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## INTERGENERATIONAL STUDIES IN HIGHER EDUCATION:

### AN INITIAL SURVEY (1999)

During the last decade, intergenerational studies has begun to attract an increasing number of academics in a variety of academic fields. Similarly, students in increasing numbers are contacting departments in higher education, including intergenerational units such as Generations Together to inquire about courses and training opportunities. Additionally, human service professionals are demonstrating interest in acquiring the knowledge and competencies necessary to effectively administer intergenerational programs as well as earn academic credit for these new professional skills. Evidence of their interest is the number of online inquiries regarding intergenerational training and educational opportunities.

In response to this interest, academic institutions are developing programs that focus on intergenerational content. Programs include intergenerational courses, modules within other courses, certificate programs, service-learning options, independent study, and research projects. Knowledge of these developments in intergenerational studies is, at present, limited to the informal exchange of information among colleagues. A survey of universities, therefore, was conducted by Generations Together in an effort to make this information more widely available to faculty, researchers, and students interested in intergenerational education.

Fifty surveys were sent to colleges and universities, to individual researchers, and to members of AGHE who were engaged in intergenerational activities. Approximately thirty responses were received to the initial survey and to follow-up inquiries. This survey resulted in a unique compilation of information on Intergenerational Studies courses, modules, and certificate programs available at the college/university level.

The identification of Intergenerational Studies in formal courses, modules, or in faculty research interests has been difficult at this stage in the discipline's development. This survey is the beginning of the process to collect and to disseminate information on intergenerational studies in higher education. Additions and corrections are welcomed. (See below for information.)

Subsequent editions of this list will include new information as Generations Together continues to act as a clearinghouse for information on intergenerational studies in higher education. A copy of the original questionnaire is attached to this survey.

Thank you to all the individuals who provided information on their programs and research and to AGHE for assisting in the distribution of the questionnaire.

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**Please send me a survey:**

**Your name:**

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**College/University:**

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**Position:**

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**Address:**

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**Comments:**

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UNIVERSITY OR COLLEGE	CONTACT PERSON	PHONE /E-MAIL	IG ACTIVITIES * See below for abbrev.	COURSES ON IG [Undergraduate; Graduate; Modules]	IG DEGREE OR CERTIFICATE	NOTES/INTERNET
Arizona State University University Drive Tempe, AZ 85287	William E. Arnold	602/965-3225  william.arnold@asu.edu	T;CSP	U; Modules [Gerontology]	No	Offers service-learning modules within gerontology program; IG course (Intergenerational Relationships - EDP 591)  www.asu.edu
City University of New York - Hunter College Brookdale Center on Aging 425 E. 25 <sup>th</sup> St. New York, NY 10011	Kevin Brabazon	212/222-5164  kbrabazo@stern.nyu.edu	T;CC;CSP; CN;IGR; PUB;Other	Modules	No	Sponsors NY State Intergenerational Network; Post-Masters courses (963 - Family Systems Perspectives and 1003 - Intergenerational Approaches in Aging)  www.hunter.cuny.edu
Clemson University Clemson, SC 29634	Judith Witthoef  Fran McGuire	864/656-1898  jwitto@clemson.edu  864/656-3400	T;CC;CSP; CN;EV;IGR; PUB	Modules	No	Service-learning module in course (Health Promotion of the Aged)  www.clemson.edu
Community College of Denver PO Box 173363 1111 W. Colfax Ave. Denver, CO 80217	Karen Thies-McWilliams	303/556-2472  cd_karentm@cccs.ccoes.edu	T; CC;CSP; CN; IGR; PUB	U; Modules [Behavioral Sciences; Nursing]	No; certificate program in 1999	New Intergenerational Studies Center to open in January 1999 on Lowry Campus; Host for COIN: Colorado Intergenerational Network; Service-learning program; IG content in course (GNT 214/SOC 236 - Social Aspects of Aging)  ccd.ccoes.edu
Concordia College 800 N. Columbia Seward, NE 68434	Shirley Bergman	402/643-7433  info@seward.cune.edu	T;CC;CSP; CN;EV;IST; PUB	Modules	No	NCFR (master's program in lifespan family education)  www.ccsn.edu

