

Organizations

Note: organization descriptions are taken verbatim from the organizations' websites. Readers are encouraged to acquaint themselves fully with an organization before joining.

AARP

“We are a nonprofit, nonpartisan organization that helps people 50 and over improve the quality of their lives.” www.aarp.org

“Human Values in Aging,” an excellent, free newsletter edited by Harry (Rick) Moody and published by AARP’s Office of Academic Affairs. To request a subscription, contact hrmoody@aarp.org

AoA eNews

http://www.aoa.gov/AoARoot/Press_Room/Enews/index.aspx

Age in Action

<http://www.sahp.vcu.edu/vcoa/newsletter/index.html>

Ageing in Europe

<http://www.ageing-in-europe.org/>

Their “Links” section lists “Selected National and International Societies and Networks” of gerontology.

Alliance For Aging Research (AFAR)

A consortium of organizations doing research on aging. They put out publications, offer a social networking site, and much more. <http://www.agingresearch.org/>

The AFAR’s list of links they think are useful when doing aging research.

<http://www.agingresearch.org/section/resources/>

Alliance for Retired Americans

The mission of the Alliance for Retired Americans is to ensure social and economic justice and full civil rights for all citizens so that they may enjoy lives of dignity, personal and family fulfillment and security.

<http://www.retiredamericans.org/>

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Alzheimer Research Forum

<http://www.alzforum.org/>

American Society on Aging

The largest organization of multidisciplinary professionals in the field of aging.

www.asaging.org

Arts for the Aging, Inc.

Since 1988, Arts for the Aging, Inc., (AFTA) has been providing artistic outreach services to psychologically and physically impaired seniors in senior day care centers and not-for-profit nursing homes in the metropolitan Washington, DC area. AFTA's mission is to work closely with these senior day care centers and foster participation of seniors in creative and stimulating art activities, allowing them to enjoy an enhanced and healthy aging process as well as feel a deep sense of accomplishment and enjoyment. Although AFTA programs serve seniors with a broad range of age related impairments, emphasis is on those suffering from age related dementia, including Alzheimer's. Seventy to eighty percent of senior day care center participants have a mild to moderate form of dementia. www.aftaarts.org

Association for Gerontology in Higher Education

The only national membership organization devoted primarily to gerontological education.

www.aghe.org

Atlantic Philanthropies, Ageing Programmes

<http://www.atlanticphilanthropies.org/programme/ageing>

“Bringing LGBT Seniors Together”

Formed by the Spectrum LGBT Center of Marin County (<http://www.spectrumlgbtcenter.org>), with outreach efforts funded by Horizons Foundation (<http://www.horizonsfoundation.org>).

Canadian Association on Gerontology

The Canadian Association on Gerontology (CAG) is a national, multidisciplinary scientific and educational association established to provide leadership in matters related to the aging population.

www.cagacg.ca

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Center on Age and Community

<http://www.aging.uwm.edu>

Center for Demography of Health and Aging

A Center for Interdisciplinary Research and Training in Population Aging and Health at University of Wisconsin – Madison’s Current Awareness in Aging Report

<http://www.ssc.wisc.edu/cdha/pubs/caar.html>

Centre for Ageing Research and Development in Ireland (CARDI)

Advocates for and advance the ageing research agenda by identifying, coordinating, stimulating, and communicating strategic research on ageing and older people as a means to improve the lives of older people in Ireland (North and South) especially those who are disadvantaged.

<http://www.cardi.ie/aboutus>

Communities for a Lifetime

A statewide initiative that assists Florida cities, towns and counties in planning and implementing improvements that benefit their residents, both youth and elder.

www.Communitiesforalifetime.org

Communities for All Ages

A multi-site community building initiative coordinated by the Temple University Center for Intergenerational Learning (www.templecil.org) that intentionally promotes the well-being of children, youth, and older adults, strengthens families, and provides opportunities for ongoing interaction across ages. It focuses on transforming varied age groups and organizations from competitors to allies. <http://www.communitiesforallages.org/>

Department of Childhood Studies

Childhood Studies listserv:

https://email.rutgers.edu/mailman/listinfo/exploring_childhood_studies. From the Department of Childhood Studies at Rutgers University-Camden; welcomes CFPs, Announcements of conferences, events, new books, articles and other resources, requests for information, and information on new programs and departments.

Elder Resource Alliance

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An advocacy program for LGBTQI senior citizens. FFI, go to www.FriendlyHouseInc.org, click on Programs and scroll down to Elder Resource Alliance.

European Sociological Association (ESA) Research Network on Ageing in Europe

<http://www.ageing-in-europe.org/>

Exit International

A leading End of Life Choices information & advocacy non-profit.

<http://www.exitinternational.net/page/Home>

Florida Coalition for Optimal Mental Health and Aging

“Provides opportunities for individuals, professionals, consumers, researchers, government and private organizations to work together towards improving the availability and quality of mental health and substance abuse services for older Floridians and their families through training, education, research, and increased public awareness.”

