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President's Message

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As you will see in this edition of *Anthropology and Aging Quarterly*, we are very much looking forward to the American Anthropological Association and Gerontological Society of America meetings in New Orleans this November. It is extremely uncommon that both of these conferences are in the same city at the same time. This circumstance provides us with a rare opportunity to have many sessions and events for those who are interested in the intersections of anthropology, aging and life course studies. Importantly, this occasion also gives us the chance to introduce these topics to others who may not yet be working in these areas and/or for them to know others who combine these interests in their research programs and practice. Significantly, we can make known what a great ongoing professional network AAGE is for people with interests in these subfields – at any career stage. AAGE promotes students, researchers, practitioners and retirees interacting at scholarly sessions, our conference booth, going out to dinner and much more.

On a personal note, I joined AAGE as a graduate student embarking on my dissertation fieldwork in Mongolia. At the time, I did not know what my career path would be although I knew that I wanted to “do something” in the area of anthropology and aging. I was interested in what constituted a “good old age” and how that varied among people and across cultures. In AAGE, I found many like-minded colleagues who were also fascinated by these topics and did all kinds of interesting, related work. Initially, I met people whose publications I had read in graduate school and was somewhat awed by encountering them. Over time, I got to know these scholars by attending AAGE events, having dinner with and talking to them in the supportive atmosphere that this network provided.

I believe in “paying things forward” so I was happy to serve as an officer of AAGE this year and help the organization with its current and future planning. Through the Presidency, I got to know some colleagues much better as we worked on a series of projects together. Lori Jarvis, the next AAGE President, is very capable and I am certain that she will do a great job in this role. Please make Lori's job easier by volunteering to serve AAGE in a variety of ways – you can write for *Anthropology and Aging Quarterly*, judge papers for the Margaret Clark Student Award competition, mentor a student who has career interests in anthropology and aging and so forth. The vibrancy of our organization depends on the active engagement of its members. I have enjoyed serving as the AAGE President this year and I look forward to continuing to work on our initiatives as we move forward and educate others about this growing field.

See you in New Orleans!

Letter from the Editor

Kimberly Marie Jones
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Welcome to the 2010 conference edition of *Anthropology and Aging Quarterly*. The Association for Anthropology and Gerontology (AAGE) has lots in store for us at the American Anthropological Association (AAA) and Gerontological Society of America (GSA) meetings this year, which happen to be overlapping in New Orleans (November 17-23). The key AAGE events to attend are Friday at 12:15, the (AAA) Aging and the Life Course Interest Group meeting and book event, the AAGE dinner Friday night at 7:30p.m., and the AAGE business meeting (GSA) on Saturday at 11:30. Our table at the AAA is a great place to check out books and past issues of this journal, get tee-shirts, and chat with AAGE members and authors of AAGE-sponsored books. I hope to see you at the booth or at one of these events.

A full listing of anthropology and aging related AAA and GSA presentations and events are included in this issue. Abstracts for featured presentations are also included. In our listing of events, posters, panels and sessions at both conferences, you may note that there are an exceptionally large number of presentations this year at the AAA on aging, gerontology, and life course issues. This has added to the executive board's excitement regarding the upcoming meetings.

While all the members of the AAGE executive board are consistently supportive, insightful, and hard-working, Jay Sokolovsky is a model of long-term commitment and passion for us all. This issue also features a Guide to Key Resources developed by Jay and the AAA Aging and the Life Course Interest Group. This guide includes important new texts as well as a listing of pedagogic and theoretical standards. Jay is also serving as the editor of a book series on the **Life Course, Culture and Aging: Global Transformation** that will serve to support publishing other relevant works in our field.

It is equally rewarding to find new members early in their careers who demonstrate passion and a desire to serve the discipline. A doctoral student from the University of St. Andrews in Scotland has been infusing the journal and association with new energy and excitement these days. Philip Y. Kao, our new student editor, is developing a section of the journal dedicated to student projects. In this issue, he begins the series with reflections on caregiving and how this articulates with the doctoral research he is currently conducting. It is a pleasure to be working with him! Look out for more student work in 2011, and encourage your students and colleagues to consider submitting their work.

It is also a pleasure to introduce the new elected secretary of AAGE, Dr. Eric Miller. Thank you for taking on this service to our organization and welcome aboard!

As usual, this issue also celebrates scholarship in anthropology and aging through our regular columns: New Publications, edited by Maria Cattell, and Member News, edited by Margaret (Peggy) Perkinson. Be sure to renew your AAGE membership (just \$18 for students and \$28 for professionals) for 2011, which includes access to all past issues of AAQ.

AAGE Member News

Member News Column

Margaret A. Perkinson, PhD
Saint Louis University

Two AAGE members, one well-established in the field, the other an up-and-coming scholar, recently received national recognition. This issue's column showcases their work and awards:

Congratulations to **Dena Shenk, PhD**, director of the University of North Carolina Charlotte's Gerontology Program and past president of AAGE, who recently received national recognition for her many contributions to gerontology and anthropology. The Association for Gerontology in Higher Education (AGHE) – the educational branch of The Gerontological Society of America – has chosen her as the recipient of the 2011 **Hiram J. Friedsam Mentorship Award**. This distinguished honor, named for a former AGHE president and an outstanding mentor in gerontology, is given to an individual who has made significant contributions to gerontological education on a national level through excellence in mentorship to students, faculty, and administrators.

Dena is the first anthropologist to receive this award. The award presentation and lecture will take place at AGHE's 37th Annual Meeting and Educational Leadership Conference, which will be held from March 17 to 20, 2011, in Cincinnati, OH. Visit www.aghe.org for further details.

Dena is a fellow of AGHE and The Gerontological Society of America and has conducted research and program development and evaluation in Denmark, Costa Rica, Peru, Turkey and the United States. Her past and current research interests include rural older women, direct care workers, communicating with and caring for people with dementia, and use of narrative approaches and photography. (dshenk@unc.edu)



Kudos to **Tam Perry, University of Michigan Anthropology** doctoral candidate (teperry@umich.edu)!! She is one of four distinguished doctoral students to be accepted this year into the national Hartford Doctoral Fellows Program. Each Hartford Doctoral Fellow receives a \$50,000 dissertation grant plus \$20,000 in matching support from their home institutions, which enables awardees to concentrate fully on their dissertation research projects over the next two years. Fellows also receive supplemental academic career guidance and mentoring, as well as professional development to help them successfully launch an academic career in gerontology and social work.

Tam's research interests include: Discursive practices in nursing homes between residents and caregivers, financial well-being of older persons, and housing transitions faced by older persons. Her dissertation topic is: *Leaving home in late life: Negotiating moves among older adults and their networks in the Mid-western United States* and her dissertation chair is Ruth Dunkle.

Keep in Mind Upcoming Awards and a Book Publishing Opportunity Sponsored by AAGE!

AAGE SPONSORED STUDENT AWARDS

The Jacob Climo Award: This fund honors the memory of Jacob (Jay) Climo by supporting student participation at meetings in which AAGE is active. Jay was a long time member and former president of AAGE. He was Professor of Anthropology at Michigan State University, where he taught social and medical anthropology and served as a dynamic mentor to generations of students. Jay did fieldwork in Ethiopia, Israel, Mexico and Michigan. His research focused on intergenerational relationships, the ethnography of memory, aging and elder care around the world, grandparents parenting grandchildren, and narratives about aging parents in the U.S. and their adult children in Israel. Jay had several books to his credit: *Distant Parents* (1992), *The Labyrinth of Memory* (1995), and *Social Memory and History* (2002). **How to contribute:** Write your check to AAGE, write "Climo support fund" in the memo line, and mail to Maria Cattell, 486 Walnut Hill Rd., Millersville, PA 17551.

