Statement From GSA Presidential Candidates

Roger McCarter

Being involved in aging research and policy at this time is a privilege. It hasn't always been this way and so many, especially GSA members, have paid heavy dues to get us to this point. Understanding basic aging processes is finally unfolding in surprising and exciting ways. Clinical treatment of the diseases of old age has never before had such an array of possibilities to enable productive advanced years. Most importantly, the social and behavioral aspects of aging have never been of greater importance for society as a whole. Where else are all of these issues brought together at the same time and place than at meetings of the GSA? What organization other than GSA can provide the collective expertise necessary to have a meaningful and comprehensive discussion of them? My membership in this organization goes back more than 25 years, and every annual meeting has been a wonderful learning experience.

Steven N. Austad

In recent years, the biology of aging has become sexy. By that I mean that scientific efforts to understand, and purposely alter, the rate of aging in animals now, but ultimately in humans receives an inordinate amount of public attention. Those of us in the field note that it has now become easier to publish our papers in prestigious scientific journals. Our phones ring regularly with inquiries from journalists in both the print and electronic media asking for our interpretations and opinions about new scientific research to be sure, but also about the social, political, and ethical implications of our work. The dirty truth of it is, of course, that as much as our opinions might be useful in interpreting new biological breakthroughs, most of us have given scant thought to the social, political, or ethical implications of our work. For all of the time we spend at our laboratory bench, we spend little time thinking about the day-to-day life, the personal pleasures, or social roles of the elderly... which illustrates why the GSA is so

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Older Adults Experiencing Malnutrition at Dangerous Levels

Intervention in and assessment of older Americans’ diets are necessary to curb the growing threat of malnutrition, according to the March issue of the American Journal of Nursing. This report is part of AJN’s ongoing collaboration with GSA.

Lead authors Rose Ann DiMaria-Ghalili and Elaine Amella estimate that 20 to 60 percent of older adults in home care, and 40 to 60 percent of hospitalized older adults, are malnourished or at risk for this problem. In long-term care, the estimate is even higher — 40 to 85 percent. Where malnutrition exists, the risk for protracted recovery, complications, and increased cost of care is also present. Readers will find comprehensive information on the risk factors for poor nutrition, as well as steps to assess the problem and a range of interventions to improve nutritional status.

The article is the fifth in the A New Look at the Old series, a grant project funded by Atlantic Philanthropies designed to provide evidence-based information on the nursing care of older adults. Over the next three years, these articles will provide readers with cutting-edge research and best practice information designed to stimulate changes in institutional as well as individual practice. Readers can apply for CE credits that are applicable to recertification requirements for Gerontological Nurse Practitioners and Gerontological Nurses, as well as other specialty certification and state RN relicensure requirements.
Statement From GSA Presidential Candidates (Continued)

McCarter

The challenges for the future are many, however. Aging research has become so “respectable” that many professional organizations now have their own sections and competition for research funds is fierce. I believe that, in order for GSA to maintain or enhance its current status, there is need for (i) GSA experts to play a more visible role in governmental decisions on aging affairs; (ii) GSA to institute more formal programs to attract new scientists into participating in our, rather than specialist society meetings; and (iii) GSA to play a leadership role in international aging research, by hosting selected foreign societies at our annual meetings. The recent Council Meeting in Vienna of the International Association of Gerontology was striking in this context: representatives from more than 45 countries attended and vigorously participated. The Chinese delegation was especially impressive in size and articulation of their positions. Asian countries in general clearly are assuming major roles in gerontological research.

So…what qualities can I possibly bring to the intellectual mix that we already have in abundance at GSA? My strengths are, I believe, in interpersonal relationships, organizational ability, and energy. My resume provides documentation of leadership roles in every organization in which I have been involved. GSA’s multidisciplinary character necessitates the ability to forge consensus amongst individuals of very different backgrounds and motivations if we are to realize our full potential. Similarly, our meetings must provide bridges, not only between disciplines but also between generations of scientists and countries. Our chosen discipline has never been more exciting and never more relevant to the well being of people everywhere. I would be honored to be given the opportunity of participating in the leadership of this great society with all of my energy.

