

A Holistic Multigenerational Homecare and Cooperative Development for AAPI Older Adults and Families

This presentation examines a hidden crisis at the intersection of aging and low-wage care work in Asian American and Pacific Islander (AAPI) communities. AAPI older adults are among the fastest-growing older populations in the United States, with many living alone, managing multiple chronic conditions, and facing language and cultural barriers in accessing home- and community-based services. At the same time, immigrant homecare workers, predominantly AAPI women, provide essential, complex care while confronting low wages, limited benefits, and weak labour protections. Framed as a “double jeopardy,” the talk explores how current systems undermine both healthy aging-in-place and worker well-being. It then introduces a conceptual, community-based participatory research (CBPR) initiative to co-develop a holistic, multigenerational, worker-owned homecare cooperative model for AAPI older adults and families. The presentation highlights the promises and challenges of cooperative approaches and outlines future directions for integrating culturally grounded, worker-led homecare into healthy aging and environmental planning.