The Margaret Clark Award: AAGE sponsors an annual Margaret Clark essay award. Cash prizes of \$500 and \$250 will be awarded to the most outstanding graduate and undergraduate essay respectively. The competition aims to support the continued pursuit of the insights and practice ideals demonstrated by Margaret Clark, a pioneer in the multidisciplinary study of socio-cultural gerontology and medical anthropology. An extended summary of the winning manuscript will be published in *AAQ*. The jurors may select papers for Honorable Mention; these authors receive one year's free membership in AAGE. Please consult the AAGE website for more information.

AAGE SPONSORED PUBLICATIONS

New Book Series: Life Course, Culture and Aging: Global Transformation. The book series is being published by Berghahn Publishers in collaboration with AAGE and the AAA Interest Group on Aging and the Life Course. **Mission of the series:** Late Life and Adult Maturity set in the context of the Life Course, Culture and Community. This focus will be set within the powerful global transformations now taking place. The series will consist of both ethnographies and edited books with a goal of 2 books a year. Manuscript ideas/manuscripts can be submitted to either the editor, Jay Sokolovsky (jsoko@earthlink.net) or the publisher, Marion Berghahn, Marion.berghahn@berghahnbooks.com

AAGE Member News

A Warm Welcome to the Newly Elected Secretary-Elect of AAGE, Dr. Eric Miller!

Introducing Eric...

Eric Miller (Ph.D., University of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh PA, 2004), Study Abroad Coordinator & Instructor, Center for Experiential Learning, Loras College, Dubuque, Iowa.

Current and Recent Research: "Compromises of old age: Power and independence in rural north China," funded by Wenner-Gren Foundation, 1998-9.

My research area is support for the aged and intergenerational relationships in rural north China. I also previously worked with the Hospital Elder Life Program and the Yale School of Medicine's Program on Aging. That work focused on training M.D.-Ph.D. students to conduct research in geriatrics and on hospital quality of care issues dealing with aged patients, and on delirium.

Recent Publications:

Village Life in Rural Zouping. In *Change in Rural China: American Scholars Research in Zouping County, Shandong*. [Chinese]. Jinan, Shandong, China: Shandong People's Press, 2008.

'Living Independently Is Good': Residence Patterns in rural north China reconsidered. *Journal of Long Term Home Health Care*. 2007.

Filial Daughters, Filial Sons, Comparisons from Rural North China. In *Filial Piety: Practice and Discourse in Contemporary East Asia*. Charlotte Ikels, ed. Stanford, CA: Stanford University Press, 2004.

Professional Activities:

Reviewer, *Journal of Cross-Cultural Anthropology*, 2001-present

Board Member, China Health Network, Yale School of Medicine 2004-5

Statement:

I have found AAGE to be a supportive place where those interested in anthropology and aging can find a supportive network at all stages of their career. I hope that AAGE continues to be a welcoming organization that is international, intergenerational and incorporates all subfields of anthropology. AAGE can also motivate us to come together around common interests in anthropology and aging studies so that we can continue to share ideas, present papers and publish in these fields. It is important that we continue to keep anthropology in aging studies and aging studies in anthropology. Given my current work with international education and experiential learning, I also hope that in my role as secretary I can also help us think about connections between anthropology and aging in study abroad and service learning.

New Publications in Anthropological Gerontology

NEW PUBLICATIONS IN ANTHROPOLOGICAL GERONTOLOGY

Maria G. Cattell

I'm looking forward to seeing many of you in New Orleans. Come by the AAGE table, say hi – and renew your membership, see and bid on members' books, buy a tee, sign up to help out (more info elsewhere in this AAQ).

As always, do let me know about *your* publications, things I've missed, book chapters, articles in specialized journals, whatever: mgcattell@aol.com.

ABBREVIATIONS: AI=Ageing International; EJA=European J.Aging; Geront.=The Gerontologist; JAH=J.Aging & Health; JAHA=J.Aging, Humanities & the Arts; JCCG=J.Cross-Cultural Gerontology; JG:PS=J.Gero:Psychological Sciences; JG:SS=J.Gero:Social Sciences; JPA= J.Population Aging; QHR= Qualitative Health Research; ROA=Research on Aging; SIR=Social Indicators Research.

*Name in boldface indicates AAGE member.

Book Reviews – Of Members' Books / By Members

Review of *Jay Sokolovsky, ed., *The Cultural Context of Aging*, 3d ed. (Praeger, 2009) by *Lori L. Jervis in JCCG 24(3) 2009:319-320.

Review of *Samantha Solimeo *With shaking hands: Aging with Parkinson's in America's heartland* (Rutgers UP, 2008) by K. Dassel in *Geront.* 49(5) 2009:720-723.

Abuse & Neglect

Gutman, G.M. & C. Spencer 2010 *Age, ageism and abuse: Moving from awareness to action*. Boston: Elsevier.

Aging

Brennan, M., S.E. Karpiak, R.A. Shippy, M.H. Cantor, eds. 2009 *Older adults with HIV: An in-depth examination of an emerging population*. Hauppauge NY: Nova Science Publishers.

Burns, V. 2010 Socially isolated older adults: Not so 'at risk' after all [Canada]. *Pluralages* 1(2):12-13.

Fahy, G.M., ed. 2010 *The future of aging: Pathways to human life extension*. NY: Springer.

Miller, T.W., ed. 2010 *Handbook of stressful transitions across the life span*. NY: Springer.

Weiner, J. 2010 *Long for this world: The strange science of immortality*. NY: HarperCollins.

Aspects of Caregiving

Ball, M.M., M.M. Perkins, C. Hollingsworth, C.L. Kemp, eds. 2010 *Frontline workers in assisted living*. Baltimore: Johns Hopkins UP.

Beckett, J.O., ed. 2009 *Lifting our voices: The journeys into family caregiving of professional social workers*. NY: Columbia UP.

Lavoie, J-P., *Annette Leibing et al. 2010 A balancing act: Serving elderly people with severe mental illness [Canada]. *Pluralages* 1(2):14-15.

Phillips, L.R. & P.G. Reed 2010 End-of-life caregivers' perspectives on their roles: Generative caregiving. *Geront.* 50(2):204-214.

Shabahangi, N.R. & B. Szymkiewicz 2008 *Deeper into the soul: Beyond dementia and Alzheimer's: Toward forgetfulness care*. San Francisco: Elders Academy Press.

*Shenk, Dena 2009 Moral agency of direct care workers and the people for whom they care. *JAHA* 3(4):285-299.

Shulman, A.K. 2008 *To love what is: A marriage transformed*. NY: Farrar, Strauss & Giroux.

Shulman, N., M.A. Silverman, A.G. Golden 2009 *The real truth about aging: A survival guide for older adults and caregivers*. Amherst NY: Prometheus.

New Publications in Anthropological Gerontology

Cognitive Aging

Basting, A.D. 2009 *Forget memory: Creating better lives for people with dementia*. Baltimore: Johns Hopkins UP.

Bosworth, H.B. & C. Herzog, eds. 2009 *Aging and cognition: Research methodologies and empirical advances*. Washington DC: American Psychological Association.

Damianakis, T. et al. 2010 The psychosocial impacts of multimedia biographies on persons with cognitive impairments. *Geront.* 50(1):23-35.

Hoblitzelle, O.A. 2008 *The majesty of your loving: A couple's journey through Alzheimer's*. Cambridge MA: Green Mountain Books.

Innes, A. 2009 *Dementia studies: A social science perspective*. Thousand Oaks CA: Sage.

Snyder, L. 2009 *Speaking our minds: What it's like to have Alzheimer's*, Rev. ed. Baltimore: Health Professionals Press.

