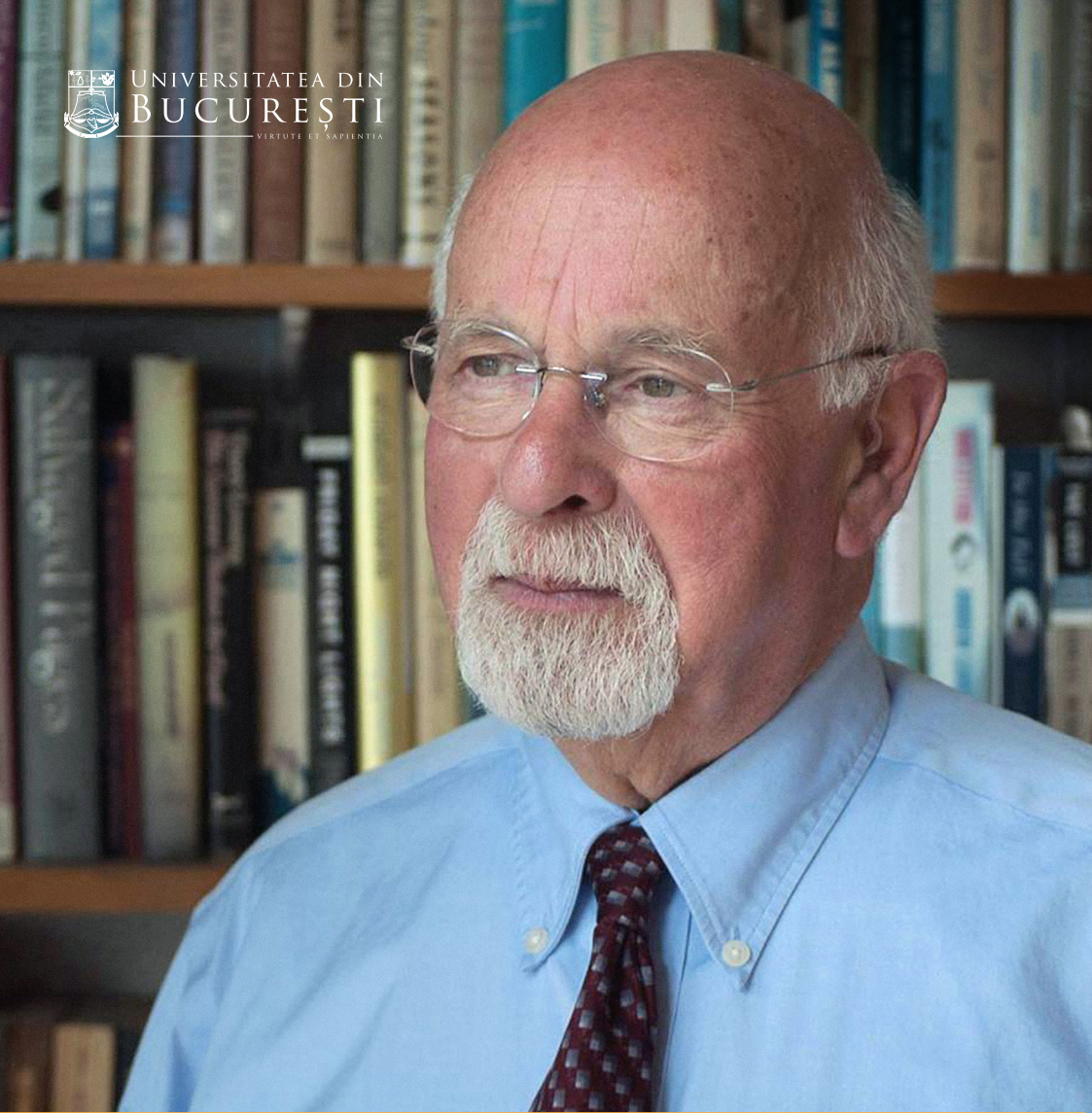




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Doctor Honoris Causa

Stephen J. Cutler

STEPHEN J. CUTLER
DOCTOR HONORIS CAUSA

Laudatio Domini

Stephen J. Cutler

Domnule Profesor Cutler, Stimate Domnule Rector, Stimate Domnule Președinte al Senatului Universității din București, Stimate Domnule Decan al Facultății de Sociologie și Asistență Socială, Dragi invitați, profesori și studenți, Doamnelor și Domnilor:

Este o onoare pentru mine să ofer acest laudatio domnului profesor Cutler din partea colegilor mei din Universitatea din București, care, prin votul exprimat în cadrul consiliului, au decis oferirea acestui grad onorific. Convențiile discursului ceremonial stipulează trecerea în revistă a realizărilor profesorului pe care îl onorăm astăzi.

Probabil majoritatea dintre dvs. cunoașteți publicațiile profesorului Cutler, iar câțiva dintre dvs., în special membrii Facultății de Sociologie și Asistență Socială, l-ați întâlnit personal. Mulți dintre dvs. cunoașteți instituțiile academice care au făcut parte din traiectoria academică a profesorului Cutler. Aceste instituții includ: Universitatea din Vermont (profesor), Dartmouth College (studii de licență), Universitatea din Michigan (studii doctorale și, mai târziu, visiting professor), Universitatea din Carolina de Nord – Chapel Hill (visiting professor), Universitatea din Geneva (visiting professor) și Universitatea de Stat din Oregon (visiting professor).

Aceia dintre dvs. care cunoașteți scrierile profesorului Cutler știu faptul că dânsul este unul dintre cei mai respectați specialiști din lume în domeniul gerontologiei. Ca recunoaștere a cercetării sale inovatoare, în anul 1998, profesorul Cutler a fost ales președintele Asociației de Gerontologie din America. Înființată în anul 1945, Asociația de Gerontologie din America are în jur de 5.000 de membri din varii domenii de specialitate și profesionale. Asociația a atras de-a lungul activității sale specialiști din profesii precum: doctori, asistente medicale, sociologi, psihologi, asistenți sociali, experți în politici publice, economiști, dar și specialiști din domeniul științelor umaniste. În plus, în 1993, dânsul a prezidat Secțiunea de Studiu al

Îmbătrânirii a Asociației de Sociologie Americane. Activitatea sa academică și de cercetare i-au atras premii precum *Clark Tibbitts Award* din partea Asociației de Gerontologie din Învățământul Superior, precum și premiul de Excelență Academică pentru profesorii secolului XXI.

Profesorul Cutler a publicat în una dintre cele două cele mai prestigioase publicații din sociologie din lume, *American Sociological Review*, dar și în reviste de prestigiu precum *Social Forces*, *The Gerontologist*, *Public Opinion Quarterly*, *Journal of Gerontology*, *Aging and Sociology*, *Journal of Rural Studies*, și *European Journal of Aging*, pentru a enumera doar câteva. Subiectele analizate de profesorul Cutler cu profunzime și întemeiere empirică solidă au inclus: aging-ul productiv, pierderea prestigiului, pierderea mobilității, modele rezidențiale, participarea voluntară a asociațiilor sau atitudini politice – toate legate de îmbătrânire. De asemenea, profesorul are cercetări considerabile despre diferențele între cohorte în ceea ce privește percepția siguranței, moralității sexuale, conservatorismului politic, mișcarea de eliberare a femeilor și constituirea „majorității morale” în SUA. Așa cum se poate vedea, sunt puține teme neabordate de profesorul Cutler în domeniul îmbătrânirii și gerontologiei.

În prezent, este profesor „distins” – titlu academic care nu există în sistemul academic românesc – și profesor emerit la Universitatea din Vermont. Profesorul Cutler este, de asemenea, parte a comunității academice a Universității din București. A predat la două generații de doctoranzi ai Școlii doctorale de Sociologie și a fost coordonatorul informal pentru câțiva doctoranzi. A și publicat împreună cu unii dintre ei, precum Corina Bragăru, pe teme cu privire la boala Alzheimer în *European Journal of Ageing* (2015, 12:4) și a fost implicat în dezbateri în cadrul Facultății de Sociologie și Asistență Socială. Profesorul Cutler s-a implicat în tematici majore cu privire la societatea românească. În 2014 a publicat împreună cu Simona Bodogai un articol în *The Gerontologist* (54 (2): 147–152 care oferă o privire de ansamblu asupra situației demografice, formațiunilor epistemice și a serviciilor sociale pentru bătrânii din România. De asemenea, a scris despre efectele de durată ale legislației anti-avort din 1966, observând schimbările pattern-urilor maritale, în sensul căsătoriei femeilor cu bărbați mai tineri (Revista de Asistență Socială, 2012:113–123).

Universitatea din București și Facultatea de Sociologie și Asistență Socială sunt încântate să ofere astăzi titlul onorific profesorului Stephen J. Cutler și să-i mulțumească pentru serviciul său prestat atât în SUA cât și în România.

Laudatio Domini

Stephen J. Cutler

Professor Cutler, Dear Rector, Dear President of the Senate of the University of Bucharest, Dear Dean of the School of Sociology and Social Work, Dear Guests, Professors and Students, Ladies and Gentlemen:

It is an honor for me to deliver this laudation for professor Stephen J. Cutler, on behalf of my colleagues from the University of Bucharest, who have decided, through their elected bodies to deliver this honorary degree. The conventions of ceremonial oratory stipulate that I offer an account of the professional achievements that we honor today.

Many of you are probably familiar with professor Cutler's publications and some of you, especially members of the School of Sociology and Social Work have personally met him. Most of you are also familiar with some of the academic institutions which were part of the academic trajectory of professor Cutler. They institutions include: University of Vermont (professor), Dartmouth College (undergraduate), University of Michigan (doctoral studies and later on visiting professor), University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill (visiting professor), University of Geneva (visiting professor) and Oregon State University (visiting professor).

Those of you who are familiar with professor Cutler's writings know that he is one of the most respected scholar in the field of gerontology. As a recognition of his groundbreaking research, in 1998 he became the president elect of Gerontological Society of America. Established in 1945, the Gerontological Society of America gathers about 5500 members from a broad range of disciplines and professions. The Association attracts physicians, nurses, biologists, social scientists and psychologists, social workers, policy makers, economists and even scholars in the humanities. In addition to that, in 1993, he served as the Section on the Sociology of Aging of the American Sociological Association. His academic and research activity attracted him awards such as *Clark Tibbitts* Award of the Association for Gerontology in Higher Education, as well as the award of the Outstanding Academics of the 21st Century.

Some of research of professor Cutler has been published by one of the two most prestigious sociology journals worldwide – American Sociological Review, but also by Social Forces, The Gerontologist, Public Opinion Quarterly, Journal of Gerontology, Aging and Sociology, Journal of Rural Studies, and European Journal of Aging among others. The topics that he wrote about with sharp insights and solid empirical data touch upon productive aging, prestige loss, mobility, residential patterns, voluntary association participation, political attitudes among the aged. He has also done interesting research on cohort differences in the perception of safety, sexual morality, political conservatism, women's liberation movement, and the constitution of the "moral majority in the US". He has left untouched few themes in the area of age and gerontology.

Currently distinguished professor (an academic title that does not exist in Romanian academic system) and emeritus at the Department of Sociology, University of Vermont, professor Cutler has also been part of the University of Bucharest academic community. He has taught two generations of PhD students in the Doctoral School of the Sociology and has informally advised several number of PhD students. He has also published with some of them, most notable with Ms. Corina Bragăru, on worries about getting Alzheimer disease–*European Journal of Ageing*, 2015, 12:4) and exchanged ideas with Sociology and Social Work faculty. Professor Cutler's has also engaged with major themes and topics of the Romanian society. A 2014 article published together with Simona Bodogai in the *The Gerontologist* (54 (2): 147–152) gives a broad overview of demographic situation, epistemic formations, and social services for the elderly in Romania. He also wrote on the long term marital effects of the abortion ban of 1966, noticing a change in the marriage patterns, in sense that women started to marry younger men (*Revista de Asistență Socială*, 2012:113–123).

The University of Bucharest and the School of Sociology and Social Work in particular is delighted to grant today the honorary degree to professor Stephen J. Cutler and to thank him for his service in the United States, but also in Romania.

