

## Curriculum Vitae

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### Biographical

Date of Birth: March 2, 1947

Civil: U.S. citizen; veteran  
Divorced; two adult children

### Education

1968 B.A., American Studies, Amherst College  
1970 M.A., American Civilization, University of Pennsylvania  
1976 Ph.D., History, University of Michigan

### Professional Experience

University of Houston, Houston, TX:

Professor of Social Work and History, September 2002-Present  
Gerson and Sabina David Professorship in Global Aging, 2009--  
Adjunct Professor, Health Law Policy Center, Law Center, 2005-2007  
Dean, College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences and Professor of History, 2000-2002  
Dean, College of Humanities, Fine Arts and Communication; Prof. of History, 1999-2000.

Division of Geriatric and Palliative Care, Department of Internal Medicine, University of Texas  
Health Science Center, Adjunct Professor, 2008-present

John P. McGovern, M.D. Center for Health, Humanities, and the Human Spirit, University of  
Texas Medical Center, Houston, Fellow, 2004-Present

Institute of Medical Humanities, University of Texas Medical Branch, Galveston  
Visiting Research Scholar, Spring 2004; Faculty, Spring 2006

Institute of Spirituality (formerly Religion) and Health, Texas Medical Center,  
Senior Scholar, 2006-Present

University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI:

Professor (1987-1999), Department of History, College of Literature, Science and the Arts;

Research Scientist (1987-1999), Deputy Director (1990-1997), Consultant (1976-87),  
Institute of Gerontology.

Park Ridge Center, Chicago: Scholar in Residence for Health, Aging, and Religion (1994-95)

University of Massachusetts-Boston:

Visiting Commonwealth Professor of Gerontology (Fall, 1992; Fall, 1994; Spring, 1997)  
Carnegie Mellon University, Pittsburgh, PA:

Assistant Professor to Professor, Department of History (1980-87); Associate Vice President  
for Academic Affairs (General Education), 1984-86

Canisius College, Buffalo, NY: Assistant Professor of History, 1976-1980

## **Publications**

### **Books:**

Achenbaum, W.A. (1978). Old Age in the New Land: The American Experience since 1790  
Baltimore: The Johns Hopkins University Press. (Paper edition, 1980).

Achenbaum, W.A. (1983). Shades of Gray: Old Age, American Values and Federal Policies  
since 1920. Boston: Little Brown, & Co.

Achenbaum, W.A. (1986). Social Security: Visions and Revisions. A Twentieth Century Fund  
Study. New York: Cambridge University Press. (Paper edition, 1987).

Achenbaum, W.A. (1995). Crossing Frontiers: Gerontology Emerges as a Science. New York:  
Cambridge University Press.

Achenbaum, W.A. (2005). Older Americans: Vital Communities—Toward a Bold  
Vision of Societal Aging. Baltimore: Johns Hopkins University Press.

Achenbaum, W.A. (circulating). Third Quarter of Life: Boomers Listen to Aesop

Achenbaum, W.A. (circulating). Aging's Visionary: Robert N. Butler, MD

### **Co-Authored Books:**

Achenbaum, W.A., & Kusnerz, P.A. (1978). Images of Old Age in America: 1790 to the  
Present. Ann Arbor, MI: Institute of Gerontology. (Revised edition, 1982).

Achenbaum, W.A., & Trattner, W.I. (Eds.) (1983). American Social Welfare History: An  
Annotated Bibliography. Westport, CT: Greenwood Press.

- Cole, T.R., Achenbaum, W.A., Jakobi, P.L., & Kastenbaum, R. (Eds.) (1992). Voices and Visions in Aging: Toward a Critical Gerontology. New York: Springer.
- Schaie, K.W., & Achenbaum, W.A. (Eds.) (1993). Societal Impact on Aging: Historical Perspectives. New York: Springer.
- Bengtson, V.L., & Achenbaum, W.A. (Eds.) (1993). The New Generational Contract. New York: Aldine.
- Shenk, D., & Achenbaum, W.A. (1994). Changing Perceptions of Aging and the Aged. New York: Springer.
- Monk, A., & Associate Editors (1994). Columbia Retirement Handbook. New York: Columbia University Press.
- Achenbaum, W.A., & Albert, D.M. (1995). Profiles in Gerontology: A Biographical Dictionary. Westport, CT: Greenwood Press.
- Achenbaum, W.A., Wieland, S., & Haber, C. (1996). Keywords in Aging. New York: Springer.

