

# ISL HIGHLIGHTS

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## BROWN BAG RECORDING NOW LIVE

**Dr. Amir Rahmani**



Wearables, Agentic AI, and Living Labs: The Future of Health Innovation

[Watch Here](#)

## New Faculty Affiliates

**Dr. Molly Hermiller**



The ISL is delighted to welcome Dr. Molly Hermiller, Assistant Professor in the Psychology Department at FSU.

**Dr. Heidi Kinsell**



The ISL is delighted to welcome Dr. Heidi Kinsell, Assistant Professor in FSU's College of your Medicine.

## PANEL RECAP

**DR. KENNETH LANGA**

The ISL had the pleasure of welcoming Dr. Kenneth Langa, Co-Director of Health and Retirement Study, to Florida State University for a truly engaging and impactful visit centered on cognitive health, aging, and interdisciplinary collaboration.

Dr. Langa's visit included a community-facing event at a local senior center, where he connected directly with older adults to discuss brain health and aging in an accessible and meaningful way.



## ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE (AI) IN MEDICINE

**DR. MIA LUSTRIA**

ISL affiliate Dr. Mia Lustria held a public discussion to highlight both the promise and the limitations of artificial intelligence in medicine, including potential benefits for diagnosis and care, as well as concerns related to privacy, trust and access.



## SILVER STAR AWARD SELECTION

**DR. NEIL CHARNESS**

Dr. Neil Charness, Professor Emeritus of Psychology at FSU and founding ISL Director, has been selected as a 2026 Silver Star Award recipient.

Silver Stars is the region's premiere event recognizing individuals who have made a positive impact in the community since turning age 60.



## VOICES OF LONGEVITY

**DR. DAWN CARR**

A new Voices of Longevity episode is now live! This episode features Dr. Dawn Carr, Director of the Claude Pepper Center and Professor of Sociology, as she offers powerful insights on aging, health, and longevity. Her interview can be watched on the [ISL's Youtube channel](#).



## GOT RESEARCH NEWS OR A NEW PUBLICATION?

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## Interested in being a guest for an ISL podcast episode?

Email [isl.fsu.edu](mailto:isl.fsu.edu) if interested in being interviewed for a podcast episode. Community members and researchers welcome!

## ISL Student Poster Day 2026

### Save the Date

ISL Poster Day will take place on **March 23, 2026** at the **Innovation Hub** in the Louis Shores Building.

Join us presentations, judging, and reception

### Call for Participants

- Students and scholars working with **ISL Faculty Affiliates** are invited to present their research at the ISL Student Poster Day March 23, 10 AM – 1 PM.
- Participants will present posters, discuss their research, and compete for awards.
- Posters must be 48 x 36 inches or smaller
- Attendance required to be eligible for prizes.

**Registration Deadline: March 6, 2026**

[Apply Here](#)



## ISL Esther & Del Grosser Scholarship

ISL Faculty affiliates, have the privilege of nominating students for the ISL's Esther & Del Grosser Scholarship, an annual award of \$1,000 in support of student research

### Nominations Include:

- A one-page letter from the students indicating how their research aligns with the ISL's mission
- A letter of recommendation from you, the students advisor
- Your students CV
- A high-quality photo of the students

**Nominations are due March 2, 2026.**

[Read more here.](#)

## NEW PUBLICATION

### DR. QUING-XIANG "AMY" SANG

Dr. Quing-Xiang "Amy" Sang was awarded with an ISL Seed grant in 2024. Her research team consists of graduate students Faiza Mahamud, Drishty B. Sarker, Yu "Harry" Xue, and undergraduate student Jonathan Jocelyn. Together, they have completed all the proposed projects and published two research papers.

Read the publications:

- [Cells: Molecular and Cellular Effects of Microplastics and Nanoplastics](#)
- [International Journal of Molecular Sciences: Micro- and Nanoplastic Exposure in Human Astrocytes](#)



## GRANT AWARDEE

### DR. ELIZABETH MADDEN

Dr. Elizabeth Madden has been awarded an R56 grant from the National Institute on Deafness and Other Communication Disorders as a co-Investigator on the project "Evidence-Based Modeling Approaches to Customizing Treatments for Acquired Dyslexia."

By combining speech-language pathology, neuroscience, and computational modeling, this research aims to personalize therapy, improve outcomes, and enhance quality of life.



## ISL PLANNING GRANT PROGRAM

### NOW ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS

The Institute for Successful Longevity invites FSU research faculty to apply for its Planning Grant Program, which is now accepting applications. This program fosters interdisciplinary collaboration and advances research or creative activities that support successful aging. **Applications due by March 28, 2026.** [More information here.](#)

### Highlights:

- Must include at least 2 researchers (Preferably from different disciplines)
- Each project is eligible for \$25,000



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