

About the Research

The care that you give to your spouse or partner with Alzheimer's disease or another dementia is both vital and challenging. We want to learn from you about your experiences, so that we might better support all caregivers.

We are conducting a study on older adults who care for their spouses and partners with Alzheimer's Disease or related dementias. This study is supported by a grant from the National Institute of Aging, awarded to Toni Calasanti, a professor of sociology at Virginia Tech. We build upon previous research we have conducted on older heterosexual spousal caregivers as well as older LGBT persons. We are interested in the role that gender and sexual orientation play in shaping caregiving experiences, some of the similarities and any unique challenges, and how we can apply what we learn to support all caregivers better.

Seeking Spousal and Partner Caregivers for Interviews



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Based on our previous research, we expect interviews to last about 1½ hours. While we are unable to pay participants, we can offer a small (\$30) gift card as a token of appreciation and gratitude for your time and sharing of your experiences.

If you are interested in participating, please contact us by email at toni@vt.edu, or bdevries@sfsu.edu and we will try to arrange a convenient time to conduct an interview. We are hoping to conduct in-person interviews during the spring and summer. But if this time frame (or location) does not work for you, we will try to arrange an alternative time or method for the interview. We must conclude all interviews by the end of 2020. Thank you for your help in this important study.