Voris, E., N. Shabahangi, P. Fox 2009 *Conversations with Ed: Waiting for forgetfulness: Why are we so afraid of Alzheimer's?* San Francisco: Elders Academy Press.

Comparative Perspectives: Cross-Cultural & Cross-National

AI 35(2) 2010, Special issue on "Dementia care and Chinese culture" [China & U.S.], ed. H. Chen & S.E. Levkoff.

Amit, K. & H. Litwin 2010 The subjective well-being of immigrants aged 50 and older in Israel. *SIR* 98(1):89-104.

Andrews, G.J. & T. Muzumdar 2010 Rethinking the applied: Public gerontology, global responsibility. *JAG* 29(2):143-154.

Cann, P. & M. Dean, eds. 2009 *Unequal ageing: The untold story of exclusion in old age*. Bristol UK: Policy Press.

Carmel, S., ed. 2009 *Aging in Israel: Research, policy and practice*. New Brunswick NJ: Transaction.

Cheng, S-T. et al. 2009 Social network types and subjective well-being in Chinese older adults. *JG:SS* 64B(6):713-722.

Gwodz, W. & A. Sousa-Poza 2010 Ageing, health and life satisfaction of the oldest old: An analysis from Germany. *SIR* 97(3):397-417.

Hashizume, Y. 2010 Releasing from the oppression: Caregiving for the elderly parents of Japanese working women. *QHR* 20(6):830-844.

Hossen, A. & A. Westhues 2010 A socially excluded space: Restrictions on access to health care for older women in rural Bangladesh. *QHR* 20(9):1192-1201.

Hungwe, C. 2010 Evaluating older persons' perceptions on their quality of life in an old people's institution: A Zimbabwean case study. *JAG* 29(3):333-351.

Hyde, A., J. Nee, E. Howlett, J. Drennan 2010 Menopause narratives: The interplay of women's embodied experiences with biomedical discourse [Ireland]. *QHR* 20(6): 805-815.

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Lee, J. & J.P. Smith 2010 Work, retirement, and depression [Korea]. *JPA* 2(1/2):57-71.

Lee, J-J. 2009 Differences between older Chinese men and women from Hong Kong in the impact of urinary incontinence on their lives. *JCCG* 24(3):307-317.

Lien, S-C., Y.B. Zhand, M.L. Hummert 2009 Older adults in prime-time television dramas in Taiwan: Prevalence, portrayal, and communication interaction. *JCCG* 24(4):355-372.

New Publications in Anthropological Gerontology

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- Lu, L., S-F. Kao, Y.H. Hsieh 2010 Positive attitudes toward older people and well-being among Chinese community older adults [Taiwan]. *JAG* 29(5):622-639.
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- MacKinlay, E., ed. 2010 *Ageing and spirituality across faiths and cultures* [Australia]. Philadelphia: Jessica Kingsley.
- Maier, H., J. Gamae, B. Jeune, eds. 2010 *Supercentenarians* [Australia, Canada, Europe, Japan, U.S.]. NY: Springer.
- Molzahn, A., S.M. Skevington, M. Kalfoss, K.S. Makaroff 2010 The importance of facets of quality of life to older adults: An internal investigation [22 countries]. *Quality of Life Research* 19(2):293-298.
- Muga, G.O. & W. Onyango-Ouma 2009 Changing household composition and food security among the elderly caretakers in rural western Kenya. *JCCG* 24(3):259-272.
- Munthre, C. & P. Maharaj 2010 Growing old in the era of a high prevalence of HIV/AIDS: The impact of AIDS on older men and women in Kwa Zulu-Natal, South Africa. *ROA* 32(2):155-174.
- Palmore, E.B., F. Whittington, S. Kunkel 2009 *The international handbook on aging: Current research and developments*. Santa Barbara CA: Praeger.
- Powell, J.L. 2010 The power of global aging. *AI* 35(1):1-14.
- Quinodoz, D. 2009 *Growing old: A journey of self-discovery*, tr. D. Alcorn [Switzerland]. NY: Routledge.
- Schatz, E.J. 2009 Reframing vulnerability: Mozambican refugees' access to state-funded pensions in rural South Africa. *JCCG* 24(3): 241-258.
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- Sousa, L., A.R. Silva, L. Santos, M. Patrão 2010 The family inheritance process: Motivations and patterns of interaction [Portugal]. *EJA* 7(1):5-15.
- Sundström, G., E. Fransson, B. Malmberg, A. Davey 2009 Loneliness among older Europeans. *EJA* 6(4):267-275.
- Verropoulou, G. 2009 Key elements composing self-rated health in older adults: A comparative study of 11 European countries. *EJA* 6(3):213-226.
- Wang, H., Q. Xiong, S. Levkoff, X. Yu 2010 Social support, health service use and mental health among caregivers of the elderly in rural China. *AI* 35(1):72-84.
- Wangmo, T. & P.B. Teaster 2010 The bridge from then to now: Tibetan elders living in diaspora [in India]. *JAG* 29(4):434-454.
- Wong, R. & C. Gonzalez-Gonzalez 2010 Old-age disability and wealth among return Mexican migrants from the United States. *JAH* 22(7):932-954.
- Wong, Y-S. & L.M. Verbrugge 2009 Living alone: Elderly Chinese Singaporeans. *JCCG* 34(3):209-224.

New Publications in Anthropological Gerontology

Comparative Perspectives: Ethnicity in the U.S. & Canada

Angel, R.J. et al. 2010 Shorter stay, longer life: Age at migration and mortality among the older Mexican-origin population. *JAH* 22(7):914-931.

Glicksman, A. & T. Koropeckyj-Cox 2009 Aging among Jewish Americans: Implications for understanding religion, ethnicity, and service needs. *Geront.* 49(6): 816-827.

Jang, Y., D.A. Chiriboga, J.R. Herrera, L. Schonfeld 2010 Correlates of depressive symptoms among Hispanic older adults living in public housing. *JAG* 29(2):180-195.

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Lai, D.W.L. 2010 Filial piety, caregiving appraisal, and caregiving burden. *ROA* 32(2):200-223.

Min, J.W. & C. Barrio 2009 Cultural values and caregiver preference for Mexican-American and non-Latino white elders. *JCCG* 24(3):225-239.

Silverman, M. et al. 2009 "Is it half full or half empty?" Affective responses to chronic illness [African Americans and whites]. *JCCG* 24(3):291-306.

Wrobel, N.H., M.F. Farrag, R.W. Hynes 2009 Acculturative stress and depression in an elderly Arabic sample. *JCCG* 24(3):273-290.

Demography

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Uhlenberg, P., ed. 2009 *International handbook of population aging*, Vol. 1. NY: Springer.

Zeng, Y., D.L. Poston, D. Ashbaugh Vlosky, D. Gu, eds. 2008 *Healthy longevity in China*. NY: Springer.

Education

AGHE collection of syllabi for courses in aging, 2 vols. aghe.org (AAGE's 1999 *Teaching about aging* also available.)

Sterns, H.L. & M.A. Bernard, eds. 2008 *Gerontological and geriatric education*. Annual Review of Gerontology & Geriatrics, Vol. 28. NY: Springer.

End of Life Issues

Bauer-Maglin, N. & D. Perry, eds. 2010 *Final acts: Death, dying, and the choices we make*. New Brunswick NJ: Rutgers UP.

Environment & Housing

Abbott, P., N. Carman, J. Carman, B. Scarfo, eds. 2009 *Recreating neighborhoods for successful aging*. Baltimore: Health Professionals Press.

Durrett, C. 2009 *The senior cohousing handbook: A community approach to independent living*, 2d ed. Gabriola Island BC: New Society Publishers.

Family Matters

Connidis, I.A. 2010 *Family ties and aging*. Los Angeles: Pine Forge Press.

