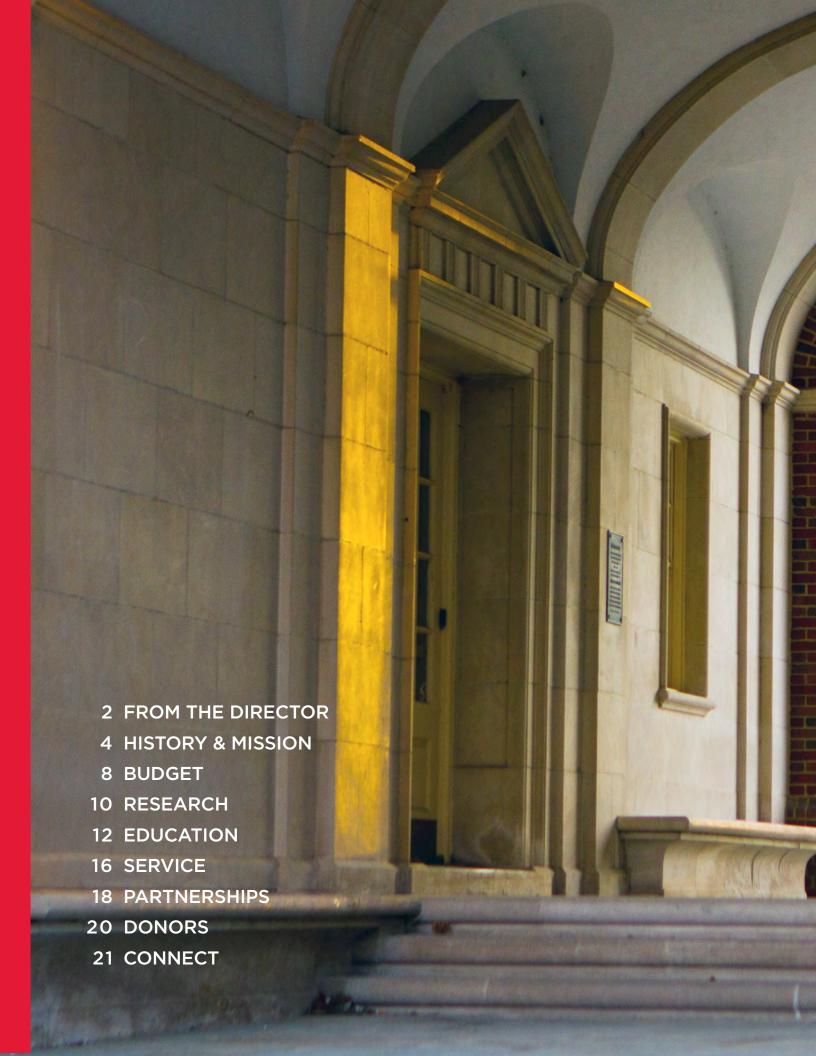
SCRIPPS GERONTOLOGY CENTER

An Ohio Center of Excellence

ANNUAL REPORT 2015





Meeting Our mission

starts with a strategic plan.

Our strategic plan focuses on three goals: enriching our core work of high-quality and high-impact aging-related research; enhancing our existing relationships and reaching new constituents in new ways; and increasing our organizational depth and agility.

— Suzanne Kunkel, Executive Director

The plan provides a vision of our future that guides everything we do.

SCRIPPS GERONTOLOGY CENTER

Founded 1922



From the

Executive Director

SUZANNE KUNKEL, PhD



Dear friends:

Many of you know the impressive history of the Scripps Gerontology Center. We proudly trace our roots back to the Scripps Foundation for Research in Population Problems, established in 1922 by E. W. Scripps as a center for the study of population growth and social change. For many decades, Scripps was home to ground-breaking demographic research. Scholars here developed the method of population projection most widely used today (including at the U.S. Census Bureau), and they were the first to integrate social science methods into the study of population change.

These scholars had an immeasurable impact on the field of demography; their contributions advanced the science of understanding the interplay among individual lives, social institutions, and demographic change. No less momentous than the impact of these leaders was the shift to gerontology in the 1970s. Under the leadership of "Doc" Cottrell, Bob Atchley, and Millie Seltzer, we changed our name to Scripps Gerontology Center to reflect our focus on the ways in which population aging affects individuals, families, communities, and societies.

