

Creative Longevity and Wisdom

State of the Field Map

Overview

The objectives and scope of this research project are defined as follows:

- Identify the major U.S. and some international organizations and institutions that are engaged in education, research, and practice that relate in some way to aging, with a focus on creativity and/or wisdom.
 - Summarize the mission and the length of its existence, and include information that may be relevant to Fielding.
- Identify possible sources for grants, scholarships, or other funding in support for Fielding and/or its students.
- Select those that complement Fielding's culture and direction.
 - For example, each community and state has programs that serve its local populations. Those selected for our map, in general, have a national scope.
- Exceptions were made when Fielding fellows or CL&W Initiative people recommended that an organization be included.
- This is not a literature review on this topic, which might better be explored through a review of Fielding and other dissertations or through a more in-depth analysis of the academic research in this area of study.
- Search words include *aging and creativity, aging and wisdom, creative aging, aging, gerontology and creativity aging, and Europe, Asia, China, and Japan*. Interestingly, *the elderly* immediately brought up sites relating to illnesses of various types. There are many articles and studies on *centenarians*, but there do not seem to be prominent organizations solely devoted to this age group. Many sites were located through links found on some of the sites included in this list, as well as on other collections of helpful sites.

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I. U.S. Academic Programs and Associations

A. Association for Gerontology in Higher Education

1. Purpose: To increase commitment of and foster the development of higher education in the field of aging through education, research, and public service.
 - a. History goes back to the early 1970s. Reunited with the Gerontology Society of America in 1998.
 - b. Scholarships: Look at the membership - Membership page of Association for Gerontology in Higher Ed (Note: Fielding Institute in Reno, NV).
 - c. Promotes study, internships, fellowships, scholarships—could be source of funding for some of our students.
 - d. List of Fellows: major contributors in the field of aging.

B. Boston University School of Medicine Centenary Study

1. About: The New England Centenarian Study (NECS) is based on our conviction that centenarians are a select group of people who have a history of aging relatively slowly and who have either markedly delayed or entirely escaped diseases normally associated with aging, such as Alzheimer's disease, cancer, stroke and heart disease.

C. Brookdale Center on Aging at Hunter College

1. About: Brookdale Center on Aging of Hunter College plays a vital role in enhancing the quality of life of older New Yorkers through a multidisciplinary program of education, training, applied research, service innovation, and advocacy. Brookdale was in 1974 as one of the country's first multi-disciplinary academic gerontology centers. In this role, Brookdale serves as a critical bridge between gerontological education, research, policy, practice and advocacy. For the past three decades, the Center has taken the lead in identifying the needs of older New Yorkers, developing programs to make New York a better place to grow old, training professionals and paraprofessionals who serve the elderly, and championing both the elderly and policies to promote successful aging.
2. It is substantial: Today, Brookdale Center on Aging is recognized nationally as a major center of excellence with 29 full- and part-time staff and an annual budget of \$2.5 million.
3. Harry Moody (now at AARP) is a former executive director.

D. Center for Retirement Research at Boston College

1. The goals of the Center for Retirement Research at Boston College are to promote research on retirement issues, to transmit new findings to the

policy community and the public, to help train new scholars, and to broaden access to valuable data sources. The Boston Center, which is part of a consortium that includes a parallel center at the University of Michigan, was established in 1998 through a five-year \$5.25 million grant from the Social Security Administration.

The Center's aim is to produce first-class research and forge a strong link between the academic and policy communities around an issue of critical importance to the nation's future.

E. Center on Aging, Health and Humanities at George Washington University

1. From Mission: Founded in 1994, it stimulates, coordinates, and conducts sponsored research on both the problems and potentials of aging, with the goal of improving the quality of life for older adults and their families.
2. Includes a focus on studies on creativity and aging, with attention to
 - Creativity that commences or matures with aging
 - Creativity that changes with aging
 - Creativity that continues with aging
 - Creativity that occurs in conjunction with loss in later life (creativity that becomes manifest in the face of or in response to loss in older adults)
 - Understanding underlying dynamics influencing the potential for and experience of creativity in later life
 - Exploring strategies for older and younger adults to develop creative capacities and to tap into creative potential with aging

F. Center for Intergenerational Learning at Temple University

1. Philadelphia: Dedicated to strengthening communities by bringing generations together to meet the needs of individuals and families throughout the life cycle
 - a. Scholar/Practitioner orientation—Practitioner scholarship tied to benefits of intergenerational programs. Program brings scholars, practitioners, and policy makers together.
2. Established in 1979, it now has a staff of almost 50 nonacademic practitioners.
3. Funded by almost 50 large and small for-profit and governmental organizations.
4. New Web site named Coming of Age is supported by major sponsors (e.g., AARP and United Way) and connects people over 50 with volunteer opportunities in the Philadelphia community.

