

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](mailto: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](mailto:leni@agingstudies.org).

#### 1. CFPs and calls for nominations

02/29/08 deadline. Call for Nominations for the 2008 Older Volunteers Enrich America Awards program, which honors the exemplary contributions of volunteers age 50 and older who have served for at least one year for the program or organization for which they are being nominated. Nominations may be submitted in one of three categories: Community Champion for older volunteers who make their community a better place to live; Mentor for older volunteers who work with young people and their families and Team Spirit for older volunteers who help other older adults. All of the honorees will receive engraved gifts and the organizations that host the volunteers will receive monetary awards. Nominations must be received by n4a no later than Friday, February 29, 2008. Details at <http://www.n4a.org>.

03/01/08 deadline. Proposals welcomed for a panel entitled "Ageing Studies: Age, Illness and the Question of Beauty in Contemporary Anglophone Cultures". The Ninth International Conference of the European Society for the Study of English conference is at the University of Aarhus, Århus, from 22.08.2008 to 26.08.2008. Submit abstracts to Professor Roberta Maierhofer (University of Graz) Email: [roberta.maierhofer@uni-graz.at](mailto:roberta.maierhofer@uni-graz.at) and to Dr. Heike Hartung (Berlin) Email: [heike.s.hartung@web.de](mailto:heike.s.hartung@web.de). Panel description: Modern medicine's success in prolonging life has led to demographic changes in many Western societies. This development has consequences for a culture's awareness of the last stage of life. One of the strategies of coming to terms with an extended old age is to enlarge the category of youth. The scientific control of the ageing process, however, is challenged by illnesses of the body and the mind. By problematizing age with reference to illness, Western concepts of identity and beauty are called into question. The seminar invites papers on representations of old age and illness in literature and film. Comparative approaches that focus intercultural and gendered perspectives are welcome. More information about the conference is available at <http://www.esse2008.dk/>

3/1/08 Deadline. The Purpose Prize provides five awards of \$100,000 each to people over 60 who are taking on society's biggest challenges. Applications and nominations accepted: <http://www.purposeprize.org/index.cfm>

03/15/08 deadline. Call for papers for an "Age Studies Tomorrow: Future Scholarship" panel at the Modern Language Association conference. Submissions welcome on new avenues for exploration, new arenas in which the concepts can be applied, and the future of the field. One-page abstracts by 15 March to [leni@agingstudies.org](mailto:leni@agingstudies.org).

03/15/08 deadline. Call for papers for an "Age Studies Internationally" panel at the Modern Language Association conference. Age Studies Internationally. Submissions welcome on contemporary age studies applications and theories around the globe and/or across political, geographic, and cultural borders. One-page abstracts by 15 March to [leni@agingstudies.org](mailto:leni@agingstudies.org).

03/15/08 deadline. The C.V. Starr Center for the Study of the American Experience at Washington College is pleased to announce a fulltime residential fellowship program to support outstanding writing on American history and culture by scholars and nonacademic writers alike: a \$45,000 stipend, health benefits, faculty privileges, a book allowance, and a nine-month residency (during the academic year 2008-9) in a restored circa-1735 house in historic Chestertown, Md. Applications from >>writers and historians at any level are welcome. The C.V. Starr Center is an interdisciplinary center dedicated to fostering innovative approaches to the American past, and o promoting excellent writing on history, for general as well as academic audiences. FFI: <http://starrcenter.washcoll.edu>

03/31/08 deadline. The editors of the journal *Transformations* seek articles (5,000-10,000 words) and media reviews (3,000-5,000 words) that explore the body in a variety of pedagogical contexts and disciplinary perspectives: literature, science, women's and gender studies, anthropology, folklore, history, psychology, sociology, art, photography, geography, religion, cultural studies, working-class studies, ethnic studies, disability studies, age studies, narrative medicine. and others. Send a hard copy of your work in MLA format: Jacqueline Ellis and Edvige Giunta, Editors, *Transformations*, New Jersey City University, Hepburn Hall Room 309, 2039 Kennedy Boulevard, Jersey City, NJ 07305 OR email submissions and inquiries to [transformations@njcu.edu](mailto:transformations@njcu.edu). Email submissions should be sent as attachments in MS Word or RTF.

