Title: National Social Life, Health, and Aging Project (NSHAP) Workshop for Current and Prospective Users

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Workshop Objectives, Goals, and Expected Outcomes:

This workshop will orient participants to the content, structure, and utility of the National Social Life, Health, and Aging Project (NSHAP), with an emphasis on data access, analysis, and new findings.

Funded by the NIA, NSHAP is a longitudinal, population-based study of health and social factors, aiming to understand the well-being of older, community-dwelling Americans by examining the interactions among physical health and illness, cognitive function, social connectedness, medication use, emotional health, sensory function, health behaviors, sexuality, and relationship quality. Surveys are conducted in-home with respondents and include a variety of biomeasures.

NSHAP data were first collected in 2005–06 (Cohort 1 Wave 1 or C1W1) from a probability sample of 3,005 community-dwelling adults born between 1920 and 1947; these respondents were re-interviewed in 2010–11 (C1W2) together with their co-resident spouses or partners (N=3,377). In 2015–16 (C1W3), all surviving respondents were again re-interviewed and a new cohort of respondents born between 1948 and 1965 during the Baby Boom was added along with their spouses/partners (C2W1). Together these data permit estimates for the entire population aged 50–95 in 2015 (N=4,777). Cohort 1 Wave 4 (C1W4) and Cohort 2 Wave 2 (C2W2) data collection is scheduled for 2020–21 (NIA R01 AG043538; NIA R01 AG048511).

A goal of this workshop is to inform current and prospective users of NSHAP about the rich, analytic opportunities the dataset provides, and to encourage data use by: (1) reviewing how to access the publicly available dataset, (2) sharing information about linkages with the 1940 U.S. Census, NDI and Medicare data; and (3) discussing novel findings that have emerged from the data and topics yet to be explored.

Expected outcomes include dissemination of the publicly available NSHAP dataset to interested researchers and providing an enhanced understanding of how to access and utilize the dataset.

Target Audience:

Researchers interested in learning about NSHAP’s methods and measures, the content of the dataset and how to access it, how to use and analyze the data, and novel findings from research on the dataset.
Participant Minimum/Maximum:

Our goal is to have no fewer than 10 participants.

Preferred dates:

1. Wednesday, April 22 (but not during the Biomarkers workshop)
2. Tuesday, April 21

Proposed duration: ½ day

Activities:

Presenters will provide:

- An introduction to the background and aims of the study
- A discussion of the composition and unique strengths of the NSHAP sample
- A basic tutorial on data access and analysis
- A summary of some of the most interesting published work on the NSHAP dataset
- A brief exploration of untapped possibilities for analysis of the NSHAP dataset

A/V needs beyond what is provided: None.