



Keynote Speaker And Gerontological Professional of the Year

Andrew Achenbaum, PhD is well known in the field of gerontology as a thoughtful scholar who has focused on issues of gerontology and is an outspoken critic of aging policy. He is currently a Professor of History and Social Work at the



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Dr. Achenbaum received his undergraduate in American Studies from Amherst College and his doctorate in History from the University of Michigan. He is the author of five books; the most recent one published in November, 2005 is entitled *Older*

Americans: Vital Communities—Toward a Bold Vision of Societal Aging. A new book, *Aesop's Guide to Aging Boomers* is currently under review. In addition, he is the author of numerous peer reviewed articles and the co-author of nine books.

Achenbaum has been active in promoting the needs of older adults through a variety of professional activities. He has been on the Board of Directors of the National Council of Aging since 1992, where he has served as Chair of the Executive Committee and also chair of the Policy Committee. He is a Founding Member of the National Academy of Social Insurance, and serves as a member of the Hartford Foundation Geriatric Fellowship Program, and the Board of Directors of the Southport Institute of Policy Analysis.



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