5/1/08 Deadline. "Different Bodies: Disability, Impairment and Illness in Film and Science" panels at the 2008 Film & History Conference, 10/30-11/2/2008 in Chicago, IL. Body differences—created by disability, impairment, and illness—lie at the heart of our media heritage: they appear in some of the most popular films of early cinema, in the rhetoric of wartime propaganda, and in contemporary narratives about our culture's most closely held values: individualism, self-determination, and community membership. How have different bodies been represented or been used to represent other things in film from its earliest era? How has the dominance of science and medicine in American culture intersected with the representation of disability, impairment, or illness? Presentations on disability, impairment, and/or illness in film, television, or video from any era welcome. 200-word proposal by 5/1/08, to Marja Mogk, Chair of Different Bodies, Department of English, California Lutheran

University, 60 West Olsen Road #3900, Thousand Oaks, CA 91360, mmogk@callutheran.edu. More information about the conference at [www.uwosh.edu/filmandhistory](http://www.uwosh.edu/filmandhistory).

5/30/08 Deadline. The 6th International Symposium on Cultural Gerontology (04/30/2008; 10/16-18/2008), University of Lleida, Catalonia, Spain. October 16-18, 2008. With a global longevity revolution now well underway and in the awareness that the quality of an individual's ageing is determined largely by the culture in which the process takes place, this Symposium will look at aspects of gerontology from the perspectives of sociology, psychology, economics, and language, literary and media representations, among others. The Symposium will include keynote addresses, a round-table session, and paper and poster presentations. Paper submissions will comprise a title and a 250-word abstract. Poster submissions will comprise a title and a 200-word description of the main theme or topic of the poster. Paper and poster proposals must include author's(s) full name(s), postal address(es), telephone number(s), email address(es), and institutional affiliation(s). Paper and poster proposals should be sent as email attachments in WORD.doc format to nbureau@dal.udl.cat before 30th April 2008. Full information and details of requirements are available on the Symposium website: <http://web.udl.cat/dept/dal/cultgero/index.htm>

6/1/08 Deadline. The Northeast Popular Culture/American Culture Association (NEPCA) invites nominations for its Peter C. Rollins Book Award. This annual award is for the best book in the previous year (2007) on a popular culture or American culture topic by an author in New England or New York. Contact Peter Holloran, Worcester State College, History Department, Worcester, MA 01602; [pholloran@worchester.edu](mailto:pholloran@worchester.edu) by June 1.

08/01/08 deadline. University of Graz hosts the Fulbright Distinguished Chair in Cultural Studies (including Narrative Gerontology) and that the call for 2010 has just been put out. General information about the award and benefits: <http://www.cies.org/Chairs/2009/country/FulKarA1.htm> Description of the Chair in Cultural Studies at the University of Graz: <http://www.cies.org/Chairs/2009/award/Ful9004.htm>

## 2. Petition

A group of scholars is again trying to get the MLA to have an officially-recognized subgroup on Age Studies. We are collecting signatures on a petition; signatures only count if you are a current MLA member. The petition is available at <http://www.agingstudies.org/MLADiscussionGroupPetition.pdf> Petitions may be mailed to Leni Marshall, English Department, Century College, 3300 Century Avenue, White Bear Lake, MN 55110 or faxed to 206-600-6347 (that's not a Minnesota area code, but it is the correct fax number).

## 3. Job

The American Society on Aging is soliciting applications for a director of diversity education, a newly created position for a "staff leader in the research, design, development, funding and delivery of the highest quality educational programs, materials and instructional tools on diversity and cultural competence appropriate to the learning needs of professionals who serve

aging Americans.” The position is full time, with a competitive salary and excellent benefits, and will be based at ASA’s offices in San Francisco. For a complete job description and for details on applying for the post, visit the ASA Job Board at <http://www.asaging.org/jobs> (click on “Current Employment Opportunities at the American Society on Aging”).

