

**Gero Innovations Grant
Master's Advanced Curriculum Project
JMSW Program**

The Gero Innovations Grant, funded by the Hartford Foundation through the Council on Social Work Education is part of the Master's Advanced Curriculum Project which sought to infuse aging content in advanced MSW curriculum, thereby enhancing competency in aging practice. The two year project was funded through a competitive grant process in 2007 with the JMSW program being one of only fourteen MSW programs in the nation to receive the award. The project enhanced the curriculum by infusing aging content in the health care and mental health area of practice courses and materials developed are now available world-wide to educators on the CSWE Gero-Ed website (<http://depts.washington.edu/geroctr/mac/index.html>).

Professor Jay Poole served as the project director and principal investigator for the project and Dr. Wayne Moore (NCA&TSU) and professor Janet Kanode (UNCG) worked with Professor Poole to develop the materials used in the innovations. Activities associated with the project were as follows:

- ξ Completion of seven teaching/learning modules focused on aging concerns and issues

- ξ Participation in planning and implementing an aging workshop for students, field instructors, and local practitioners.

- ξ Participation in field experiences that enhance aging content as appropriate.

- ξ Research and dissemination activities related to aging topics.