Milardo, R.M. 2010 *The forgotten kin: Aunts and uncles*. NY: Cambridge UP.

Windsor, T.D., L.H. Ryan, J. Smith 2009 Individual well-being in middle and older adulthood: Do spousal beliefs matter? *JG:SS* 64B(5):586-596.

New Publications in Anthropological Gerontology

Gay & Lesbian Aging

Fredriksen-Goldsen, K.I. & A. Muraco 2010 Aging and sexual orientation: A 25-year review of the literature. *ROA* 32(3):372-413.

Health

Albert, S.M., J. Bear-Lehman, A. Burkhardt 2009 Lifestyle-adjusted functionality: Variation beyond BADL and IADL competencies. *Geront.* 49(6):767-777.

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AAGE 2010 Guide to the Meetings: Navigating and Networking at the 2010 American Anthropological Association (AAA) and Gerontological Society of America (GSA) Meetings

Association for Anthropology and Gerontology (AAGE) Table at AAA: AAGE members and authors of anthropology and aging related books will be hosting the table beginning Thursday at 9a.m. At the booth, issues of *AAQ*, tee-shirts, book displays, and a silent auction of new books for the Climo Student Award will be featured. Make a bid for a book (or books) in the Silent Auction. New books in this year's **Silent Auction** include Mary Catherine Bateson's *Composing a Further Life: the Age of Active Wisdom* (Knopf, 2010); Janice Graham and Peter Stephenson's edited volume, *Contesting Aging and Loss* (U. of Toronto Press, 2010); and Satsuki Kawano's *Nature's Embrace: Japan's Aging Urbanites and New Death Rites* (U. of Hawai'i Press, 2010).

INTEREST GROUP EVENT: AAA Aging and Life Course Interest Group Meeting and Interlocutor Event, **Friday, 12:15-1:30 (Salon 801), 8th floor, Sheraton**. Reception and Interlocutor Discussion with noted gerontologist Dr. Anne Basting, Director of the Center on Age & Community at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee. She will be interviewed by anthropologist Jay Sokolovsky regarding her new book *Forget Memory: Creating Better Lives for People With Dementia* (2009). This pathbreaking volume looks at the cultural forces at play in shaping the way we value and care for people with memory loss.

AAGE DINNER: Friday, 7:30 p.m.. Place to be determined and posted on the AAGE website (www.clubexpress.com/aage). Sign up at the AAGE table in New Orleans or e-mail jsoko@earthlink.net. We welcome all to join us.

AAGE BUSINESS MEETING AND NETWORKING EVENT: Saturday, 12:30AM-1:30PM in Melrose Room at Hilton New Orleans Riverside (2 Poydras Street). Students, early career faculty, experienced scholars, practitioners, and others interested in exploring sub-disciplinary professional development opportunities and service opportunities are warmly welcomed.

OTHER PARTICIPATING AGING AND GERONTOLOGY ORGANIZATIONS

AAA Aging and the Life Course Interest Group: The consequences of global aging will influence virtually every topic studied by anthropologists, including the biological limits of the human life span, generational exchange and kinship, household and community formations, symbolic representations of the life course, and attitudes toward disability and death. A major goal of this interest group is to bring together anthropologists whose work addresses such issues both in and outside of academia. Membership is free but you must be an AAA member. Convener Jay Sokolovsky (jsoko@earthlink.net)

The Gerontological Society of America (GSA):

The meeting of this organization that supports aging research is overlapping in New Orleans with the AAA, from Nov 19-23 at the Hilton New Orleans Riverside Hotel (2 Poydras Street). The AAGE networking event on Saturday afternoon is at the Hilton. In addition, several AAA Aging and the Life Course Interest Group and AAGE members are giving papers and posters at this meeting. GSA Interest Groups include Qualitative Research, Rural Aging, International Aging and Migration, Aging in Asia, and Chinese Gerontology.

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Note: Titles in **bold** are AAGE key events or featured presentations. Abstracts for featured presentations (in alphabetical order by first author's last name) follow the listing of events.

Wednesday, November 17

- **12 p.m.** Alexandra Crampton: THE CIRCULATION OF GLOBAL AGING THROUGH SOCIAL INTERVENTION WORK
- **12 p.m.** XOCHITL RUIZ FOOD, KINSHIP, AND GROWING OLDER IN BOGOTÁ-COLOMBIA
- **12:30 p.m.** Marty Martinson CRITICAL PERSPECTIVES ON THE PROMOTION OF OLDER ADULT VOLUNTEERISM
- **2:15 p.m.** Jessica Robbins MORAL AND MEMORIAL NARRATIVE PRACTICES: AGING AND MEMORY IN A POLISH REHABILITATION CENTER
- **3 p.m.** Michele Gamburd MIGRANT REMITTANCES: POPULATION AGEING, AND INTERGENERATIONAL FAMILY OBLIGATIONS IN SRI LANKA
- **3 p.m.** Elizabeth Finnis ENVIRONMENTAL UNCERTAINTY, AGING, AND MIGRATION: EXAMINATIONS OF AGRICULTURAL DECISION-MAKING IN RURAL PARAGUAY
- **3:15 p.m.** Catrin Lynch CIRCULATION PERSPECTIVES ON AGING, WORK, AND THE GRAYING OF SOCIETY
- **4 - 5:45 p.m.** Session AGING, BEREAVEMENT, DEATH AND DYING
- **4 - 5:45 p.m.** Jason Danely MEMORIAL AS THE CIRCULATION OF DESIRE: MOURNING, SUBJECTIVITY AND THE LIFE CYCLE IN JAPAN
- **4:30 p.m.** Elana Buch ORDERING THE HOUSE OF SQUALOR: PROTECTING PERSONHOOD AGAINST PATHOLOGIZING PRACTICE IN US HOME CARE OF OLDER ADULTS
- **5 p.m.** Daniella Santoro ACT YOUR AGE: LOCAL CONCEPTIONS OF HEALTH AND THE AGING BODY IN NEW ORLEANS SECOND LINES
- **5:15 p.m.** Deborah Durham MAKING PARENTHOOD IN TURKEY: AN INQUIRY INTO AGING PARENTS
- **5:30 p.m.** J Dylan Turner OUT OF CIRCULATION? LATE-LIFE EXCHANGES OF CHILDLESS MEN
- **8:30 p.m.** Matthew Lauer FROM YE'KWANA EPISTEMOLOGY TO AN ANTHROPOLOGY OF GROWTH AND HUMAN REPRODUCTION IN AMAZONIA
- **9:15 p.m.** Alexis Matza CIRCULATING TESTOSTERONE

Thursday, November 18

- **8 - 11:30 a.m. AAA Invited Double Session** Andrea Sankar and Athena Mclean, organizers CIRCULATING THE LIFE COURSE: TOWARDS AN ANTHROPOLOGY OF CARE AND CAREGIVING
- **8 a.m.** Session, Bjarke Oxlund, organizer AGING AND DYING
- **11 a.m. Maria Cattell TIME'S LABYRINTH: UNWINDING THE THREAD IN WESTERN KENYA.** **Note: Senior Anthropologists' invited session on long-term research (aging and the life course). This session on long-term research, "Return to the Natives," was organized by Alice Kehoe. It will take place on Thursday, November 18, 8:00 to 11:30 am. Marjorie Schweitzer, a past AAGE president, is listed as a presenter, but Marge is busy with caregiving for her husband John and will not be able to go to New Orleans.**

Friday, November 19

- **9 a.m.** Patti Meyer CARE FOR THE CAREWORKERS: SUBJECT POSITIONS AND HEALTH-

SEEKING STRATEGIES OF IMMIGRANT CAREWORKERS LABORING IN THE HOMES OF ELDERS IN GENOA

- **12:15 - 1:30 p.m. AAA INTEREST GROUP, AGING AND THE LIFE COURSE MEETING AND INTERLOCUTOR SESSION: Salon 801, Eighth Floor, Sheraton. 12:15-12:30 p.m.** Reception and Presentation of the book authors donating books for the Climo Memorial Student Fund. **12:30 - 1:10 p.m.** Interlocutor discussion with noted gerontologist Dr. Anne Basting on her new book, *Forget Memory*, hosted by Jay Sokolovsky with additional questions from the audience.
- **4 - 5:45 p.m.** Isabelle Joyal Poster THE RETIREMENT OF SENIOR EXECUTIVES WOMEN: TURNING POINTS AND CREATIVITY
- **4:30 p.m.** Andrea Nevedal I'M DAMAGED GOODS: UNDERSTANDING HOW HIV CIRCULATES THROUGH THE LIVES OF OLDER AFRICAN AMERICANS WITH HIV
- **7:30 p.m. AAGE Dinner. SIGN UP AT THE AAGE TABLE.** We welcome you to join us.