Austad

vitaly important. It is the only organization that routinely brings together people that should be talking to one another across discipline boundaries — caregivers, political scientists, biologists, educators, historians, and philosophers — and forces them to talk to one another. In doing so, it gives form and breadth and context to the work of all of us and makes us consider issues that we might easily avoid by locking ourselves solely in the company of our fellow specialists. I remember the first GSA meeting I attended featured a symposium, organized as I recall by Roy Walford, on the topic of whether it was ethically justifiable to medically retard aging. I was surprised to discover that not everyone considered (as the biologists did) that retarding aging was an unalloyed good thing. Moreover, the reservations expressed were meticulously thought out, clearly and forcefully expressed, and as I later discovered, quite representative of wider public opinion. My horizons were broadened in a way that no number of meetings with other biologists was likely to do.

In a world characterized by increasing specialization and competing demands on one’s time, life isn’t easy for multidisciplinary societies like GSA. Consequently, the continued health and vigor of the Society requires attention and commitment to maintain and nurture interdisciplinary connections and to use those connections effectively to educate the wider public on issues relevant to our membership. Whereas the role of our Section Chairs is, and should be, to strengthen their sections, the President must lead in encouraging and facilitating the broader interdisciplinary activities that define GSA. I pledge that, if elected, I will work diligently towards that end.

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GSA Congratulates Clary on 20th Anniversary
Please join our office staff in celebrating Fulfillment Manager Charles Clary’s 20th year as a GSA employee! A stalwart of the finance department, Charles is most visible directing the registration booth at the annual meeting. He’ll be at the helm there again in New Orleans, where you can give him your regards in person!

Member Profs Receive Distinction at AGHE Meeting
Clifton E. Barber, PhD, of Colorado State University in Fort Collins was selected as a Distinguished Teacher for the Association for Gerontology in Higher Education’s 2005 Annual Meeting in Oklahoma City. The Distinguished Teacher honor recognizes persons whose teaching stands out as exemplary, innovative, of impact, or any combination thereof. Marie A. Bernard, MD, professor and chair of the Reynolds Department of Geriatrics at the University of Oklahoma College of Medicine and 2004–2005 chair of the GSA Clinical Medicine Section, delivered the 20th annual Beverly Lecture at the AGHE conference. She spoke on “The Nexus Between Geriatrics and Gerontology Education. Sally Newman, PhD, emeritus faculty researcher at the University Center for Social and Urban Research at the University of Pittsburgh, was selected by the AGHE to receive the 2005 Clark Tibbitts Award. The Tibbitts Award recognizes those individuals who have made a significant contribution to the advancement of gerontology as a field of study in institutions of higher education. The awardee is selected by AGHE’s Executive and Awards Committees based on nominations from the membership.

New Book by Member
My Mother’s Hip: Lessons from the World of Eldercare by Luisa Margolies. Published by Temple University Press.

NIH Recognizes Horak with New Grant
Oregon Health & Science University Neurological Sciences Institute researcher Fay Horak has been honored by the National Institutes of Health with an NIH MERIT Award. This special grant award is provided to researchers who demonstrate outstanding productivity during their previous years of research. Horak was selected for this award by the National Advisory Council on Aging to support her aging research, which has been continuously funded by the NIH for the last 25 years. Horak’s studies provide the basis for improved rehabilitation of balance disorders and fall prevention.

University of North Texas Recognizes Fulks
Dr. Steven Fulks, director of the Gerontology Program in the School of Behavior Science at Barton College in Wilson, NC, has been awarded the Distinguished Alumni Award from the Department of Applied Gerontology at the University of North Texas. In naming Fulks, the faculty at UNT cited his work in directing academic programs at Bowling Green State University and at Barton College as well as his work in the field of Gerontology. Founded in 1967, the graduate program at UNT names one alumnus each year to be recognized for their contributions and work in gerontology. Fulks received his Bachelor’s degree in Philosophy from Middle Tennessee State University and his Ph.D. from the University of Georgia.