Scurta biografie

Profesor Stephen J. Cutler

Profesor Emeritus de Sociologie

Profesor Emeritus Bishop Robert F. Joyce de Gerontologie

Studii:

Licență în Sociologie la Dartmouth College, Hanover, New Hampshire (1964)

Masterat (1965) și Doctorat (1969) în Sociologie la University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, Michigan

Carieră universitară:

Oberlin College (1969–1984)

University of Vermont (1984–2009)

Visiting:

University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill (1979)

University of Michigan (1982)

University of Geneva (1996)

Duke University (1997)

Oregon State University (2002)

University of Bucharest (2004, 2011, 2013, 2014)

Cursuri predate:

Introductory Sociology

Principles of Sociology

Survey Research Methods

Social Stratification

Social Inequality

Social Structure and the Life Cycle

Sociology of Aging

Aging and Social Change: Ethical and Policy Implications

Aging: Interdisciplinary Approaches for an Active and Healthy Old Age

Academic honors:

Elected as Fellow, Gerontological Society, **1978**

Elected to Executive Committee, Behavioral and Social Sciences Section, Gerontological Society, **1979–1981**

Elected to Council, Sociology of Aging Section, American Sociological Association, **1982–1985**

Outstanding Educator in Gerontology Award, Ohio Network of Educational Consultants in Aging, **1984**

Elected as Member-at-Large, Board of Directors and Executive Committee, Association for Gerontology in Higher Education, **1985–1987**

Elected, Chair, Behavioral and Social Sciences, and Vice-President, Gerontological Society of America, **1987**

Elected, Chair-Elect, Section on the Sociology of Aging, American Sociological Association, 1993 (Chair, 1994; Past Chair, **1995**)

Elected President, Gerontological Society of America, **1998**

Elected as Charter Fellow, Association for Gerontology in Higher Education, **1997**

University Scholar, Graduate College, University of Vermont, **2000–2001**

Petersen Visiting Scholar, Oregon State University, spring quarter, **2001–2002**

Recipient, Clark Tibbitts Award, Association for Gerontology in Higher Education, **2002**

Senior Fulbright Award, University of Bucharest, Bucharest, Romania, Spring, **2004**

2000 Outstanding Academics of the 21st Century

Fulbright Specialist Roster candidate, **2004–2009; 2013–**

Senior Fulbright Award, University of Malta, **2009–2010** (declined)

Senior Fulbright Award, University of Bucharest, Bucharest, Romania, **2011–2012**

Senior Fulbright Award, University of Tartu, Tartu, Estonia, Spring, **2015** (declined)

Afilieri profesionale

American Sociological Association, **1965–2012**

Gerontological Society of America, **1970–prezent**

Association for Gerontology in Higher Education, **1984–prezent**

Alpha Kappa Delta, **1985–prezent**

American Society on Aging, **1991–prezent**

Granturi de cercetare

Research and Development Committee, Oberlin College, **1971; 1972; 1973; 1974; 1980; 1983**

National Institute of Mental Health (“Aspects of Integration and Stratification of the Aged”), **Iunie 1973–Mai 1974**

Research Status Award, Oberlin College, **1975–1976**

National Science Foundation (“An Inductive Approach to the Teaching Principles of Sociology”) Aprilie **1977** – August **1979**

Curriculum Development Fellowship, Oberlin College, **1982–1983**

National Institute on Aging (“Cohort Changes in Social and Political Attitudes”), Iunie **1986** – Mai **1988**

National Institute on Aging (“Age and Residence Differences in Household Composition”), Iulie **1987** – Iunie **1988**

Alzheimer’s Association (“Anticipatory Dementia: Premonitions of Alzheimer’s”), Decembrie **1993** – Noiembrie **1994**

Alzheimer’s Association (“Anticipatory Dementia: A Path to Early Detection of Alzheimer’s Disease”), August **1998** – Iulie **2001**

Publicații

5 cărți

92 articole și capitole de carte

98 prezentări la conferințe

Activități editoriale

Editor (Behavioral and Social Sciences Section), Gerontological Monographs, Gerontological Society, **1976–1982**

Membru, Editorial Board, INTERNATIONAL JOURNAL OF AGING AND HUMAN DEVELOPMENT, **1980–**

Membru, Advisory Board and Board of Overseers, National Data Program for the Social Sciences (the General Social Surveys) National Opinion Research Center, University of Chicago, **1980–1985**

Membru, Editorial Board, JOURNAL OF GERONTOLOGY, **1981–1986**

Membru, Editorial Board, RESEARCH ON AGING, **1982–2010**

Editor, JOURNAL OF GERONTOLOGY: SOCIAL SCIENCES, **1990–1993**

Editor Consultant, Pine Forge Press, **1991–1994**

Editor Consultant, THE GERONTOLOGIST, **1994–1996**

Membru, Editorial Board, AMERICAN JOURNAL OF ALZHEIMER’S DISEASE, **2002–**

Editor Asociat, HANDBOOK OF AGING AND THE SOCIAL SCIENCES (6th ed.), **2003–2005**

Membru, Editorial Board, JOURNAL OF APPLIED GERONTOLOGY, **2004–2010**

Editor Asociat, HANDBOOK OF AGING AND THE SOCIAL SCIENCES (7th ed.), **2009–2011**

Membru, Editorial Board, REVISTA DE ASISTENȚĂ SOCIALĂ (SOCIAL WORK REVIEW), **2010–**

Biographical Sketch

Stephen J. Cutler, Ph.D.

Stephen J. Cutler, Ph.D., is Professor of Sociology, Emeritus and Emeritus Bishop Robert F. Joyce Distinguished University Professor of Gerontology at the University of Vermont. Prior to joining the UVM faculty in 1984, he taught at Oberlin College from 1969–1984 and served as Chair of the Department of Sociology-Anthropology from 1979–1982. He has also taught at Duke University, the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, the University of Michigan, and the University of Bucharest. He received his M.A. and Ph.D. from the University of Michigan and his B.A. from Dartmouth College, all in sociology. He is currently a Visiting Professor at the Institute for Research at the University of Bucharest.

Dr. Cutler is co-author of Middle Start: An Experiment in the Educational Enrichment of Young Adolescents (New York: Cambridge University Press, 1977), co-editor of Major Social Issues: A Multidisciplinary View (New York: The Free Press, 1978), co-editor of Promoting Successful and Productive Aging (Thousand Oaks, CA: Sage Publications, 1995), and an Associate Editor of the Handbook of Aging and the Social Sciences, 6th and 7th eds. (San Diego: Academic Press, 2006 and 2011). His principal gerontological research interests are in the areas of caregiving, transportation, household composition, social and political attitude change, voluntary association participation, cognition and Alzheimer's disease, and ethics. He has published over 100 articles and book chapters, and he has authored or co-authored over 100 papers presented at national and international professional meetings. His research has been supported by grants from the National Institute on Aging, the National Science Foundation, the National Institute of Mental Health, and the Alzheimer's Association.

Dr. Cutler is a Past-President of the Gerontological Society of America, a Fellow of the Society, and he has also served as Vice-President and as Chair of the Society's Behavioral and Social Sciences Section. He has been Editor of the Journal of Gerontology: Social Sciences and is currently on the Editorial Boards of the International Journal of Aging and Human Development, the American

Journal of Alzheimer's Disease, and Revista de Asistentă Socială (Social Work Review). He is a Past-Chair of the Sociology of Aging Section of the American Sociological Association. He has been an appointed and an elected member of the Executive Committee of the Association for Gerontology in Higher Education and is the 2002 recipient of the AGHE's Clark Tibbitts Award. He was twice appointed to the National Institutes of Health's Human Development and Aging Study Section, including two years as Chair, and was the recipient in 1984 of the Outstanding Educator in Gerontology Award from the Ohio Network of Educational Consultants in Aging. In the spring of 2002, he was the Petersen Visiting Scholar at Oregon State University, and he has received Senior Fulbright Awards to spend the spring semester of 2004 and the 2011–2012 academic year at the University of Bucharest in Romania. He has served as a consultant to the World Bank's project on active aging in Romania and in the fall of 2015 was the recipient of a Fulbright Specialist Award at the University of Bucharest in October of 2015.

Locally, Dr. Cutler is a member of the Boards of the University of Vermont's Retired Faculty and Administrative Officers Organization and the Vermont Program for Quality in Health Care. He previously served on the Board of Directors and the Executive Committee of the Vermont Chapter of the Alzheimer's Association, as a member of the Advisory Council of the Chittenden County Retired Senior Volunteer Program, and on the Advisory Boards of the Champlain Valley Agency on Aging, Vermont's Department of Aging and Disabilities, the Foster Grandparent Program, the University of Vermont's Osher Lifelong Learning Institute, and the Vermont Department of Health's statewide Arthritis Coalition.

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Curriculum Vitae

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BIRTH DATE: January 1, 1943

CITIZENSHIP: United States

EDUCATION:

High School: Lawrence High School, Lawrence, Massachusetts

Undergraduate: Dartmouth College, Hanover, New Hampshire, B.A., 1964

Graduate: University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, Michigan

M.A., 1965; Ph.D., 1969

Thesis: MEMBERSHIP IN VOLUNTARY ASSOCIATIONS AND THE THEORY OF MASS SOCIETY

COURSES TAUGHT:

University of Michigan:

- 1) Introductory Sociology (Teaching Fellow and Lecturer)
- 2) Survey Research Methods (Teaching Assistant)
- 3) Honors Introduction to Sociology (Pre-Doctoral Instructor)
- 4) Sociology of Aging (Visiting Professor, Summer 1982)

Oberlin College:

- 1) Principles of Sociology
- 2) Principles of Sociology: An Inductive Approach
- 3) Research Methods
- 4) Population
- 5) Seminar on Social Stratification
- 6) Social Inequality
- 7) Seminar in the Sociology of Aging
- 8) Seminar in Multivariate Analysis Methods in Sociological Research
- 9) Research Design and Field Methods
- 10) Methods of Data Analysis
- 11) Social and Cultural Perspectives on the Life Cycle
- 12) Seminar on Social and Cultural Perspectives on the Life Cycle
- 13) Ethical Issues in Social Science Research

University of Vermont:

- 1) Seminar on Aging and Social Change
- 2) Seminar on Aging and Ethical Issues
- 3) Aging: Change and Adaptation
- 4) Internship in Gerontology

Duke University:

- 1) Social Structure and the Life Cycle (Summer 1976)

University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill:

- 1) Introduction to Sociology (Summer 1979)

University of Bucharest:

- 1) Sociology of Aging (Spring 2003–2004; Fall, 2011–2012; Fall, 2014)
- 2) Aging and Social Change: Ethical and Policy Implications (Spring, 2011–2012)
- 3) Aging: Interdisciplinary Approaches for an Active and Healthy Old Age (Summer, 2013)
- 4) Doctoral candidate's course (Fall, 2013; Fall, 2014)

OCCUPATIONAL HISTORY SINCE COLLEGE GRADUATION:

	Position or Title	Years
Department of Sociology	Teaching Fellow	Fall 1965; Summer 1966
Department of Sociology	Detroit Area Study	Teaching Fellow 1966
Center for Research on Social Organization	Assistant Study Director	Summer 1966
Department of Sociology	Pre-Doctoral Instructor	1967–1968
Residential College	Resident Fellow	1967–1968
Center for Research on Social Organization	Research Assistant	1968–1969
Department of Sociology	Lecturer Summer	1969

OBERLIN COLLEGE

Department of Sociology-Anthropology	Assistant Professor	1969–1974
Department of Sociology-Anthropology	Associate Professor	1974–1979
	Tenure	1974
Department of Sociology-Anthropology	Professor	1979–1984
Department of Sociology-Anthropology	Chair	1979–1982

DUKE UNIVERSITY

Center for the Study of Aging and Human Development	Senior Fellow, Special Fellow, Research Training Programs in Aging & in Mental Health Visiting Senior Fellow	1975–1976 Spring 1997
Department of Sociology	Visiting Assoc. Professor	Summer 1976

UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA AT CHAPEL HILL

Department of Sociology	Visiting Associate Professor	Summer 1979
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UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

Institute of Gerontology	Visiting Professor	Summer 1982
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UNIVERSITY OF GENEVA

Centre for Interdisciplinary Gerontology	Visiting Professor Fall	1996
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OREGON STATE UNIVERSITY

Department of Human Development and Family Studies	Petersen Visiting Scholar	Spring 2002
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UNIVERSITY OF BUCHAREST

Faculty of Sociology and Social Work	Visiting Professor	Spring 2004; 2011–2012; Fall, 2013, 2014
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UNIVERSITY OF VERMONT

	Professor of Sociology, Emeritus and Emeritus Bishop Robert F. Joyce Distinguished University Professor of Gerontology	2009–
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Department of Sociology	Professor of Sociology and the Bishop Robert F. Joyce Distinguished University Professor of Gerontology	1984–2009
School of Nursing	Director, Center for the Study of Aging	1992–1995