We strive to uphold our legacy of excellence and positive impact in all that we do. "Making a difference" has been the foundation of our mission statement for more than a decade. This value focuses us outward in our research, service, and support for gerontology education. You'll see that focus reflected in the accomplishments highlighted in this year's Annual Report: approximately 1,200 elders and volunteers transcending age and cognitive barriers through the OMA program; research that informs policy and enhances programs for older adults





and their families; students emerging as leaders in the field; and an inaugural international conference of scholars dedicated to interdisciplinary explorations of the experiences of aging.

Fulfilling our mission is possible because of a deeply committed and talented group of staff, gerontology faculty, and students; a shared vision for our future; and thriving partnerships within our broader communities. These partnerships are essential to our outward focus, providing opportunities for us to learn through service and to do research that matters. Our partner agencies and organizations are also vital to the experiential learning that is core to Miami University's gerontology programs.

Thanks to all of you—Scripps staff, gerontology faculty and students, alums, partners, and friends—for the many ways that you have helped us honor our legacy of making a difference.

Susanne Kunkel

DIRECTOR

We have a

History of visionary leadership.



E.W. Scripps, who sought to "bring to the level of common understanding the whole range of human knowledge," founded the Scripps Foundation for Research in Population Problems at Miami University in 1922. For more than forty years, we remained in the forefront of the scientific study of population and fertility. In 1972, with an increasing expertise in aging related research, we became the Scripps Gerontology Center.

We were among the first multi-disciplinary centers on aging funded by the U.S. Administration on Aging. In 2011, we were named an Ohio Center of Excellence by the Ohio Board of Regents in recognition of our work. With our centennial on the horizon, our accomplishments are the foundation for the boundless opportunities that lie ahead.

MILESTONES

The Scripps Foundation for Research in Population Problems at Miami University was founded by E.W. Scripps.



The New York Times publishes an article by Scripps researchers Thompson and Whelpton on predicted population change and economic implications.



Scripps Foundation again gains more national attention with the publication of the Indianapolis Studythe first psycho-social study of fertility in the U.S.

> **Indianapolis** Study

1961

Fred Cottrell serves on planning committee for first White House Conference on Aging setting the stage for the passage of several major pieces of legislation for older Americans.





1922-1953 Warren S. Thompson

1953-1963 **Pascal Whelpton**







Our mission is to do work that makes a positive difference in the lives of aging individuals, their families and communities. and to meet the needs of aging societies.

We accomplish this mission through excellence in

RESEARCH, EDUCATION, AND SERVICE.

The Scripps Foundation for Research in Population Problems becomes the Scripps Gerontology Center.



1976

Scripps is designated by the U.S. Administration on Aging as one of seven multidisciplinary centers on aging in the country.



1989

Scripps is appointed to lead the Ohio Long-Term Care Project by the Ohio General Assembly. This project provides critical information about older Ohioans and their longterm care needs.



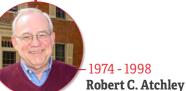
2005

Miami University launches the PhD in Social Gerontology, becoming one of only a handful of institutions offering gerontology programs at the bachelor, master and doctoral levels.



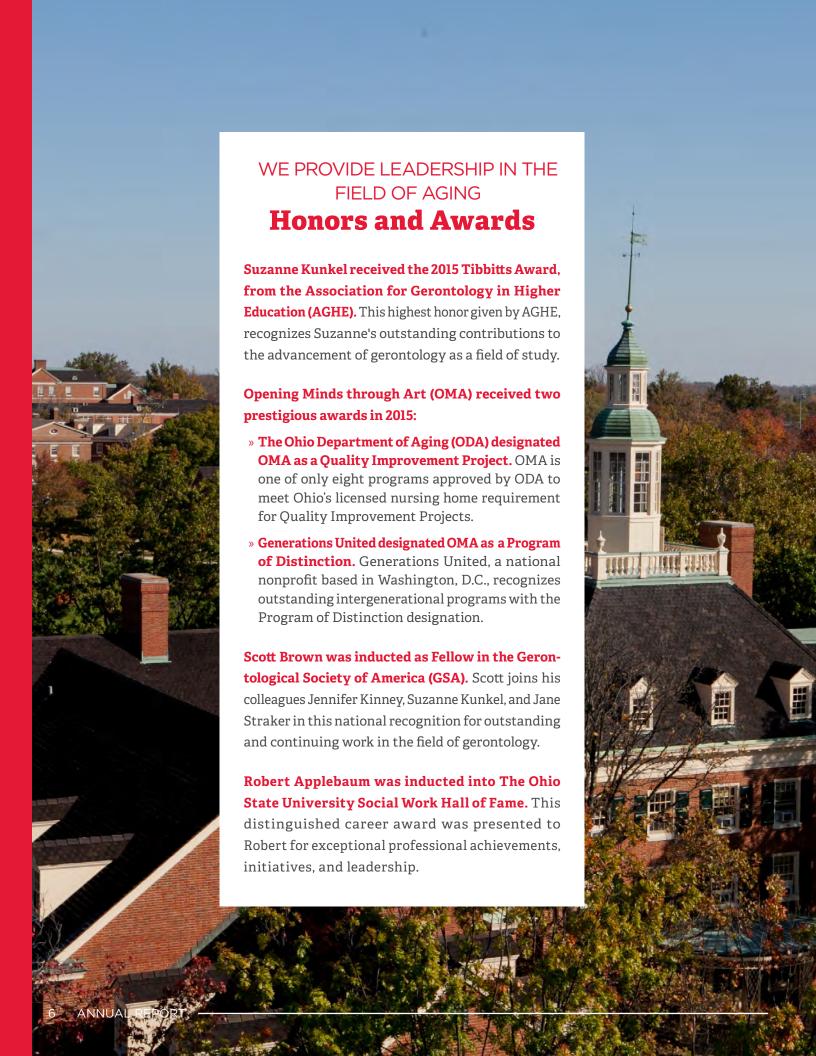
The Ohio Board of Regents names Scripps an Ohio Center of Excellence recognizing our capacity to strengthen the economy with "broad-minded scholars and creative, dynamic thinkers."







