The Institute on Aging hosted the December meeting of the Aging in Place Business Roundtable. Angela Staples, Research Assistant Professor of Psychology, outlined her current research as a Principal Investigator for a National Institute on Aging-funded study. Her talk, “More than Words: The Science of Conversation” outlined her work. This local group of business people serving individuals fifty and beyond showed much interest in how her research may benefit their clients and themselves.

An emphasis at the Institute on Aging is on translational research, or applying research to produce practical applications and benefits. For example, Angela demonstrated how her research may produce significant improvements in the efficacy of telehealth communications and remote monitoring.

If you would like to get involved in Angela’s study, she is seeking volunteers age 60 and over for a two-hour study. Participation involves one-on-one conversations with other people over a video link and filling out questionnaires both before and after the conversations. Volunteers will be compensated $30 for their participation. Please call her lab at (434) 924-3600 or e-mail for more information.