ACADEMIC HONORS:

Rufus Choate Scholar—Dartmouth College, **1962–1963, 1963–1964**

Graduated with highest distinction in major subject—Dartmouth College, **1964**

John Mecklin Sociology Prize—Dartmouth College, **1964**

Woodrow Wilson Fellowship, **1964–1965**

National Science Foundation Summer Fellowship/Trainee **1966, 1967**

Bobb-Merrill Award in Sociology, **1968**

Rackham Predoctoral Fellowship, **1968–1969**

Phi Kappa Phi, **1968**

Sigma Xi, **1973**

Who's Who in the East

Who's Who in America

Who's Who is American Education

Who's Who in the World

Men of Achievement

Elected as Fellow, Gerontological Society, **1978**

Elected to Executive Committee, Behavioral and Social Sciences Section,
Gerontological Society, **1979–1981**

Elected to Council, Sociology of Aging Section, American Sociological Association,
1982–1985

Outstanding Educator in Gerontology Award, Ohio Network of Educational
Consultants in Aging, **1984**

Elected as Member-at-Large, Board of Directors and Executive Committee,
Association for Gerontology in Higher Education, **1985–1987**

Elected, Chair, Behavioral and Social Sciences, and Vice-President, Gerontological
Society of America, **1987**

Elected, Chair-Elect, Section on the Sociology of Aging, American Sociological
Association, **1993** (Chair, **1994**; Past Chair, **1995**)

Elected President, Gerontological Society of America, **1998**

Elected as Charter Fellow, Association for Gerontology in Higher Education, **1997**

University Scholar, Graduate College, University of Vermont, **2000–2001**

Petersen Visiting Scholar, Oregon State University, spring quarter, **2001–2002**

Recipient, Clark Tibbitts Award, Association for Gerontology in Higher Education, **2002**

Senior Fulbright Award, University of Bucharest, Bucharest, Romania, Spring, **2004**

2000 Outstanding Academics of the 21st Century

Fulbright Specialist Roster candidate, **2004–2009; 2013–**

Senior Fulbright Award, University of Malta, **2009–2010** (declined)

Senior Fulbright Award, University of Bucharest, Bucharest, Romania, **2011–2012**

Senior Fulbright Award, University of Tartu, Tartu, Estonia, Spring, **2015** (declined)

MEMBERSHIPS:

American Sociological Association, **1965–2012**

Gerontological Society of America, **1970–**

Association for Gerontology in Higher Education, **1984–**

Alpha Kappa Delta, **1985–**

American Society on Aging, **1991–**

GRANTS RECEIVED:

Grants from the Research and Development Committee, Oberlin College, Summer **1971**; Summer **1972**; Summer **1973**; Fall **1973**; Fall **1974**; Summer **1980**; Spring **1983**

Grant from the National Institute of Mental Health (“Aspects of Integration and Stratification of the Aged”), June **1973** to May **1974**

Research Status Award, Oberlin College, **1975–1976**

Travel Grant from the American Executive Committee, International Association of Gerontology, to attend the 10th International Congress of Gerontology, Jerusalem, Israel, June 22–27, **1975**

Grant from the National Science Foundation (“An Inductive Approach to the Teaching Principles of Sociology”) April 1, **1977** to August 31, **1979**

Curriculum Development Fellowship, Oberlin College, **1982–1983**

Grant from the National Institute on Aging (“Cohort Changes in Social and Political Attitudes”), June **1986** to May **1988**

Grant from the National Institute on Aging (“Age and Residence Differences in Household Composition”), July **1987** to June **1988**

Grant (Co-PI) from the Alzheimer’s Association (“Anticipatory Dementia: Premonitions of Alzheimer’s”), December **1993** to November **1994**

Grant from the Alzheimer’s Association (“Anticipatory Dementia: A Path to Early Detection of Alzheimer’s Disease”), August **1998** to July **2001**

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES:

Board of Trustees, Family Service Association of Lorain County, Ohio, **1970–1972**

Corporate Member, Senior Citizens Association of Lorain County, Ohio, **1973–1976**

Member, Citizen's Advisory Board, Nursing Home Ombudsman Program, Senior Citizens Association of Lorain County, Ohio, **1978–1980**

Advisory Board, Vermont Office on Aging, **1984–1990**; Vermont Department of Aging and Disabilities, **1991–1995**

Advisory Council, Retired Senior Volunteer Program, **1986–1989**

Advisory Board, Neighbor to Neighbor Caregivers Grant Project, Vermont Department of Health, **1986–1988**

Advisory Board, Champlain Valley Area Agency on Aging, **1987–1993** (Secretary, **1988–1993**)

Board of Directors, Vermont Health Care Review, Inc., **1987–1988**

Advisory Council, Foster Grandparent Program, **1993–1996**

Board of Directors, Vermont Chapter, Alzheimer's Association, **1995–2002**

Advisory Board, Vermont Arthritis Coalition, Vermont Department of Health, **2003–2006**

Fletcher Allen Health Care Elder Health Advisory Council, **2003–2010**

Medical and Scientific Advisory Council, Alzheimer's Association of Vermont and New Hampshire, **2004–2005**

Advisory Board, Osher Lifelong Learning Institute, **2005–2013**

Executive Board, Retired Faculty and Administrative Officers, University of Vermont, **2012–**

BOOKS:

With J. Milton Yinger, Kiyoshi Ikeda, and Frank Laycock, *MIDDLE START: AN EXPERIMENT IN THE EDUCATIONAL ENRICHMENT OF YOUNG ADOLESCENTS* (New York: Cambridge University Press, the Arnold and Caroline Rose Monograph Series of the American Sociological Association, **1977**), xiii + 134.

With J. Milton Yinger (eds.), *MAJOR SOCIAL ISSUES: A MULTIDISCIPLINARY VIEW* (New York: The Free Press, **1978**), xvi + 575.

With Lynne Bond and Armin Grams (eds.), *PROMOTING SUCCESSFUL AND PRODUCTIVE AGING* (Thousand Oaks, CA: Sage Publications, **1995**), ix + 357.

Associate Editor (with Jon Hendricks and James Schulz), Robert H. Binstock and Linda K. George (eds.), *HANDBOOK OF AGING AND THE SOCIAL SCIENCES* (6th ed.) (San Diego, Academic Press, **2006**), xxv+544.

Associate Editor (with Jon Hendricks and James Schulz), Robert H. Binstock and Linda K. George (eds.), *HANDBOOK OF AGING AND THE SOCIAL SCIENCES* (7th ed.) (San Diego, Academic Press, **2011**), xvi+390.

ARTICLES AND OTHER PUBLICATIONS:

With Albert J. Reiss, Jr., "Crimes Against Public and Quasi Public Organizations in Boston, Washington, D.C., and Chicago" (Report to the President's Commission on Law Enforcement and the Administration of Criminal Justice, October 1966).

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With Eleanor P. Stoller and Alan B. Howard, "The Impact of Elder Resources in the Configuration of Support Networks," paper presented at the **1995** Annual Meeting of the Gerontological Society of America, Los Angeles, November 18.

With Lynne Gershenson Hodgson, "To Test or Not to Test: Who Would Choose Genetic Predictive Testing for Alzheimer's Disease," paper presented at the **1996** Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association, New York City, August 17.

With Jon Hendricks, "Age Differences in Voluntary Association Memberships: A Replication and Extension," paper presented at the **1997** Annual Meeting of the Gerontological Society of America, Cincinnati, November 16.

With Lynne Gershenson Hodgson, "Alzheimer's Disease as a Case Study of Hereditary Diseases," paper presented at the **1998** Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association, San Francisco, August 24.

With Jon Hendricks and Laurie R. Hatch, "Entitlements, Social Compacts, and the Life World of Older Persons: What Have We Wrought?" paper presented at the 14th World Congress of Sociology, Montreal, July 29, **1998**.

With Jon Hendricks, "Age Differences in Voluntary Association Memberships: Fact or Artifact," paper presented at the **1998** Annual Meeting of the Association for Research on Nonprofit Organizations and Voluntary Action, Seattle, November 5–7.

With Jon Hendricks, "Leisure in Life Span Perspective," paper presented at the **1998** Annual Meeting of the Gerontological Society of America, Philadelphia, November 22.

With Lynne Gershenson Hodgson, "Alzheimer's Disease and Symptom-Seeking," paper presented at the **1998** Annual Meeting of the Gerontological Society of America, Philadelphia, November 23.

With Jon Hendricks and Laurie R. Hatch, "Entitlements, Social Compacts, and the Trend Toward Retrenchment in U.S. Old-Age Programs," paper presented at the 6th Asia/Oceania Regional Congress of Gerontology, Seoul, Korea, June 9, **1999**.

With Lynne Gershenson Hodgson, "Pathways to Help Seeking in Alzheimer's Disease," paper presented at the **1999** Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association, Chicago, August 10.

With Lynne Gershenson Hodgson, "Recruitment of Subjects for Research on Aging and Dementia," paper presented at the **2000** Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association, Washington, DC, August 12.

With Lynne Gershenson Hodgson, "Tipping the Balance: Factors Promoting Help-Seeking for Memory Concerns by Middle-Aged Persons," paper presented at the **2000** Annual Meeting of the Gerontological Society of America, Washington, DC, November 17–21.

With Jon Hendricks, "The Effects of Membership in Church-Related Associations and in Labor Unions on Age Differences in Voluntary Association Memberships," paper presented at the **2000** Annual Meeting of the Gerontological Society of America, Washington, DC, November 17–21.

With Nicholas L. Danigelis, "Cohort Changes in U.S. Racial Attitudes: 1972–1998," presented at the 17th World Congress of the International Association of Gerontology, Vancouver, British Columbia, July 3, **2001**.

With Lynne Gershenson Hodgson, "Correlates of Personal Concerns about Developing Alzheimer's Disease among Middle-Aged Persons," presented at the 17th World Congress of the International Association of Gerontology, Vancouver, British Columbia, July 3, **2001**.

With Neal Cutler and Megan Johnson, "Cohort Changes in Health as a Personal Problem," presented as part of the symposium "The Myths and Realities of Aging: Analysis Across Time and Across Cultures" (N. Whitelaw, organizer) at the 17th World Congress of the International Association of Gerontology, Vancouver, British Columbia, July 3, **2001**.

With Lynne Gershenson Hodgson, "Predictors of Concerns about Developing Alzheimer's Disease Among Children of Parents with Alzheimer's Disease," presented at the **2001** Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association, Anaheim, CA, August 18–21.

With Nicholas Danigelis, "Cohort Changes in U.S. Family and Gender Role Attitudes," presented at the **2001** Annual Meeting of the Gerontological Society of America, Chicago, November 15–18.

With Lynne Gershenson Hodgson, "Symptom Seeking for Alzheimer's Disease among Middle-Aged Adults," presented at the **2001** Annual Meeting of the Gerontological Society of America, Chicago, November 15–18.

With Lynne Gershenson Hodgson, "Anticipatory Dementia and Help Seeking," paper presented at the Second Joint Conference of the National Council on the Aging and the American Society on Aging, Denver, April 4–7, **2002**.

With Lynne Gershenson Hodgson, "A Look in the Mirror: Do Similarities between Adult Children and Parents with Alzheimer's Disease Affect Memory Concerns," paper presented at the **2002** Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association, Chicago, August 16–19.

With Lynne Gershenson Hodgson, "Predictors of Help-Seeking Behavior for Concerns about Alzheimer's Disease," paper presented at the **2002** Annual Meeting of the Gerontological Society of America, Boston, November 22–25.

With Lynne Gershenson Hodgson, "The Value of Talk: The Importance of Support for People with Concerns about Alzheimer's Disease," paper presented at the **2003** Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association, Atlanta, August 19.

With Lynne Gershenson Hodgson, "Personal Memory Assessment and the Well-Being of Alzheimer's Caregivers," paper presented at the **2003** Annual Meeting of the Gerontological Society of America, San Diego, November 21–25.

With Nicholas Danigelis, "Modeling Sources of Age Changes on Law and Order Attitudes in the U.S., 1972–2000," paper presented at the **2003** Annual Meeting of the Gerontological Society of America, San Diego, November 21–25.

"The Graying of America: Population Aging and the Future of Social Change," paper presented at the **2004** Conference of the Romanian Association for American Studies, Bucharest, February 5–7.

