BEING AT HOME:
Understanding the Meaning of Aging in Place

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This lectureship was established in 1990 in honor of Dr. Barbara Payne-Stancil, founding director of the Gerontology Center (now the Gerontology Institute) at Georgia State University. The lectureship is a tribute to Dr. Payne-Stancil’s distinguished career and contributions to the field of gerontology. Inaugurated in 1993, the lectureship each year brings to the Georgia State campus a distinguished individual from the field of gerontology. It is funded through the generous contributions of faculty, students, alumni and friends of the Gerontology Institute.
Event Schedule

WELCOME AND RECOGNITIONS
Elisabeth Burgess, Ph.D.
Director, Gerontology Institute

STUDENT WELCOME
Eugenie Stephenson
Graduate Student, Gerontology Institute

INTRODUCTION OF SPEAKER
Jennifer Craft Morgan, Ph.D.
Assistant Professor, Gerontology Institute

LECTURE
Being at Home:
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Graham Rowles, Ph.D.
Professor and Chair
Department of Gerontology, University of Kentucky

RECEPTION
Wine and hors d’oeuvres
Graham D. Rowles is currently Director of the Graduate Center for Gerontology and Chair of the Department of Gerontology at the University of Kentucky. He is Professor of Gerontology with joint appointments in Nursing, Behavioral Science, Geography and Health Behavior. He has a BA and MSc from Bristol University in England, and a Ph.D. from Clark University.

His research focuses on the lived experience of aging. This work is exploration, employing qualitative methodologies,
of the changing relationship between older adults and their environments with advancing age and the implications of this relationship for health and wellbeing. He has conducted in-depth ethnographic research with elderly populations in urban (inner city), rural (Appalachian), and nursing facility environments. Recent research includes leadership of the Kentucky Elder Readiness Initiative (KERI), a statewide project to explore the implications for communities of the aging Baby Boom cohort. He has also begun to focus his work on combatting ageism and gerophobia which he views as resulting at least in part from gerontological illiteracy.

Dr. Rowles is a prolific author, lecturer and recipient of numerous private and national grants. He was founding Director of the Graduate Center for Gerontology, is a Fellow of the Gerontological Society of America and the Association for Gerontology in Higher Education and currently serves on the editorial boards of the Journal of Applied Gerontology and Journal of Housing for the Elderly. He is Past National President of Sigma Phi Omega, Past President of the Association for Gerontology in Higher Education and the Southern Gerontological Society, and is Chair of the Commonwealth of Kentucky Institute on Aging. In February of 2010, he became one of only 241 faculty members since 1961 to receive a University of Kentucky Great Teacher Award. In 2013, he was recognized as a 2013 GRITS Honoree for his dedicated service to the Southern Gerontological Society and his commitment to gerontology through research, teaching, administration and advocacy.
Previous Payne Lectures

2015  Anne Basting, Ph.D., University of Wisconsin–Milwaukee

2014  Ingrid Arnet Connidis, Ph.D., Western University, Canada

2013  Ira Rosofsky, Ph.D., University of Chicago

2012  The Honorable John Lewis, U.S. congressman

2011  Frank Whittington, Ph.D., George Mason University

2008  Robert Butler, M.D., Mt. Sinai School of Medicine

2006  The Honorable Roy Barnes, former governor of Georgia

2004  Jon Pynoos, Ph.D., University of Southern California

2003  Gene Cohen, M.D., Ph.D., George Washington University

2001  Stephen Sapp, Ph.D., University of Miami

2000  May L. Wykle, Ph.D., Case Western Reserve University

1999  Robert C. Atchley, Ph.D., Naropa University

1998  James Birren, Ph.D., University of California—Los Angeles

1997  Carroll Estes, Ph.D., University of California—San Francisco

1995  W. Andrew Achenbaum, Ph.D., University of Michigan

1994  Betty Friedan, New York

1993  Charles F. Longino, Ph.D., Wake Forest University

1990  George L. Maddox, Ph.D., Duke University
The Gerontology Institute at Georgia State University — home to one of the Southeast’s largest and most accomplished Gerontology programs — is leading the way in an aging society through education, research, practice and service. Faculty and students examine aging using an interdisciplinary and collaborative approach that brings together individuals from a variety of disciplines, including sociology, social work, psychology, nursing, public health, communication and others. In doing so, they seek to improve the quality of life for all people as they age and to help cities and communities prepare for the aging population.

The institute is educating the next generation of scholars and professionals in a dynamic and enriching environment for exploring the diverse experiences of aging. Prospective students can apply for the Master of Arts or Graduate Certificate programs in gerontology. Current Georgia State undergraduate or graduate students can add a gerontology certificate to their ongoing degrees.

Gerontology alumni are ardent supporters of the institute, establishing endowed scholarships, serving as internship supervisors and participating in the Gerontology Alumni Club. Gerontology professionals are invited to host interns, guest lecture and partner with faculty and students on research and outreach projects.

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