

## Dr Laura Gitlin

**Dr Laura N. Gitlin**, an applied research sociologist, is professor in the Department of Community Public Health, School of Nursing with joint appointments in Department of Psychiatry and Division of Geriatric Medicine at Johns Hopkins University. She is also the founding director of the Center for Innovative Care in Aging at Hopkins which is transforming health care delivery and the health and wellbeing of older adults and their families through rigorous research, trainings of health and human service professionals in evidence-based interventions and models of care, and translation and implementation of proven interventions in service delivery settings. Dr. Gitlin is nationally and internationally recognized for her research on developing, testing and implementing novel nonpharmacologic interventions to improve the quality of life of persons with dementia and their family caregivers, enhance daily functioning in older adults with disability, and address mental health disparities among minority groups. She is a well-funded researcher, having received continuous research and training grants from federal agencies and private foundations for close to 28 years.

A theme throughout her research is applying a social ecological perspective and person-directed approach as well as collaborating with community organizations and health professionals to maximize the relevance and impact of intervention strategies. She is also involved in translating and implementing her team's proven interventions for delivery in different practice settings globally and in the United States.

Dr Gitlin is the recipient of numerous awards including the 2009 Eastern Pennsylvania Geriatric Society, Charles Ewing Presidential Award for outstanding contribution to geriatric care; the 2010 United Way Champion Impact Award for Healthy Aging at Home, the 2010 National Institute of Senior Centers Award with Center in the Park, the 2010 MetLife Award for translating the Skills<sub>2</sub>Care Program (a dementia caregiver intervention program) with Fox Rehabilitation (a home health agency); the 2011 John Mackey Award for Excellence in Dementia Care, from Johns Hopkins University, and the 2014 M. Powell Lawton Award from the Gerontological Society of America. She is the author of close to 200 scientific publications and has authored or co-authored 5 books, one in its 4<sup>th</sup> edition and another its 5<sup>th</sup> edition, with a 6<sup>th</sup> book forthcoming on behavioral intervention research.



### Research Presentation:

## We can do Better: Helping People with Dementia and Their Families Live at Home with Quality of Life

**Venue:** Faculty of Health Sciences, The University of Sydney, 75 East St, Lidcombe

**Date:** Wednesday 25 March, 2015

**Time:** 3:30-4:30pm

**RSVP essential:**

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