With Lynne Gershenson Hodgson, "Anticipatory Dementia and the Baby Boom Generation: Looking to the Future"

With Lynne Gershenson Hodgson, "Alzheimer's Disease and Healthy Aging: Are People Using Prevention Strategies?" paper presented at the 2004 Annual Meeting of the Gerontological Society of America, Washington, DC, November 19–23, **2004**.

With Nicholas Danigelis, "Modeling the Interaction between Education and Age Changes in Predicting Civil Liberties Attitudes in the U.S., 1972–2002," paper presented at the 2004 Annual Meeting of the Gerontological Society of America, Washington, DC, November 19–23, **2004**.

"There's Gold in Them Thar Archives: Using Social Science Data in the Study of American Society and Culture," paper presented at the 4th Annual East-West Cultural Passage Conference, Lucian Blaga University, Sibiu, Romania, May 7, **2004**.

With Nicholas Danigelis, "Long-Term Trends in Age Differences in Attitudes about Civil Liberties in the United States: 1954–2002," paper presented at the 2005 Annual Meeting of the Gerontological Society of America, Orlando, November 18–22, **2005**.

With Lynne Gershenson Hodgson, "Anticipatory Dementia: Insights from Published First-Person Accounts," paper presented at the 2005 Annual Meeting of the Gerontological Society of America, Orlando, November 18–22, **2005**.

With Lynne Gershenson Hodgson and Megan M. Johnson, "Alzheimer's Disease: Changing Levels of Concern Over Time," paper presented at the **2006** Annual Meeting of the Gerontological Society of America, Dallas, November 17–21.

With Lynne Gershenson Hodgson and Megan M. Johnson, "Personal Concerns about Developing Alzheimer's Disease: Five-Year Predictors," paper presented at the **2006** Annual Meeting of the Gerontological Society of America, Dallas, November 17–21.

"Genetics, Family Dynamics, and Well-Being," paper presented as part of a symposium on Family Studies and the Gerontological Imagination: Views from Ten Petersen Family Gerontologists at the **2006** Annual Meeting of the Gerontological Society of America, Dallas, November 17–21.

With Lynne Gershenson Hodgson and Megan M. Johnson, "Alzheimer's Inaction: Obstacles to Help-Seeking for Concerned Individuals," paper presented at the **2007** Annual Meeting of the Gerontological Society of America, San Francisco, November 16–20.

"Aging in China: The Demographic Backdrop," paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Society on Aging, Washington, DC, March 27, **2008**.

With Lynne Gershenson Hodgson, "Where Did I Put Those Car Keys? Alzheimer's Disease and Anticipatory Dementia," paper presented at the **2008** Annual Meeting of the Southern Gerontological Society, Atlanta, April 17–20.

With Lynne Gershenson Hodgson, "Concerned about Developing Alzheimer's Disease?: Information Seeking in the Age of Information," paper presented at the **2008** Annual Meeting of the Gerontological Society of America, Washington, DC, November 22.

With Lynne Gershenson Hodgson, "Early Cognitive Changes in Persons with Alzheimer's and in Their Adult Child Caregivers: Does Symptom Similarity Add to Caregiver Stress?" paper presented at the 24th Conference of Alzheimer's Disease International, Singapore, March 27, **2009**.

With Lynne Gershenson Hodgson, "No Laughing Matter?: Humor Amidst the Concerns of Adult Children of Parents with Alzheimer's Disease," paper presented at the **2009** Annual Meeting of the Gerontological Society of America, Atlanta, November 21.

With Nicholas Danigelis and Melissa Hardy, "Older Americans and Out-group Tolerance in the General Social Surveys: Age, Period and Cohort Effects," paper presented at the **2010** Annual Meeting of the Gerontological Society of America, New Orleans, November 23.

With Lynne Gershenson Hodgson, "An Ounce of Prevention: Alzheimer's Disease and Strategies for Cognitive Health," paper presented at the **2010** Annual Meeting of the Gerontological Society of America, New Orleans, November 20.

With Nicholas Danigelis and Melissa Hardy, "Younger and Older Americans' Sociopolitical Attitudes: APC Components of Social Change," paper presented at the **2011** Annual Meeting of the Gerontological Society of America, Boston, November 21.

With Lynne Gershenson Hodgson, "What Does the Future Hold for Me? Views on Dementia in Adulthood," paper presented at the **2011** Annual Meeting of the Gerontological Society of America, Boston, November 20.

With Lynne Gershenson Hodgson, Julianne Gardner, and Erin Hodgson, "Why Worry? Explaining Alzheimer's Fears," paper presented at the **2012** Annual Meeting of the Gerontological Society of America, San Diego, November 17.

With Lynne Gershenson Hodgson, "Concerns about Cognitive Functioning, Dementia Worries, and Psychological Well-being," paper presented at the 23rd

Alzheimer Europe Conference, St. Julian's, Malta, 11 October, **2013**.

With Nicholas Danigelis and Melissa Hardy, "Older Americans and Sociopolitical Attitudes: Modeling Age, Period, and Cohort Effects," paper presented at the **2013** Annual Meeting of the Gerontological Society of America, New Orleans, November 22.

BOOK REVIEWS:

Harold L. Sheppard, ed., *TOWARDS AN INDUSTRIAL GERONTOLOGY: AN INTRODUCTION TO A NEW FIELD OF APPLIED RESEARCH AND SERVICE* (Cambridge: Schenkman Publishing Company, **1970**) for *SOCIAL FORCES*, Vol. 49 (December **1970**), pp. 343–344.

Erdman Palmore (ed.), *NORMAL AGING: REPORTS FROM THE DUKE LONGITUDINAL STUDY, 1955–1969* (Durham: Duke University Press, **1970**), and George S. Rosenberg, *THE WORKER GROWS OLD: POVERTY AND ISOLATION IN THE CITY* (San Francisco: Jossey Bass, **1970**), for *SOCIAL FORCES*, Vol. 50 (March **1972**), pp. 420–422.

Robert C. Atchley, *THE SOCIAL FORCES IN LATER LIFE: AN INTRODUCTION TO SOCIAL GERONTOLOGY* (Belmont, CA: Wadsworth Publishing Company, **1972**), for *AGING AND HUMAN DEVELOPMENT*, Vol. 4 (Fall **1973**), pp. 385–387.

Zena Smith Blau, *OLD AGE IN A CHANGING SOCIETY* (New York: Franklin Watts, **1973**), Erdman Palmore (ed.), *NORMAL AGING II: REPORTS FROM THE DUKE LONGITUDINAL STUDIES, 1970–1973* (Durham: Duke University Press, **1974**), and Douglas C. Kimmel, *ADULTHOOD AND AGING: AN INTERDISCIPLINARY VIEW* (New York: John Wiley, **1974**), for *SOCIAL FORCES*, Vol. 53 (June **1975**), 654–655.

"Instructional Uses of the NORC General Social Surveys," Feature Review for *CONTEMPORARY SOCIOLOGY*, Vol. 7 (September **1978**), pp. 541–545.

"A Classic Revisited," Feature Review of Clyde Z. Nunn et al., *TOLERANCE FOR NONCONFORMITY: A NATIONAL SURVEY OF AMERICANS' CHANGING COMMITMENT TO CIVIL LIBERTIES* (San Francisco: Jossey Bass, **1978**), for *CONTEMPORARY SOCIOLOGY*, Vol. 8 (March **1979**), pp. 220–222.

Barry D. McPherson, *AGING AS A SOCIAL PROCESS: AN INTRODUCTION TO INDIVIDUAL AND POPULATION AGING* (Toronto: Butterworths, **1983**), for *CONTEMPORARY SOCIOLOGY*, Vol. 13 (November **1984**), pp. 703–704.

Robert H. Binstock and Ethel Shanas (eds.), *HANDBOOK OF AGING AND THE SOCIAL SCIENCES*, 2nd ed. (New York: Van Nostrand Reinhold, **1985**), for *INTERNATIONAL JOURNAL OF AGING AND HUMAN DEVELOPMENT*, Vol. 23 (Number 1, **1986–1987**), pp. 61–63.

M. Powell Lawton and A. Regula Herzog (eds.), *SPECIAL RESEARCH METHODS FOR GERONTOLOGY* (Amityville, NY: Baywood, **1989**), for

PUBLIC OPINION QUARTERLY, Vol. 23 (Summer **1990**), pp. 291–293.

Vern L. Bengtson and K. Warner Schaie (eds.), HANDBOOK OF THEORIES OF AGING (New York: Springer, **1999**), for CONTEMPORARY GERONTOLOGY, Vol. 6 (Number 3, **2000**), pp. 84–85.

Phyllis Braudy Harris (ed.), THE PERSON WITH ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE: PATHWAYS TO UNDERSTANDING THE EXPERIENCE (Baltimore: John Hopkins University Press, **2002**), for AMERICAN JOURNAL OF ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE, Vol. 18 (**2003**), pp. 51–52.

Catherine Y. Read, Robert C. Green, and Michael A. Smyer (eds.), AGING, BIOTECHNOLOGY, AND THE FUTURE (Baltimore: Johns Hopkins University Press, **2008**), for THE GERONTOLOGIST, Vol. 49 (**2009**), pp. 283–285.

Andreas Hoff (ed.), POPULATION AGEING IN CENTRAL AND EASTERN EUROPE: SOCIETAL AND POLICY IMPLICATIONS (Farnham, Surrey, England: Ashgate Publishing Limited, **2011**), for THE GERONTOLOGIST, Vol. 53 (**2013**), pp. 706–708.

PROFESSIONAL AND RELATED ACTIVITIES:

Editorial and Advisory Boards:

Editor (Behavioral and Social Sciences Section), Gerontological Monographs, Gerontological Society, **1976–1982**

Member, Editorial Board, INTERNATIONAL JOURNAL OF AGING AND HUMAN DEVELOPMENT, **1980–**

Member, Advisory Board and Board of Overseers, National Data Program for the Social Sciences (the General Social Surveys) National Opinion Research Center, University of Chicago, **1980–1985**

Member, Editorial Board, JOURNAL OF GERONTOLOGY, **1981–1986**

Member, Editorial Board, RESEARCH ON AGING, **1982–2010**

Editor, JOURNAL OF GERONTOLOGY: SOCIAL SCIENCES, **1990–1993**

Consulting Editor, Pine Forge Press, **1991–1994**

Consultant to the Editor, THE GERONTOLOGIST, **1994–1996**

Member, Editorial Board, AMERICAN JOURNAL OF ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE, **2002–**

Associate Editor, HANDBOOK OF AGING AND THE SOCIAL SCIENCES (6th ed.), **2003–2005**

Member, Editorial Board, JOURNAL OF APPLIED GERONTOLOGY, **2004–2010**

Associate Editor, HANDBOOK OF AGING AND THE SOCIAL SCIENCES (7th ed.), **2009–2011**

Member, Editorial Board, REVISTA DE ASISTENȚĂ SOCIALĂ (SOCIAL WORK REVIEW), **2010–**

Research Proposal and Manuscript Reviews:

Ad hoc member, Human Development Study Section, National Institutes of Health, October 25–27, **1978**

Member, Ad Hoc Behavioral Sciences Study Section, National Institutes of Health, **1979–1982**

Member, Human Development and Aging Study Section, National Institutes of Health, **1982–1984; 1988–1992; Chair, 1990–1992**

Ad hoc Member, Behavioral and Neurosciences Study Section, National Institutes of Health, June **1980; September 1982; January 1983; May 1983**

Member, Site Visit Team, National Institute on Aging, Program Project Proposal, University of Michigan, January 31, to February 2, **1985**

Ad hoc Member, Small Business Innovation Research Special Study Section, National Institutes of Health, October **1985; March 1986 (Chair); June 1986 (Chair); August 1987 (Chair)**

Outside Reviewer, Social Science and Population Study Section, National Institutes of Health, September **1992**

Reviewer, grant proposals submitted to the National Science Foundation, **1978; 1979; 1980; 1983; 1984; Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada, 1979; Social Security Administration, 1980; AARP Andrus Foundation, 1990, 1995; Alzheimer's Association, 1999, 2000, 2001, 2003, 2006.**

Abstract reviews, XIIIth International Congress of Gerontology, 1984; XIVth International Congress of Gerontology, **1988; 1980, 1985, 1987, 1988, 1989, 1990, 1991, 1992, 1993, 1994, 1995, 1996, 1997, 1998, 1999, 2000, 2001, 2003, 2004, 2008, 2011, 2012, 2013, and 2014 Annual Meetings of the Gerontological Society of America; 1993 Annual Meeting of the Association for Gerontology in Higher Education**

Referee for articles submitted to American Sociological Review, American Journal of Sociology, Journal of Gerontology, The Gerontologist, Social Science Quarterly, Sociometry, Sociological Inquiry, Social Forces, International Journal of Aging and Human Development, Journal of Voluntary Action Research, -Sociological Focus, Social Problems, Research on Aging, Canadian Journal of Gerontology, Public Opinion Quarterly, Sociological Perspective, Teaching Sociology, Journal of Rural Health, Journal of Aging and Health, Psychology of Aging, Journal of Applied Gerontology, American Journal of Alzheimer's Disease, European Journal of Ageing.

