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### **The Gerontological Society of America Names New Officers**

The Gerontological Society of America (GSA) — the nation's largest interdisciplinary organization devoted to the field of aging — is proud to announce its newest elected officers. These individuals were chosen by GSA's membership, which consists of over 5,400 researchers, educators, and practitioners. The officers are responsible for matters of governance and strategic planning and represent the Society's four membership sections and its Emerging Scholar and Professional Organization. They will assume their new roles during GSA's 66th Annual Scientific Meeting, taking place from November 20 to 24 in New Orleans.

#### **GSA President-Elect**

**Rita B. Effros, PhD**, University of California, Los Angeles

#### **GSA Treasurer-Elect**

**Suzanne R. Kunkel, PhD**, Miami University

#### **Behavioral and Social Sciences Section Chair-Elect**

**Jacqueline L. Angel, PhD**, University of Texas at Austin

#### **Behavioral and Social Sciences Section Members-at-Large**

**Susan Turk Charles, PhD**, University of California, Irvine

**Eileen M. Crimmins, PhD**, University of Southern California

**Karen Rook, PhD**, University of California, Irvine

#### **Biological Sciences Section Chair-Elect**

**Rochelle Buffenstein, PhD**, The University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio

#### **Health Sciences Section Chair-Elect**

**Meg Bourbonniere, PhD, RN**, Thomas Jefferson University Hospital

#### **Social Research, Policy, and Practice Section Chair-Elect**

**Barbara Berkman, DSW/PhD**, Columbia University

#### **Emerging Scholar and Professional Organization Chair-Elect**

**Elizabeth A. Hahn, PhD**, Brandeis University

#### **Emerging Scholar and Professional Organization Secretary**

**Jessica P. Lendon, PhD**, VA Greater Los Angeles Healthcare System

#### **Emerging Scholar and Professional Organization Communication Chair**

**Shannon Mejía, MS**, Oregon State University

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The Gerontological Society of America (GSA) is the nation's oldest and largest interdisciplinary organization devoted to research, education, and practice in the field of aging. The principal mission of the Society — and its 5,400+ members — is to advance the study of aging and disseminate information among scientists, decision makers, and the general public. GSA's structure also includes a policy institute, the National Academy on an Aging Society, and an educational branch, the Association for Gerontology in Higher Education.