Saturday, November 20

- **8 - 9:45 a.m. Poster, organized by Peggy Perkinson THE NAPA-OT FIELD SCHOOL IN ANTIGUA, GUATEMALA: CIRCULATING THEORY AND PRACTICE ACROSS DISCIPLINARY BOUNDARIES OF ANTHROPOLOGY, OCCUPATIONAL SCIENCE/THERAPY, AND DISABILITY STUDIES**
- **10:15 a.m. - 12pm** Kimberly Jones TWENTY YEARS OF UNIVERSAL PUBLIC HEALTHCARE IN BRAZIL: A CASE STUDY FROM THE BRAZILIAN SERTÃO
- **1:45 to 3:30 p.m. AFAA Invited Roundtable honoring Nancy (Penny) Schwartz DREAMING IN COLOR ABOUT BLACK MARYS: WOMEN'S POSTMORTEM AGENCY, TRANSSPECIES ANTHROPOLOGY, ELEPHANT DRUG, AND OTHER ASPECTS OF KENYA LUO CULTURE AND THEIR BROADER IMPLICATIONS**
- **3-5p.m.** Poster, Vendelin Tarmo Simon SEXUALITY AMONG ELDERLY PEOPLE IN TANZANIA; IS IT MYTH OR TABOO
- **4:45 p.m.** Jeanne Shea "I'M NOT WILLING TO DEPEND ON MY CHILDREN": RESISTANCE TO LATER LIFE FAMILIAL DEPENDENCE BY OLDER CHINESE WOMEN IN BEIJING

Sunday, November 21

- **9:30 - 11a.m.** Invitation only Brunch for the Berghahn series on aging and the life course editorial board and authors.
- **10:15 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Session, Lori Jervis and Wayne Warry, organizers CULTURE, HEALTH, AGING AND NATIVE NORTH AMERICAN COMMUNITIES**
 - Sylvia Abonyi and Marie Favel. Marie's Story of Aging Well: Toward New Perspectives on the Experience of Aging for Aboriginal Seniors in Canada.
 - **Lori L. Jervis and William Sconzert-Hall. Abuse, Neglect, and the Meaning of Respect for Urban and Rural Native Elders.**
 - Wayne Warry and Kristen Jacklin. Forgetting and Forgotten: Dementia in Aboriginal Seniors.
 - Jessica E. Pace. Understanding the Impacts of Culture and Cognitive Health on Contemporary Aboriginal Peoples' Experience with Aging.
 - J. Neil Henderson, L. Carson Henderson, Ryan Blanton, and Steven Gomez. Perspectives on Brain Autopsy, Diabetic Amputations, and End-of-Life Issues among Elderly American Indian People.

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Friday, November 19

- Pre-Conference Workshop on Using Film and Digital Media in Aging Research

Saturday November 20

- **12:30 a.m. -1:30 p.m. AAGE BUSINESS MEETING AND NETWORKING EVENT: Melrose Room at Hilton New Orleans Riverside** Students, early career faculty, experienced scholars and practitioners in the field, and all others interested in exploring sub-disciplinary professional development are warmly welcomed.
- **2:30 - 4:00 p.m. Poster, Lori L. Jervis and William Sconzert-Hall CONCEPTUALIZATIONS OF MISTREATMENT AMONG AMERICAN INDIAN ELDERS**
- **2:30 - 4 P.M. Poster, Caitrin Lynch WORKING RETIREMENT: LESSONS ABOUT AGING, PRODUCTIVITY, PURPOSE, AND SOCIAL ENGAGEMENT FROM A SUBURBAN BOSTON FACTORY**
- **8 - 9:30 p.m. Short Film Festival on Aging Grand Ballroom A, \$10 Sponsored by: the UWM Center on Age & Community.** For more information go to www.geron.org/2010

Sunday, November 21

- **1:30 - 3 p.m. Peggy Perkinson, Organizer SYMPOSIUM ON AGING IN DEVELOPING COUNTRIES**
 - **Sharon Williams & Gillian Ice. Cultural Contexts, Nutritional Transitions: The Anthropology of Global Overweight & Obesity Trends of Older Adults**
 - **Margaret Neal, Keren Wilson, Alan De La Torre. Service-Learning and Older Adults in Nicaragua: Designing a Program that Fits**
 - **Stan Ingman & Iftekhar Amin. Developing Gerontological Educators in Mexico: A Partnership between USA and Mexico**
 - **Tara McMullen & Candace Brown. GAGE: A Non-Profit Organization Bringing Gerontological Awareness to Ethiopia.**
 - **Discussants: Ed Rosenberg & Margaret (Peggy) Perkinson**

Monday, November 22

- **9:30 a.m.** Rebecca Berman and Madelyn Iris **INNOVATIVE TECHNOLOGIES FOR EVALUATING THE DEVELOPMENT OF A CAREGIVER SUPPORT PARTNERSHIP**
- **12 p.m. Poster, Robert W. Schrauf and Madelyn Iris THREE METHODS OF MEASURING CROSS-CULTURAL VARIATION IN MINORITY GROUPS' BELIEFS ABOUT DEMENTIA**
- **4 - 5:30 p.m. Poster, Iveris Martinez A COMMUNITY-BASED APPROACH FOR INTEGRATING GERIATRICS AND GERONTOLOGY INTO MEDICAL EDUCATION**

Tuesday, November 23

- **11 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.** Gillian Ice, J. V. Yogo, V. Heh, and E. Juma **PREDICTORS OF NUTRITIONAL STATUS IN GRANDPARENT CAREGIVERS IN KENYA**

ABSTRACTS FOR FEATURED PRESENTATIONS

CATTELL, Maria. Time's Labyrinth: Unwinding the Thread in Western Kenya

In the mid-1980s I went to rural western Kenya to unwind the thread of Samia culture and learn, specifically, about aging and social change in this Luyia community. What I learned of social change was derived in part from written sources, but mainly from asking older Samia (in interviews and a survey) about their life stories and the "old days" and comparing what they said with what my research revealed of the present. Since then I have been "there and back again" a number of times and have learned about social change by observing and recording it for more than 25 years. In those years globalization has made enormous changes even in this remote rural area where nowadays many people have cellphones and use email. Ethnography has become social history. I have also done research projects in Philadelphia and South Africa, but have not made the

return visits or maintained relationships in those places. In Kenya personal relationships have deepened over time and I have an intimacy of knowledge not achieved elsewhere. Over the years my own life experiences have expanded to include becoming a grandmother and a widow, which has given me new perspectives on these topics in my Kenya research. Doing research in time's labyrinth, over a period of many years, means that returning to Kenya means going home again, even though that home is always changing. It has been challenging, exciting and satisfying.