G. Florida Center for Creative Aging

1. Mission: Seeks paths to successful aging by improving quality of life through the arts and humanities. We strengthen communities. We

encourage programs, research, and partnerships that focus on cultural enrichment. We continually explore innovative ideas to advance our partnerships and goals.

2. Work is all about the arts. Supported by National Endowment for the Arts and Florida for the Arts. Organization is tied to University of South Florida's College of Arts and Sciences. Interesting feature: Site includes a Virtual Museum of artwork by the elderly with their bio.
3. No information on inception date.

H. International Institute for Reminiscence and Life Review Univ of Wisconsin

1. Mission: To further define and develop the interdisciplinary field of reminiscence and life review through discussion and collaboration in practice, research, education, volunteer, and individual applications.
2. Part of the University of Wisconsin Superior Center for Continuing Education/Extension and founded in 1995.

I. National Program on Women & Aging at Brandeis Heller School of Public Policy

1. Mission: Women face tremendous challenges as they confront their later years. The mission of the National Program on Women & Aging is to focus national attention on the special concerns of women as they age, to develop solutions and strategies for dealing with these concerns, and to reach out to women and organizations across the country, promoting the changes necessary to improve older women's lives.
 - a. Study on women over 50 funded by U.S. Administration on Aging
 - b. Part of study on Centenarians
 - c. Part of study on women of color
2. Cannot find date of inception, but went from a "center" to a "program" that is now part of the Institute on Assets and Social Policy at Brandeis's Heller School.

J. Lincoln University Multidisciplinary Center on Aging

1. About: The Lincoln University Multidisciplinary Center On Aging provides opportunities for graduate and undergraduate education, research, technology training for seniors, technology training for health and human service professionals, and training and continuing education for professionals working in gerontology and geriatrics to increase the number of African American gerontologists/geriatricians in Pennsylvania, New Jersey, New York, Delaware, Maryland, and Washington, DC.
2. Located in Philadelphia, Fielding ELC faculty member Ishtai-zee Szabi is a faculty member in Lincoln's Human Services Masters program.

K. National Resource Center on Native American Aging - Univ. of No. Dakota

1. Purpose: the resource center's purpose is to work closely with the local service providers throughout the nation to address the needs of American Indian, Alaskan Native, and Native Hawaiian elders.
2. Established in 1994. Six staffers (four PhDs). Five-member national steering committee.

L. North Carolina Center for Creative Aging—Asheville

1. About: Established in 1988 as an integral part of the University of North Carolina at Asheville, the North Carolina Center for Creative Retirement (NCCCR) has the three-fold purpose of promoting lifelong learning, leadership, and community service opportunities for retirement-age individuals. Most of NCCCR programs are in the Asheville area, but some are carried out in collaboration with other organizations in other parts of North Carolina or across the country.

M. School of Aging Studies - University of South Florida

1. About: It is one of the nation's oldest and largest degree-awarding programs in gerontology. Its graduate and undergraduate degree programs are multidisciplinary. Faculty members have degrees in diverse areas including aging studies, anthropology, economics, education, gerontology, law, medicine, neurosciences, nursing, pharmacology, political science, psychology, public administration, public health, social work, and sociology.
2. Doing academic programs related to gerontology and aging since the late 1960s with a second generation of academics now in charge.
3. Large program with 14 full-time PhD faculty, 30+ regional faculty, and another 12 adjunct faculty.
 - a. Research focus of faculty: Aging and health, cognitive aging and Alzheimer's disease, public policy and long-term care.