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Eastern Michigan University Ypsilanti, MI 48197	Bruce Warren (ISCFC)  Marti Bombyk (MSW Coordinator)	313/487-0372  warren@online.emich.edu  313/487-4173	T;CC;CSP; CN;IGR; Other	G	No	Institute for Study of Children <a href="http://www.emich.edu/public/iscfc/main">www.emich.edu/public/iscfc/main</a>  Families and Community; Course (SWRK 558 - Intergenerational Dynamics of Individuals in the Later Stages of the Life Cycle) <a href="http://www.emich.edu">www.emich.edu</a>
Indiana University Bloomington, IN 47408	Susan J. Eklund	812/855-0815  eklund@indiana.edu	CSP;CN; EV;IGR; PUB	Modules [undergraduate and graduate in gerontology]	No	Sponsors Indiana University Center on Aging and Aged; Intergenerational content integrated into undergraduate and graduate courses in general gerontology  <a href="http://www.indiana.edu">www.indiana.edu</a>
Kansas State University Manhattan, KS 66506	Lyn Norris-Baker	785/532-5945  lyn@ksu.edu	T;CC;CSP; IGR	U	No	Sponsors Center for Aging; Service-learning program; IG content in course (GERON 600: Seminar in Gerontology)  <a href="http://www.ksu.edu">www.ksu.edu</a>
Lourdes College 6832 Convent Blvd. Sylvania, OH 43560	Mary Steitz	419/885-3211, x350  msteitz@lourdes.edu	T;CC; CSP; IGR	Modules [Gerontology; Social Work; Occupational Therapy; Nursing]	No	Intergenerational service-learning opportunities in Social Gerontology course (GER 100/300)  <a href="http://www.lourdes.edu">www.lourdes.edu</a>
Luther Seminary 2481 Como Ave. St. Paul, MN 55108	Coordinator of the Master of Religious Education Program	651/641-3246 800-LUTHER-3	NA	G	No	Course (CE3524 - Intergenerational Christian Education)  <a href="http://www.luthersem.edu">www.luthersem.edu</a>
Marian College of Fond du Lac 45 S. National Ave. Fond du Lac, WI 54935	Sherry Powers	414/785-3940		U	No	Course (Classroom Connections: Bringing the Young and the Old Together)  <a href="http://www.mariancoll.edu">www.mariancoll.edu</a>

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Mercer County Community College PO Box B Trenton, NJ 08690	Susan Rizzi (Community Education Director)	609/586-4800. x241	NA	Modules	No	Course (Intergenerational Programming with Children); Certificate program in Child Care Development  www.mccc.edu
North Carolina State- Raleigh Raleigh, NC 27695	Luci Bearon	919/515-9146  lbearon@amaroq.ees.ncsu.edu	T;CSP;CN; IGR;PUB; Other	Modules	No	Host for National Network for Family Resiliency; Intergenerational Issues Special Interest Group; Non-credit course on Family Caregiving with IG content; Sponsor of National Satellite Teleconference on "Grandparents Raising Grandchildren"  www.ncsu.edu
Oakton Community College 1600 E. Golf Rd. Des Plaines, IL 60016	Shelley Levin	847/635-2612  levin@oakton.edu	CC;CSP; CN'EV'; Other	U	No	IG content in course (ECO 110 -Intro. to Intergenerational Programming)  www.oakton.edu
Pennsylvania State University University Park, PA 16802	Dan Lago	814/863-4753  djl@psu.edu	T;CSP;CN; EV;PUB	U; Modules	No	Independent study courses on IG topics encouraged at graduate level; Modules on IG in undergraduate courses in General Sociology and Sociology of Aging  www.psu.edu
Richard Stockton College PO Box 195 Pomona, NJ 08240	Dave Burdick	609/652-4311  burdick@loki.stockton.edu	CC;CSP; CN;PUB; Other	U; Modules [Service Learning; Gerontology; Social and Behavioral Sciences]	No	Co-founder of New Jersey Intergenerational Network; Service- learning program; IG content in courses (Intro. to Gerontology, Aging and Health, Aging and Family, Economics of Aging, & Technology and Aging); Certificate in Gerontology  www.stockton.edu