Social Workers Receive Top Props
Roberta Greene, University of Texas at Austin, received a Career Achievement Award from the Association for Gerontology Education in Social Work (AGE-SW) at the Council of Social Work Education annual conference in New York. Judith Gonyea, Boston University, received the AGE-SW Leadership Award, which will be presented to her at GSA’s annual meeting in November. Rose Dobrof, Hunter College, was honored with a special award recognizing her significant contributions to gerontological social work education. Haworth Press, Inc. has created an annual award in Dr. Dobrof’s name that will be given for the Best Article of the Year in the Journal of Gerontological Social Work.

Palliative Care Training Registration Now Open
The nation’s six Palliative Care Leadership Centers (PCLCs) are now accepting registrations for calendar year 2005. Sponsored by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation and The Center to Advance Palliative Care, the six PCLCs provide on-site training and mentoring to hospitals attempting to start or grow palliative care programs. The largest initiative of its kind in the nation, the driving force of the program is to jump-start palliative care programs throughout U.S. hospitals. Healthcare institutions can bring a team to any one of the six Centers and receive intensive training and a full year of follow-up mentoring in how to design and launch a successful program. Teams leave with a sound business plan, strong program structure, and cohesive team, plus benefit from a full year of mentoring from the host faculty, educational resources from the Center to Advance Palliative Care (CAPC), audio conferences with mentoring from top palliative care experts, and a comprehensive Guide to Building a Hospital-Based Palliative Care Program. Teams must register for the Palliative Care Leadership Centers by visiting www.ccapc.org/pclc or by calling 212-201-2683. Space in the program is limited.

Foundation Seeks Single Life Researchers
The Anthony Marchionne Foundation currently supports researchers who are interested in the study of people who have never married. During 2005, the Foundation expects to distribute a total of $75,000 - $80,000 to researchers. Investigators may request any amount up to the total of available funds. The Foundation desires to support as many researchers as possible, so preference will be given to studies that require substantially less than the total to be completed. The deadline for submission is April 30, 2005. Visit www.wsu.edu/~socpsych/anthony_marchionne_foundation.htm for more information.
At the start of 2004 the North American Regional Committee was composed of three representatives each from the American Geriatrics Society (AGS), The Gerontological Society of America (GSA) and the Canadian Association on Gerontology (CAG). However, this composition has now changed so as to include a representative from the Canadian Geriatrics Society (CGS), as outlined below.

There have been three major focuses of committee activity during the past 12 months, as well as several ongoing projects. The primary focus has been on soliciting and judging symposium submissions for presentation at the IAG World Congress in Rio. Fifteen such suggestions were received from throughout North America. Committee members accepted 9 of these as being of outstanding quality and recommended them to the International Congress Program Committee. Subjects ranged from “Cross-National Perspectives on Service Delivery…,” “Frailty…,” “Physical Disability…,” and “Smart Technologies…” to “Creative Art Therapies…,” “Caregiver Assessment…,” “Hospice Care…,” and “Home Care in Canada.” Appropriately, the suggested speakers also encompass a wide geographical distribution, from Asia and the Americas to Europe. Committee members spent a great deal of time on these activities and are to be commended for their contribution to creating a stimulating and timely World Congress.

A second focus has been on the selection of a site for the 2007 Pan American Congress on Gerontology and Geriatrics, following the highly successful event organized by COMLAT in Argentina in 2003. The appropriate rotation of this event would have placed it in Canada, under CAG direction. However the CAG demurred, following their hosting of the outstanding IAG World Congress in Vancouver, 2001. Other NARC member societies similarly declined to host the event. NARC then solicited bids from northern hemisphere IAG members. At a committee meeting held in San Diego in 2003, members voted to hold the event in Mexico and to appoint Dr. David Espino (AGS representative to NARC) as President of the 2007 Pan American Congress. Dr. Felix Martinez-Arronte, of the Sociedad es Sociedad de Geriatría y Gerontología de Mexico, will serve as Congress Vice President and will chair the Organizing Committee. He will also act as liaison between the Sociedad and NARC. The Organizing Committee plans to include representatives from COMLAT, NARC, and the host society, in order to attract participants from throughout the Americas. Further plans for this event will be presented at the World Congress in Rio.

