

Dear Aging and Age Studies Scholars:

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Note: if you'd like to stop getting these emails, just reply and ask to be taken off the list. If you know of other people who would be interested in receiving emails about Aging and Ageism Studies, they are welcome to send their email addresses to leni@agingstudies.org. Email addresses are not sold or shared with anyone. Items to be included in the next emailing should also be sent to leni@agingstudies.org.

1. Awards and Fellowships

The Brookdale Foundation is pleased to announce the 2008 Brookdale Leadership in Aging Fellowship Program. The Fellowship, which is open to all professionals in the field of aging, was created by the Foundation to encourage the emerging leaders in the field of aging. We seek applications from a broad range of disciplines related to the field of aging including, but not limited to, the medical, biological and basic sciences, social sciences, nursing, the arts and humanities. Candidates should be between the first and tenth years of their graduate degree. A grant award of up to \$125,000 each year is intended to cover 75% of the Fellow's time, base salary and fringe benefits. Deadline for Application Submission: Thursday, November 1, 2007, 5 pm EDT. For additional information, visit www.brookdalefoundation.org.

Recognizing Excellence in the Field of Aging. Each year, the American Society on Aging recognizes a number of individuals and organizations for their contributions to ASA, to the field of aging, and to older adults. Honors and cash awards of up to \$2,500 are granted in such areas as healthcare, mental health, business, research and media coverage. Deadline for submission is October 1, 2007. For descriptions of all the awards and to apply or to nominate individuals or organizations, visit <http://www.asaging.org/awards> or contact Valerie Jones at awards@asaging.org.

U@50 CONTEST, sponsored by the Office of Academic Affairs at AARP. U@50 asks those in their twenties to ponder the question: Where do you see yourself by the time you turn 50? To answer the question, contestants produce a one to two minute video sharing their vision of the future. The winner will receive \$5,000 with other cash prizes for the top five videos chosen. To view the call-out video and learn more about the contest, visit the U@50 site on YouTube at <http://www.youtube.com/Uat50>. The deadline for submission of videos in U@50 is Sept. 30, 2007. Video entries can be submitted directly at <http://www.youtube.com/group/AARPUat50>

Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Scholars in Health Policy Research Invites Applications for twelve 2-year fellowships. Deadline: October 22, 2007 Scholars in Health Policy Research program helps develop a new generation of creative health policy thinkers and researchers within the disciplines of economics, political science, and sociology. Fellowships occur at one Harvard, UC—Berkeley, or the University of Michigan -- with the expectation that the scholars will make important research contributions to future health policy in the United States. Recent graduates of doctoral programs in economics, political science, and sociology, including junior faculty, are invited to apply. Preference will be given to applicants who have not previously worked extensively in health or health policy research. Program guidelines are available at the RWJF Web site: <http://fconline.foundationcenter.org/pnd/10008786/rwjf>

GSA Mentor Fellows Program: Ever want to find out about how those at the top of our discipline made it? Ever want to know how things change as your career matures? Ever want to bounce your ideas off someone with a different point of view? Ever wonder how senior faculty balance family and career? A connection between senior and junior GSA members is not always an easy thing to accomplish. To this end, the GSA Fellowship Committee is initiating a new Mentor Program. To learn more about and apply for the program, go to <http://www.geron.org/FellowsMentorApp.doc>.

2. CFPs

Senior Culture and the American Southwest (11/1/2007; 2/13-16/2008), Southwest/Texas Popular & American Culture Associations 29th Annual Conference, Albuquerque, NM February 13 - 16, 2008. Panels and paper submissions are now forming for presentations on Senior Culture and the American Southwest in all its various forms and approaches. Abstracts of no more than 200 words as an email attachment (Word Format) with your email address by 1 November 2007: Ken Dvorak, Senior Culture and the American Southwest, chair, Southwest Texas PCA/ACA Secretary/Treasurer: kdvorak@houston.rr.com. Conference Website: <http://www.swtexaspca.org>

Bodies That Don't Fit: Exploring the Dimensions of Embodiment and Taboo (10/19/2007; 6/19-22/08). This session will bring together a diverse range of papers that interrogate the various dimensions of embodied taboo in social context. Papers will advance our understanding of the motivations, experiences and/or consequences associated with the subversive body (aka *rule breakers*). Works that critically examines embodied transgression are especially encouraged. Theoretical pieces, historical studies, empirical work, and papers which raise methodological considerations related to studying taboo and the body are all welcome. Abstracts to Chris Bobel, chris.bobel@umb.edu by October 19th.

Ageing Studies and Life Writing (10/19/08; 6/19-22/08). National Women's Studies Association Life writing is full of visible and invisible connections to people's ideas about aging and old age. When younger people do creative pieces about their own lives' futures, they often kill themselves off before they have to imagine what being old is like. Many of the life writing projects created for multigenerational collaboraton are life review studies, as if the past was the main part of an old person's life worth considering and the future was not going to be as

interesting. All papers on the theories and pedagogies at the intersection of life writing and aging studies are welcomed. 1-page abstracts by October 19 to Leni Marshall, leni@agingstudies.edu.

3. Conferences and Events

An upcoming festival for *Look Us in the Eye: The Old Women's Project* (a film): October 28th at 4PM at the Gerontology-Ed film Festival at the 53rd Council on Social Work Education Annual Program Meeting, San Francisco Hilton, Union Square 11 room. Filmmaker Jennifer Abod will be at the screening.

