"Talk of Ages": A Web Resource for Integrating Aging Content and Intergenerational Activities into College Classes

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ABSTRACT

- Do you have an age-focused class activity you designed?
- Do your students participate in an intergenerational project? \bullet
- Do you use a favorite film or book on aging in your class?
- Do you want to share your teaching ideas with others and learn about what they are doing?

"Talk of Ages" is web project which aims to advance more effective teaching about aging by providing a "one-stop" web resources with diverse instructor-friendly teaching tools.

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OVERVIEW

It is well known that the aging population is undergoing dramatic changes. Despite the significant and widely recognized age shift, college instructors continue to be reluctant to include information about our changing age population and its far-reaching implications in their classes. Instructors who do integrate aging content, have limited resources to draw upon. Thus, far too many students graduate with insufficient information about aging as they enter a professional world in urgent need of practitioners with aging knowledge. One practical way to encourage broader and more effective teaching about aging is to provide instructors with a "one-stop" resource where they can explore instructor-friendly teaching tools.

This presentation announces the innovative "Talk of Ages" web project which seeks to be a catalyst for changing the aged-deprived state of educational affairs by offering easily accessible web-based tools for infusing aging content into courses. These basic tools include: 1) aging content references; 2) age-related and intergenerational activities; 3) media resources; 4) evaluation materials; and, 5) links to related resources.

The "Talk of Ages" name reflects the special emphasis given to tools for encouraging interactions across generations so that older adults are not merely viewed as "targets" but rather become "participants" in the learning process. The contemporary intergenerational classroom which is becoming more frequent in higher education is also highlighted, and the website includes resources for teaching older students.

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