The third focus of NARC has been on the admission of the Canadian Geriatrics Society (CGS) to IAG membership. This occurred at the IAG Council meeting in Vienna, 2004. NARC enthusiastically welcomed the CGS as a new member at the NARC meeting in Washington, November 2004. Discussions between the CGS President, Dr. Chris MacKnight, and NARC Chair, Dr. Roger McCarter, indicated that CGS was not interested in hosting the 2007 Pan American Congress. Dr. MacKnight also suggested that, pending revision of IAG and NARC voting procedures, the CGS might be allocated one of the current 3 CAG representative positions. This suggestion was accepted unanimously by NARC members at the meeting in November, 2004. Thus, until IAG and NARC voting procedures are revised, CGS will have one voting representative and CAG two voting representatives on NARC.

Ongoing activities of NARC are centered on a re-evaluation of the goals of the Pan American Congress and on revision of voting representation of NARC member societies. At the November 2004 meeting members voted unanimously that “chairs of NARC and COMLAT… review the purpose, role and value of the Pan American Congress to members in both Regions…” Accordingly, Drs. Marin and McCarter have ongoing discussions regarding the expectations of IAG member societies in both regions for this Congress. The difficult issue of voting privileges is also under discussion. At the IAG Council Meeting in Vienna (2004), Council members charged the IAG Executive Committee to re-evaluate member voting rights and to present proposals at the World Congress in Rio. The issue centers around whether or not societies with large memberships (say 5,000 members) should have larger or equal numbers of voting (Council) representatives as societies with smaller numbers of members (say 500 members). The IAG Council Meeting was unable to resolve this issue and a similar dilemma faces NARC. At the meeting in Washington (November 2004), NARC members expressed the view that representation on the Committee should be consistent with procedures adopted by the IAG, whatever these may be. Because of this, members voted to delay revision of NARC Bylaws, pending the decision of IAG Council on voting guidelines.

In general therefore, these are times of growth and involvement of NARC members in the affairs of worldwide aging. There has been good participation of representatives from all member societies in committee activities. We have also enjoyed the participation of COMLAT President, Dr. Pedro Paulo Marin, and IAG President, Dr. Gloria Gutman, in our deliberations.
In February 2005, The Gerontological Society of America (GSA) held a series of four public forums in conjunction with the 2005 White House Conference on Aging (WHCoA). These forums were part of GSA’s “Civic Engagement in an Older America” project, a 5-year initiative funded by a grant from The Atlantic Philanthropies to promote the study of civic engagement by experts in the field of aging. The research will examine the breadth and depth of civic engagement by older adults.

The four events were designated as official WHCoA events. The WHCoA, which is held once a decade, is preceded by a yearlong series of nationwide meetings, events, forums, and mini-conferences. The year culminates with a conference that produces findings and aging policy recommendations to guide federal and congressional actions for the decade ahead. The WHCoA policy recommendations also help the public and private sectors in promoting the health, independence, and economic security of current and future generations of older persons.

Each WHCoA designated forum was conducted in the style of a legislative hearing. Following moderator comments and speaker testimony, audience members were able to ask questions and share their thoughts during a public comment period. The forums, organized by consultant Brian Lindberg, were an opportunity for individuals to meet and hear from the nation’s leading experts on civic engagement. In addition, local service providers shared their approaches for encouraging the continued involvement of older adults in the community.
The first forum was held at the Rachel D. Murrah Civic Center in Winter Park, Florida, on February 3, 2005. Local sponsors included the Winter Park Health Foundation, Orange County Government, City of Orlando, City of Winter Park, and the Senior Resource Alliance. Winter Park was chosen as a forum site because of its comprehensive approach to engaging older citizens in community life. “Initially, the needs of the community were assessed and the goals and interests of the residents were identified,” explained Paulette Geller, Program Director for Older Adults at the Winter Park Health Foundation. “This assessment enabled us to implement targeted civic engagement programs.”

The next forum was held on February 15 at Washington University, St. Louis, Missouri. Washington University’s George Warren Brown School of Social Work and the Center for Aging served as sponsors for this event. Former U.S. House of Representatives Minority Leader Richard A. Gephardt served as a moderator. Washington University is a national leader in its research and programs on civic engagement. “We are doing the serious work of planning for the retirement of the baby-boom generation and making meaningful opportunities available for older Americans today,” stated Congressman Gephardt, who now chairs Washington University’s Richard A. Gephardt Institute for Public Service.

