“Geographic Patterning of Alzheimer’s and Related Dementias: Where We Live Matters”

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In this seminar, Dr. Wing will describe the current knowledge on the geographic variability of Alzheimer’s disease and related dementias (ADRD) prevalence in the United States and share findings specific to Ohio. Recent work has found that residing in rural-Appalachian areas was associated with a greater prevalence of ADRD compared to rural non-Appalachian areas in Ohio, yet this disproportionate burden persisted beyond controlling for demographics and comorbidities. Additional sociodemographic factors need to be explored as potential reasons for the disparity and plans for inclusion in future studies will be discussed.