

SECTION ON AGING & THE LIFE COURSE

Annual Report 2000

Review of Activities

The Section's activities during the year were mainly conducted via the listserv and the Newsletter. The listserv manager, Dr. Marc Musick, invested considerable time and effort in updating and correcting the addresses of provided by the ASA. The Section's listserv is hosted at a university and consequently the Section has been maintaining the address list. The listserv functions as a moderated list, with Dr. Musick screening messages before posting to the list. Approximately 125 messages were distributed in the period between the 1999 and 2000 annual meetings. The messages consisted mainly of announcements of funding opportunities, job openings, post-doctoral fellowship positions, conferences, data sets, and occasionally scientific publications. The Section is investigating transferring to the listserv services provided by the ASA.

Ronald Abeles continued to serve as Newsletter Editor and prepared for publication three issues of approximately 10 pages each in the period of August 1999 to August 2000. (See copies attached to this report.) The Newsletter contains reports on Section activities, funding opportunities, recent publications by members, forthcoming workshops and conferences, employment and fellowship opportunities, and news of members (e.g., awards received). In addition, the student members of the Section's Council published in the Newsletter articles on career decision-making and alternative careers to traditional academic positions.

Duke University hosts the Section's HomePage (www.soc.duke.edu/~aging/index.htm), and Suzanne Strulowitz (a graduate student in the Department of Sociology) and Ronald Abeles maintain the site. The site provides basic information about the Section (e.g., current and past officers; recipients of awards; by-laws) as well as links to other organizations (e.g., National Institute on Aging; Gerontological Society of America). Past issues of the Newsletter are posted on the HomePage. The site is in the process of being transferred to the ASA for hosting.

At the 2000 ASA Annual Meeting, the Section organized three invited symposia, held a combined Roundtables and Research Groups session, heard its Distinguished Scholar Annual Lecture, organized a panel discussion for graduate students and recent PhDs on career management, and convened its Council and Business meetings. Originally, the Section planned to organize two substantive symposia (Karl Ulrich Mayer, *Changes of the Welfare State and Impacts on Life Course Outcomes*; Linda George, *Selection Effects as Life Course Processes*) and an open poster session. However, an insufficient number of submissions were received to justify the poster session. Instead, a third invited symposium was organized (Ronald Abeles, *Health and Functioning over the Life Course*). Karl Ulrich Mayer was the Section's 1999 Distinguished Scholar and presented a 40 minute address (*Life Courses in the Process of Transformation to Post-Communism—The Case of East Germany*) immediately following the Business Meeting. A summary of his address will be published in the fall 2000 Newsletter and the full lecture will be posted on the Section's HomePage. Seven of the Section's eight Research Committees met in conjunction with the 15 juried Roundtables. Although the Research Committee and Roundtable session is well attended, we believe attendance has fallen off and are considering means to revitalize this activity.

For the second time, the Section organized a special evening panel discussion on *Launching Your Career—Navigating the Transition from Graduate Student to Junior Faculty*. Seven section members made brief statements and then engaged in lively discussions with the audience (approximately 25 persons) and the other panelists. Among the topics addressed were: What are the advantages/disadvantages of post-doctoral vs. academic positions? Of research vs. combinations of research/teaching positions? How can partners coordinate careers? What does it mean to be a "good departmental citizen"? How can you keep your research on track? How quickly should you start a new research project? Is collaboration with senior professors a good idea? With other junior faculty? What do journal editors look for in submission?

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Business Meeting

The Business Meeting of the Section on Aging and the Life Course convened at 10:30 AM on August 12, 2000 at the Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association held in Chicago. Ronald P. Abeles, (Section Chair) presided. Approximately 200 members attended.

**Secretary's Minutes of the
1999 Meeting** (Deborah T. Gold):

The minutes of the 1999 meeting were distributed. No corrections or changes were made. Section members unanimously agreed to accept them as presented.

