BARBARA PITTARD PAYNE
LECTURESHP IN GERONTOLOGY

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 University campus a distinguished individual from the field of gerontology. The lectureship is funded through the generous contributions of faculty, students, alumni and friends of Georgia State University.
EVENT SCHEDULE

Welcome and Recognition

Dr. Elisabeth Burgess  
Director, Gerontology Institute  
Georgia State University

Student Welcome

Kendra Kelly  
President, Georgia State Young Democrats  
Georgia State University

Introduction of Speaker

Dr. William J. Long  
Dean, College of Arts and Sciences  
Georgia State University

Lecture

Issues of Policy and Aging
The Honorable John Lewis
U.S. Congressman

Appreciation

Dr. Elisabeth Burgess  
Director, Gerontology Institute  
Georgia State University

Reception

Wine and Hors d’oeuvres
Often called “one of the most courageous persons the Civil Rights Movement ever produced,” John Lewis was born the son of sharecroppers on February 21, 1940, outside of Troy, Alabama. He grew up on his family’s farm and attended segregated public schools in Pike County, Alabama. As a young boy, he was inspired by the activism surrounding the Montgomery Bus Boycott and the words of the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. Since then, he has been at the vanguard of progressive social movements and the human rights struggle in the United States. As a student at American Baptist College, John Lewis organized sit-in demonstrations at segregated lunch counters in Nashville, Tennessee. In 1961, he participated in the Freedom Rides, which challenged segregation at interstate bus terminals across the South. During the height of the Movement, Lewis was named chairman of the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee (SNCC). Along with Hosea Williams, Lewis led more than 600 peaceful protestors across the Edmund Pettus Bridge in Selma, Alabama on March 7, 1965. The marchers were attacked by Alabama state troopers in a brutal confrontation that became known as “Bloody Sunday.” Lewis has remained a devoted advocate of the philosophy of nonviolence. After leaving SNCC in 1966, he became associate director of the Field Foundation and went on to become the director of the Voter Education Project.

Lewis was elected to Congress in November 1986 and has served as U.S. Representative of Georgia’s Fifth Congressional District since then. He is senior chief deputy whip for the Democratic Party in leadership in the House, a member of the House Ways & Means Committee, a member of its Subcommittee on Income Security and Family Support, and chairman of its Subcommittee on Oversight.

John Lewis holds a B.A. in religion and philosophy from Fisk University, and he is a graduate of the American Baptist Theological Seminary. He has been awarded more than 50 honorary degrees from prestigious colleges and universities throughout the U.S. and is the recipient of numerous awards from eminent national and international institutions. He lives in Atlanta, Georgia and is married to Lillian Miles. They have one son, John Miles.
Previous Payne Lectures

2011  Frank Whittington, Ph.D., George Mason University
2008  Robert Butler, M.D., Mt. Sinai School of Medicine
2006  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, NY
1993  Charles F. Longino, Ph.D., Wake Forest University
1990  George L. Maddox, Ph.D., Duke University
The Gerontology Institute at Georgia State University is a dynamic and enriching environment to explore the diverse experiences of aging. Our faculty and students approach education and research in gerontology through interdisciplinary study and collaboration with faculty from fields including sociology, social work, nursing, public health, communication, and others. Our faculty and students seek to improve the quality of life for all people as they age and to help cities and communities prepare for the aging population. Our alumni are ardent supporters of the Gerontology Institute, establishing endowed scholarships, serving as internship supervisors, and participating in the Gerontology Alumni Club.

The Gerontology Institute is preparing the next generation of scholars and professionals in aging. Prospective students can apply for the Master’s or Graduate Certificate programs in Gerontology. Current GSU undergraduate or graduate students can add a gerontology certificate to their on-going field of study. We invite gerontology professionals to host interns, guest lecture in classes, and partner with faculty on research projects. For more information, visit us at www.gsu.edu/gerontology or contact us at gerontology@gsu.edu.
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