CATTELL, Maria. Remembering Nancy (Penny) Schwartz

Penny Schwartz was a long-time member of AAGE and a faithful helper at the AAGE booth for a number of years. Penny was a practitioner of "retail therapy" for her own down times (which were many, as she was an "academic butterfly" for 15 years before she settled at the College of Southern Nevada). She was also a born saleswoman. I still laugh when I remember the time Penny made a sign for the AAGE t-shirts: "LAST DAY SALE: ONLY \$10." The joke was that \$10 was the price every other day as well.

Penny was a remarkable scholar. Her fieldwork among Luo of Kenya (Obama's group) resulted in a monumental dissertation on glossolalia (speaking in tongues) in an African instituted church. Over the years she wrote papers about Black Madonnas, the power of older women, and other gender issues among Luo. In recent years her scholarly interests expanded into the area of human-animal relations among Luo and in the wider world.

The Association for Africanist Anthropology has organized an invited roundtable, **Dreaming in color about black Marys, women's postmortem agency, transspecies anthropology, elephant dung and other aspects of Kenya Luo culture and their broader implications** in honor of Penny Schwartz, who died April 24, 2009.

Penny Schwartz received her PhD from Princeton University in 1989 after writing a magisterial study of the glossolalia practices in Legio Maria, an African independent church founded by Luo of Kenya. During her peripatetic teaching career Penny Schwartz dazzled and inspired colleagues and students in many parts of the U.S. with her shrewd wit and unbridled enthusiasm for anthropology and Africa. Equally dazzling was a series of papers in which Penny, with an appreciation of metaphors and metacommunication and the expressive politics of gender and the marginalized, took Princeton-style symbolic anthropology out to the very edges of its human ethnographic possibilities—and then stepped over into other domains of human and animal interaction. She wrote of "magical and mundane powers of African birds," dealt with African snakes as "charismatic and non-phallic megafauna," and found "something fishy in Lake Victoria" in regard to water abuse and political ecology. Her papers tickled funny bones and poked holes in what she felt were anthropology's "anthropocentric" and "logocentric" pretensions. In one paper Penny documented ways that Kenya Luo and Luyia women have both pre- and post-mortem agency. This celebration of her life will confirm that Penny also remains "active dead or alive."

PERKINSON, Margaret A. (Saint Louis U.) with YATCZAK, J. (E. Michigan), KASNITZ, D. (Society for Disability Studies), RODRIGUEZ, M (Wayne State U.), and FURGANG, N. (U. of New Mexico). The NAPA-OT Field School in Antigua, Guatemala: Circulating Theory and Practice across Disciplinary Boundaries of Anthropology, Occupational Science/Therapy, and Disability Studies

With backing from NAPA and AAA, colleagues in medical anthropology, disability studies, and occupational science/occupational therapy developed a six-week interdisciplinary field school to enable faculty and students to refine the interplay of disciplines in collaborative research and occupational therapy practice. Theories of social and occupational justice within a life course perspective direct and integrate the four components of the field school: Pediatrics, Disability Studies, Community-Based Gerontology, and Medical Anthropology. With a critical perspective on globalization and development and focus on social and occupational justice, the field school develops leadership for social transformation among its students and faculty. Based in Antigua, Guatemala, our principal NGO partner is Common Hope, a non-profit working in Guatemala for 25 years (www.commonhope.org). Common Hope employs a community development approach and has partnered with over 8,000 Guatemalan children and adults in low-income rural and urban

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areas to improve education, housing, and health care. Our faculty includes Guatemalan anthropologists Rolando Duarte and Teresa Coello, Centro Cultural el Romero (Panajachel, Solola), and we collaborate with various Guatemalan professionals in health and community development. Our students develop skills in research, practice, Spanish language communication, and interdisciplinary collaboration in clinical and community field sites that include residential care facilities for older adults, a residential hospital for low-income Guatemalans, an Independent Living Center, an NGO/community development organization for rural Mayan families, a Guatemalan sign language school, and community-based home visits with local social workers. The poster includes the field school curriculum and brief summaries of faculty and student research and practice.

INGMAN, Stan and AMIN, Iftekhar. Developing Gerontological Educators in Mexico: A Partnership between USA and Mexico

As low income societies experience rapid aging of their populations, they face major challenges in developing educational policies to prepare their workforce for the future. With over 50 % of the population in poverty in Mexico – mostly in rural areas – policy makers and gerontological researchers are joining forces to respond to the “senior crisis” as poverty crisis. In response to global aging across the world, we have a responsibility to assist our colleagues in younger societies to prepare for the aging of their populations. University of North Texas faculty and graduate students have joined forces with colleagues in the Guadalajara area to expand the number of the applied gerontologist in Mexico. This paper reviews the strategies we employed to reach this goal and discuss which ones were successful, e.g. informal certificates, gerontology conferences, and seminars for seniors and health care professionals in the State of Jalisco.

JERVIS, Lori L., AND SCONZERT-HALL, William. Conceptualizations of Mistreatment among American Indian Elders

The problem of how to conceptualize elder mistreatment goes back several decades. Issues of conceptualization are especially important for ethnic minority populations, who may have perspectives that differ from the dominant society. This mixed methods CBPR study, which examined perceptions of mistreatment among 100 urban and rural older American Indians, permits a rare glimpse into how Native elders themselves understand this issue. Here, good treatment emerged as a complex mixture of behavioral factors (being taken care of, having one’s needs met, spending time with family members, and being included in things) and attitudinal factors (being respected and being loved). Poor treatment, conversely, was defined as financial exploitation, neglect, psychological abuse, physical abuse, as well as lack of respect. Many of the elders who stated, in response to open-ended questions, that they had been mistreated did not endorse abuse items on the structured survey. Some of these elders sincerely felt that they were not treated well by family and were quite unhappy about it, but their perceived mistreatment did not come close to the level of a reportable offense. The complaints of these elders often revolved around feeling taken advantage of in a variety of ways (e.g., being unappreciated, financially exploited, babysitting excessively, not getting the help they needed). These findings point to the importance of understanding the underlying constructs that elders have in mind when they describe optimal and suboptimal treatment, and suggest that behavior that is highly distressing to elders may be outside the purview of elder protective services.

MCMULLEN, Tara L. and BROWN, Candace. GAGE: A Non-Profit Organization Bringing Gerontological Awareness to Ethiopia

Ethiopia is the second most populous nation in Africa; however, it is one of the least developed counties in the world. Recent strategic governmental policies, used to increase life expectancy, lack balance between population growth, resources, the economy, and the age structure. The culture of caregiving is transitioning from familial to social. Further, services rendered by current non-governmental organizations are neither well known throughout Ethiopia nor available to aging individuals in many areas. To aid with these challenges, GAGE, a gerontologically focused international organization is assisting with the development

and implementation of a community senior center supported within a functional gerontology certification program at Addis Ababa University. The presence of this organization may bring a greater quality of care and increase life expectancy through educating future gerontologists and the community about the effects of aging. This paper will describe current research and developmental challenges experienced while completing this international project.

NEAL Margaret B., WILSON, Keren and DELATORRE, Alan. Service-Learning and Older Adults in Nicaragua: Designing a Program that Fits

Portland State University (PSU) recently received a major gift to establish an initiative, "Aging Matters, Locally and Globally," aimed at enhancing the lives of older adults without adequate resources. The gift expands on PSU's partnership with the Jessie F. Richardson Foundation (JFR) in an interdisciplinary service learning course on global aging and health focusing on Nicaragua. Since 2004, JFR, PSU faculty, 100+ students, and Nicaraguan government and community stakeholders have worked together to create sustainable solutions to support a growing Nicaraguan elder population. This presentation describes the program's rationale, components, and modifications over time. Challenges (e.g., student recruitment; program cost, course content and requirements when students have widely varying backgrounds and interests; coordination of multidisciplinary faculty; in-country resources, logistics and politics) are discussed and potential solutions are offered. Strengths (e.g., the partnerships established with local and national organizations) and lessons learned for helping to assure program success are shared.