Selected Outside Lectures and Presentations:

“Computer Uses in the Undergraduate Social Science Curriculum,” address delivered to the faculties of DePauw University and Wabash College for the Cooperative Program on Interdisciplinary Uses of Computers in Education, Greencastle, Indiana, November 9, **1971**.

“A Computer Curriculum for the Introductory Sociology Course,” Faculty Seminar, Flint College, University of Michigan, Flint, Michigan, November 30, **1971**.

Panel Member, Workshop on Programs and Activities for Four Year Liberal Arts Colleges, “Education for Aging: A Conference for Educators,” Fawcett Center for Tomorrow, Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio, October 16, **1973**.

Lectures, “The Sociology of Aging,” Henry Ford Community College, Dearborn, Michigan, February 18, **1975**, and Lansing Community College, Lansing, Michigan, February 19, **1975**, for the Institute of Gerontology, University of Michigan—Wayne State University and the University of Michigan Extension Service.

Seminar, “Support Systems for Elderly Persons and Their Families in Crisis,” August 16, **1977**, Institute of Gerontology, University of Michigan—Wayne State University.

Discussant, Workshop on Survey Research in the Study of Aging and Adult Development: Possibilities and Problems in the Use of Archival Data, **1977** Annual Meeting of the Gerontological Society, San Francisco, November 19.

Lecture, “Aging and the Fear of Crime,” Institute for Life Span Development, University of Akron, April 17, **1980**.

Lecture, “Age and Cohort Effects on Attitudes and Social Participation,” Inter University Consortium for Political and Social Research course on Empirical Research Issues in Aging, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, July 20, **1982**.

Lecture, “Changes in Social and Political Attitudes: Have the Elderly Become More Conservative or More Liberal?” Miami University, Oxford, Ohio, April 27, **1983**; University of New Hampshire, Durham, October 15, **1985**.

Discussant, Session on Cohort Analysis, **1983** Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association, Detroit, September 2.

Discussant, Workshop on Methodological Issues in Aging Research, National Institutes of Health, June 11, **1984**.

Lecture, “The Age of Aging,” Green Mountain College, Poultney, Vermont, June 22, **1985**.

Lecture, “A Treasure Chest for Gerontological Researchers: The Roper Center and Other Social Science Data Archives,” Travelers Center on Aging, University of Connecticut, Storrs, November 2, **1987**.

Panelist, Session on Public Policy and the Future of Aging Education: A Case Study Analysis, **1989** Annual Meeting of the Association for Gerontology in Higher Education, Tampa, March 5.

Faculty, Brookdale Foundation/National Institute on Aging Summer Institute in

Research on Aging, Warrenton, VA, July 9–11, **1989**.

Keynote Speaker, Conference on “Options for Aging,” Oberlin, Ohio, November 4, **1989**.

Lecture, “How Will the Graying of America Affect Social Change? Lessons from Studies of Sociopolitical Attitudes,” Distinguished Guest Lecture Series, Center for the Study of Aging and Human Development, Duke University, April 14, **1992**.

Panelist, Didactic Seminar on Grantwriting: Obtaining Research Support from Federal Government Agencies, **1992** Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association, Pittsburgh, August 20.

Panelist, Presidential Anniversary Symposium, **1994** Annual Meeting of the Association for Gerontology in Higher Education, Cleveland, March 11.

Discussant, Session on Life Course Dynamics and Context, 1994 Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association, Los Angeles, August 7, **1994**.

Lecture, “Social and Psychological Consequences of Alzheimer’s Caregiving,” Annual Education Conference, Green Mountain Chapter of the Alzheimer’s Association, Burlington, VT, October 31, **1995**.

Panelist, Clark Tibbitts Award Symposium, **1996** Annual Meeting of the Association for Gerontology in Higher Education, Philadelphia, March 1.

Lecture, “Anticipatory Dementia,” University of Connecticut, Storrs, April 1, **1996**.

Lectures, “Anticipatory Dementia: A Link Between Memory Appraisals and Concerns About Developing Alzheimer’s Disease,” Geriatrics Hospital, University of Geneva, September 4, 1996, and Centre for Interdisciplinary Gerontology, University of Geneva, October 3, **1996**.

Lecture, “Aging and Social Change: Interdisciplinary Aspects,” Research Committee on the Sociology of Health, Carouge, Switzerland, Oct. 24, **1996**.

Lecture, “How Will Population Aging Affect Social Change: Lessons from Studies of Sociopolitical Attitudes,” Department of Sociology, University of Geneva, November 6, **1996**.

Lecture, “Anticipatory Dementia: Concerns About Developing Alzheimer’s Disease Among Middle-Aged Adults,” Greensboro, North Carolina, April 15, 1997; Georgia State University, September 25, 1997; Quinnipiac College, March 26, **1998**.

Lecture, “Aging and Ethical Issues,” Division of Continuing Education, University of Vermont, Montpelier, May 13, **1998**.

Panelist, BBC radio program, “Analysis,” on the social, political, and cultural effects of population aging, November 25, **1999**.

Testimony, Committee on Government Operations, Vermont Senate, on compulsory retirement of Vermont justices, March 1, **2000**.

Lecture, “In the Country of the Old: Population Aging and the Future of Social Change,” University Scholar presentation, University of Vermont, February 14, **2001**.

Keynote Address, “Ethics and Aging: Barriers to Autonomy and Informed

Consent,” Ethics and Aging in the 21st Century, 24th Annual Conference on Legal Problems of the Elderly, Quinnipiac University, Hamden, CT, October 6, **2001**.

Clark Tibbits Award Lecture, “In the Country of the Old: Population Aging and Gerontological Education,” Association for Gerontology in Higher Education, Pittsburgh, March 1, **2002**.

Keynote Address, “Now Where Did I Put Those Keys! Everyday Cognitive Functioning and Personal Concerns about Developing Alzheimer’s Disease,” 26th Annual Oregon State University Gerontology Conference, Corvallis, OR, April 17, **2002**.

Lecture, “In the Country of the Old: Population Aging and the Future of Social Change,” Department of Human Development and Family Sciences, Oregon State University, May 9, **2002**.

Lecture, “Thirty Years of Research in Gerontology,” Department of Sociology, Kenyatta University, Nairobi, Kenya, May 25, **2005**.

Panelist, “Sharing Your Coffee Mug Effectively: Reflections on Crafting Mentoring Moments that Have Lasting Value,” Annual Meeting of the Association for Gerontology in Higher Education, Portland, Oregon, March 2, **2007**.

Lecture, “In the Country of the Old: Population Aging and the Future of Social Change,” Gerontology Institute, University of Massachusetts, Boston, October 15, **2007**.

Lectures on “Population Aging: The Case of the United States” and “Aging and Ethical Issues: Barriers to Autonomy and Informed Consent” at Libera Università Maria SS. Assunta (LUMSA) in Taranto, Italy as part of the Fulbright Inter-Country Lecturing Program, March 23, **2012**

Lecture, “In the Countries of the Old: Population Aging and the Future of Social Change,” University of Oradea, Oradea, Romania, April 5, **2012**.

Lecture, “In the Countries of the Old: Population Aging and the Future of Social Change,” University of Bucharest, Bucharest, Romania, November 7, **2012**.

Participation in Professional Meetings:

Session Organizer and Chair (SOCIOLOGY OF AGE) for the **1972** Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association, New Orleans, Louisiana, August 29.

Session Organizer and Chair (GERONTOLOGY) for the **1973** Annual Meeting of the North Central Sociological Association, Cincinnati, Ohio, May 12.

Session Presider (ECONOMICS AND POLITICAL INVOLVEMENT) for the 1974 Annual Meeting of the Gerontological Society, Portland, Oregon, October 30, **1974**.

Co Chair, Session on Economics of Aging, Social Security for the 10th International Congress of Gerontology, Jerusalem, Israel, June 23, **1975**.

Chair, Session on Family Supports and Family Relations, **1980** Annual Meeting of the Gerontological Society of America, San Diego, November 23.

Chair, Session on Attitudes and Aging, **1981** Annual Meeting of the Gerontological Society of America, Toronto, November 11.

Co Chair, Session on Social Resources and Integration, **1982** Annual Meeting of the Gerontological Society of America, Boston, November 21.

Co Organizer and Chair, Symposium on Methodological Issues in Aging Research, **1983** Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association, Detroit, September 3.

Chair, Session on Cohort Analysis, **1983** Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association, Detroit, September 2.

Co Chair, Session on Religion, **1983** Annual Meeting of the Gerontological Society of America, San Francisco, November 20.

Co Chair, Session on New Perspectives on “Old” Stereotypes, **1984** Annual Meeting of the Gerontological Society of America, San Antonio, November 19.

Chair, Session on Social Issues in Aging, **1985** Annual Meeting of the Northeastern Gerontological Society, Boston, April 26.

Co Chair, Session on Leisure and Social Participation, XIIIth International Congress of Gerontology, New York City, July 13, **1985**.

Co Chair, Session on Attitudes and Expectations, **1985** Annual Meeting of the Gerontological Society of America, New Orleans, November 24.

Organizer and Chair, Session on Training Students for Research on Aging, **1986** Annual Meeting of the Association for Gerontology in Higher Education, Atlanta, March 1.

Chair, Symposium on Winning at Grantsmanship, **1987** Annual Meeting of the Association for Gerontology in Higher Education, Boston, March 7.

Co-Organizer and Co-Chair, Session on “Gateway” Courses: Three Perspectives on Teaching Introductory Gerontology, **1988** Annual Meeting of the Association for Gerontology in Higher Education, Chicago, March 6.

Chair, Session on Conceptual Models and Later Life, **1988** Annual Meeting of the Gerontological Society of America, San Francisco, November 20.

Chair, Session on Social Support and Social Interaction: Adult Children and Aging Parents, **1991** Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association, Cincinnati, August 23.

Chair, Session on Social Support, **1991** Annual Meeting of the Gerontological Society of America, San Francisco, November 23.

Chair, Session on Assessing and Enhancing Student Outcomes, **1992** Annual Meeting of the Association for Gerontology in Higher Education, Baltimore, February 28.

Chair, Session on Health and Activity, **1992** Annual Meeting of the Gerontological

Society of America, Washington, DC, November 21.

Chair, Session on Resources for Teaching About Aging, **1993** Annual Meeting of the Association for Gerontology in Higher Education, Louisville, March 5.

Chair, Session on Aging Among Rural and Diverse Populations, **1993** Annual Meeting of the Gerontological Society of America, New Orleans, November 20.

Chair, Session on Caregiving Adjustment and Stresses, **1994** Annual Meeting of the Gerontological Society of America, Atlanta, November 20.

Chair, Session on Society, Work, and Retirement, **1995** Annual Meeting of the Gerontological Society of America, Los Angeles, November 16.

Chair, Session on Attitudes and Stereotypes of Aging, **1997** Annual Meeting of the Gerontological Society of America, Cincinnati, November 16.

Chair, Session on Cross Cultural and Cross National Studies of Aging, **2005** Annual Meeting of the Gerontological Society of America, Orlando, November 21.