1998 - Present Suzanne R. Kunkel





"At my heart I am an economist and a data person . . . I [use] data to find answers for societal or population issues."

SHAHLA MEHDIZADEH, PhD
Senior Research Scholar



Dr. Mehdizadeh applies her talents as an economist to provide information that helps shape policies for older people with disabilities in Ohio. Working with other Scripps researchers and using national and state data, Shahla developed a series of research reports that addressed issues related to Ohio's capacity, both financially and structurally, to meet the needs of this growing population. Many questions were addressed such as:

- » What are the financial resources of Ohio's older population with a disability?
- » How many will potentially need Medicaid assistance?
- » Could Ohio benefit from a more managed longterm care services and supports strategy?

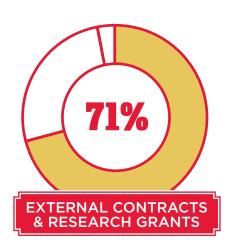
The reports provided information to project several different scenarios into the future by examining alternatives to nursing home care for people who needed daily assistance with simple everyday tasks. Among

the alternatives were a rapid expansion of home and community-based care, as well as providing education, training, and therapy support for people who could remain independent through simple home modifications and assistive devices. The projections demonstrated that changes have to be made soon with regular and continuous adjustments as more of the baby boomers reach older ages and need assistance.

Shahla presented these findings to the Medicaid Reform Committee and testified in front of the Ohio House Committee on Aging. "I believe those presentations and the discussions that followed made an impact. Both committees continued in reforming Medicaid long-term care services and supports by expanding and experimenting with alternatives to nursing home care while balancing allocations for caring for the most vulnerable people and other state needs." Learn more about this groundbreaking work at: **ohio-population.org**



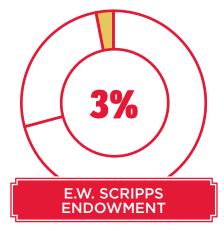
Research is the core of what we do. In 2015, Scripps managed 41 externally funded contracts and research **grants** that generated \$1.3 million in funding. That's **seventy-one percent** of our total operating budget funded through our research.



We are a vital part of the Miami community. Our leadership in education and our focus on external funding are important contributions to the Miami mission. In 2015, Miami provided twenty-six percent of our budget to help us deliver on our mission.



We're only as strong as our foundation and our original endowment from E.W. Scripps is **the cornerstone** that has made it all possible. It's a rock-solid connection to our origins that has helped us earn recognition as one of **the premier institutions** in aging research and education.



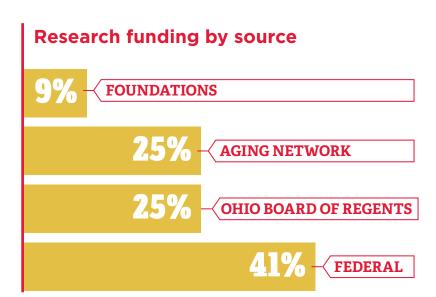
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The core of our work is

Research. We are a leading source for informed answers on aging.





Sharing our findings

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THE NUMBER OF TIMES
SCRIPPS RESEARCH OR
RESEARCH SCHOLARS
APPEARED IN THE MEDIA.