N. UCLA Center on Aging

1. About: Its mission is to enhance and extend productive and healthy life through preeminent research and education on aging. The primary geographical focus will be Southern California, but the impact may extend to a national and international audience. It builds on UCLA's recognized excellence in care of older adults: *U.S. News and World Report* has named UCLA's geriatrics program #1 in America since its inception in July 1992.
2. James E. Birren, associate director of the Center, has published extensively in the area of aging. He is series editor of the internationally recognized *Handbooks on Aging* and has more than 250 publications in academic journals and books. In 1966, he edited the *Encyclopedia of Gerontology* and in 1997 coauthored a book on autobiography, *Where to Go from Here*.
3. Art Linkletter is the chairman of the board of the Center.
4. Many Fascinating Programs tied to mentorship, older people attending undergraduate classes, and autobiography writing.

O. University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee Center on Age and Community

1. Mission: The University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee Center on Age and Community is a multidisciplinary, university-wide academic center that combines the university's expertise with the experience of those who work in the field of aging. By greatly expanding research in the study of aging, offering new degree and nondegree programs in gerontology, and expanding and fostering community partnerships and outreach, the center aims to create innovative ways of improving our lives as we age.
 - a. Creative Storytelling Project—teaches storytelling and scrapbook creation techniques.
2. Founded in 2001 as part of the Milwaukee Idea project.

P. University of Arizona Center for Integrative Medicine - Dr. Andrew Weil

1. Begun in 1994, the Program in Integrative Medicine's mission is to lead the transformation of healthcare by creating, educating, and actively supporting a community of professionals who embody the philosophy and practice of integrative medicine.
2. Not aging specific, but includes issues of aging.

Q. West Virginia University Center on Aging

1. Mission: The WVU Center on Aging works to improve the health, well-being, and security of older people and those who care for them in West Virginia and across the nation, through research, education, clinical service, technology, and advocacy.
2. Part of a United Nations Programme on Aging Advisory Site on Rural Aging.
3. Five PhD faculty members, 21 student research assistants, and regular staff.
4. Cannot find date of inception, but coursework focused on gerontology certificates.

II. Fielding Outstanding Researcher Award Recipients

A. Gisela Labouvie-Vief—Univ. of Geneva Socio-Emotional Development

1. List of Gisela's publications
2. Adult Development Lab at Wayne State
 - a. This site still houses many of Gisela's articles.

B. George Vaillant

1. Dr. Vaillant does not have his own site, but this Research at Harvard Matters site includes his most recent articles.

III. U.S. - Creativity and the Arts Programs

A. Arts and Healing Network

1. Created in 1997, the Arts and Healing Network is an online resource for anyone interested in the healing potential of art. Each year the Arts and

Healing Network honors a healing artist who is truly making a difference in the world.

B. Community Arts Network

1. While not specifically aging oriented, this site promotes the arts for all ages. The Community Arts Network (CAN) is a portal to the field of community arts, providing news, documentation, theoretical writing, communications, research, and educational information. Headquartered at its Web site on the Internet, CAN is a program of Art in the Public Interest (API), a nonprofit organization based in North Carolina.

- a. Arts for Elders Links

C. The Living Century

1. TV Series. *The Living Century: The Extraordinary Lives of Ordinary People* is an award-winning, inspirational television series that offers stories of the past 100 years told by the people who lived them. Today's centenarians are the living links to our past. Their recollections add flavor and meaning to recorded history. These living treasures have a unique perspective on the evolution of the modern world. There will never be a generation that has experienced such enormous change during a lifetime as the centenarians alive today.

2. Experiences from some of the 70,000 people who are older than 100 years.

D. National Center for Creative Aging

1. Brooklyn, NY. Mission: fostering an understanding of the vital relationship between creative expression and the quality of life of older people. Very arts and living history focused. Disseminates information and promotes arts programs. Publishes an e-newsletter entitled "Creative Aging."
2. Founded in 2001, but its Elders Share the Arts program dates to 1998. Trains professionals nationwide in its "Living History" methodology and has now evolved into an organization committed to shaping the field of creative aging.

- a. Mission: Elders Share the Arts affirms the time-honored role of elders as bearers of history and culture by using the power of the arts to transmit their stories and life experiences in diverse communities throughout New York City.