Committees—Gerontological Society of America:

Member, Steering Committee on Law and Social Policy, **1973–1974**

Member, Research Committee, **1975, 1976**

Member, Committee on Aging in National Surveys, **1976**

Member, Design and Monitor Team, Foundations for Establishing Educational Program Standards in Gerontology Project, Association for Gerontology in Higher Education/Gerontological Society, **1978, 1979**

Member, Education Committee, **1980, 1981**

Member, Publications Committee, **1983–1986; 1995–1997**

Chair, Advisory Subcommittee (Publications Committee) on Ethics in Publication, **1984–1986**

Member, Council (**1986–1988; 1997–1999**) and Executive Committee (**1987; 1997–1999**)

Vice President, Gerontological Society of America, **1987**

Elected Member, Executive Committee, Behavioral and Social Sciences Section, **1979–1981, 1986–1989**; Appointed Member, **1984–1986**

Chair, Behavioral and Social Sciences Section Program Committee, **1986** Annual Meeting

Chair elect (**1986**), Chair (**1987**), Past Chair (**1988**), Behavioral and Social Sciences Section

Member, Program Committee, Behavioral and Social Sciences Section, **1980, 1987** Annual Meetings

Member, Nominating Committee, Behavioral and Social Sciences Section, **1980, 1981, 1988** (Chair)

Member, Student Awards Committee, Behavioral and Social Sciences Section, **1985, 1987, 1988**

Member, Membership-Fellowship Committee, Behavioral and Social Sciences Section, **1987, 1988**

Member, Awards Committee, Behavioral and Social Sciences Section, **1987, 1988 (Chair), 1989**

Member, Gerontological Society of America/American Geriatrics Society Task Force on Planning Joint Annual Meetings, **1990–1992**

Member, Task Force on Publications Growth, **1993–1997**

President-Elect, Gerontological Society of America, **1997**; President, **1998**; Past President, **1999**

Chair, Council, **1998 (Member, 1999)**

Chair, Executive Committee, **1998 (Member, 1999)**

Chair, Personnel Committee, **1998 (Member, 1999, 2000, 2001)**

Chair, Nominations Committee, **1998 (Member, 1999–2002)**

Member, Program Committee, **1998**

Member, Long Range Planning Task Force, **1998–2001**

Member, Joint Gerontological Society of America and Association for Gerontology in Higher Education 10 Year Merger Review Committee, **2008**

Member, Richard Kalish Innovative Publication Award Selection Committee, Behavioral and Social Sciences Section, **2009, 2010 (Chair-Elect), 2011 (Chair)**

Member, President's Cabinet, **2000–**

Committees—American Sociological Association

Member, Program Committee for the **1977** Annual Meeting

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Population Ageing and Volunteering in Romania

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Abstract. *Population ageing will lead to a dramatic change in Romania's age structure. Future cohorts of older Romanians will be more numerous and they are likely to be more highly educated, be in better health, and have more discretionary time, all of which are characteristics conducive to high levels of volunteering. Despite the known benefits of involvement in voluntary activities, such participation is currently at an extremely low level among older Romanians. In addition to documenting these demographic trends, the benefits of volunteering, and current levels of voluntary activities, this article asks why voluntaristic participation is so low among older Romanians. Building on Stula's notion that volunteering should be seen as an "instrument of health policy," the article concludes by suggesting some steps that might be taken to encourage and promote voluntarism among Romanian elders.*

Keywords: population ageing, elders, volunteering, social participation, Romania

Introduction: the demographic backdrop

Romania is in the midst of major demographic changes. Both the number of births and the crude birth rate (CBR) have been part of a long-term secular decline (National Institute of Statistics [NIS], 2014, Table 2.6). The crude death rate (CDR) has exceeded the CBR since 1992, leading to a sustained period of negative natural population growth (NIS, 2014, Table 2.6). Romanian life expectancy has increased nearly monotonically since 1970 (NIS, 2014 Table 2.17). The number of emigrants – with the highest numbers in the 25–39 year old age range (NIS, 2014, Table 2.26) – has been increasing steadily over the past several years, and the number of emigrants has far exceeded the number of immigrants, an imbalance

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that has also been increasing steadily since 2007 (NIS, 2014, Table 2.29). As indicated by the data in Table 1, between 2012 and 2050 it is expected that the CBRs in Romania will remain low, CDRs will exceed CBRs, negative growth rates will persist, and life expectancy will continue to increase.

Table 1. *Selected demographic measures for Romania: 1992–2050*

Year	CBR	CDR	Growth rate	E ₀	65+ (%)	Median age	Population 65+	% Increase from 1992
1992	11.4	11.6	-0.14	69.5	11.1	33.5	2,535,908	
2012	9.5	11.8	-0.26	74.2	14.9	39.0	3,262,532	28.7
2020	8.5	12.0	-0.38	76.0	17.6	42.5	3,745,027	47.7
2030	7.8	12.6	-0.49	77.9	20.1	46.6	4,098,646	61.6
2040	8.1	14.0	-0.60	79.5	25.9	50.4	4,996,952	97.0
2050	8.1	15.6	-0.75	80.7	31.3	51.5	5,650,905	122.8

Source: International data base (2015). Washington, D.C.: U.S. Census Bureau.

In combination, these demographic changes have led and will continue to lead to a dramatic shift in the age structure of the Romanian population. Along with many of its neighbors (Hoff, 2011), Romania has been experiencing a pronounced degree of population ageing. According to the data presented in Table 1, between 1992 and 2012 the percentage of the Romanian population 65 years of age and older increased from 11.1% to 14.9%, but by 2050 it is expected to be 31.3%. The median age of the Romanian population increased from 33.5 years to 39.0 years between 1992 and 2012, and it is projected to reach 51.5 years by 2050. The absolute size of the older population will continue to increase as well. Compared with 1992, the projected size of the population 65 years of age and older over this period will be subject to a 47.7% increase by 2020, a 61.6% increase by 2030, a 97.0% increase by 2040, and a 122.8% increase by 2050.

Thus, population ageing in Romania has been occurring in the past, it is occurring now, and it will assume even more dramatic proportions in the future. While the challenges posed by the greying of Romanian society are real (Caplan, 2014), it is important to emphasize that population ageing should also be viewed as an opportunity. It is an opening for Romanian society because population ageing will bring with it a larger number of older persons, most of whom will likely no longer be in the labor force. If improvements in health, in life expectancy, and especially in active life expectancy occur, it will lead to a longer post-employment interval with greater amounts of available discretionary time. Subsequent cohorts of Romanian pensioners will also have higher levels of educational attainment than current cohorts of elders.¹ Intergenerational responsibilities for child care may be less time consuming with the low birth rates that are currently prevalent. And it

may be hypothesized that if improvements in the economic situation of elders materialize, the combination of more time, better health, more education, fewer child care obligations, and improved financial circumstances will provide a larger pool of retirees capable of making significant contributions to Romanian society via their participation in voluntary activities.

Recognizing and responding to the population ageing occurring in Romania and in Europe more generally, the European Union has adopted the goal of promoting active ageing (Foster, Walker, 2015). As defined by the World Health Organization, active ageing is "...the process of optimizing opportunities for health, participation, and security in order to enhance quality of life as people age... [both within] the labour force through delaying retirement and within society through participation in a range of social, economic, civic or cultural activities" (European Commission, 2012, 8).

In the remainder of this article, I focus on voluntarism as a dimension of active ageing. I discuss what research has shown about the variety of benefits that follow from voluntarism, I document how Romania compares with other countries in its overall levels of voluntaristic activity, I examine barriers and impediments to voluntarism, and I conclude by proposing some steps that might be taken to promote and encourage voluntarism in Romania, especially among older cohorts.

Benefits of voluntarism

In what is perhaps the most comprehensive examination of volunteers, Musick and Wilson (2008) point to the difficulties in conceptualizing and measuring voluntary activities. For the purposes of the present article, "voluntarism" will refer to the full range of optional, discretionary activities in which people engage to attain some desired end, for themselves or others, generally through or for an organisation. These activities may be short-term as, for example, participating in a walk to raise money for an organisation. Or they may be of a more long-term nature as, for example, being on the executive board of that organisation. Some forms of voluntarism may be of a more formal nature or they may occur in a more formal setting. Holding an office in a voluntary association would be an illustration of the former whereas volunteering with children in a primary school would be an illustration of the latter.

Whatever the particular form it may take, countless studies in the field of ageing have pointed to a wide range of benefits that follow from voluntarism (Warburton, Grassman, 2011). For the older persons themselves, the activities in which they engage via voluntaristic activities have been shown consistently to have beneficial effects (Wasik, 2015). Collectively, these studies lead to the conclusion that volunteering, net of the effects of confounding variables, enhances a variety of measures of well-being: happiness, life satisfaction, self-esteem, sense of control, physical and mental health (including both self-rated health and functional dependency), and longevity (see

Cutler, Hendricks, O'Neill, 2011 as well as Morrow-Howell, Hong, Tang, 2009; GHK, 2010; Paganini-Hill, Kawas, Corrada, 2011; Huxhold, Miche, Schüz, 2014; Katja, Timo, Rantanen, Tiina-Mariet, 2014; Corporation for National and Community Service, 2012; Musick Wilson, 2008; and Wahrendorf, Siegrist, 2010 for specific references). Similar relationships between volunteer activity and well-being are found in studies of elders in Germany (Huxhold, Miche, Schüz, 2014), Taiwan (Li, Chen, Chen, 2013), Japan, Australia, and Israel (Corporation for National and Community Service, 2012; Cutler, Hendricks, O'Neill, 2011).

But it is not only the older volunteers themselves who derive physical and psychological benefits from their participation. Voluntaristic endeavors contribute to the well-being of the recipients of the voluntary efforts, to the communities in which the providers and recipients reside, and to society at large. For instance, older adults continue to make vital economic and social contributions to communities and families through unpaid volunteering and through caregiving roles. Furthermore, older adults' volunteer activities help governments and nonprofit organisations meet the growing demand for social services.

"As budget constraints curtail social programs, nonprofit and volunteer sectors gain in importance in meeting social needs. Harnessing the immense social capital in an ageing population via public/private volunteer partnerships can help meet the[se] growing social needs" (MacArthur Foundation, Network on an Aging Society, 2012, 3).

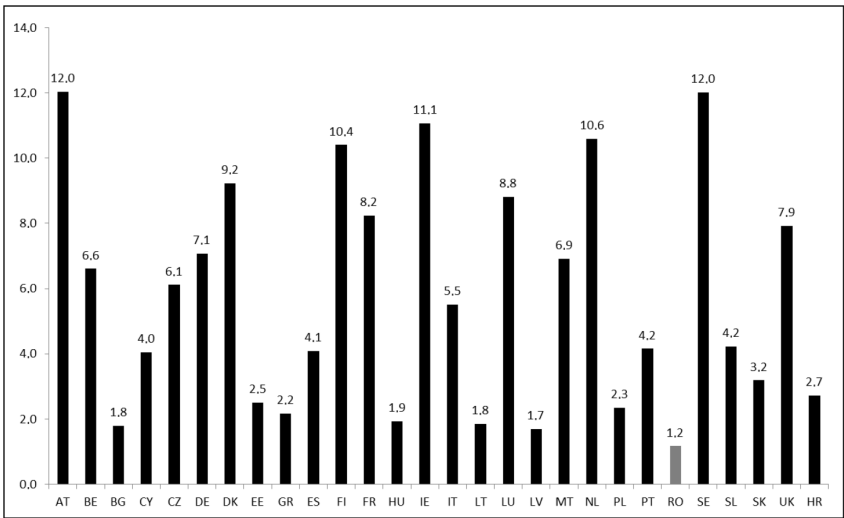
The economic value of older adults' unpaid civic contributions is considerable. For instance, the 10.6 million older Americans who in 2013 volunteered over 900 million hours (U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, 2014, Tables 1 and 2) contributed an estimated economic value of \$20 billion. Using a 2011 Eurobarometer survey (Eurobarometer 76.2: Employment and Social Policy, Job Security, and Active Ageing) and a figure of 8 RON per hour (based on the 2012 gross monthly income of 1,265 RON of workers in the "other service activities" category [NIS, 2014, Table 4.8]), similar estimates may be derived for Romania. The 2011 Eurobarometer survey asks for the number of hours per month respondents do voluntary work for 15 types of organisations. Based on these data, 7.1% of Romanians 65 years of age and older volunteered an average of 26.3 hours per month or 315.6 hours per year. Extrapolating to the total 65+ population in Romania in 2011 yields an estimate of approximately 73 million hours per year, or at 8 RON per hour a contribution through voluntary activities of approximately 584 million RON.

Volunteerism in these senses, even if unpaid and unreimbursed, may be viewed as a "productive" activity (Kryńska, Szukalski, 2013). It potentially reduces government costs for health care given the beneficial effect of participation on physical and mental health, and it has demonstrable effects on the economy. In the vernacular, it may be said to be a "win-win" situation, a win for the older

individuals who may have a greater amount of discretionary time at their disposal – as will most certainly be the case for Romanian elders in coming years – and a win for those who are the recipients of the contributions of elders.