THE NUMBER OF PRESENTATIONS

TO PROFESSIONAL
ORGANIZATIONS GIVEN BY
SCRIPPS STAFF AND
GERONTOLOGY FACULTY.



THE NUMBER OF
PUBLICATIONS IN
JOURNALS, BOOKS, AND
REPORTS PRODUCED
BY SCRIPPS STAFF AND
GERONTOLOGY FACULTY.



ONLINE RESOURCES

Our research portfolio is available online at:

MiamiOH.edu/ScrippsAging/Publications

A few of our research projects and funders from 2015

What Matters Most: A Guide for Support and Care

• Ohio Department of Aging •

Tracking Long-Term Services Use in Ohio

• Ohio Department of Aging •

Long-Term Care Research

• Ohio Board of Regents •

A Caregiver Respite Strategy for the State of Ohio: Implementation and Evaluation

• Ohio Department of Aging / Administration on Aging •

Understanding US Regional Health and Mortality Disparities: A Life Course Approach

• Duke University / Department of Health & Human Services •

Ohio Preferences for Everyday Living Inventory (OPELI)

Development, Testing and Implementation

• Ohio Department of Aging •

Revising the Service Adequacy and Satisfaction Instrument (SASI) Surveys

• Council on Aging of Southwestern Ohio •

Neighborhood Assistants Pilot: A Program Evaluation of Person Centered Staffing

• Francis E. Parker Memorial Home •

Evaluation of the Elderly Services Program in Butler County

• Council on Aging of Southwestern Ohio •

Training Institute Participant Scholarships

• Alzheimer's Foundation of America •

Information and Planning: Understanding the Capacity of the Aging Network

• National Association of Area Agencies on Aging (n4a) / Department of Health and Human Services •

Epidemiology of Ocular Health and Disease

• South Texas Diabetes and Obesity Institute (STDOI) / The University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio / Department of Health and Human Services •

Assessing Resident Preferences to Advance Person Centered Care

• The Pennsylvania State University / Donaghue Foundation •

Ohio's Aging Workforce: A Resource to Improve Economic Growth

Ohio Department of Aging / Department of Labor

Development and Testing of Ohio's Facility Satisfaction Surveys

Ohio Department of Aging



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We support world class gerontology

Education. Students learn from some of the leading scholars in the field.



ONLINE RESOURCES

Learn about our unique opportunities for students at:

MiamiOH.edu/ScrippsAging/Academics



"The path to person-centered care is paved by preferences for everyday living and we're leading the way."

KATHERINE ABBOTT, MGS, PhD **Scripps Research Fellow**

Senior Miami University Computer Science students working on *ComPASS* project.



Dr. Abbott, her students and her colleagues are making a positive difference in the lives of older adults receiving long-term services and supports. Katy partnered with the Donaghue Foundation in 2015 to advance the science of preference-based person-centered care. This strategy honors the experiences and continuity of likes and dislikes that individuals have developed over a lifetime. It empowers residents, helping them to maximize their potential for retaining relationships, capabilities, interests and skills by acknowledging what they prefer in the context of their strengths and needs.

Providing innovative technology solutions that longterm care providers can use for quality improvement purposes is a project Katy is working on in partnership with the Miami University Computer Science Department. Together with Dr. Jerry Gannod and four undergraduate senior capstone students, a mobile responsive website called *ComPASS* (Care Preference Assessment of Satisfaction) is being created. The *ComPASS* quality improvement system helps providers pinpoint opportunities for improvement in care delivery. Dr. Abbott explains "Nursing homes are being asked by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services to provide personcentered care, but they need more support. *ComPASS* represents a sustainable path toward success."

Katy enjoys teaching gerontological concepts through a small group capstone experience. "Our shared goal is to improve the quality of life for nursing home residents." Read Katy's reports at MiamiOH.edu/ScrippsAging/Publications.

Investing in our

By building graduate assistants into our research proposals, we were able to provide

\$125,705

in funding so students could receive hands-on experience with high-impact research projects.

That translates to

11,637

graduate assistantship & summer research hours.



Thanks to these contributions,
21 students gained valuable experience by attending
7 professional conferences and making 35 research presentations.



The diversity of Miami's graduate gerontology students allows us to have a global impact.

Investing in these future leaders is a direct investment in the future

of aging societies around the world.



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We also make a difference through

Service. Our specialized talents fill unique needs.