Report of the Treasurer
(Deborah T. Gold):

Net Assets:

\$6,936.02	June 30, 2000
\$7,689.81	June 30, 1999
\$4,572.19	June 30, 1998
\$ 753.79	Change (2000-1999) (-10%)
\$3,108.62	Change (1999-1998) (+68%)

Dues Income:

\$1,353	2000
\$1,296	1999
\$1,271	1998
\$ +57	Change (2000-1999) (+5%)
\$ +25	Change (1999-1998) (+2%)

Reception Cost:

\$1,250	August 2000 (estimated)
\$1,250	August 1999
\$1,937	August 1998
\$ 0	Change (2000-1999)
\$ +687	Change (1999-1998) (+55%)

Book Raffle:

NA	August 2000
NA	August 1999
\$ 360	August 1998
\$ 300	August 1997

ASA Allocation for Section:

\$2,224	2000
\$2,126	1999
\$1,796	1998
\$ 98	Change (2000-1999) (+5%)
\$ 330	Change (1999-1998) (+19%)

Cost of Section Newsletter:

\$ 431.50	March 2000 issue only
\$ 380.24	March 1999 issue only
\$1,500.00	Estimated 2000 cost
\$1,600.00	1999 total cost
\$ 452.88	March, 1998
\$1,355.22	1998 total cost

Election Results (Melissa Hardy):

Chair of the 1999-2000 Nominations Committee was: Melissa Hardy, Members of that committee were: Steven Cutler, Vernon Bengtson, and Debra Street.

The Chair of the 2000-2001 Nominations Committee will be Ronald Abeles.

Melissa announced the results of the 2000 annual election of officers:

Chair-Elect:	Linda K. George
Council:	Jacqueline Angel
Council:	Ken Ferraro
Student :	Andrea Wilson

Report of Membership Chair
(Marc Musick):

Marc indicated that our current membership was 532, down substantially from the over 600 participants that led to this Section's having an extra session on the books this year. Marc also determined that, of the 100 or so people who were in the Section's symposia and paper sessions, 43 were not Section members. We have undertaken some new membership efforts including sending out invitations to the medical soc listserv and inviting all non-Section members who were participants in our sessions. Marc plans to establish a data base during the coming year that will allow us to track membership patterns. We also know that there are 65 people who were Section members in 1999 who did not renew for 2000. We will pursue them vigorously.

Report of Newsletter Editor
(Ronald Abeles):

Ron reported that the Newsletter continues to be an important activity of the Section. We continue to have three volumes a year, and costs have been kept down so that we are very much within the limits of the Society budget. Ron was commended for the excellent work he has done on the Newsletter over the last several years.

Section Awards (Eva Kahana):

As Chair-Elect, Eva announced that **Carroll Estes**, Ph.D., Professor at the University of California at San Francisco, has been selected as the recipient of this year's Distinguished Scholar Award for the ASA Section on Aging and the Life Course.

Student Award (Merrill Silverstein):

The 2000 Graduate Student Paper Award of the ASA Section on Aging and the Life Course was presented to **Kim Shuey**, graduate student in the Department of Sociology and the Pepper Institute on Aging and Public Policy at Florida State University.

Roundtables and Research Groups (Cary Kart and Judith Treas):

Members of the Section on Aging and the Life Course continue to be concerned about participation in the Section's Roundtable and Interest Group session. Overall attendance is quite good, but some of the tables had only one or two presenters and no audience. A charge for future Roundtable Coordinators was given: those people must be at the session and must work to combine and move people so that all participants have a positive experience. Members continue to believe that this is an excellent forum for a dialogue between the presenters and the other people at the tables.

Ron Abeles, Section Chair, tried to include an open-submission poster session in this year's Section Program. Unfortunately, only a few submissions were directed to that event, so it was eventually cancelled and another session put in its place. Members continue to feel that, if we can make poster presentations the norm and desirable (as they are at GSA and other aging societies), having a poster session is still desirable. It maximizes the number of people who can get on the program and it allows for the interactive approach that is less viable in traditional paper sessions.

Listserv (Marc Musick):

Marc reported that we currently have about 500 members in our listserv. We have also been actively using the listserv and sent out over 100 messages during the past year. We are trying to make a move to establish our listserv on the ASA server. However, because of several changes to the Section e-mail list, this transition is taking more time than we had thought.

Succession of Chairs:

At the end of the Business Meeting, Chair Ronald Abeles turned over the reins of the Section to new Chair Eva Kahana of Case Western Reserve University. Eva spoke briefly on some of her ideals, including a strong push to have participation in Section activities and leadership be more egalitarian. Eva also noted that continuity between Chairs is important, and that she plans to work closely with Linda George, Chair-Elect, on long-term issues. She then concluded the meeting at 11:30 AM.

