1) AUGUST 26  “Where Have We Been, What Are We? Where Are We Going?” A Historical Overview

Course introduction
Reading:
Introduction, ch. 1, epilogue

2) SEPTEMBER 2  Life Review and Reminiscence: Origins
Readings:
--Henry James, “The Beast in the Jungle” [XEROX]

3) SEPTEMBER 9  NARRATIVE KNOWING AND NARRATIVE PRACTICE
--Howard Brody, “My Story is Broken; Can You Help Me Fix it?”: Medical Ethics and the Joint Construction of Narrative, Literature and Medicine, 1994, Spring; 13(1): 79-92

4) SEPTEMBER 16 THE LEGACY OF BARBARA MYERHOFF
--Barbara Myerhoff “Life History as Integration: Personal Myth and Aging” in Remembered Lives, 249-256
--Barbara Myerhoff, Stories As Equipment for Living,
  Manuscript, lead essay
--Video: Number Our Days or In Her Own Time

5) SEPTEMBER 23 Life Story Work: Writing and Sharing
--(Other articles, Peter Coleman, etc.)
--Video: Life Stories

6) SEPTEMBER 30 Life Story Work Pt. II
--Ruth Ray, Beyond Nostalgia, chs. 4-7
--other articles, visit from Diane Heliker?
--special issue of Jl. Of Aging Studies 1996, v. 16 “aging, biography, and practice”

7) OCTOBER 7 Autobiography as Philosophy
--Ronald Manheimer, A Map to the End of Time: Wayfarings with Friends and Philosophers (Knopf: N.Y., 1999)

8) OCTOBER 14 Elder Jungian Women Have Their Say
--Helen Luke, Old Age ???
Sacred"

9) OCTOBER 21 A Literary Male Memoir

10) OCTOBER 28 “The Measure of a Good Life: How We Are Treated at the End”
   --Julie Barton, Marita Grudsen, and Ron Zielski, Vital Connections in Long-Term Care: Spiritual Resources for Staff and Residents (Health Professions Press, Baltimore: 2003)
   --other readings, video on Long Term Care, Pioneer culture change readings?

11) NOVEMBER 4 Aging and Ethics
   --feminist essays, Mothertime
   --McCullough chapter in TC Handbook

12) NOVEMBER 11 Aging, Ethics, and Alzheimer’s
   --a 1st person account?
   --Stephen Post; Tom Kitwood, Dementia Reconsidered (Open University Press, London?, 1997) articles?
   --Video, Deborah Hoffman, “Complaints of a Dutiful Daughter”
   --Time Slips, Basting article, storytelling session and video
   --“The Abnormal Changes So Far,” Chapter 7 in My Journey into Alzheimer’s Disease, A True Story, Robert Davis, Tyndale House, Wheaton, IL: 1989 ( pp 85-105)
   --article on spiritual care, Alzheimer’s

13) NOVEMBER 18 Aging and the Meaning of Time
   ---chapters by Spondheim, Hendriks, Acthley, Schuster in McFadden and Atchley, A & T M O T
14) NOVEMBER 25 Aging in Faith Communities
   --selections from Pts. 2,3,4 of Handbook of Aging, Spirituality, and Religion, v. 2
   --CLASS PRESENTATIONS

15) DECEMBER 2 Aging and the Human Spirit
   --chaps. By Atchley, Huber, Birren, Moody in Handbook of Aging, spiritual, religion
   --class presentations

16) DECEMBER 9 Aging and the Human Spirit
   --Carter Williams, “A Voyage in Time” in McF & Atchley
   --Melvin Kimble, “A Personal Journey of Aging” in McFadden and Atchley
   --class presentations

REQUIREMENTS:
In addition to reading and participation, each student will write the collaborative life story of an elder, based on at least five open-ended interviews conducted in person. The content of the life story will be jointly constructed and the written version given to the elder at the end of class.

GRADING:
50% CLASS PARTICIPATION
50% CLASS PROJECT
SELECTED BIBLIOGRAPHY


Donald E. Polkinghorne, “Narrative Knowing and the Study of Lives” in *Aging and Biography*, 77-99.