Our staff, faculty, and fellows provide professional service and leadership in many volunteer roles at the local, state, and national levels. They do everything from mentoring faculty at other institutions to serving on the editorial boards of publications, and holding leadership positions for state and national organizations as well as service to the community.



Opening Minds through Art

OMA was offered at 37 locations across the United States, Canada, and Europe in 2015, pairing approximately **600 volunteers** with an equal number of people with neurocognitive disorders annually.

Building bridges across age and cognitive barriers through art.



OMA EMPOWERS UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS
FROM MIAMI AND OTHER UNIVERSITIES WITH
OPPORTUNITIES TO LEAD THROUGH ACTS OF SERVICE.

Undergrad
Students Invested
7,718
Service-Learning

Hours

218 UndergraduatesVolunteered with our Opening
Minds through Art program

(INCLUDING 82 MIAMI HONORS
STUDENTS)





JOSIE RADER

"OMA has shaped my career in many different ways, but has mostly taught me the importance of leadership, organization, planning, and communication."
[scrippsoma.org/student-reflections.html]

OMA provided **35** students with valuable leadership experience as student-leaders and **9** graduate students with research experience.



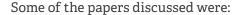
Bringing the world of gerontology to

Miami University

for the inaugural North American Network in Aging Studies (NANAS) conference.



Associate Professor and Scripps Research Fellow Kate de Medeiros organized and convened the inaugural conference of NANAS in May. The NANAS conference provided a venue for scholars from North America and Europe to present findings on how various aspects of our culture have shaped what it means to grow old.



- » Older Women and Popular Music: Reflections on Genre and Late Style.
- » Being Adventurous: Age Studies and Engaged Studies.
- » Dementia, Aging, and Embodiment: What Can We Learn from the History of the 'Art of Memory'?
- » Coming of Age in the Renaissance: Rough Passages for Women and Men



Miami is the organizational home for NANAS, which is sponsored on campus by the Scripps Gerontology Center, the Humanities Center and the Department of Sociology and Gerontology. Dr. de Medeiros is one of the four founding members.





We have built strong, strategic

Partnerships

with organizations across the country and around the world.

WE VALUE PARTNERSHIPS THAT PRODUCE IMPACT.

THEY HELP US MEET OUR MISSION OF MAKING A POSITIVE
DIFFERENCE IN THE LIVES OF AGING PEOPLE AROUND THE WORLD.

Some of these partners provide internships for students and enrich the educational experience at Miami by providing expertise in our classrooms, small group sessions, and seminars. Many of our partners are host sites for Opening Minds through Art (OMA), our arts-based program that enriches the lives of elders with dementia. And many of our strongest relationships are with the agencies that fund and collaborate with us on research, keeping our work grounded, meaningful, and forward-looking.

Partners in Education: 19 partners hosted undergraduate student interns; 10 partners hosted graduate practicum students; and individuals from 5 Miami University units presented in the Scripps brownbag series.

Partners in Research: 15 organizations across the U.S. and 4 Miami University units collaborated with us on research projects.

Partner Sites in Service: 37 locations across the United States, Canada and Europe hosted Opening Minds through Art (OMA).

Thank you to our

Donors. Their support helps extend our

capacity to meet our mission.



SUSTAINING BENEFACTORS

MAKING A DIFFERENCE THEN AND NOW

We couldn't do all that we do without the vision and generous support of our sustaining benefactors. Their generosity touches the lives of current and future experts in aging through the following funds:

- » E. W. Scripps Fund
- » P. K. Whelpton Fund
- » W. Fred Cottrell Leadership Development Fund
- » Colonial Long Term Care Research Award Fund
- » Franklin Foundation Fund
- » Charitable Words Scholarship Fund
- » Opening Minds through Art (OMA) Fund

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So Many Ways to

Connect.

MANY OF YOU HAVE BEEN AN INTEGRAL PART OF OUR PRESENT AND PAST SUCCESS. BECOME A PART OF OUR FUTURE—STAY CONNECTED.

CONNECT ONLINE

Want to know more about our work and mission? There are many ways to get (and keep) in touch with us. Go to ScrippsAging.org to visit us online and interact with our research and learn more about the students we train. And follow us on social media.



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CONNECT THROUGH GIVING

Another way you can connect with our mission is through giving. You can help us continue to provide quality research, education, and service with charitable donations to these funds:

- » Scripps Enrichment Fund
- » The P. K. Whelpton Memorial Lecture Fund » Scripps Gerontology Center Alumni Fund
- The W. Fred Cottrell Leadership Development Program Fund
- » Opening Minds through Art (OMA) Fund
- » Scripps Gerontology Center Fund

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