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Ryerson Polytechnic University 350 Victoria St. Toronto, Ontario Canada M5B 2K3	Mel Shipman	416/979-3306  ece@acs.ryerson.ca	CC;CSP	U	No	Course (ECE909: Early Childhood Intergenerational Programs)  www.ryerson.ca
San Diego State University University Center on Aging Hepner Hall, Room 203 San Diego, CA92182	E. Stanford	619/594-6765	T;CC;CSP; IGR;PUB	Certificate program course	No	Certificate program in Gerontology has IG content; GERO 250 - Intergenerational Issues and the Elderly  www.sdsu.edu
San Francisco State University Dept. of Gerontology San Francisco, CA 94132	Anabel Pelham	415/338-3557  apelham@sfsu.edu	CC;CN; CSP;IGR; PUB	G; Modules [Gerontology]	No	Service-learning program; Course - "Aging and Social Intervention for Intergenerational Service Learning (GERONTOLOGY 715)  www.sfsu.edu
Southern Illinois University Carbondale, IL 62901	Jane Angelis	618/453-1186  www.siu.edu/offices/iii	T;CC;CSP; CN;EV;IGR; PUB	Modules	No	Sponsors Illinois Intergenerational Initiative www.siu.edu/offices/iii IG content in Early Childhood courses  www.siu.edu
SUNY-Oswego Oswego, NY 13126	Paul Roodin	315/341-2151  roodin@oswego.edu	CC;CSP; CN;EV	U; Modules [Communications Studies; Psychology]	No	Service-learning program; IG content in courses (Psychology 420: Adulthood and Aging and General Studies 302: Service Learning and Elder Care)  www.oswego.edu
Temple University 1601 North Broad St. Room 206 Philadelphia, PA 19122	Nancy Henkin	215/204-6970  www.temple.edu/departments/CIL	T;CSP;CN; EV;IGR; PUB;Other	Modules	No	Sponsors Center for Intergenerational Learning; www.temple.edu/departments/CIL Project OPEN, Project WRITE, Time Out  www.temple.edu

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University of Findlay 1000 North Main St. Findlay, OH 45840	Vicki Rosebrook	419/424-6951	T;CC;CSP; IGR;Other	U	No; Certificate program	Intergenerational studies certificate program to begin 1/99; Courses (Intergenerational Classroom Management and Intergenerational Program Management) ;  www.findlay.edu
University of Maryland College Park, MD 20742	Dan Leviton	301/431-3733  DL16@umail.umd.edu	T;CC;CSP; CN;EV;IGR; PUB	U; G; Modules [Adult Health and Development program]	No	Intergenerational content through ADHP [Adult Health and Development program]  www.umd.edu
University of Missouri- Kansas City 5100 Rockhill Rd. Kansas City, MO 64110	Lois Fitzpatrick	816/235-2182  lfitzpatrick@umkc.edu	CC;IGR	U [Gerontology Certificate program]	No	Hosts Center on Aging Studies; Elective course in Gerontology Certificate program (Bridging the Gap: Intergenerational Issues)  www.umkc.edu
University of Nevada- Reno Reno, NV 89557	Lawrence Weiss	702/784-1806  weissg@unr.edu	T;CSP;CN; EV;Other	Modules	No	Sanford Center for Aging  www.unr.edu
University of North Carolina-Greensboro 1000 Spring Garden St. Greensboro, NC 27412	Michelle Stevenson  Kathleen Williams	336/334-5307  mihall2@uncg.edu  336/ 334-5308 [Director of Gerontology Certificate program]	T;CC;CSP; IGR;PUB	U; G; Modules [Human development and Family studies; Sociology; Nursing; Nutrition; Sport Science]	No	Master of Gerontology program in development; Gerontology Certificate program  www.uncg.edu

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University of North Texas PO Box 311277 Denton, TX 76203	Jan Weaver Stan Ingman	940/565-3450; 940/ 565-2298  weaver@scs.unt.edu	T;CC;CSP; CN;EV;IGR; PUB	Modules	No	National Academy for Teaching and Learning About Aging; Center for Studies on Aging; Service-learning intergenerational modules in courses.  www.unt.edu
University of Pittsburgh Pittsburgh, PA 15260	Sally Newman   Mary Duquin  Maureen K. Porter	412/624-5500  newmans+@pitt.edu  412/648-8274 duquin@fsi.sched.pitt.edu  412/648-7041 mporter+@pitt.edu	T;CC;CSP; CN;EV;IGR; PUB;Other	U ; G ; Modules [Intergenerational Studies; Early Childhood Studies; Elementary Education; HPRED]	No; Certificate Program as Intergenerational Specialist	Generations Together Hosts intergenerational Training Institute every summer; comprehensive IG library; www.pitt.edu/~gfi  IG content in courses (Social Work 219, HPRED 1032-Sociocultural Aspects of Movement; HPRED 2470-Therapeutic Massage; HPERD 2321-Lifestyle & Health; ADMPS 2133-Gender Issues in Education)  www.pitt.edu
Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University Blacksburg, VA 24061	Rosemary Blieszner	540/231-5437  rmb@vt.edu	T;CC;CSP; CN;EV;IGR; PUB	U; G; Modules [Gerontology; Family and Child Development; Marketing; Biology; Communications]	No	Human development/ family studies at undergraduate and graduate level has rich intergenerational focus; Intergenerational modules in Issues in Aging (FCD 3114); Service-learning program  www.vt.edu

