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## Coping with Aging & Cancer

A Conference on Reducing Barriers  
to Mental Health Care

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# The Study Team



Kelly Trevino, PhD  
Assistant Professor of  
Psychology in Medicine

**K**elly Trevino, PhD is a clinical psychologist with specializations in geropsychology and psychosocial oncology. She received her PhD from Bowling Green State University and completed fellowships at the VA Boston Healthcare System and Dana-Farber Cancer Institute. Dr. Trevino joined the Division of Geriatrics and Palliative Medicine in 2014. Her Research examines the nature and predictors of distress in patients with life threatening illness. In addition, she develops and evaluates interventions to reduce this distress and improve care received at

the end of life. As a current recipient of the Paul B. Beeson Career Development Award in Aging Research funded by the National Institute on Aging and the American Federation for Aging Research, Dr. Trevino is developing and evaluating an anxiety intervention for older adults with cancer and their caregivers.



M. Cary Reid, MD, PhD  
Associate Professor  
of Medicine

**M**.Carrington Reid, MD PhD is the Ivirng Sherwood Wright Professor in Geriatrics and Director of the Office of Geriatric Research in the Division of Geriatrics and Palliative Medicine at Weill Cornell Medicine. Dr. Reid's research focuses on improving the management of pain among older adults. Current projects include testing non-pharmacologic strategies for pain among older adults in clinical and non-clinical settings, identifying barriers to the use of self management strategies for pain, and

examining optimal strategies for managing pain across ethnically diverse populations of older adults. Additional areas of interest include the epidemiology and treatment of substance use disorders in older adults.



Karl Pillemer, PhD

Professor of Gerontology  
in Medicine

**K**arl Pillemer, PhD, is the Hazel E. Reed professor of Human Development at Cornell University and Professor of Gerontology in Medicine at Weill Cornell Medicine. His major interests center on human development over the life course, with a special emphasis on family and social relationships in middle age and beyond. He has a theoretical and empirical interest in life course transitions and the effects they have on family relationships. Another major program of research focuses on the nature and dynamics of family caregiving for impaired elderly relatives, which he has been carrying out over the past two decades with funding from the National Institute of Health. A third research area is in long-term care for the elderly, with a focus on the role of direct-care staff in promoting quality of care. Additiona-

-ly, Dr. Pillemer has, for many years, conducted research on the domestic and institutional abuse of older persons. Beyond these substantive research areas, Dr. Pillemer has a long-standing interest in developing and testing intervention programs to improve the quality of life of older persons. Since 2003 he has directed the Cornell Institute for Translational Research on Aging, an NIA-funded Edward R. Roybal Center. This institute has pioneered methods of improving the transfer of basic research findings into practical programs that assist older people, with a focus on community-based participatory research models.



Jo Anne Sirey, PhD

Professor of  
Clinical Psychology in  
Psychiatry

**J**o Anne Sirey, PhD, is a Professor of Clinical Psychology in Psychiatry at Weill Cornell Medicine and Clinical Director of the Geriatric Outpatient Service. She directs the Community Network Unit of the Weill Cornell Institute of Geriatric Psychiatry. Dr. Sirey's research focuses on the development and implementation of models of community-based care delivery for older adults, specifically interventions to improve engagement and participation in mental health treatment. She also examines the psychological barriers and stigma that

deter older adults from seeking and participating in mental health care. Dr. Sirey is currently implementing mental health services in eight senior centers in New York City as part of a ThriveNYC initiative funded by the NYC Department for the Aging.



Peter Martin, MD

Associate Professor  
of Medicine

**P**eter Martin, MD is an Associate Professor of Medicine in the Division of Hematology/Oncology at Weill Cornell Medicine and is the Director of the Lymphoma Clinical Research Program and the Weill Cornell Medicine Lymphoma Database. Dr. Martin specializes in caring for patients with lymphoma with a focus on indolent lymphomas, including follicular lymphoma, mantle cell lymphoma, and lymphoplasmacytic lymphoma/Waldenstrom macroglobulinemia. His research

examines the effectiveness of new treatments for lymphoma and identifies the positive and negative outcomes of new treatments. His work also explores the mechanism of patients' response to treatments in order to inform the development of new drug therapies.