The Science of Alzheimer's Disease and Related Dementias for Social Scientists

The USC Schaeffer Center's Resource Center for Minority Aging Research (USC AD-RCMAR) and Center for Advancing Sociodemographic and Economic Study of Alzheimer's Disease (CeASES ADRD) are pleased to announce the second annual **Science of Alzheimer's Disease and Related Dementias (ADRD) for Social Scientists** program. This unique program consists of a two-day series of lectures by national, interdisciplinary experts on ADRD. The purpose of this program is to expose both junior and more advanced **social scientists** interested in pursuing research in the ADRD field to the clinical and biomedical foundations of the diseases, with the goal of expanding knowledge and facilitating interdisciplinary collaborations.

The Science of ADRD for Social Scientists Program offers participants the opportunity to learn about the biomedical, clinical, and social issues of ADRD to inform their social science research by:

- Providing a **vocabulary** for engaging in meaningful dialogue with the biomedical community.
- Helping participants recognize **key issues** in biomedicine and make the best use of **available data**.
- Providing a valuable screen of **significant studies** to identify the most salient details.
- Providing examples on how to **incorporate biomedical and clinical concepts to social science research**.
- Serving as a forum where participants can **ask experts** questions tailored towards their social science interests.

The two-day program will take place at the University of Southern California's University Park Campus in **Los Angeles, California on October 27 – 28, 2022**. It is open to **social scientists, at any level** (pre-doc, post-doc, junior and senior faculty or the equivalent), interested in pursuing or expanding their research agenda in the field of ADRD. The program will cover travel and hotel accommodations for participants outside the Los Angeles area, and ground transportation and parking for local participants. Meals will be provided on the days of the program.

Planned lecture topics include: diagnostics and biomarkers; basic mechanisms; prevention and care; COVID-19; genetics and Alzheimer's disease; cognition and decision making; regenerative therapeutics; and Alzheimer's disease clinical trials.

Please fill out the application by July 29th. Participants will be chosen by a selection committee.

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