PERKINSON, Margaret A. 2010 GSA Symposium: Aging in Developing Countries

World populations are undergoing unprecedented changes in age structure due to lower birth rates and death rates associated with the "Demographic Transition." The United States and other developed nations have had over a century to deal with issues that accompany aging populations. In contrast, many developing countries are projected to have much less time to address health and social needs of growing numbers of aged. Countries still in early stages of this transition have a window of opportunity to lay the groundwork now to ensure that limited resources are used effectively and efficiently to support their older members. What are the roles and responsibilities of gerontologists from developed countries in helping to address the unprecedented demands and opportunities that accompany aging populations in less developed lands? What can we learn from developing countries that might inform our own system of services? This symposium examines aging issues in developing countries and offers strategies and guidelines for partnering with local practitioners and scholars to address those issues without imposing culturally inappropriate models of care. A demographic analysis of population aging in developing societies is followed by an anthropological analysis of the "Nutrition Transition" and aging in Kenya and India. Social gerontologists addressing health and social issues through interdisciplinary service-learning-based programs in Nicaragua, Mexico, Guatemala, and Ethiopia describe and evaluate their individual models of partnership with local educators, researchers, and practitioners, sharing strengths of each program, issues of sustainability, and lessons learned. An expert in global aging offers a summation and concluding remarks. After attending this session participants will be able to describe and assess the projected impact of the "Demographic Transition" and the "Nutrition Transition" on older adults in developing countries; describe a variety of service-learning-based programs that focus on health and social issues of older adults in developing countries; and describe and evaluate different models of partnership between U.S. gerontologists and educators, researchers, and practitioners in developing countries.

SCHRAUF, Robert W. and IRIS, Madelyn Iris Three Methods of Measuring Cross-Cultural Variation in Minority Groups' Beliefs about Dementia

In cross-cultural gerontology and in multiethnic studies of aging, researchers make comparisons on some variable of interest (e.g. beliefs about aging, symptom sets for particular illnesses, dietary practices, and so on) with the aim of characterizing how much is shared between-groups and how much is unique to each

group. For example, groups may wholly overlap or share some core set of beliefs while differing significantly on others. Documenting and measuring this variation is a first step in rigorous cross-cultural research. This poster presents compares three methods of measuring between-group and within-group agreement (Weller & Baer, 2002). These are: *free-marginal kappa*, *average within- and between-group agreement*, and *Spearman's method*. These measures are applied to beliefs about Alzheimer's disease among three minority groups in the U.S.: African Americans, Mexican Americans, and refugees/immigrants from the former Soviet Union (FSU). (1) Kappa coefficients function like correlation coefficients. In these data, the pairwise agreement on statements about Alzheimer's disease was: African-Americans & Mexican Americans (.521), African Americans & FSU (.581), Mexican-Americans and FSU (.685). (2) A more complex calculation involves finding the average proportion of within-group agreement across all three groups (.484) and the average between-group (shared) shared agreement (.478). (3) Finally, Spearman's method estimates the shared knowledge across groups at .48 as well. Each method accents different values. Kappa correlations emphasize shared beliefs across pairs of groups, while the 'Average' and Spearman's methods emphasize the overlap across groups. The presentation demonstrates the comparison of critical shared and unique beliefs about the etiology of AD.

WARRY, Wayne and JERVIS, Lori. Culture, Health and Aging in Native North American Communities

Despite the often-stated value of Elders as cultural resources and spiritual leaders, little is known about the actual contemporary social and health statuses of Native North American Elders. The anthropological and health science literature on older Native people is sparse; by some accounts less than two percent of such studies focus on the Elder population. This is true despite the fact that in the United States and Canada the percentage of older Native peoples is projected to double in the next decade. This session brings together anthropologists from Canada and the United States who are engaged in research with Native/Aboriginal Elders in order to examine how anthropological approaches may further our understanding of this small but growing component of the Native population—one which has traditionally been influential beyond their numbers with respect to their roles as culture bearers and socializers of future generations.

This session explores and problematizes issues of theory, policy and practice in culture, health and aging in Native cultures. Our intent is to examine the boundaries between various forms of knowledge—indigenous and western, medical and cultural—so as to examine the cross currents between behaviour and perception in health and aging. We are interested in research that might lead to better health promotion, improvements in access to health services, and to better systems of community care. We seek to understand the flow of ideas between anthropology and other disciplines (social work, psychology, gerontology and the health sciences) that might lead to improved health outcomes for older Native North Americans. Our research concerns local cultural understandings of healthy aging, how older Native people envision the transition to later life, and the challenges that Elders face within their communities. As we move to broadening our understanding of these dynamics, our starting point is how Elders conceive of and experience various facets of the experience of aging.

ZIMMER, Zachary A. Demographic Analysis of Population Aging in Developing Societies

This presentation is intended to provide a demographic background for the symposium. Population aging will be amongst the most important demographic phenomenon of the current century. It will impact upon every region of the world and almost all countries. However, the pace of aging will vary, as will its causes and consequences, which suggest that related challenges faced are bound to diverge across the developing world. This presentation will discuss current and expected future trends in population aging in the developing world with attention paid to similarities and differences across regions and countries, and specific focus on those highlighted in other papers that are part of the current symposium. The presentation will also make reference to variations in challenges that different countries and regions are likely to face and the types of data and research that will be necessary to confront these challenges.

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Giving and Receiving Care: An Evolving and Enduring Relation

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Much has been written about the practice of caregiving and care for the elderly, especially in places like the traditional nursing home (e.g. Diamond 1986, Savishinsky 1991, Stafford 2003, Gass 2004). In the United States caregivers commonly refer to those professionals that constitute a cadre of nurses, nursing assistants (both certified and uncertified), therapists, palliative care/hospice workers – and very often – family members, who help the elderly in a range of activities from ADL's (activities of daily living) to providing companionship, and a host of other tasks. Professional caregivers working in long-term care facilities such as nursing homes (skilled nursing facilities) and assisted living homes often struggle to balance the need for personalizing care and doing everything on time, at the expense of treating residents as simply dress-up dolls. CNA's and uncertified caregivers oftentimes look after more people than they can handle, leaving little room for striking up friendly conversation, expressing empathy, and engaging in simple human companionship. Family caregivers struggle in different ways, but are just as hard-pressed for time especially when their loved ones suffer from dementia related conditions (e.g. Alzheimer's) that demand care and attention constantly. These family caregivers are sons, daughters-in-law, and siblings who are undoubtedly frustrated, and have little or no time to attend to their own stress and health issues. Caregiving in the presence of financial, emotional and family stress also adds pressure to the overall situation. Not only are caregivers personally affected, but the caregivers' families and the people around them are affected by the ensuing stress. It is no surprise then that sociologists and gerontologists have focused their research in the past on such topics as communication between caregivers and the recipients of care, disputes arising between family members and caregivers, and ways to become better, more effective caregivers at home and in the community (e.g. Foner 1995, Ward 2008).

