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## **‘Finances and Aging’ mini-conference at RIC, April 25**

RIC’s Gerontology Center and School of Management will present a mini-conference, “Finances and Aging,” on Wednesday, April 25, in the Faculty Center Main Dining Room. ([Brochure](#))

The conference will be held from 9 a.m. to noon; registration begins at 8:30 a.m.

Participants will become familiar with the causes of senior economic insecurity and differences by race and gender and learn how to prepare for retirement decisions. They will also gain awareness of the impact of changes in public funding on services and benefits for older adults, and understand income replacement ratios and how pensions are structured, managed, funded and financed to meet the promised obligations.

“This year, the source and amount of finances of older adults has never been a more pressing issue,” said Rachel Filinson, professor of sociology and coordinator of RIC’s Gerontology Program. “It is particularly relevant given the debates at the state and local levels regarding public pensions, and at the federal level regarding the budgetary concerns over Social Security and Medicare.”

Several experts in various fields will provide presentations:

- Tatjana Meschede, PhD, research director, Institute of Assets and Social Policy, Heller School for Social Policy and Management, Brandeis University
- Robert Muksian, PhD, professor of mathematics, Bryant University
- James Nyberg, MPA, director, LeadingAge RI
- James Worrell, JD, PRP, president, GPS Investment Advisors

Three contact hours are available from Rhode Island College.

*The conference is free and open to the public. There is no preregistration. Support provided by the RIC College Lectures Committee. For more information, contact Rachel Filinson at (401) 456-8732.*

### **About RIC's Gerontology Program and School of Management**

The multidisciplinary certificate program in gerontology was instituted in 1977 at Rhode Island College, a Gerontology Center was established in 1979, and a minor was approved in 1992. The gerontology program offers courses on aging through the Departments of Sociology, Psychology, and Anthropology; through the Schools of Nursing and Social Work; and through other disciplines.

The School of Management offers programs in accounting, computer information systems, economics, finance, management, marketing, and health care administration. An innovative Financial Literacy and Growth (FLAG) initiative provides rudimentary and advanced training, highlighted by a new Trading Room, opportunities for Bloomberg Certification, a new Personal Finance course, partnership programs with State of Rhode Island offices, and financial literacy training.