1st International Congress of Gerontology: "Conviviality from body to soul." Escola Superior de Educação João de Deus, 8, 9 and 10 of November of 2007, Lisbon, Portugal. Information available at <http://www.es-ejdeus.edu.pt/gerontologia/uk/detail.asp?id=1>

The Gerontological Society of America 60th Annual Scientific Meeting: "The Era of Global Aging: Challenges and Opportunities," November 16-20, 2007, San Francisco, CA. More information available: <http://www.agingconference.com/>

The 2007 National Positive Aging Conference, "Beyond the Cutting Edge," will be held December 6-8, 2007, on the campus of Eckerd College in St. Petersburg, Florida. The Positive Aging Conference will focus on a range of topics including civic engagement, brain fitness, purposeful living, lifelong learning, creativity in later life, living in community, intergenerational programs, and life planning for the third age. Details available at <http://news.aarp.org/UM/T.asp?A910.52852.3723.4.904030>

NCOA-ASA Aging in America Conference: March 27-30, 2008

The 2008 Conference of the National Council on Aging and the American Society on Aging will be held in Washington, DC from March 27-30, 2008. The NCOA-ASA Aging in America Conference, with more than 4,000 attendees, is recognized as a showcase of best practices for programs and projects that can be replicated. It will serve as a forum for policy discussion and advocacy, and will be a prime source of information on new research findings in aging.

4. Publications of Interest

"Growing Up and Growing Older: Feminism as a Context for Women's Lives." Zucker, Alyssa N.; Stewart, Abigail J. *Psychology of Women Quarterly* (ISSN: 0361-6843); Volume 31, No. 2, pp. 137-145(9); June 2007.

"Forever Young: Medusa's Curse and the Discourses of Ageing." Segal, L. *Women* (ISSN: 0957-4042); Volume 18, No. 1, pp. 41-56; 2007.

Global Population Aging and its Economic Consequences, by Ronald D. Lee (AEI Press, 2007).

Age Discrimination: An Historical and Contemporary Analysis, by John Macnicol (Cambridge University Press, 2006).

The inaugural issue of the Journal of Aging, Humanities, and the Arts is now available (with a subscription discount for GSA members). The Table of Contents can be found at <http://www.informaworld.com/smpp/title~content=g779887374~db=all>

5. Teaching Tools and Research Websites

Five Questions for Chuck Nicholas: Using Film to Teach New Narratives of Old Age
Nicholas is a developer of an innovative lifelong learning course that brings elders together to discover new narratives of old age through the medium of film. He discusses how movies can be used as a tool for education and change -- and how cinematic storytelling enables older adults to replace concepts of old age as a time of irrelevance and dependence with positive attitudes toward themselves and their own aging.

<<http://cts.vresp.com/c/?AmericanSocietyonAgi/a8203450bb/8259f8729a/e8bcf7771a>>

The Transgender Aging Network (TAN) is pleased to announce the release of a new teaching tool, "Living Memory LGBT History Timeline," available for download at www.forge-forward.org/handouts/LGBT_elder_timeline.pdf

Lesbian, gay male, bisexual and transgender (LGBT) elders may approach "mainstream" aging, health, and other public and private services differently than their heterosexual and/or gender-normative peers. To offer those who work with, live with, or love LGBT elders insight into their concerns, lifestyles, and belief sets, the Transgender Aging Network (TAN) has constructed the timeline, which can be an effective tool to increase the cultural competency of everyone who works with elders and who therefore may be working with LGBT people. The timeline may be copied and distributed in its entirety if it is used solely for educational purposes. All other potential users should contact tan@forge-forward.org to discuss reprint permission.

500,000 Wishes: A Personal Care Planning Tool. In June 7, 2007, AoA joined Aging with Dignity, United Health Foundation, American Hospital Association and leading aging and health organizations to launch the 500,000 Wishes National Call to Action Campaign. The goal of this campaign is to leverage the recent translation of Five Wishes, a personal care planning tool that helps someone express how they want to be treated if they are seriously ill and unable to speak for themselves, into over 20 different languages by ensuring distribution to different ethnic and cultural groups. To learn more about the 500,000 Wishes campaign or to receive copies of Five Wishes in available languages, individuals may request them online at www.agingwithdignity.org or by calling 888-594-7437.

"What Older Women Want" launches new website for doctors and patients based on the findings of a 5000-person CMAJ study: urinary incontinence, memory loss, and exercise top the list of older women's unmet health needs and concerns. In response, Dr. Cara Tannenbaum (a PI of the study), the Canadian Women's Health Network, and the Centre de recherche de l'Institut universitaire de gériatrie de Montreal to create the WOW website: www.wowhealth.ca
The website information is straight-forward and easy-to-read, and it provides portals for individuals and for healthcare practitioners to gain more prevention and improvement strategies surrounding the issues of incontinence, memory loss, and exercise in older women.

The National Center on Senior Transportation (NCST) is pleased to announce the launch of its new Web site at www.seniortransportation.net. Six months in development, the site offers extensive resources toward the advancement of transportation options for older adults who wish to live more independently within their communities.

Perceptions of Brain Health: What does the public think about maintaining their brain health and what trends are heading our way as practitioners in health care fields? How do educators meet the demands for programs that will keep minds active and healthy? The American Society on Aging has posted a streaming video web cast of a session from the 2007 ASA-NCOA Joint Conference, presenting findings from surveys conducted by ASA, the Alzheimer's Association and AARP on public perceptions about elders' brain health. The web cast is available through October 31, 2007. Registration is free of charge. <http://www.asaging.org/webseminars/index.cfm>

6. Information about this listserv:

People have offered feedback that they would find more frequent mailings more helpful, so that they are aware of information as it becomes available. For the next few items, I'll send out information as it becomes available. I welcome your feedback about that.

I apologize for not sending out a mailing in so long. I had to switch email programs, and the change destroyed the list of emails. Because of that event, I had to recreate the list. If you had asked to be taken off the list and I put you back on, or if you asked to be on the list and are not, I sincerely apologize, and I will remedy those mistakes as soon as I hear about them. Thank you for your understanding.