The St. Louis forum was so well attended that even a spillover room (with live video feed) was needed. Dorcas R. Hardy, Chair of the 2005 WHCoA Policy Committee, commended the witnesses in St. Louis for their commitment to increasing opportunities in the community for older adults. “I am very pleased that you are exploring some of the very issues that the WHCoA has determined to be priorities. I am particularly impressed with your work on both paid and volunteer work opportunities for older Americans and baby boomers and your focus on caregiving as a form of civic engagement.”
Following St. Louis was a forum in Phoenix, Arizona, on February 25th. The Phoenix forum was held in the Burton Barr Central library, a technologically advanced “library of the future.” Phoenix is recognized for its community leadership and innovation in volunteer and transition programs for older adults. The Virginia G. Piper Charitable Trust, Civic Ventures, and the Phoenix Public Library provided generous local support for this event. The forum presentations highlighted several innovative programs, including Boomerang, Tempe Connections, Mesa Life Options, and LifeVentures, all of which are Next Chapter Initiative projects funded by the Virginia G. Piper Charitable Trust.

The final forum was held at the Boston University School of Law on February 28, 2005. The forum’s local sponsor was the Boston University Aging Research Consortium. The City of Boston is a national leader in assessing the employer community’s involvement in civic engagement. Audience members heard presentations from several distinguished witnesses, including GSA members Judith Gonyea and Robert Hudson from the School of Social Work at Boston University, and Joseph F. Quinn, Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences at Boston College.

**Phoenix, Arizona**

**Moderators:**
Bob Blancato, 2005 White House Conference on Aging Policy Committee; Marc Freedman, Civic Ventures; Greg O’Neill, National Academy on an Aging Society, The Gerontological Society of America

**Witness Testimony:**

**Panel One: National and Local Models for Civic Engagement**
Ellen Hargis, Tucson Experience Corps; James (Jim) Harris, Experience Corps Member; Jim Murphy, The Neighbors Care (NC) Program; Pima Council on Aging Representative; Maria LeGarra, Westside HOPE Program; John Miller, Eastside Neighbors Volunteer Program; Mary Sagar, Phoenix Public Library; Richard Beyal, Dine’, Reservation to the City: An Intergenerational Dialogue with Native American Elders

**Panel Two: Next Chapter Initiatives**
Carol Kratz, The Virginia G. Piper Charitable Trust; Barbara Thelander, Mesa Community College; Brenda Brown, Chandler Public Library; Bill Pokorny, Scottsdale Community College; Judy Tapscott, City of Tempe

**Panel Three: Libraries as a Civic Engagement Opportunity**
Gloria Coles, Lifelong Access Libraries; GladysAnn Wells, Arizona State Libraries

**Panel Four: State and Local Government Initiatives**
Melanie Starns, Arizona Governor’s Advisor on Aging; Bernie Ronan, Center for Civic Participation; Pam Smith, San Diego Department of Aging & Independence Services
At the end of each forum, audience members completed a survey on the topic of civic engagement. The information and data obtained from the surveys, the focus groups, and the forum presentations will help GSA develop policy recommendations that will be presented to the Policy Committee of the 2005 WHCoA. The White House Conference on Aging will take place in Washington, DC, toward the end of 2005. For more information, visit www.whcoa.gov.

In addition to the public forums, ten focus groups were convened in urban, suburban, and rural environments with four more scheduled in mid-March in Phoenix and Sun City West, Arizona. Previous focus group locations included St. Petersburg, Winter Park, and Kissimmee, Florida; and St. Louis and St. Charles, Missouri. Focus groups scheduled to occur in the greater Boston area had to be cancelled because of inclement weather and were rescheduled via internet-based discussion and telephone conferences. The focus groups gave GSA the opportunity to reach out to older adults in different environments to gather their views on growing older, their current and projected community involvement, and the future promotion and offering of civic engagement opportunities. Each of the focus groups provided a unique opportunity to learn about what's important to people as they age and how their lives are impacted through mutual aid, volunteering, or national service-type activities. For further information on the public forums and focus groups, contact Project Director Greg O’Neill at goneill@agingsociety.org or visit the Academy’s website at www.agingsociety.org.

BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS

Moderators:

Witness Testimony:

Panel One: Economic, Political and Social Perspectives on Civic Engagement
Joseph F. Quinn, Boston College; Robert B. Hudson, Boston University and Editor, Public Policy & Aging Report; Judith G. Gonyea, Boston University and Boston University Aging Research Consortium

Panel Two: Private Sector Visions for Civic Engagement
Brad K. Googins, The Center for Corporate Citizenship, Boston College; Howard Fairweather, State Street Alumni Council; Ken Yancey, SCORE; Patrice Keegan, Boston Cares

FOCUS GROUPS

Local nonprofit partner organizations provided vital assistance to GSA in arranging meeting sites, recruiting participants, and hosting the focus group sessions. Special recognition is extended to Paulette Geller and Kristi Curran of the Winter Park Health Foundation; Rich Diemer of the Lifelong Learning Institute at Washington University; and Pam Ryan of the North East Community Action Corporation, for their robust leadership and hands-on assistance in every aspect of setting up and convening the focus groups.

Many hours of recruiting assistance were invested by Jennifer Denley at Jumpstart, Inc., Charles Puccia and Rebecca Poe at Experience Corps, Shirley Selhub at the Coming of Age Coalition, and Carol Greenfield at Discovering What’s Next, to help the Boston area focus groups to go forward. Deb Banda at AARP Massachusetts and her staff also helped with recruiting and were ready to host the focus groups if the weather had cooperated.

The Arizona local partners—consisting of Carol Kratz at The Virginia G. Piper Trust, Curtis Cook at AARP Arizona, Linda Meissner at the Boomerang Project, Roberta Uible-King at Sun City West Complex, and Dan Taylor at Mesa Senior Services—were instrumental in preparing for the focus groups.

The focus groups were planned and conducted by Doris Reeves-Lipscomb of Groups-That-Work.
HIGHLIGHTS OF AGHE OKLAHOMA CITY CONFERENCE 2005

Kathy Hyer & Marie Bernard (2005 Beverly Lecture Winner)
GSA & AGHE Presidents Terry Fulmer and Betsy Sprouse
Sally Newman (2005 Tibbitts Award Winner) & Cathy Tompkins

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One-on-One with the Experts
As students we are accustomed to reading countless books and journal articles written by authors who are considered experts in our fields of interest. But how often do we actually get the chance to meet face-to-face and interact with them? On Monday February 21, 2005, Dr. Joan Tronto, an internationally known scholar from Hunter College in New York, visited Lexington to present a lecture sponsored by the University of Kentucky’s Department of Arts and Sciences. A professor of Political Science and Women’s Studies, Dr. Tronto is best known for her work regarding the ethics of care, including her book *Moral Boundaries*. With nearly 150 UK faculty and students in attendance from multiple academic disciplines, Dr. Tronto addressed her audience about the notions of being a care-receiver. When she concluded her lecture, however, her involvement with the students at the University of Kentucky did not end. Cynthia Reeser, a doctoral student in the University of Kentucky’s Department of Family Studies, had the opportunity to accompany Dr. Tronto to lunch on the day following her lecture. Cynthia, who is involved in aging research, has read much of Dr. Tronto’s writings and has cited her many times in her own work. Reeser first came across Dr. Tronto’s work while completing a literature search several years ago. Upon encountering her ethics of care concept, Reeser was immediately drawn to it and has been citing her ever since. To be able to escort Dr. Tronto to lunch was a true privilege for Reeser, who recalls, “She was very approachable and down to earth. We went to a student hang out, had pizza, and discussed her ideas.” Reeser, who was once a caregiver herself, shared with Dr. Tronto her experience about caring for her late husband several years ago. In turn, Dr. Tronto provided insight from her years of work on the different levels of care. “She approached the subject from a scholarly standpoint and I approached it from a personal standpoint, and we were able to communicate beautifully with one another,” says Reeser.

So, the bottom line? When someone of national repute is willing to interact with and offer guidance to students, it is wise for us to take the opportunity to respond in a manner that goes beyond reading and citing his or her scholarly work. After all, these are the individuals who have created the foundation upon which our own research and scholarly interests are based.

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