Mayer gives 2000 Distinguished Scholar Address

In his award lecture on "Life Courses in the Process of Transformation to Post-Communism - The Case of East Germany" Karl Ulrich Mayer argued and demonstrated the fertility of the life course approach to the study of transformation processes. Life course research addresses major issues of transformation: the impact of institutions and policies on individual lives, the linkages across individual biographies in the context of sudden change and the "production" of social structures by the outcome of life course decisions and processes. Empirically he presented results from the German Life History Study on cohorts born 1939-41, 1951-53 and 1959-61. By analyzing standard transition tables, class specific durations and transition counts, multiple dimensions of mobility (job, occupation, status, firm) and multivariate hazard and logit models with time-varying covariates he showed the fruitfulness of event history data and models for capturing the complexity of the transformation process. Two of the results are particularly noteworthy and novel: the temporal structure of the transformation as time windows of relative opportunities and the pervasive experience of spells of unemployment even for those who in the could secure adequate positions. (Note: The full text of Dr. Mayer's presentation will be posted soon on the Section's HomePage.)

Photos of 2000 Meeting

Ron Abeles

Check out my Photo Album Collection at Club Photo! Two albums with photos from Section on Aging and the Life Course, ASA, Washington, DC.. Obviously, I should not give up my day job to become a photo-journalist. The Photo Album Collection at Club Photo can be viewed at <http://members2.clubphoto.com/ronald190002/>



New URL for HomePage

The Section's HomePage is now hosted by the ASA at <http://www.asanet.org/sectionaging/>. Please update your bookmarks. For many years the Sociology Department at Duke University has generously hosted our HomePage and provided technical assistance for its maintenance. We are extremely grateful to Marc Musick, Lorraine Bell, and Suzanne Strulowitz for serving as web-masters.,

Carroll Estes is the Distinguished Scholar Awardee for 2001

Eva Kahana, Chairperson, Distinguished Scholar Committee

Salutations to Dr. Carroll Estes, recipient of this year's Distinguished Scholar Award of the ASA Section on Aging and the Life Course. When Dr. Estes was nominated it was noted that she is already the holder of many distinguished awards. But such broad recognition is, of course, is a function of her prolific scholarly research (she is the author or editor of eleven books) and the intellectual scope and impact of those contributions.

Research in the field of Aging and the Life Course has sometimes been critiqued for the paucity of macro level and of theoretically anchored work. Carroll Estes has made important contribution to macro areas of political economy and policy analysis. As noted in her nomination, Dr. Estes' unique conceptualization of the political economy of aging is multilevel (micro, meso, and macro) and integrates a broad range of theories including social constructionism, organizational, feminist and critical theories as well as approaching those from sociology of knowledge. Her theoretical approaches have represented an important thread in her empirical research as well. Most recently her empirical research has focused on the basic sociological study of health care organization and the effects of public policy in organizational and political sociology. Substantive areas of her extensive funded research programs have focused on health and economic security of women and other vulnerable populations and on the impact of federal and state policy on elders at risk.

One of the major markers of Dr. Estes' contributions to our field has been her ability to integrate abstract theoretical constructs and empirical approaches.

In addition to Dr. Estes' many stellar contributions to scholarship in our field, she has been a committed mentor of students at the University of California San Francisco and she has also served our Section well, including having served as Chair.

Please join me in extending hearty congratulations to Dr. Estes as she receives this well-deserved honor.

Message from the Section Chair, Eva Kahana

I am very pleased to greet each of you as I take on the office of Section Chair. Even after many years as a member, I often wondered about the ways that individual members can get involved in the ASA. So at the Washington meetings I got together with our outgoing Section Chair, Ron Abeles, and with our Chair-elect, Linda George, to discuss how we could make our Section be most responsive to our members. We also discussed how to involve each of you in a meaningful way in the work of our Section.

I am pleased to share with you what I have learned about opportunities for involvement in the work of our Section by individual members. We have a great deal of room for activities by members at all stages of their careers: senior scholars, mid-career or young professionals, and students.

