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New College of Liberal Arts Research Academy (CLARA) speaker series:

"What I (Would) Do Today: CLARA Conversations with Distinguished CLA Faculty and University Scholars."

Inaugural Conversation

How to Conduct Innovative Mixed-Method Research on a Shoestring.



Dr. Jill Suitor

Distinguished Professor of Sociology
Purdue University

Thursday, October 15th, 2026
12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m.
BRNG, Room 6138

Please register via the QR Code by October 12th.

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In addition to Dr. Suitor's prestigious position within the Purdue research community, the National Institute on Aging, the National Institute of Mental Health, the Spencer Foundation, and the USDA have supported her research for more than 30 years. Over the course of her impressive career, her work has resulted in more than 150 journal articles and book chapters.

Dr. Suitor has also served as a standing member of the National Institutes of Health Study Sections on Personality, Social Psychology, and Interpersonal Processes and Social Sciences and Population Studies. She has received the Behavioral and Social Sciences Distinguished Career Award from the Gerontological Society of America and the Matilda White Riley Distinguished Scholar Award from the Section on Aging and the Life Course of the American Sociological Association. She is an elected Fellow of the Gerontological Society of America and an elected member of the Sociological Research Association.

Alongside her impressive appointment, since 2001, she has led the Within Family Differences Study (WFDS). This mixed-methods, NIA-supported panel investigation examines the causes and consequences of within-family differentiation across three generations in more than 550 families. More information about this work is available on her WFDS website.

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