The second annual ATSU Lecture on Aging will be held at 2 p.m., April 7, at the ATSU Campus in Kirksville, Mo., and will be simultaneously broadcast at the ATSU campus in Mesa, Arizona, and made available online as well. Dr. John E. Morley, M.B., B.Ch., will present the lecture on health promotion and healthy aging.

Dr. Morely is Dammert Professor of Gerontology at Saint Louis University Medical School and director of the Geriatric Research Education and Clinical Center at the St. Louis V.A. Medical Center. Dr. Morley was educated at the University of Witwatersrand in his native South Africa. He received postgraduate training at UCLA and is board certified in endocrinology and geriatrics.


The lecture will be open to ATSU faculty, staff, students and alumni, as well as other interested community professionals. It is anticipated that CME credit will be available.

The lecture is sponsored by the ATSU Committee on Aging. For more information, please call 660.626.2182 or rlukefahr@atsu.edu.
Representatives from four Missouri “Aging in Place” sites recently met in Kirksville at ATSU’s Senior Living Campus to discuss progress in the development of the program, as well as challenges they currently are facing.

In March 2002, the Missouri Department of Health & Senior Services designated sites in Springfield, Cape Girardeau, Columbia, and Kirksville as pilot locations of “Aging in Place” models for the state of Missouri. The Aging in Place model of care for the elderly offers care coordination and healthcare services to older adults so they will not have to move from one level of care delivery to another as their healthcare needs increase.

Discussion among the more than 20 representatives who attended the meeting included: strategies to develop health and wellness resource programs at senior wellness and community centers; federal and state health programs, including Medicare, prescription drug programs, and tax credit availability; and coordinated community services, including services and collaboration with partnered health clinics and health science institutions.

“What makes Kirksville’s Aging in Place model work is the engagement and contributions of the community,” said Elsie Gaber, Ph.D., associate vice president for university relations at ATSU. “Whether it is RSVP volunteers with the leadership of Pat Selby, or Senior Circle program with the enthusiasm of Laura Gruber, or Dr. Rene McGovern and Janet Head with the integration of our students into the community, partnerships are a key to the successful programs in our community, and the Aging in Place program is one more example of how people working together make the difference.”