- a. **Submit papers to Section roundtables.** Here the format follows the traditional ASA requirements for a full paper. Roundtables provide you with opportunities to interact in a comfortable, small group milieu with other scholars who share your interests. Jacqueline Angel and Ken Ferraro will be chairing the roundtable program.
- b. **Be active in research interest groups.** You can get involved in interest groups already established in the Section or start your own interest group. Interest groups organize roundtables for the annual meetings and also serve as an opportunity for networking throughout the year with scholars who have similar interests. Feel free to contact me about getting involved in research interest groups.
- c. **Submit papers for our Section's referred poster initiative.** We are currently working on streamlining submission procedures for our posters. Watch for the ASA Call For Papers announcement for details on submissions. Poster sessions allow for a wonderful information forum in displaying findings of your research. You also get a chance to meet and speak with others interested in your research area. Gary Lee of Bowling Green State University will be chairing the poster program.
- d. **Nominate your senior colleagues for the Distinguished Scholar Award.** Nominate your students for our Section Dissertation Award. It is amazing the impact you can have on the recognition of good people.
- e. **Participate in social activities of the Section.** We plan to organize several dine-arounds for next year's meetings in Anaheim, and also plan to have a reception in addition to our business meeting.

- f. **Support your Section financially.** This is a good time to make tax-deductible contributions to our Section, which can help sponsor our various activities on behalf of membership.

Our Section leadership is also eager to hear about ideas or initiatives you may think worth-while. We would also like to urge you to make every effort to help enroll new members in the Section. As you already know, we need less than 50 additional members for the Section to qualify for an additional session. Mark Musick, our Membership Chair, will provide detailed tips on enrolling new members.

Hope you all have a great year, and I look forward to communicating with you about ways the ASA and our Section could serve as a meaningful forum for enhancing our professional goals and identities.

2001 Roundtables and Research Committees

As the ASA annual meeting "Call for Papers" approaches, we are hoping to generate plenty of high quality submissions this year for the sessions. The ASA Aging and the Life Course Roundtables are designed to focus on a thematic topic. The Research Groups, in conjunction with the peer-reviewed roundtables, provide a unique opportunity for networking at the conference with scholars who share similar interests. Past roundtables and research groups have focused on varied topics including: parent-child relations, comparative gerontology, successful aging, life course theory, old age security, older immigrants, grandparenthood, religion and aging, health and functioning, caregiving, couples and the life course, work and retirement, methodological techniques, teaching the sociology of age, and issues of gender, class, and race. Table presiders help to facilitate discussion among all participants, keeping in mind that roundtables are designed for more scholarly exchange than is often the case with formal paper presentations.

We also hope that you will strongly encourage your students to submit papers that they are working on, as well as extended abstracts that deal with a research problem or teaching-related issue.

For submissions to Roundtables, send inquiries to:

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For submissions to **Research Groups**, send inquiries to the respective chair.

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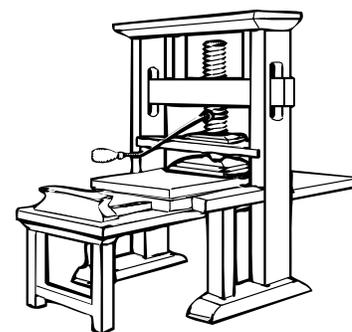
The Life Course

Chair: Eliza Pavalko
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New Research Group?

If you have an idea for a new research group, please contact Ken Ferraro, Chair of the Committee on Roundtables and Research Groups, to discuss what is involved in starting one.

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Just Published...

Recently, the NIA commissioned the NAS Committee on National Statistics to study linking administrative records to data sets and on associated confidentiality and privacy issues. The resulting report is now available from the National Academy Press <http://www.nap.edu/books/0309071801/html/>

Complimentary copies of the *2000 Summer Public Health Research Videoconference on Minority Health* (presented June 12-16) are being distributed by the National Center for Health Statistics / CDC. Tapes may be ordered through our web site (<http://www.minority.unc.edu>).

