Agenda and Schedule Russell Sage Foundation, NYC
Meeting of Working Group on Life Course Health Dynamics and Disparities

**Monday, September 12**

Russell Sage Foundation, Library Meeting Room, 112 East 64th Street, New York, NY 10065

8:00 – 8:30 am  Continental breakfast

8:30 – 9:00  Introductions to the meeting, participants, and observers from RSF
Jim House and Eileen Crimmins

9:00 – 10:30  SESSION 1 – The State of Health in the U.S.: Trends and Disparities in Health by Gender and Socioeconomic Position (especially Education) in the U.S.
Eileen Crimmins and Jim House
   - What are recent time trends in the U.S. in Mortality and Morbidity?
   - Has there been change in life course trajectories?
   - How does the U.S. compare with other nations?
   - Is there evidence of rectangularization? Compression?
   - Are there age, cohort or life course differences?

10:30 – 11:00  Break

11:00 – 12:30 SESSION 2 – Explaining Life Course Trends and Disparities in Health by Gender and Socioeconomic Position: Social, Psychological, and Behavioral Processes
Tara Gruenewald, Jennifer Ailshire, and Margie Lachman
   - How do psychosocial factors relate to SES and Gender? To health?
   - How can psychosocial factors mediate the SES-health or gender-health relationship?
   - What do we know empirically about these relationships?
   - What other factors mediate or moderate the SES and health or gender and health relationships?
   - What opportunities are there for future research with existing data?

12:30 – 1:30  Lunch

1:30 – 3:00  SESSION 3 – Explaining Life Course Trends & Disparities in Health by Gender and Socioeconomic Position: Work and Family Changes
Sarah Burgard, Esther Friedman, Rob Mare, and Teresa Seeman
   - How does work/family conflict differ by gender and SES?
   - Is work/family conflict related to health?
   - How has work family conflict changed over time? For whom has it changed?
Rob Mare and Esther Friedman
   - How can we better conceptualize and measure SES in studies of healthy aging? How does embedding individuals into families and studying them over longer parts of their lifecycles change our understanding?
3:00 – 3:30 Break

3:30 – 5:00 SESSION 4 – Explaining Life Course Trends and Disparities in Health by Gender and Socioeconomic Position: Biomedical Perspective
Arun Karlamangla – Measurement of Health
  ○ How should we approach the Measurement of Health to better understand trends and disparities in health?
Jack Iwashyna and Ken Langa
  ○ Acute Events and Chronic Trajectories

5:00 – 7:30 Free Time

7:30 Dinner

Tuesday, September 13

8:00 – 8:30 am Continental breakfast

8:30 – 9:15 SESSION 5 – Explaining Life Course Trends & Disparities in Health by Gender and Socioeconomic Position: Long-term Economic and Health effects of Unemployment During Major Economic Recessions
Till von Wachter

9:15 – 10:00 SESSION 6 – Explaining Life Course Trends & Disparities in Health by Gender and Socioeconomic Position: Elective Medical Treatment
Lauren Nicholas

10:00 – 10:30 Break

10:30 – Noon SESSION 7 – Actual and Projected Implications of Trends and Disparities in Health over the Life Course and Explanations Thereof for:
  ○ Health Care/Utilization and Costs - Annual/Ongoing
  ○ Health Care/Utilization and Costs - Lifetime/End-of-Life
Dana Goldman

Noon – 12:30 Initial Summary and Logistics for Departure

12:30 – 1:30 Lunch: Future Plans and Direction

1:30 Adjournment