BERN NADETTE STANIS

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REMEMBERING THE GOOD TIMES:
A Caregiver’s Journey
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
Calina Clark
Undergraduate Student, Gerontology Institute

INTRODUCTION OF SPEAKER
Terri Lewinson, Ph.D.
Associate Professor, School of Social Work

LECTURE
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RECEPTION & BOOK SIGNING
Reception – Lobby
Book signing – Room 120
BERN NADETTE STANIS
Actress, Author, Motivational Speaker
BERN NADETTE STANIS is a National Spokesperson for the Alzheimer’s Association. Bern Nadette Stanis is best known for her role as the quick witted, savvy, Thelma Evans, from the groundbreaking sitcom, “Good Times.”

Bern Nadette’s place in television history was solidified by her undeniable contributions to redefining the role of the young Black girl from ghettos across America in the minds of the overwhelming masses prone to stereotypic beliefs. The character, Thelma, showed that a ‘ghetto girl’ from Chicago’s inner city projects lived a life full of hopes and dreams, and possessed intelligence, self-respect, dignity and grace. For Bern Nadette Stanis these characteristics weren’t learned in acting class.

Today, Bern Nadette Stanis travels the world as the author of three books. Her most recent work, The Last Night: A Caregiver’s Journey, profiles the walk of a loving daughter with a beloved mother diagnosed with Alzheimer’s. She has participated as a Celebrity Champion in the Alzheimer’s Association Walk to End Alzheimer’s and has been a guest on the Tom Joyner Morning Show as an advocate for Alzheimer’s awareness. She continues to be a motivational speaker.
Previous Payne Lectures

2016  Graham Rowles, Ph.D., University of Kentucky
2015  Anne Basting, Ph.D., University of Wisconsin—Milwaukee
2014  Ingrid Arnet Connidis, Ph.D., Western University, Canada
2013  Ira Rosofsky, Ph.D., Author
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, Advocate and Author
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 undergraduates can enroll in the Bachelors of Interdisciplinary Studies concentrating on gerontology or 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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