The Federal Interagency Forum on Aging-related Statistics has published a report on *Older Americans 2000: Key Indicators of Well-being*. Copies may be ordered through NCHS' Data Dissemination Branch. They can be reached by calling (301) 458-4636 or by emailing nchsquery@cdc.gov. The report can also be downloaded from the new Web Site www.agingstats.gov. Requests for multiple copies of the report (10 or more) can be forwarded to Dr. Kristen Robinson by phone at (301) 458-4460 or by email at kgr4@cdc.gov

Renew Your Membership

Marc Musick Membership Chairperson

As you know, last year was a good one for the section in that we had over 600 members, giving us an extra session in the annual meetings this past year. For this year, however, we are about 25 members short of the 600 goal. While it is now too late to attain this immediate goal, it is not too late for the coming year! So, if you have not renewed, please consider doing so and keeping the aging section on your list of section memberships.

I would also encourage you to invite your doctoral students, new Ph.D.s, and colleagues to join the ASA and the Section on Aging and the Life Course. As you may know, membership in the section confers several benefits:

- Members receive copies of the section newsletter
- Members receive a copy of the section directory
- Members are added to the section listserv
- Members are informed of section activities (e.g., section reception) where they can meet colleagues with similar interests

As I mentioned above, higher section membership levels translate into more space for us on the annual program. More detailed information on our section and on the benefits of membership can be found on the section webpage at www.asanet.org/sectionaging/

We are also offering **free section memberships** to graduate students and new PhDs who are members of ASA! Requests for these free one-year section memberships and for regular section memberships should be sent to me at:

✉ Marc Musick
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Students and new Ph.D.s who would like the free membership but are not members of ASA must first join the organization. **Student Memberships** in the ASA are only \$37. This price includes a full-year subscription to one of the ASA-sponsored journals. **New PhDs** join as regular members, whose annual dues vary by income (ranging from \$48-\$210). Regular membership includes a subscription to two journals. Applications for general ASA membership are available from ASA. They can be reached in several ways:

Mail:
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If you have any questions about membership in the section, please feel free to contact me at musick@prc.utexas.edu. Also, share this information with colleagues and students who might be interested in joining.

Application for Membership

Send with payment to: Marc A. Musick Population Research Center 1800 Main Building The University of Texas at Austin Austin, TX 78712.

Your Name and Address::

Telephone:
E-mail:

I am an ASA Member and want to join the Section on Aging and the Life Course. Enclosed is my check, payable to the American Sociological Association.

\$13.00 **Full Dues Member**

\$10.00 **Low Income Member** (gross annual income under \$20,000)

\$FREE! **Limited Offer Graduate Students**

\$FREE! **Limited Offer New Ph.D.s**

I am not an ASA member, but I am interested in joining the Section on Aging and the Life Course. Please send me more information about membership in the ASA.



News of Members

George C. Myers

By Wolfgang Saxon, *New York Times*
August 18, 2000

In Memoriam

Dr. George Carleton Myers, a sociologist and demographer who compiled and interpreted facts and figures about the elderly worldwide, died on Aug. 10 at his home in Burnsville, N.C. He was 69. The cause was pancreatic cancer, said Duke University, from which he retired as professor emeritus of sociology in 1997.

Myers founded the Center for Demographic Studies at Duke in 1972 and, as its director for the next 25 years, built it into an internationally known research center. In his specialty, medical demography, he provided projections concerning the elderly, including data on health and causes of death.

"Every significant development in the demography of aging on the world scene over the past three decades has been either organized by George Myers or he has been a participant in it," said George L. Maddox, director of the Center for the Study of Aging and Human Development at Duke, in Durham, N.C.

Myers was the author or co-author of some 100 publications analyzing demographic trends and findings from surveys. Central to his influence was his role as a coordinator for the Committee of Centers of Population Research, the International Network on Healthy Life Expectancy and the population activities unit of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe. Myers served as a consultant to government agencies and as an editor for professional journals dealing with aging and gerontology. He lectured at universities as far away as Australia and China.

Born in New York, George Myers graduated from Yale University in 1953 and did postgraduate work at the University of Stockholm. He received his Ph.D. in 1963 from the University of Washington in Seattle. He taught at Cornell University until 1968, when he was named a professor in the sociology department at Duke. Myers, who also had a home in Deerfield Beach, Fla., is survived by his wife of 46 years, Pauline Kraebel Myers; two sons, George C., of Westerly, R.I., and Peter D., of Baltimore; two daughters, Marie Lloyd of Chapel Hill, N.C., and Kathleen A. Myers of Raleigh, N.C.; and seven grandchildren.