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West Virginia University PO Box 9126 Morgantown, WV 26506	Sharon Brinkman-Windle  Rick Briggs	304/293-6610 sbrinkman@wvu.edu  304/293-2081 rbriggs@wvu.edu	T;CC;CSP; PUB	Modules [Communications Studies, Center on Aging]	No	Intergenerational material embedded in Gerontology Certificate on Aging and Appalachian Lifelong Learning programs; Sponsors "Intergenerate Program"  www.wvu.edu
Worcester State College 486 Chandler St. Worcester, MA 01602	Maureen Power	508/793-8000,x8629  mepower@worc.mass.edu	T;CC;CSP; IGR	Modules [Urban Studies; Gerontology]	No	Sponsors Intergenerational Urban Institute; Course (UR 202 - Aging in Metropolitan Society); Service-learning program; Urban Studies with Gerontology concentration; Consortium Gerontology Studies Certificate  www.worc.mass.edu

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3. Does your institution offer **undergraduate** courses (for credit) in Intergenerational Studies? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_ Unknown \_\_\_\_\_

If yes, please list names and instructors of these courses: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
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4. Does your institution offer **graduate** courses (for credit) in Intergenerational Studies? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_ Unknown \_\_\_\_\_

If yes, please list names and instructors of these courses: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

5A. Does your institution offer **degree programs** in Intergenerational Studies? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_ Unknown \_\_\_\_\_

5B. Does your institution offer a **certificate program** in Intergenerational Studies? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_ Unknown \_\_\_\_\_

6. We would like to know how students who have participated in Intergenerational Studies at your institution have used these experiences in the intergenerational field.

Approximately how many students have participated in Intergenerational Studies in the last five years?

\_\_\_\_\_ Undergraduates                      \_\_\_\_\_ Graduate students

Survey date: \_\_\_\_\_

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NATIONAL INTERGENERATIONAL STUDIES SURVEY

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Institution: \_\_\_\_\_ City/State: \_\_\_\_\_

I. INSTITUTIONAL INFORMATION

1. In what Intergenerational Studies activity(s) is your institution involved

- \_\_\_\_\_ A Training Workshops
- \_\_\_\_\_ B For-Credit Courses
- \_\_\_\_\_ C Community Service Projects
- \_\_\_\_\_ D Consulting
- \_\_\_\_\_ E Evaluation
- \_\_\_\_\_ F Research
- \_\_\_\_\_ G Technical Assistance
- \_\_\_\_\_ H Publications
- \_\_\_\_\_ I Other (please describe) \_\_\_\_\_

2. Do any departments at your institution offer courses that include modules on Intergenerational issues? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_ Unknown \_\_\_\_\_

If yes, which ones? \_\_\_\_\_

Who should we contact for further information about these courses? \_\_\_\_\_

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Please try to **estimate the percentage** of these students who have chosen each of the following options:

- A Presently working in the intergenerational field
- B Involved in intergenerational research
- C Teaching Intergenerational Studies
- D Have not used Intergenerational Studies
- E Continued study in Intergenerational Studies
- F Other (please explain) \_\_\_\_\_

7. To what degree has your institution's administration been introduced to the concept of Intergenerational Studies?

- Not at all
- Somewhat
- A great deal

8. To what degree has the administration at your institution supported Intergenerational Studies?

- A Supporting faculty positions in Intergenerational Studies
- Very much
  - Somewhat
  - Not at all

- B Supporting the creation of Intergenerational Studies courses
- Very much
  - Somewhat
  - Not at all

C Encouraging the creation of Intergenerational Studies certificate or degree programs

- Very much
- Somewhat
- Not at all

D Funding intergenerational research

\_\_\_\_\_ Very much

\_\_\_\_\_ Somewhat

\_\_\_\_\_ Not at all

E Encouraging community outreach

\_\_\_\_\_ Very much

\_\_\_\_\_ Somewhat

\_\_\_\_\_ Not at all

F Other (please describe) \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Very much

\_\_\_\_\_ Somewhat

\_\_\_\_\_ Not at all

## II. PERSONAL INFORMATION

1. In which Intergenerational Studies activity(s) are you regularly involved? (check all that apply)

\_\_\_\_\_ A Conducting Training Workshops

\_\_\_\_\_ B Teaching For-Credit Courses

\_\_\_\_\_ C Implementing Community Service Projects

\_\_\_\_\_ D Consulting or providing technical assistance on intergenerational topics

\_\_\_\_\_ E Evaluation intergenerational programs

\_\_\_\_\_ F Conducting Intergenerational Studies research

\_\_\_\_\_ G Publishing in the intergenerational field

\_\_\_\_\_ H Other (please describe) \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_