NASTY, BRUTISH, AND LONG:
Adventures in Eldercare

Ira Rosofsky
April 17, 2013
Event Schedule

Welcome and Recognition
Elisabeth Burgess, Ph.D.
Director, Gerontology Institute

Student Welcome
Meagan Jain
Graduate Student

Introduction of Speaker
Candace Kemp, Ph.D.
Assistant Professor, Gerontology Institute

Lecture
Nasty, Brutish, and Long: Adventures in Eldercare
Ira Rosofsky, Ph.D.
Clinical Psychologist, Author

Reception
Wine and hors d’oeuvres reception

BARBARA PITTAHD 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 campus a distinguished individual from the field of gerontology. It is funded through the generous contributions of faculty, students, alumni and friends of Georgia State.
Ira Rosofsky, Ph.D., is a psychologist who works in a variety of nursing homes and assisted living centers across Connecticut. In his personal life, like millions of his contemporaries, he was caregiver to his own frail, elderly parents. His personal and professional experiences came together in his book, “Nasty, Brutish, and Long: Adventures in Eldercare” (Avery Penguin, 2009), a Finalist for the Connecticut Book Award.

His book brings to life the world of eldercare facilities—the residents who live in them, the staff who work in them, and the policies and social forces that shape them—with humor and reflections on caregiving and growing old in America. Thomas Lynch, author of The Undertaking, called it “A book for policy makers, caregivers, the halt and lame, the upright and unencumbered: anyone who ever intends to grow old.” Andrew Blechman, author of “Leisureville: Adventures in a World Without Children,” said his book “accomplishes what few authors are capable of—taking an unnerving topic and turning it into a book so enthralling you won’t want to put it down. Indeed, it’s a meditation worthy of Marcus Aurelius and Jerry Seinfeld.”

Rosofsky did his graduate training at the University of Chicago, and, in addition to his clinical practice, was on the faculty of Mount Holyoke College and the Smith College of Social Work. He has a blog at Psychology Today, “Adventures in Old Age,” and his writing has appeared in New York Times, Los Angeles Times, Salon, The Week and Village Voice.

With two children in college, he is a partial empty nester who lives in New Haven, Connecticut with his wife, youngest son and dog—the silent, loyal companion during the year of writing his book.
Previous Payne Lectures

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

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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 on-going 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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