Professor of Social Work and SCOSA Research Chair Lisa Cox at 609-652-4310. CE credit is available to social work students and ULTRA credit is available to all students. For more information on SCOSA and other SCOSA events, please visit <u>www.stockton.edu/scosa</u>.