Matilda White Riley leaves NIH for Maine

By Jeannine Mjoseth, *NIH Record*, July 25, 2000

Dr. Matilda White Riley, NIH scientist emeritus and founder of NIA's Behavioral and Social Research Program, will become research professor in sociology (honorary) at Bowdoin College in Brunswick, Maine.

Sociologist Matilda White Riley, NIH scientist emeritus and founder of the National Institute on Aging's Behavioral and Social Research Program, is returning to her home in Maine. Riley, 89, will become research professor in sociology (honorary) at Bowdoin College in Brunswick, where she was teaching prior to joining NIA in 1979.

"The National Institutes of Health deeply appreciates the contribution that Dr Riley has made during her tenure at the National Institute on Aging," said Dr Ruth Kirschstein, acting director of NIH. "She is a scientist of courage and vision and will be greatly missed. Women entering the fields of sociology and aging have fewer professional barriers to surmount, in part, because of her pioneering work."

Dr Robert Butler NIA's founding director, recruited her to set up and direct a program in the social and behavioral aspects of age and aging. Riley served as associate director of NIA for behavioral and social research from 1979 to 1991 and senior social scientist at NIA from 1991 to 1997. She was honored in 1998 with the title of scientist emeritus.

"My intellectual and emotional ties to NIA remain powerful," Riley said. "Though geographically separated, I shall always stand ready to pitch in." Brunswick holds nostalgic meaning for her. As a girl, she attended Brunswick High School, where she met her future husband, John "Jack" Riley, with whom she has collaborated professionally during their 69-year marriage. Following a brilliant career in the worlds of academia, foundations and market research, she went back to Brunswick in the 1970's as Bowdoin's first woman full professor. Bowdoin gave her and Jack honorary degrees in the same year (1972), and in 1996 Bowdoin named a building in her honor.

At Bowdoin, she will focus on "age integration," the breaking down of age boundaries so that old and young people interact and understand each other. The June 2000 issue of *The Gerontologist* was devoted to NIA's development of this topic. Along the way, she and her husband have long-range plans for a volume on their "joint lives as sociologists."

Conference Announcements

Aging in the Community: Living Arrangements and Mobility

You are invited to attend the conference "Aging in the Community: Living Arrangements and Mobility" in Heidelberg, April 4-6, 2001, organized by The German Centre for Research on Ageing at the University of Heidelberg in partnership with the Pennsylvania State University (Prof. Dr. K. W. Schaie). The conference is the third in a series, originally sponsored by the German-American Academic Council (GAAC) in collaboration with the National Institute of Aging (NIA) and the Fraunhofer Management Society (FhM). This third conference will be sponsored by the GAAC and the Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft (DFG). The conference is designed to foster the synergy of ideas among professionals from the academic as well as the applied field in the U.S. and Germany in areas of emerging importance for older individuals. Living arrangement in old age represent a field with rapidly evolving new options for different patterns of everyday life in old age. Outdoor mobility in old age is one of the crucial challenges facing older adults as well as society. We feel that merging both of these concerns in one conference will be an innovative and stimulating enterprise. The conference will bring together a select group of internationally known researchers from academia as well as outstanding experts from the product development and practice domain to present research and exchange ideas with a limited number of American and German junior scientists and other participants from science, industry and community organizations.

For more information contact: Conference "Aging in the Community: Living Arrangements and Mobility"

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Older Adults, Health Information and the World Wide Web

SPRY (Setting Priorities for Retirement Years) Foundation, a national non-profit dedicated to older adult education and research, will sponsor its second biennial national conference in cooperation with the National Institutes of Health (NIH). This conference, *Older Adults, Health Information and the World Wide Web*, will take place at the Natcher Center on the

campus of NIH in Bethesda, MD, February 26 - 28, 2001. The conference will provide a forum for professionals from a variety of fields to discuss the issues that face older adults as they turn to the World Wide Web for health information and caregiving advice.

Conference attendees will include researchers and practitioners in the areas of health, education, technology, aging, and human factors. Attendees will come from government, as well as the non-profit and private sectors. The aims of the conference are to:

- Identify the *state-of-the-art* basic and applied cognitive and behavioral research being conducted to increase the use of computers and the World Wide Web by older adults, their caregivers and health service providers;
- Identify the impediments that older adults face as they use the World Wide Web to access health information and make decisions;
- Address current issues regarding the presentation of health information to older adults and their caregivers via the World Wide Web; and
- Increase knowledge of how to develop local and regional applications of new research findings.