Romania compared to other EU28 countries on participation in voluntary activities

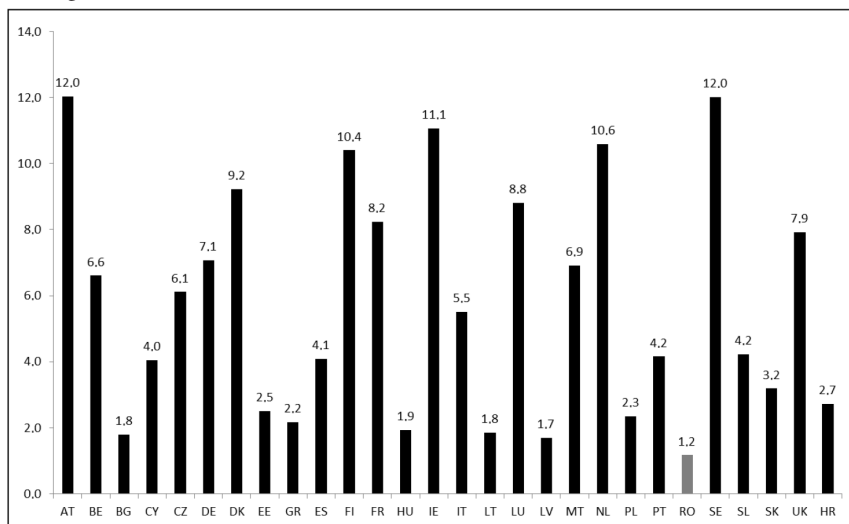
The data in Figure 1 compare older Romanians with older persons from other EU countries on participation in voluntary activities based on data from the 2011–2102 European Quality of Life Survey (EQLS). The data presented here reflect the mean frequency with which persons 65 years of age and older provide unpaid voluntary activity through an organisation, with scores ranging from 0 (never or not at all) to 100 (every week).² The data in Figure 1 tell two important stories. First, throughout the EU, participation in voluntary activities by older persons is not very prevalent. The highest levels of participation in voluntary activities are found among older persons in Austria and Sweden, but even in those two countries the average participation score among older persons is only 12.0 out of 100. The other clear-cut finding is that the lowest level of participation among older residents of the EU28 countries is seen in Romania where the average score of Romanian elders who participated in voluntary activities is only 1.2. Put another way, Romania ranks at the bottom – or 28th – on voluntary association participation among the older residents of EU28 countries.



Source: Data generated by author.

Figure 1. EU28 country scores for population 65+ on Volunteer Index

Corroborating evidence of a different sort comes from the 2011 Eurobarometer survey in which persons from the EU28 countries were asked to evaluate the contributions of older persons to society as volunteers. Specifically, respondents were asked “There are many different ways in which people can contribute to society. To what extent do you think people in (OUR COUNTRY) aged 55 and over contribute in the following areas?” When asked about their contributions as volunteers, 24.9% of Romanians indicated that persons aged 55 and over did not contribute at all and another 42.1% said that older Romanians contributed only a little as volunteers. As seen in Figure 2, compared with older respondents in other EU28 countries, Romania’s 24.9% places it highest among its peer countries in terms of the percentage believing that older persons did not contribute at to society as volunteers. Clearly, older Romanians are volunteering to a lesser degree than their EU28 counterparts, and those older Romanians who are volunteering are not seen as making important societal contributions via their volunteering roles. In what follows, some explanations are offered for this low level of voluntarism among older Romanians (Voicu, Voicu, 2003).



Source: Data generated by author.

Figure 2. EU28 country scores on percent of 65+ population indicating that people 55 did not contribute at all to society as volunteers

Barriers and impediments to voluntarism by Romanian elders

Political, historical, and cultural factors

Cultural, historical, and political impediments to voluntarism among older Romanians are consistently noted in the literature, especially the legacy of the communist era prior to the 1989 Revolution. During the decades of the Ceaușescu regime, life in Romania was dominated by structure and organisation. To the extent it existed, “voluntarism” was mandatory. Because persons were forced to “volunteer,” volunteering came to have negative connotations. Thus, “the low levels of volunteering and negative prejudices associated with it stem from the 10 Stephen J. Cutler / Population Ageing and Volunteering in Romania communist period in Romania, during which ‘voluntary work’ meant unpaid and mandatory activities, imposed by the communist public administration on its citizens” (GHK, 2010, 1). As a result, many observers (e.g., GHK, 2010; Voicu, Voicu, 2003) note that volunteers tend not to be trusted, that present-day Romanian culture does not support voluntarism, and that voluntarism is not pervasive at the community level because communities neither welcome involvement nor do they offer opportunities to be involved.

Empirical evidence for the enduring impact of the communist legacy on civic engagement has been sought by a number of investigators. For example, Pop-Eleches and Tucker (2013; see also Wallace, Pichler, Haerpfer, 2012) conclude that:

“Most importantly, we have fleshed out our understanding of what it means to ‘live through communism’ in terms of the civic participation deficit: the sociodemographic landscape left behind by communism, living more years under communism, and socialization in the posttotalitarian phases of communist regimes seem to be important drivers of the civic participation deficit. Furthermore, we show that the post-communist economic [...] environment also seems to play a nonnegligible role” (64).

Additional evidence for the connection between the communist legacy and volunteering is found in data on Romania from the 2011–2012 EQLS. Assuming that persons in the youngest age groups would be least affected by having lived through the communist era, we would expect to see the highest levels of volunteering among those born after or at the very end of the communist era in Romania. The data in Table 2 provide clear support for this conclusion. The level of participation in voluntary activities of those in the youngest age group – 18–24 years of age in 2011 – was considerably higher than those in the next oldest age groups and a great deal higher than those in the remaining two age groups.³

Age	Mean voluntary activity score
18-24	8.21
25-34	5.54
35-49	4.10
50-64	3.83
65+	1.16

Source: 2011–2012 EQLS, data generated by author.

Table 2. *Mean scores on participation in voluntary activities by age: Romania*

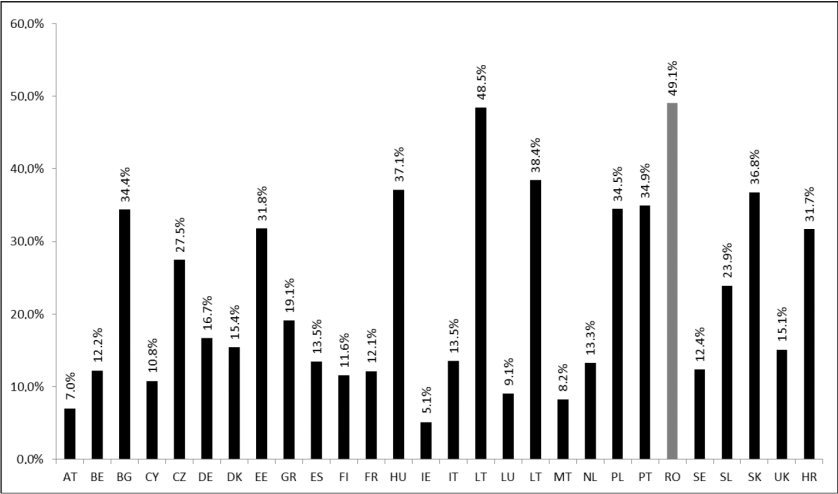
Legislation on volunteering

Ironically, legislative “support” for volunteering is also considered by some to be an impediment to this form of social participation. On the one hand, volunteering does have legislative backing in laws passed in 2001 (“The Law on Volunteering” [no. 95/2001]), modified in 2006, and revised again in 2014 (“The Law on Volunteering Activities in Romania” [no. 78/2014]). The general contours of the most recent legislation are essentially the same as those described for the earlier legislation: “The law covers: the definition of volunteering; the basic principles related to volunteers; the volunteer agreement or contract, rights and obligations; the termination of a contract; the reimbursement of expenses; and the social protection of volunteers and foreign volunteers in Romania” (GHK, 2010, 14). Despite the existence of this legislation, however, its particulars have been noted as being counter-productive, especially the provision mandating a contract. The need to sign a contract has been consistently seen as working against short-term and spontaneous volunteering. Although the current legislation also obligates the voluntary organisation to cover the volunteer’s expenses, the provision of health and accident insurance pertaining to any risks of the voluntary activity comes only at the request of the volunteer but does not appear to be mandatory for the voluntary organization (“Upon the volunteer’s request, the host organisation *may* conclude an insurance agreement. [Article 15{2}]). Nor does the most recent legislation, like earlier versions, contain provisions to encourage employers to have their employees volunteer.⁴

Resources

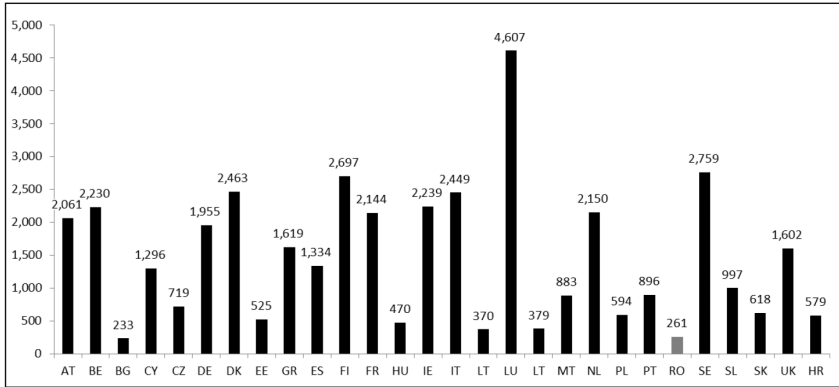
Two dimensions of resources available to people – health and income – are particularly relevant to any consideration of volunteering. Countless studies of both the general population and of older persons have consistently noted

that volunteering bears a positive relationship to these resources: the better the health and the higher the income, the greater the likelihood that an individual will volunteer (Cutler, Hendricks, O'Neill, 2011; Erlinghagen, Hank, 2006; Hank, Erlingham, 2009; Musick, Wilson, 2008; Plagnol, Huppert, 2010). Data on older Romanians drawn from the 2011–2012 EQLS also show this to be the case. The mean score on the frequency of volunteering for older persons who report their health as being very good or good is five times higher than the mean volunteering scores of those who say that their health is bad or very bad (2.45 vs. .48). Similarly, the mean score on frequency of volunteering is over six times as high for Romanian elders whose household income places them in the highest quartile (3.29) than it is for those whose household income places them in the lowest quartile (.50). Moreover, when older Romanians are compared with their age peers from other EU28 countries, it is clear that Romanian elders fare poorly in these comparisons. As is evident from the data presented in Figure 3, Romania has the highest percentage of older persons who rate their health as “bad” or “very bad.” And as the data in Figure 4 show, Romanian elders rank 27th on mean monthly household income compared to their age peers in EU28 countries. Only older persons in Bulgaria report a lower mean monthly income than is the case in Romania.



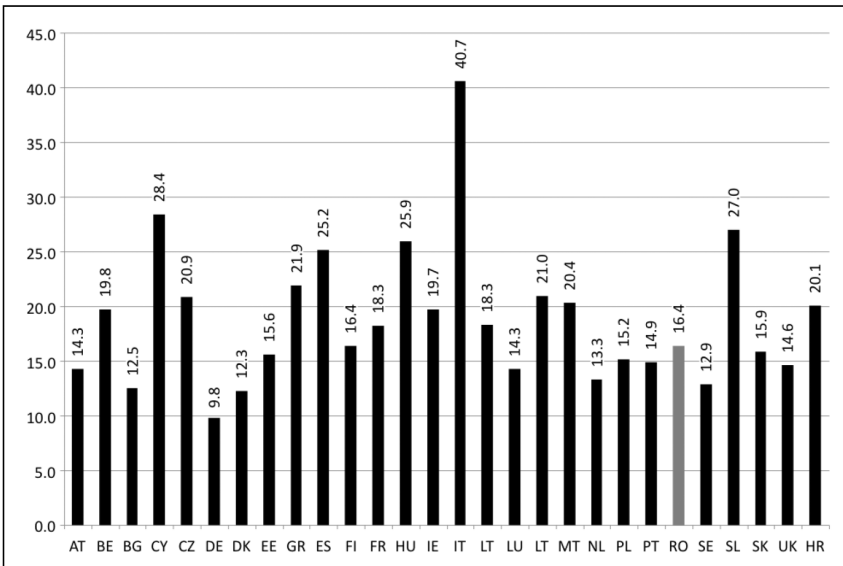
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Figure 3. *Percentage of 65+ respondents from EU28 countries who report their health as “bad” or “very bad”*



Source: Data generated by author.

