

## ASU Research Faculty Expertise in Aging-Related Issues

Our research mission is a major focus. Diversity in expertise of our research faculty provides a broad foundation for our research objectives which include (1) the development of interdisciplinary scholarship teams that focus on collaborative science in health promotion in the aging population; (2) the development of resources to aid in the procurement of future funding for research targeting healthy aging; and 3) the integration and promotion of current research into healthy aging practice.

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While working as a women's health nurse practitioner in reproductive medicine, Anne-Marie has worked with many patients struggling with overweight and obesity. Of particular concern for overweight women is their transition into the menopause, which poses an additional risk for weight gain from the physiologic loss of lean body mass and decrease in basal metabolic rate. Her initial work will be to conduct studies that more fully identify the myriad social and contextual factors associated with overweight and obesity in the postmenopausal woman. Expanding her scope of inquiry to consider factors beyond women's diets and physical activity, her research may uncover how personal relationships, roles, and/or environment mediate the development of overweight and obesity. Anne-Marie is mentored by Dr. Colleen Keller.

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