#### 4. Conferences and Workshops

21-23 February 2008. International Conference on Aging, Disability, and Independence in St. Petersburg, Florida, United States. The International Conference on Aging, Disability and Independence (ICADI) will focus on approaches to support people as they age in maintaining independence in daily living at home, at work and in the community. FFI: <http://www.icadi.phhp.ufl.edu/>

21-24 Feb. 2008 AGHE. The 34th Annual Meeting of the Association for Gerontology in Higher Education (AGHE) is scheduled for February 21-24, 2008 in Baltimore. For registration and more details about the conference, visit: <http://news.aarp.org/UM/T.asp?A910.52851.4907.1.904030> . This year's conference theme is "Disciplinary Convergence: The Nexus of Gerontology and Geriatrics Education." Dr. Robert Butler, founder of the International Longevity Center, will deliver the keynote address at the opening plenary session.

21-24 February 08. The 6th World Congress on The Aging Male. Tampa, Florida, United States. Website: <http://www.kenes.com/aging-congress/>

06-08 March 08. "Extending Life: Setting the Agenda for the Ethics of Aging, Death, and Immortality," the First annual Spring Conference of the Center on Bioethics and Human Dignity will be held in Phoenix, Arizona. FFI: <http://www.cbhd.org/conferences/2008/phoenix/index.html>

24-26 March 08. ARA Western Regional Conference in Las Vegas. ARA conferences offer members an opportunity to work with other activists in the region to set the course for the Alliance and a country that cares about workers, retirees and their families. Attendees will learn how to get seniors and retirees registered and voting, increase grassroots advocacy and educate federal, state and local legislators on issues like prescription drugs, Medicare, Social Security and retirement security. For more information: [www.retiredamericans.org](http://www.retiredamericans.org) . Locations and dates for later conferences are: Northeastern Regional Conference, April 17-18, 2008 in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; Midwestern Regional Conference, April 28-29, 2008 in St. Louis, Missouri; and Southern Regional Conference, June 4-5, 2008 in Orlando, Florida.

26-30 March 2008. Aging in America, NCOA and ASA’s annual conference in Washington, DC. Maya Angelou is the keynote speaker. More information available at <http://www.agingconference.org/asav2/conf/jc/jc08/>  
As part of the Media Festival at this conference, Jennifer Abod’s documentary, *Look Us In the Eye: The Older Women's Project*, will be screened Saturday 3/29/08 at 11:30 a.m. FFI about the film: <http://www.jenniferabod.com/owp/index.htm>

11 April 2008. The Last Days of Living: Hope, Comfort and Compassion in End of Life Care, Crowne Plaza Hotel, Toronto- Don Valley, Canada: Exploring ways to sustain hope, strengthen comfort and support with compassion, those patients in their last days of living because of end-stage Alzheimer's, Dementia, Heart and Stroke ailments, Cancer or other terminal illnesses. More information at <http://www.careconferences.com>

17-18 April 08. ARA Northeastern Regional Conference in Philadelphia: [www.retiredamericans.org](http://www.retiredamericans.org)

28-29 April 08. ARA Midwestern Regional Conference in St. Louis: [www.retiredamericans.org](http://www.retiredamericans.org)

1-3 May 08. 31st Annual Brain Impairment Conference: Brain Impairment and Ageing. Melbourne, Victoria, Australia. Website: <http://www.assbi.com.au>

4-5 June 08. ARA Southern Regional Conference in Orlando: [www.retiredamericans.org](http://www.retiredamericans.org)

28-30 October 2008. North Carolina Conference on Aging, in Greenville, North Carolina, United States. The North Carolina Conference on Aging is a collaborative professional conference for education and networking in long-term care, vital aging, family issues, work and retirement, and leadership in the field of aging. FFI: <http://www.aging.unc.edu/nccoa/index.html>

5 July 09. 19th International Association of Gerontology World Congress. Paris, France.

## 5. Films, Websites, Newsletter, and Books of Interest

The Ageism in America blog is the latest addition to the newly redesigned International Longevity Center (ILC-USA) website. The blog tracks the latest news and research on age discrimination in the United States. Visit [www.ilcusa.org/pages/ageism.php](http://www.ilcusa.org/pages/ageism.php) to participate.