Figure 4. Mean monthly household income (in Euros) of population 65+ in EU28 countries



Source: Data generated by author.

Figure 5. EU25 countries scores for population +65 frequency of caring for children and grandchildren index

Competing obligations

Throughout the life course, people are called upon to make choices due to competing role obligations. Here, too, may lie a partial explanation for the low levels of voluntaristic activities of Romanian elders. To the extent that a nation fails to provide a supportive infrastructure to care for the needs of its youngest citizens and in the absence of public and private infrastructures for child daycare and pre- and after-school activities for children, it may be necessary for elders to take on caregiving roles for their grandchildren to enable their adult children to work. Indeed, Lockshin and Fong (2006) document post-Revolution declines in the availability of child care in Romania, increases in their cost, and a resultant growth in the number of households relying on informal care.

Some evidence that competing obligations may be a factor in explaining why Romanian elders do not volunteer more often can be gleaned from the data presented in Figure 5. Here data are presented from the 2011–2012 EQLS showing how Romanian elders compare with elders from other EU28 countries on the frequency with which they provide care to children or grandchildren. Unlike volunteering, where Romanian elders rank last among older persons in the EU28 countries, the participation of older Romanians in child care activities is much closer to the middle. As Figure 5 shows, older persons in 13 countries have the same or lower levels of participation in child care activities and elders in 14 countries have higher levels of involvement in child care. Thus, it may be that Romanian elders are devoting their time and energy to providing care to their grandchildren rather than to other forms of volunteering.⁵

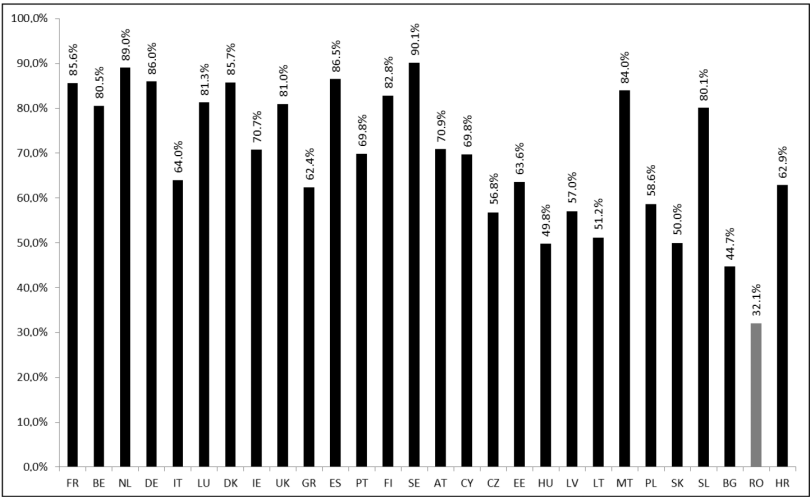
Beliefs: the reality of population ageing

Despite the abundance of demographic evidence and the increasing public visibility of the challenges population ageing will present to Romania, Figure 6 points to a failure to recognize and acknowledge this demographic phenomenon. In the 2011 Eurobarometer survey, respondents were asked whether they thought the proportion of people aged 65 and over in their country would increase, stay the same, or decrease over the next 20 years. Only 32.1% of older Romanians (65 years of age and older) indicated that the proportion of people 65+ would increase, while 22.7% thought it would stay the same, and 45.2% thought the proportion of Romanians 65+ would decrease over the next two decades. Furthermore, as the data in Figure 6 show, Romania ranks last among the EU28 countries in the percentage of people 65+ who reported that the proportion represented by the older population would increase over the next 20 years. (Not shown in Figure 6 is the fact that older Romanians rank first by far in the percentage [45.2% compared

to 31.7% for Lithuanian elders] saying that the older population will decrease in the next 20 years!) That such a high percentage of Romanian elders dispute the fact of population ageing may well act to remove one of the incentives for fostering the development of expanded volunteer opportunities for the older population.

Conclusions and recommendations

The graying of Romania will bring with it an increasing number of elders with more discretionary time at their disposal. For a variety of reasons discussed in this article, volunteering – an important use that can be made of discretionary time – is not prevalent among older people in Romania. The role and nature of “voluntarism” during the communist era, current legislation on volunteering, minimal amounts of resources available to an individual (especially health and income), competing obligations principally in the form of child care, and the mistaken belief that population ageing is not a major issue all work to minimize the development of volunteer opportunities.



Source: Data generated by author.

Figure 6. *Percentage of 65+ population indicating that the percentage of the 65+ population in (country) will “increase” (compared to “stay the same” or “decrease”) over the next 20 years*

With the continuation of population ageing that Romania will experience, resulting in an older population that will be more numerous, in better health,

more highly educated, and perhaps of better financial status, the talents and expertise of the older population – the human capital represented by Romanian elders – can and must be utilized much more so than is currently the case. We know that volunteering yields a variety of benefits to the individual participants, to the communities in which they live, and to the nation as a whole (Sirven, Debrand, 2008). Indeed, given the demonstrable benefits of volunteering, Stula's (2012, 84) conclusion that "[v]olunteering of older people ... should be recognised as an instrument of health policy..." merits greater appreciation. Thus, this article concludes with several recommendations that are collectively intended to heighten the visibility and attractiveness of volunteering.

I have noted that Romanian culture assigns a low priority to voluntaristic activities. As a major study of volunteering in Romania concludes, there is a "...lack of specific national programmes designed to stimulate volunteering in Romania" (GHK, 2010, 12; see also Angermann, Sittermann, 2011). If voluntarism is to be made more visible, rewarding, and attractive, this effort must start at the ministerial level. It would seem appropriate for the Ministry of Labour, Family, Social Protection and Elderly to establish an office or division vested with the responsibility of promoting voluntarism. Principle responsibilities of this unit would be to assess and minimize barriers to participation among Romanians and especially older Romanians; to take a proactive role in encouraging community participation through publicity and through recognition of volunteers and volunteer programmes; to work with other Ministries in encouraging the use of volunteers throughout the system of government supported activities; to work with municipalities to increase access to and encourage the use of local libraries, educational facilities, and other public properties as sites for voluntary activities; to work with components of the Romanian system of higher education (e.g., medical schools, social work programmes, etc.) to foster more extensive opportunities for civic involvement via internships and service learning; and, finally, to act as a clearinghouse for information on voluntaristic opportunities.

Whether through the government or through the private sector or through NGOs – or some combination of these sectors – the mass media can be mobilized to disseminate information about the value of volunteering and to foster awareness of models and best practices. Additionally, charismatic leaders should be identified who would be able, by virtue of their own involvement, to transmit the message about the importance of voluntary activities via the mass media.

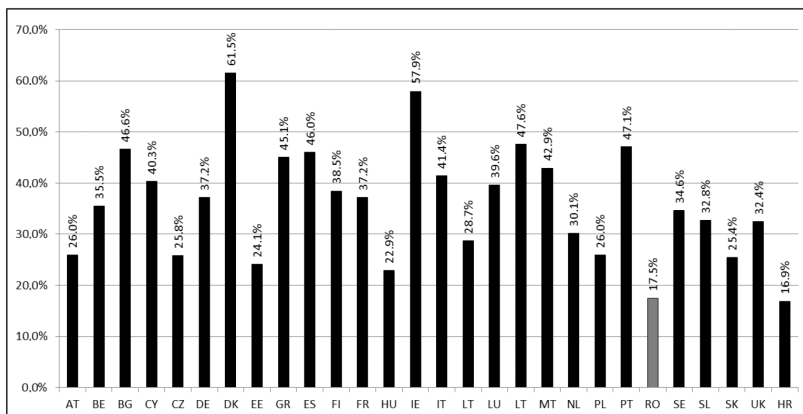
Among the several factors this article identifies to account for the low level of volunteering among Romanian elders are competing obligations that exist because of the absence of public infrastructures and formal support systems. Thus, the absence of inexpensive, high quality systems of day care for children thrusts grandparents into the role of caregivers for their grandchildren in order that the

middle generation – the parents of the children – might be freed for labor force involvement. Such contributions of older persons are certainly to be viewed as “productive,” but they obligate the older generation to participate in caregiving activities at the expense of other discretionary activities. To the degree that the Romanian government is able to encourage and support the development of a widespread system of child daycare and pre-school and after-school programmes, the energies of older caregivers would be freed to invest more time in voluntary activities.

For a variety of understandable reasons, poverty has been prominent among the factors identified as impeding voluntarism. Poverty can sap energy and create access problems. To the extent that government programmes are effective in reducing poverty, increasing the standard of living, and providing greater economic security in old age, levels of participation in voluntarism should increase. Poor health, too, works against social participation. Not only do frailties and infirmities make it more difficult for persons to have access to the sites of social participation, but their inability to take part in these forms of social activity also precludes reaping the health and other benefits of participation. Efforts on the part of the Romanian government to enhance the health status of its citizens, to postpone the onset of disability and infirmity, and to extend the length of active life expectancy will result in higher levels of volunteering.

Support for voluntaristic activity among businesses and corporations has been spotty in Romania. And where such support exists, it most often takes the form of encouraging participation after working hours and on weekends. Companies must be encouraged to be more proactive in their support for employee participation in voluntaristic activities. Companies can give their employees – employees of all ages and all levels of seniority – time off to make such contributions. Additionally, pre-retirement programmes and counseling should routinely include information about voluntaristic opportunities and its benefits.

Earlier (see Figure 2) we noted the high proportion of Romanian elders who believe that older persons contribute little or nothing to society as volunteers. Likewise, Romanians have the second lowest percentage of older persons saying that there is “no” tension between older people and younger people (see Figure 7). Both pieces of evidence speak to the place of elders in Romanian society and to the respect older persons are accorded in Romania.⁶ For elders not to be respected sets the stage for ageism, discrimination, and social exclusion based on age. Respect for elders – and for their actual and potential contributions to society – must be emphasized. Policies that discriminate against older persons based solely on their chronological age should be examined carefully, abolished where unnecessary, and restricted only to spheres of activity where age can be shown to be a *bona fide* criterion for action.



Source: Data generated by author.

Figure 7. *Tension between old people and young people in this country: percentages of persons 65+ saying there is “no” tension*

To conclude, this article points to some aspects of Romanian society that have worked to hinder the development of volunteerism among older persons. This discussion, however, is by no means exhaustive or complete. Health and income have been considered but gender, area of residence (i.e., rural-urban differences), education, and civil or marital status have not. Nor has the article examined intersectionality among these various correlates of volunteerism. What being poor, in poor health, being a widow, and living in rural areas means for voluntarism, for example, needs the kind of careful consideration that can only come with further research. Nevertheless, it is hoped that this article has made abundantly clear the importance of developing the voluntary sector in Romania as one response to population ageing.

Notes

1. Analysis of data from the 2002 Romanian Census shows that the percentage of Romanians with only a primary level education decreases from 67.4% among persons 85+, to 59.9% among persons 75–84, to 51.1% among Romanians 65–74, to 35.5% among persons 55–64, to 9.4% among persons 45–54, and to less than 5% among Romanians 25–44 years of age.
2. Based on the following questions: “Please look carefully at the list of organisations and tell us, how often – every week, every month, less often/occasionally, not at all – did you do unpaid voluntary work through the following organisations in the last 12 months? (1) Community and social services (e.g., organisations helping the elderly, young people, disabled or other people in need; (2) educational, cultural; sports, or professional associations; social movements (e.g., environmental, human rights); or charities (e.g., fundraising, campaigning); (3) other voluntary organisations”.
3. Those in the younger age groups differ in other ways from persons in the older cohorts. Notably,

they are in better health and more highly educated, two factors related to voluntaristic behavior. Still, analyses based on the 2011 EQLS data show that even controlling for education and health, the mean voluntary activity score of the youngest age group is significantly higher than the scores for the remaining groups.

4. For greater detail on the historical, legislative backdrop of volunteering in Romania, see Rebeleanu, Nicoară, 2011 and Luca, Gîrleanu-Şoitu, 2012.
5. Some additional support for this contention is found in the 2011 EQLS among Romanians 65 years of age and older where the relationship between caring for children and grandchildren and volunteering is negative (though statistically non-significant).
6. Corroborating evidence is provided in the 2011 Eurobarometer survey on employment and social policy, job security, and active ageing. Respondents were asked a general question on how people 55 years of age and older are generally perceived in that country. Among persons 65 years of age and older, only four of the EU28 countries had lower scores – indicating more negative perceptions – than Romania.

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