Information on the conference, as well as agenda and registration information, is on SPRY Foundation's website: www.spry.org. SPRY Foundation is the non-profit education and research arm of the National Committee to Preserve Social Security and Medicare. For additional information, contact SPRY Foundation at (202) 216-0401 or spryfoundation@ncpssm.org.

Call for Papers

Special Issue on Retirement Communities Guest Editor: Dr. Gordon Streib Deadline: March 1, 2001

Research on retirement communities encompasses a broad range of topics in the field of aging: social, economic, social psychological, ecological, and entrepreneurial. Retirement communities, as broadly defined, include a spectrum of living environments: Naturally Occurring Retirement Communities (NORCs), Leisure Oriented Retirement Communities (LORCs), and Continuing Care Retirement Communities (CCRCs). Social structural networks, help patterns and stratification issues suggest an important line of study that relates to the microenvironments of the communities. In addition, social psychological studies of how residents interact with others would be considered. How do the potential movers make their

decisions to move, and chose a particular community, and what role transitions may occur? Viewing retirement communities as a segment of the market place for aging people suggest papers that relate to the development, marketing, sales and the kinds of services that are provided. The promotion and marketing of retirement communities has a political-economic dimension because some state agencies now work in partnership with private developers to promote areas as desirable places to which people might move. Papers on these and related topics are invited for consideration, in addition to articles on methods of research problems that may be encountered in studying retirement communities and their residents. Send to:

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Employment Opportunities

All announcements reprinted here are from institutes practicing affirmative action. Women and minority candidates are encouraged to apply.

University of Minnesota Advanced Assistant/Associate Professor

The University of Minnesota Department of Sociology in the College of Liberal Arts invites applicants for one full-time, nine-month position to begin as early as August 27, 2001, pending funding approval. The appointment will be at the rank of advanced **tenured-track** assistant professor or **tenured** associate professor, depending upon qualifications and experience, and consistent with Collegiate and University policy. A Ph.D. is required. The field of expertise is open. The preferred candidate will have a strong reputation as a scholar and teacher with an exciting and innovative research agenda. Responsibilities are to maintain an active research program, teach undergraduate and graduate courses, advise students, and serve on departmental and college committees.

A current vita is required to open an applicant file. If the committee votes to interview, these additional items will be required:

1. Samples of written work.
2. Cover letter describing the applicant's research agenda
3. Evidence of teaching effectiveness.
4. Three letters evaluating the applicant's scholarly accomplishments.

The search will remain open until the position is filled.

Vitas should be sent to:

✍ Professor Jeylan Mortimer
Chair of Personnel Committee
Department of Sociology
University of Minnesota
909 Social Sciences Building
267 19th Avenue South
Minneapolis, MN 55455

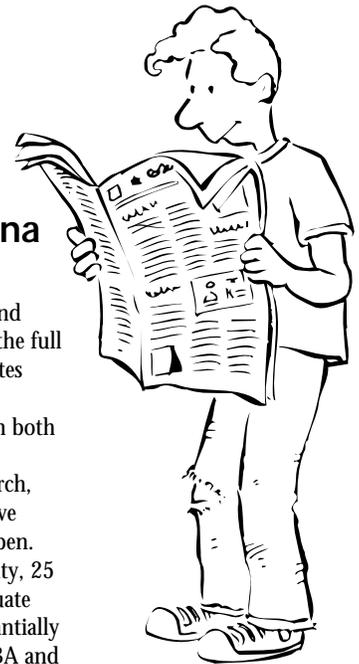
University of North Carolina at Greensboro

The Sociology Department invites applications and nominations for Department Head with rank at the full professor level to begin August 1, 2001. Candidates must have a PhD in Sociology, strong scholarly credentials in research and teaching, an interest in both graduate and undergraduate education, and the leadership skills to further the department's research, teaching, and service goals. Previous administrative experience is desirable. Area of specialization is open. The Sociology Department has 13 full-time faculty, 25 MA students, and approximately 200 undergraduate majors. The department, which has grown substantially in student enrollment in recent years, offers the BA and MA in Sociology, with an optional criminology concentration at each level. UNCG, a PhD granting institution, is part of the University of North Carolina system, has over 13,000 students, and is located in the Piedmont Triad, with easy access to the beach and the mountains. It is also within close proximity to the Research Triangle Park and other major universities. For information about the department, visit our website at www.uncg.edu/soc Candidates should send a letter of application, vita, and at least 3 letters of recommendation to