<http://www.fcomha.org>

Georgia Geriatric Education Center

Includes training modules and “Aging 101” videos.

<http://training.geron.uga.edu/>

Gerontological Society of America

A non-profit professional organization with more than 5000 members in the field of aging. GSA provides researchers, educators, practitioners, and policy makers with opportunities to understand, advance, integrate, and use basic and applied research on aging to improve the quality of life as one ages.

www.geron.org

Grantmakers in Aging

Grantmakers In Aging is dedicated to promoting and strengthening grantmaking for an aging society. www.giaging.org

Margaret Morganroth Gullette

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Margaret Morganroth Gullette has an elist for Age-Studies information that includes many American, Canadian, British, and other European age critics. Her mailings are only occasional. They sometimes include her own short articles or op-eds on age issues, from www.womenENews.org and newspapers. She is a member of the network, "Aging in Europe," and passes on calls for papers in Age Studies from there and elsewhere. If you would like to be added to her elist, write to her at mgullette@msn.com

Health and Aging Policy Newsletter

<http://www.healthandagingpolicy.org/resources/newsletter.html>

We commonly define the age of a person in terms of calendar years. However, we are more likely to base our behavior on our subjective estimate than the calendar. In a longitudinal study, people ages 70-104 were evaluated over a six-year period. On average, people felt they were about 13 years younger than their chronological age. This difference changed very little over the years. Overall, "older people feel younger than they actually are and generally are satisfied with their aging" (377). From: Self-perceptions of aging: Do subjective age and satisfaction with aging change during old age? By Anna Kleinspehn-Ammerlahn, Dana Kitter-Gruhn, and Jacqui Smith. *Journal of Gerontology: PSYCHOLOGICAL SCIENCES*, 2008, 63B, P377-P385. A summary from the Positive Aging Newsletter (healthandage.com)

Helen Bader Foundation, Alzheimer's and Aging

<http://www.hbf.org/NewSite/Programs/alzheimers.htm>

HelpAge

"HelpAgeUSA builds awareness of global aging issues among US audiences; advocates for the empowerment of older, vulnerable adults in the developing world; and raises funds to support the programs of the HelpAge network." <http://www.helpageusa.org/index.html>.

International Federation on Aging

<http://www.ifa-fiv.org>.

International Journal of Aging and Later Life

Open access at: <http://www.ep.liu.se/ej/ijal/>

Israel Gerontological Data Center

<http://igdc.huji.ac.il/Home/Home.aspx>

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Itineraries

A journal that begins a year-long exploration of “The Spirituality of Later Life” with its Winter 2011 issue on “Writing As a Spiritual Practice,” guest edited by Ellen Ryan:

<http://www.secondjourney.org/Itin.htm>.

J of Aging Studies

“Age and the Cultivation of Place,” a special section in *J of Aging Studies* 25.3 (Aug. 2011): 189-338. David J. Ekerdt and Keith Diaz Moore, eds.

http://www.elsevier.com/wps/find/journaldescription.cws_home/620198/description#description

Judaism and Aging

Caring Across Generations Campaign: <http://www.domesticworkers.org/caring-across-generations>

Kairos Dance

An intergenerational dance company committed to sharing the joy of dance and unleashing its power to nurture and heal. The Dancing Heart program improves flexibility, energy, balance, memory and socialization of older, frail adults through movement, dance and storytelling: Transforming lives through movement and story. www.kairosdance.org

The Life Story Center

Established in 1988 as the Center for the Study of Lives, a research, educational, and service unit of the College of Education and Human Development at the University of Southern Maine. They offer a proprietary protocol for telling life stories online, along with an ever-expanding archive of life stories, beginning with its existing archive of over 400 life stories, each one averaging about 20 pages in length, that is fully searchable.

<http://usm.maine.edu/olli/national/lifestorycenter/>

Minnesota Creative Arts and Aging Network (MnCAAN)

A nonprofit committed to expanding opportunities for older Minnesotans to express their creativity through the arts. They are in the midst of a statewide campaign called Creativity Matters for Older Minnesotans, which began with the production of "The Creative Power of Aging," a film highlighting older artists and also programs that engage older community members (frail and healthy) in arts activities. MnCAAN also does training and consulting and sponsors conferences, and it has a highly interactive website to create a virtual community of older adults, artists, and senior-serving organizations interested in arts and aging. Learn much more at <http://www.mncaan.net>

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Modern Language Association, Age Studies discussion group

For the study of age, aging, and old age in literature and culture, and the pedagogy of those topics in the literature, composition, and foreign language classrooms.

www.mla.org

National Asian Pacific Center on Aging

www.napca.org

National Association of Area Agencies on Aging (n4a)

The leading voice on aging issues for Area Agencies on Aging and a champion for Title VI Native American aging programs. Through advocacy, training and technical assistance, we support the national network of 650 AAAs and 240 Title VI programs. www.n4a.org

National Association for Hispanic Elderly/Asociacion Nacional pro Personas Mayoras

www.anppm.org

National Caucus and Center on Black Aged

www.ncba-aged.org

National Indian Council on Aging

www.nicoa.org

National Institute on Aging (an Institute of the National Institute of Health)