The Silver Book is an almanac of chronic diseases and their treatment. It contains statistics, graphs, and data from more than 200 entities, a searchable database that is constantly updated. You can download it for free from <http://www.silverbook.org/>

AARP has announced the winner of the "You@50" Challenge. The winners listed below each produced a 2-minute video reflecting their vision of what their lives would be like after the age of 50. Videos can be seen at: <http://news.aarp.org/UM/T.asp?A910.52851.4907.2.904030>

An annotated list of children's books about aging, divided by reading level: <http://www.ala.org/ala/pr2004/december2004/Newchildrensbooklist.htm>

See also THE MAGIC TAPE RECORDER, by Joyce Simard, is a book intended to help children understand cognitive challenges of aging. For details, visit <http://news.aarp.org/UM/T.asp?A910.52852.4807.7.904030>

AGEING IN SOCIETY: European Perspectives on Gerontology, edited by John Bond, Sheila Peace, Freya Dittman-Kohli, and Gerben Westerhof (London: SAGE, 2007).

"Aurora Borealis." An inter-generational portrait which "does not flinch in its portrait of the debilitations of old age." For details:  
<http://www.spiritualityandpractice.com/films/films.php?id=16011>

"Living in three centuries: the faces of age," an online photography gallery:  
<http://www.markstoryphotography.com/index.php> All seventy-two framed prints are available as a major traveling exhibition for museums and galleries, as well as limited edition individual prints for sale.

CRITICAL PERSPECTIVES ON AGEING SOCIETIES, edited by Miriam Bernard and Thomas Scharf (Policy Press, 2007).

ENDURING QUESTIONS IN GERONTOLOGY, edited by Debra Sheets, Dana Bradley, and Jon Hendricks (Springer, 2006).

The *Itineraries, Winter Issue* (available at <http://www.secondjourney.org/>) includes 6 articles and a review of books focusing on topics of on meaningful careers: 1. *The Life Planning Network* is a new community of professionals who provide a broad spectrum of life planning services and resources for the Third Age. 2. *The InternShop* provides opportunities for midlife interns to try out vocations that fit their skills and passions through paid or unpaid internships. 3. In *Making a Public Difference*, *Jim Scheibel*, former mayor of St. Paul, MN, and the director of VISTA and the Senior Corps during the Clinton Administration, argues that the best work of one's life may likely be in one's future. The opportunity to give back, to be involved with an issue about which one is passionate, and to leave a legacy can be filled through service. 4. *Opening Doors for Encore Careers* describes the challenge taken on by Civic Ventures to inspire non-profit employers to tap the talent pool of Older Americans. 5. *The Aging Adventurer* has published a resource guide to help older adults find ways to follow their hearts. *Emily Kimball*, founder of Make It Happen!, shows how volunteering, education, and travel adventure qualify as meaningful work. 6. *Work in the Third Age of Life* tells a story about the nature of right livelihood, to encourage those in the Third Age to do everything with more attentiveness, gratitude, and joy. 7. *The Changing Nature of Work*. Finally, *Barbara Kammerlohr*, Second Journey's Book Page editor, reviews books by Marc Freedman, Richard Leider, and Susan Crandell that complement the articles and show how meaningful work exercises all of the dimensions of wellness.

ENVIRONMENT AND AGING: There's a new e-newsletter, "Environment and Aging" Bulletin for those concerned with "Global Aging in an Era of Global Warming." For a sample copy or free subscription, send a message to: [valuesinaging@yahoo.com](mailto:valuesinaging@yahoo.com)

## 6. Quotation

"Some people try to turn back their odometers. Not me, I want people to know why I look this way. I've traveled a long way, and some of the roads weren't paved." — Will Rogers