Two HRS core cognitive classification methods informed by HRS/HCAP

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Rich is an investigator in the area of mental health and aging, with a specific focus on the epidemiology of cognitive aging, cognitive reserve, and environmental influences on cognitive function. Cognitive reserve is a hypothesis proposing that personal experiences and characteristics (e.g., educational attainment) provide a buffer against the clinical effects of underlying disease. Rich is an epidemiologist and methodologist. He trained in Psychiatric Epidemiology at the Johns Hopkins University School of Hygiene and Public Health, Department of Mental Hygiene.

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Measurement of cognition and classification of dementia in the CVFS-SCAN study

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Emily's research focuses on neuropsychological assessment for the detection of Alzheimer's Disease and Related Dementias (ADRD) across culturally and linguistically varied populations. She studies cognitive aging and the measurement of cognitive and functional impairment in international population-based aging studies, including studies in the HCAP Network. She is the neuropsychologist for the Cognitive Health Services Research Program and is a member of the Institute for Healthcare Policy and Innovation (IHPI), Global REACH, and the Center for Global Health Equity. Dr. Briceno is also an affiliate of the Michigan Center on the Demography of Aging (MiCDA).

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Incidence of dementia and mild cognitive impairment in the HRS-HCAP, 2016/17 to 2022/23

Date: Friday, January 29th, 2027

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Lindsay's research focuses on the social epidemiology of cognitive aging from a global perspective. She investigates social and economic life course influences on cognitive aging, primarily using data from internationally harmonized longitudinal studies of aging. She is an innovator in theoretical and methodological approaches to cross-national comparisons of later-life cognitive aging. She is the Co-Director of the NIA-funded U24 HCAP International Network, an ongoing international research collaboration to measure and understand dementia risk within harmonized longitudinal studies of aging around the world.

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Validating the Manly-Jones Algorithm in ADAMS

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Zach's research focuses on examining trajectories of cognitive decline, and what factors alter said trajectory. He uses latent variable modeling, such as item response theory and growth curve modeling, to examine these trajectories.



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Emma's research interests focus on cognitive aging and dementia, as well as methodological problems common in epidemiologic studies of older adults. Her current work focuses on international aging studies and cross-national comparisons.

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Rural Data Collection in the Zambian Cohort for Healthy Aging & Dementia (Z-CHAD) Study

Date: Friday, May 21st, 2027

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Melissa conducts epidemiologic, health services, and clinical research aimed at determining risk factors for neurologic morbidity and mortality. The Z-CHAD study is determining the prevalence of dementia and associated risk factors in urban and rural Zambia while also characterizing the burden and barriers to care faced by these patients and their caregivers.



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Lisa is a clinical neuropsychologist and the local Principal Investigator for the Z-CHAD study where she oversees neurocognitive assessment protocols for dementia diagnosis and community-based screening. Her research interests focus on how age, education, multilingualism, and cultural factors affect test performance.

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