NEUROSCIENCE & PUBLIC POLICY SEMINAR

“THE LINK BETWEEN MIDLIFE OBESITY AND COGNITIVE DECLINE IN LATER LIFE”

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A growing body of literature demonstrates a strong correlation between obesity in midlife and lower levels of cognitive functioning in later life. These studies, however, are unable to account for the potential confounding role of early life cognitive functioning. Utilizing the Wisconsin Longitudinal Study, Herd shows that the relationship between obesity in midlife and cognitive functioning in later life is largely accounted for after controlling for early life cognitive functioning. Herd, a Professor of Public Affairs and Sociology, focuses her research generally on aging, policy, health, and inequality. Herd’s research aims to examine how social policies affect gender, race, and class inequalities as well as investigate the relationship between social factors and health. Her current research project examines the mechanisms that link higher education attainment to better health outcomes.

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Refreshments will be served in the Biotechnology Atrium at 3:30 p.m.
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