**Peer-Reviewed Articles and Reviews (ca. 200) Available Upon Request**

**Professional Activities**

- Chair, Board of Directors, National Council on Aging, 1999-2001; Past Chair, 2001-Present  
Board of Directors, 1992-2005; Leadership Council, 2005- Present; Executive Committee, 1994-95, 1997-present; Chair-elect, 1997-1999; Chair, Policy Committee, 1997-1999.
- Member, Gerontology Committee, World Economic Forum, 2008-2010
- Reviewer, Committee 20 (Social Work and Health Care), Social Science and Humanities Research Council, Canada, 2007-2009
- Founding Member, National Academy of Social Insurance, 1988-present.
- Mentor, Hartford Foundation Geriatric Fellowship Program, 2002-present
- Member, Board of Directors, Southport Institute of Policy Analysis, 1987-1998.
- Contributing Editor, Aging Network News, 1993-1997.
- Editor, Aging & Public Policy e-Newsletter, 2007—present
- Editor-in-chief, Special Publications, Gerontological Society of America, 1985-1988.

Member, Editorial Board: Generations, 1995-present; Ageing and Society (GB), 2004—present; Journal of Religious Gerontology, 1994-2001; The Gerontologist, 1981-1989; advisor, 1994-present; Aging Connections, 1990-1999; Editor, 1992-1999; Journal of Social History, 1982-present; Journal of Aging Studies, 1986-present; Journal of Aging and Identity, 1999-2003; Research on Aging, 1978-present; Contemporary Gerontology, 1992; Journal of Policy History, 1987-1993; Journal of Gerontology: Social Sciences, 1989-1994; Encyclopedia on Aging, 1984-1986; International Journal of Aging and Human Development, 1982-1986; The Public

Historian, 1986-1991; Global Ageing, 2002-present; Journal of Aging and the Humanities and the Arts, 2006-present; Journal of Religion and Spirituality and Aging, 2007-present.

Editor, University of Michigan Press Interdisciplinary Series on Aging, 1988 - 1999.

Gerontological Society of America: Secretary, 2002-2005; Chair, Public Policy, 2005-2008; Member/Chair of Committee on the Humanities and Arts: 1979-1991; History and Archives Committee: Member/Chair, 1978-1986 Behavioral and Social Sciences section: Fellow, 1981-present. Archives Development Advisory Committee: Chair, 1983-1990; Planning Committee, 65<sup>th</sup> anniversary, 2009-Present.

Technical Advisor, 1981, 1995, and 2005 White House Conference on Aging.

Member, advisory committee, Carnegie Corporation of New York project on "Implications of an Aging Society," 1983-1986.

### **Civic Activities in Houston**

AGIFT, 2003—present

Interfaith Care Partners, Ambassador, 2008-present

Annenberg Challenge, Houston Independent School District, consultant

(Christ Church) Cathedral Health Ministries, board member

(Christ Church) Cathedral Center (lay theological group), board member and chair

Greater Houston Partnership, education committee

Holocaust Museum of Houston, board member

Rothko Chapel, consultant

Alzheimer's Association, Program Committee, secretary and executive com

Sheltering Arms, Advisory Committee

Interfaith Ministries, Houston, advisor to the Executive Director

Institute for Spirituality and Health, faculty liaison

### **Honors**

Phi Beta Kappa, Amherst College, 1968

CASE Medal of Achievement for Images of Old Age, 1979

Old Age in the New Land named Outstanding Academic Book by Choice, 1979

Michigan Gerontological Educator of the Year, 1992

Delegate, 1995 White House Conference on Aging

Winkelman Lecturer, School of Social Work, University of Michigan, 1996

Distinguished Teacher Certificate, Association for Gerontology in Higher Education, 1997

Geneva Mathieson Award, National Council on the Aging, 2005

Who's Who in America, 2005-present

Who's Who in the World, 2006-present

Joseph Valley Award for Gerontology, 2007

The Kent Award, The Gerontological Society of America, 2007-2008

International Mentor Award, University of Houston, 2008

Vision Award (Houston area Adult Protective Services), 2008

Outstanding Faculty Award, University of Houston Alumni Association, 2010

**References**

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