From Havana to Atlanta: Cuban Aging in a Global Perspective

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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.
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FRANK WHITTINGTON is professor of gerontology and senior associate dean for academic affairs in the College of Health and Human Services at George Mason University in Fairfax, Va. He previously was director of the Gerontology Institute and professor of sociology at Georgia State University in Atlanta. Dr. Whittington received his Ph.D. from Duke University, and he is a fellow of the Gerontological Society of America. He is past president of the Southern Gerontological Society and a recipient of that organization’s Gordon Streib Distinguished Academic Gerontologist Award. He has served the Association for Gerontology in Higher Education (AGHE) in many capacities, including treasurer, member of the Executive Committee, and most recently as chair of the Global Aging Committee. Last year he received AGHE’s Clark Tibbitts Award for excellence in gerontological education. Dr. Whittington currently serves as book review editor and a member of the editorial board of The Gerontologist.

As a researcher, Dr. Whittington’s goal has been to understand how the kind and quality of long-term care older people receive affects their overall social and physical functioning and quality of life. He has studied prescription drug use and misuse by older people, the use of physical and chemical restraints in nursing homes, and the experience of poor African American elders as recipients of long-term home care services. His publications include nine books and 60 articles and chapters on long-term care and health behavior of older people and on aging as a global phenomenon. Dr. Whittington’s most recent books include “Communities of Care: Assisted Living for African American Elders,” co-authored in 2005 with Mary Ball, Molly Perkins, Carole Hollingsworth, Sharon King and Bess Combs, all former colleagues at the Georgia State Gerontology Institute, and a 3rd edition of the “International Handbook on Aging” (Praeger Publishers, 2009), which he co-edited with Erdman Palmore of Duke University and Suzanne Kunkel of Miami University of Ohio. He currently is working on a textbook, titled “Global Aging and the Life Course,” to be published next year by Springer.
Previous Payne Lectures

1990  George L. Maddox, Ph.D., Duke University
1993  Charles F. Longino, Ph.D., Wake Forest University
1994  Betty Friedan, New York, N.Y.
1995  W. Andrew Achenbaum, Ph.D., University of Michigan
1997  Carroll Estes, Ph.D., University of California-San Francisco
1998  James Birren, Ph.D., University of California-Los Angeles
1999  Robert C. Atchley, Ph.D., Naropa University
2000  May L. Wykle, Ph.D., Case Western Reserve University
2001  Stephen Sapp, Ph.D., University of Miami
2003  Gene Cohen, M.D., Ph.D., George Washington University
2004  Jon Pynoos, Ph.D., University of Southern California
2006  The Honorable Roy Barnes, Former Governor of Georgia
2008  Robert Butler, M.D., Mt. Sinai School of Medicine
EVENT SCHEDULE

Welcome

Dr. Robin Morris
Vice President for Research and Regents’ Professor of Psychology
Georgia State University

Recognitions

Dr. Elisabeth Burgess
Director, Gerontology Institute
Georgia State University

Introduction of Speaker

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Lecture

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Appreciation

Dr. Mary Ball
Associate Professor, Gerontology Institute
Georgia State University

Reception

Hors d’oeuvres and beverages
Committee
Ann Pearman, Ph.D.
Elisabeth Burgess, Ph.D.
Mary Ball, Ph.D.
Amber Meadows, student representative

Special Thanks
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