✍ Paul Luebke
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Greensboro, NC 27402.
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Cleveland State University

The Department of Sociology announces a tenure-track position at the Assistant Professor level (for candidates with a Ph.D. at the time of appointment) or Instructor level (for those who are A.B.D.). Candidates will be expected to participate in both the undergraduate and graduate curricula and to maintain an active research agenda. Starting date is August 21, 2001. Salary is competitive. We seek a sociologist whose primary interest is in Aging and the Life Course/Gerontology. Other areas of interest are open, but preference will be given to candidates working in the areas of race, gender and/or family. Ph.D. or A.B.D. in Sociology is required. Review of applications will begin November 1, 2000 and continue until the position is filled.



Cleveland State University is a major public urban university enrolling 18,000 students, with many opportunities for funded, field-based research. The university is committed to excellence in research and has teaching loads commensurate with that commitment. Applicants should send a curriculum vitae, one sample of written work, and three letters of reference to

☛ Recruitment Chair, Department of Sociology
Cleveland State University
Cleveland OH 44115
Fax: 216-687-9314.

Purdue University

Purdue University seeks an outstanding senior-level social scientist to serve as the Berner Hanley Professor of Gerontology in the Department of Child Development and Family Studies. Appointment will be made at the full Professor or advanced Associate Professor level. Appointment as a Distinguished Professor also may be considered. This new position has been established partly through a generous gift from Purdue alumni William and Sally (Berner) Hanley. Primary responsibilities include research and grant writing, teaching, and providing leadership for further development of gerontological research and academic programs in the Department and the University. Contributions to outreach and service activities also are expected. Area of specialization within gerontology is open. Candidates for the Berner Hanley Professorship must have an international reputation, an exceptionally strong scholarly publication record, and a record of significant external grant support. Candidates should hold a Ph.D. in gerontology, human development, family studies, sociology, psychology, or a closely-related social science field. Evidence of strong research and teaching skills is required. Applications from minority scholars are strongly encouraged. This is a 10-month, tenure-track appointment with a desired starting date of August 2001. Salary is open and competitive.

Nominations, correspondence, and applications should be directed to Dr. Douglas Sprenkle, Chair, Berner Hanley Professor Search Committee, Department of Child Development and Family Studies, Purdue University, West Lafayette, IN 47907-1269 (e-mail: sprenkled@cfs.purdue.edu). Candidates should send a vita, representative publications, and names, addresses, and phone numbers for three references. Initial screening of materials will begin **January 8, 2001**. Applications will be accepted until the position is filled.



National Institute on Aging

The National Institute on Aging (NIA) is recruiting for three scientific positions in the Behavioral and Social Research Program (BSR): a Deputy Associate Director and 2 Health Scientist Administrators, with application dates in **December 2000**.

BSR, one of four NIA extramural research programs, supports training and basic social and behavioral research on aging processes and older people in society. BSR is being reorganized into two branches, one focusing on Individual Behavioral Processes, and one on Population and Social Processes. Major areas of emphasis include the Aging Mind; Health Disparities; Genetics, Behavior and the Social Environment; Increasing Health Expectancy; Health, Work and Retirement; and Interventions and Behavior Change. Integration among psychological, physiological, social and cultural levels of analysis is emphasized.

For additional information about the BSR Program, please e-mail Ms. Angie Chon-Lee at Chon-LeA@exmur.nia.nih.gov. For information on application procedures, call Ms. Marian Patten at 301-496-5347.

AAAS-NIH Fellowships

The American Association for the Advancement of Science and the National Institutes of Health are offering a new fellowship program in 2001-02, one of nine fellowship programs offered through AAAS. For more information, please visit the AAAS web site at: <http://www.fellowships.aaas.org/nih/index.html>

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Ms. Phoebe Stevenson
American Sociological Association
1307 New York Avenue, NW, Suite 700
Washington, DC 2005-4701

Be sure to include the letter, otherwise the donation will be placed into the general ASA funds.