NIA, one of the 27 Institutes and Centers of NIH, leads a broad scientific effort to understand the nature of aging and to extend the healthy, active years of life. In 1974, Congress granted authority to form NIA to provide leadership in aging research, training, health information dissemination, and other programs relevant to aging and older people.

www.nia.nih.gov

NIA offers an epublication that highlights research on aging, “Spotlight on Aging Research” (SOAR). <http://www.nia.nih.gov/NewsAndEvents/SOAR/v2n2/FrontPage/>

Connections, the newsletter of the National Institute on Aging’s Alzheimer’s Disease Education and Referral (ADEAR) Center, is available in a free e-subscription. Other free ADEAR

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publications are also available.

<http://list.niapublications.org/adealert/lists/?p=subscribe&id=4&id=4>

National Hispanic Council on Aging

www.nhcoa.org

National Network of Libraries of Medicine

www.nlm.gov

National Resource Center on LGBT Aging

The National Resource Center on LGBT Aging is the USA's first and only technical assistance resource center aimed at improving the quality of services and supports offered to lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (LGBT) older adults. <http://www.lgbtagingcenter.org/index.cfm>

National Women's Studies Association, Aging and Ageism Caucus

Established in 1977, NWSA is a professional organization dedicated to leading the field of women's studies and gender studies, as well as its teaching, learning, research, and service wherever they be found.

www.nwsa.org

New Dynamics of Ageing, a Cross-Council Research Programme (UK)

<http://newdynamics.group.shef.ac.uk/>

Oklahoma Geriatric Education Center

Includes on-demand webinars on topics such as "Ethical Issues in Aging: Decision Making Capacity."

<http://www.ouhsc.edu/okgec/>

Old Women's Project (USA)

"The Old Women's Project works to make visible how old women are directly affected by all issues of social justice, and to combat the ageist attitudes that ignore, trivialize or demean us."

www.oldwomensproject.org

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Older Feminist Network (UK)

“[G]ives voice to the concerns of older women which we felt were being ignored in feminist circles and in society generally.” UK.

<http://www.olderfeminist.co.uk/>. Website includes links to Third Age Press (<http://www.thirdagepress.co.uk/>) and to “University of the Third Age” (U3A), <http://www3.griffith.edu.au/03/u3a/u3aonline/>, “an international movement for older people who want to continue to enjoy learning in later life.”

Omaha Poet’s Place

“A friendly, safe space for teenage and elder poets to publish poems, find resources and communicate with each other.” <http://omahapoetsplace.net/>

OWL- Older Women's League

Reports on activities and status of older women in the US, list of local chapters, reading suggestions, membership information, and photos. www.owl-national.org

Health and Aging

“Positive Aging” newsletter: <http://www.healthandage.com/>

Public Policy and Aging

<http://www.geron.org/policy-center/policy-publications/public-policy-and-aging-e-newsletter>

Services & Advocacy for Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual & Transgender Elders

SAGE is the world's oldest and largest non-profit agency dedicated to serving and advocating for lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender seniors. <http://www.sageusa.org/index.cfm>

Stonewall Communities

We created Stonewall Communities, a non-profit organization, to better understand and advocate for the needs of older lesbians, gay men, and their friends. We strive to support and enhance the well-being and independence of gay men and lesbians in their choice to age at home or in a Stonewall community. We are committed to creating community among older lesbians, gay men, bisexuals and transgenders by creating residential, educational, social and supportive opportunities. www.stonewallcommunities.com

The Taos Institute

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“Positive Aging” newsletter: The newsletter brings to light resources—from scientific research on aging, gerontology practices, and daily life—that contribute to an appreciation of the aging process. Challenging the longstanding view of aging as decline, the newsletter provides resources for understanding aging as an unprecedented period of human development.

<http://www.taosinstitute.net/positive-aging-newsletter>

Teaching Gerontology (as well as “Human Values in Aging”)

<http://www.hrmoody.com/newsletters.html>

TimeSlips

A nationally recognized storytelling program for people with dementia: www.timeslips.org.

Transgender Aging Network

Exists to improve the lives of current and future trans/SOFFA (significant others, friends, family and allies) elders. www.forge-forward.org/tan

“Video Caregiving”

Education center for family care givers. <http://www.videocaregiving.org/>

WiserEarth

WiserEarth is an online community space that maps and connects organizations and individuals addressing the central issues of our day. They have a section on seniors:

www.wiserearth.org/issues#320

WOW

Wider Opportunities for Women. Includes a subgroup and newsletter focused on “Elder Economic Security”: <http://www.wowonline.org/>

More Lists of Organizations

<http://www.agingstudies.org/HTML/Organizations.Shtml>

<http://crab.rutgers.edu/~deppen/journals.htm>

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<http://socrates.berkeley.edu/~aging/agingrelated.html>

Organizations involved with senior theatre classes, performances, or other activities can be listed in the MnCANN senior theatre directory. www.MnCAAN.net

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