What is interesting for anthropology is a consideration of the caregiving relationship between particular people, and the relationship as a structural feature developing out of a wider social, economic, and historical context. To begin with, my interest in aging has to do partly with the industry and practice of caregiving and what this says about our social and emotional linkages to one another. This is not to say that I am interested in how people are (or are not) culturally obligated to take care of the sick or elderly. Rather, it is the intimate and corporeal relationship that unfolds between a caregiver and a care-receiver that illuminates what it means to be independent/dependent, whole/broken, and social in specific contexts. Caregiving then is never neutral; i.e. it can sometimes stand in as a metaphor for an assertion of (bio)power (cf. Foucault 2007). I once heard a female caregiver in a nursing home confront a nurse about a particular resident. The CNA was trying to convince the nurse that 'her' resident was acting up and needed some medical attention. After the nurse neglected to pursue any follow up, the CNA walked away noting sarcastically, "Well what do I know? After all I am *just* the caregiver! I am with her Monday through Friday" In other contexts, caregiving can be operationalized to assert a type of labor identification and experience. Caregivers often say to themselves that, "Not everyone can be a caregiver. It takes passion; you have to like taking care of people. Not everyone is cut out that way". In caregiving, the emotional dimension is far more complex than the sheer physical job of helping someone get out of bed

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routinely, brush their teeth, and getting them to various appointments while making sure that they are 'toileted' every two hours. In fact, caregivers themselves have developed a form of dependency as well. I overheard several times that, "If it wasn't for my residents, I would have quit a long time ago". There is a creeping suspicion (on my part) that caregivers need their residents just as much as the residents need them.

As alluded to above the political economy of caregiving is an evolving and complex enterprise featuring aspects of the government, healthcare (reform), insurance, the medical and legal professions, and capitalism. What I found fascinating during the early phase of my fieldwork was the extreme low pay and the prevalence of caregivers who migrated from other countries such as Sudan, Kenya, and the Bosnia. These people, who were being paid just slightly above minimum wage, had the most direct and intimate contact with someone's dear mother, father, and grandparent. They were the front line of care and social interaction with the residents in the nursing home. In most cases, they were the residents' only emotional and social outlet. I began to wonder if post-Fordism and the transition to the service economy had enabled people to render care in an assembly line manner. It was during my fieldwork, working and volunteering at numerous long-term care facilities, that I began asking whether or not it is the resident or rather the caregiver that is ultimately becoming increasingly alienated.

To shift gears a bit, I would like to address how an anthropological investigation of caregiving can be worthwhile. In addition to the policy and applied research associated with gerontology and sociological studies of aging in society, anthropology can offer a unique perspective toward understanding and describing the 'caregiver phenomenon' that other disciplines do not dwell on in quite the same way. Take two social settings: support groups and the family as examples of how an anthropological analysis of caregiving and caregivers can begin to inform the social nature and relational aspects of aging.

Support groups have long been in existence, providing emotional outlets and social networking opportunities for people suffering from HIV/AIDS to Vietnam war veterans looking to 're-assimilate' into society (e.g. Rhine 2009). Support groups have also come into existence for those dealing with loved ones suffering from dementia and Alzheimer's. Several support group associations for family caregivers seeking respite have gained increasing popularity over the years as well. In these "How to Manage Stress as a Caregiver" support groups, relationships between parent and child, husband and wife, brother and sister are transformed slightly to caregiver and care-receiver. Support groups offer strategies for dealing with everyday situations, by providing frameworks for compartmentalizing and diagnosing their loved one's conditions. They teach such strategies as 'creative lying' in order to alleviate 'unnecessary conflicts', especially when short term memory lapses can spiral into uncontrollable repetitions and irrational expectations. Caregivers listen to one another's problems, and shape their own views through the interplay of sympathy and empathy. They are taught by group leaders to 'enter into the reality' of their loved ones – even if this reality is distorted.

Not only do these support group participants share their experiences and personal stories, but by sharing and commenting on them, their own relationships at home are shaped by the support sessions and what they see as constituting appropriate roles and responses for caregivers and

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care-receivers. Therefore, husband and wife, brother and sister relations are transformed through caregiving into relations of caregiver and care-receiver. One also learns from these support groups that family caregivers are hesitant to ask for help from their neighbors and fellow community church members. The tension between independence and dependence not only matters for the elderly, but also comes into being for caregivers. The cultural push and pull between self-reliance, dependence, and being able to afford 'professional' care are issues that rush to the forefront in many support group sessions. Additionally, during some of the sessions caregivers are attributed a unique status; they are not quite victims, but instead find mutual support and define membership through their hardships and 'war stories'. Their health and wellbeing is also a paramount issue; caregivers are told that they must center themselves first before they can reach out and connect with their loved ones. The support group message places emphasis on a particular western bounded notion of a person first, rather than any relationship. Caregiving as a relation with scripted roles, strategies, and proprieties are imbued with and produce interesting notions of personhood, self care, legal capacity, and the function and nature of social relations within the family.

In the second setting which plays out behind closed doors, caregiving by family members in the home brings forth its own set of issues. Siblings are often in conflict over how care is administered, and typically the issue boils down to who will actually 'do the caregiving'. Many family caregivers complain that they are overburdened, and that other siblings who are close by should offer more support and care. Along with this, issues of family inheritance, financial management, power of attorney, and decision making on behalf of an aging parent are highly contested. Turning to the onset of aging societies, children and their parents will spend more time together now as adults (Harper 2004). Caregiving in this regard produces an unsettling role reversal where the 'children' assume parental responsibilities and care over their mothers and fathers. Women are still predominantly the family caregivers, but even this generality is changing as some sons have started moving back into their parents' home to provide care not only for mom and dad, but for some members of the extended family. In this changing situation, old taboos are being replaced by new ones. Washing one's parent and seeing them naked may no longer cause one to blush, but not having enough money or time to provide a caregiver may actually be a larger source of social embarrassment.

Caregiving is a growing and lucrative service industry of professionals on the coattails of America's (over)reliance on anything medical and certifiable. In the near future, caregiving will surely continue to develop, and innovate in anticipation of the aging baby boomers and their market preferences. As a result, and this something that we already see today, families will continue to outsource care. Children's daycare for example gained prominence when both parents had to work. Checking into a long term care facility such as the traditional nursing home or hiring a fulltime caregiver at home can be seen in a similar vein. Family members who are too busy at work, or do not possess the confidence to provide adequate care for their aging loved ones will seek private caregivers outside the immediate nuclear (and extended) family. What is interesting is not the price tag of care necessarily, but that domestic work, which has long been associated with the sexual division of labor, no longer assumes that caregiving for the elderly is automatically part of domestic work. The interaction and relationships born from domestic labor (which is still not accounted for in the national GDP) and caregiving for the aging, is an interesting site for future research and

investigation.

What emerges from this brief discussion is a social phenomenon that offers a rich opportunity to explore some of the mainstay anthropological ideas/theories such as kinship, personhood, and social relations. In the post-Schneider world of kinship, folk models on the American family are based on the implicit notion that kinship is the network of people who have to care for you when no one else does become problematic (Schneider 1975). Does paying for an outsider to provide care elicit the same kinship ties and familial emotions as someone who provides care for their own family members directly? What happens if the state takes on more of an active role in caregiving, how will this affect kinship? If caregiving is no longer the domain of kinship and domestic labor, then what becomes of the nuclear and extended families, and how do aging persons view families and their kinship relations differently than before? These are questions that anthropology can address for our own societies and cross-culturally in the wider castings of globalization. If anything, anthropology can help to show that caregiving operates in a social context, and that who and how one becomes a caregiver is sometimes meaningful, and sometimes it isn't.

An anthropology of caregivers can seek to address what actually constitutes care in various cultural settings and societies. Is 'care' a set of (performative, monetary, et al) functions which simply arises out of reciprocation and/or a moral ethic that forces us to look after the elderly, and in the ways that we do? In the future, will every aging person be assigned a caregiver; what will happen to caregivers as they become older? What will be their expectations for the care and experiences they will have in old age? These are just a few of the questions regarding caregiving and caregivers that anthropology could seek to address more of in the future.

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