E. Next Age Speakers Bureau

1. A resource—not a program, per se, Next Age is America's only agency exclusively featuring nationally recognized experts in the field of aging.

F. Seniors Making Art

1. Puget Sound. Established in 1991 to promote seniors becoming engaged in a variety of artistic endeavors. Classes include a wide variety of curricula, including drawing, watercolor, sculpture, creative writing, Sumi-E brush painting, collage, glass mosaic, and more.

G. Senior Theatre

1. Theatre and dance programs, workshops. and tips from programs across the country. Supports Senior Performing Groups across the country.

H. Society for the Arts in Healthcare

1. Grants with J&J and others—Based in Washington DC. Promotes the arts in healing and healthcare.
2. Founded in 1991 with a staff of three plus a few prominent people on its board. Interesting Caring for Caregivers program and book, *Caring for Caregivers: A Grassroots USA-Japan Initiative*.

IV. U.S. Government

A. Administration on Aging

1. Mission: AoA provides home and community-based services to millions of older persons through the programs funded under the Older Americans Act.
2. A \$1.4 billion federal funding agency. For example, the White House Council on Aging is a half-million-dollar program run out of this agency.

B. FirstGov for Seniors

1. U.S. government's official portal for seniors. This is a general site for all U.S. government services. The sub-URL includes resources for seniors.

C. Global Census Information

1. This page of the U.S. Census site contains links to trends in global population studies, including a fascinating 2001 report entitled An Aging World.

D. National Institute on Aging

1. Grants U.S. quasi-government part of NIH: NIA, one of the 27 Institutes and Centers of NIH, leads a broad scientific effort to understand the nature of aging and to extend life's healthy, active years.
2. Rand Center for the Study of Aging
 - a. Oriented toward society's changing demographics.

E. National Council on Aging

1. Mission: Founded in 1950, the National Council on Aging (NCOA) is dedicated to improving the health and independence of older persons and increasing their continuing contributions to communities, society, and future generations. NCOA is a 501(c)3 organization located in Washington, DC. At the heart of NCOA is a national network of more than 14,000 organizations and leaders that work with us to achieve our mission. NCOA's 3,800 members include senior centers, area agencies on aging, adult day service centers, and faith-based service organizations, senior housing facilities, employment services, consumer groups, and leaders from academia, business, and labor.
 - a. What: Our programs help older people to remain healthy, find jobs, discover new ways to continue contribute to society after retirement, and take advantage of government and private benefits programs that

can improve the quality of their lives. NCOA is also a national voice for both older Americans and community organizations, leading advocacy efforts on important national issues affecting seniors.

V. Nonprofit and Professional Organizations for the Elderly

A. AARP

1. Potential Partner. Mission: AARP is dedicated to enhancing quality of life for all as we age. It spearheads positive social change and delivers value to members through information, advocacy, and service.
2. Founded in 1958 with over 35 million members, this is a substantial organization with almost \$1.0 million in annual revenues.
3. Harry Moody - AARP Director of Academic Affairs.

B. American Federation for Aging Research

1. Since 1981, AFAR, through its own privately funded grants and other administered programs, has provided \$93 million to close to 2,200 talented researchers to help them begin and further careers in aging research and geriatric medicine. AFAR fulfills its mission to promote healthier aging through biomedical research.

C. American Geriatrics Society

1. Mission: The American Geriatrics Society (AGS) is a nationwide, not-for-profit association of geriatrics healthcare professionals, research scientists, and other concerned individuals dedicated to improving the health, independence, and quality of life of all older people.
2. An association of practitioners with three journals, it serves as a resource for its 6,800 geriatrics healthcare professionals.
3. Funding Resources section of AGS site lists several National Institutes of Health research projects. Updated monthly.

D. American Society on Aging

1. Founded in 1954, the society supports the commitment to enhance the knowledge and skills of those who seek to improve the quality of life of older adults and their families. Has a staff of over 50 people in San Francisco, but has a national scope with a very large board, including experts from throughout the country.
2. ASA offers a diverse array of renowned educational programming, outstanding publications, state-of-the-art information and training resources, and the largest and most dynamic network of professionals in the field of aging.

E. Civic Ventures

1. About: Civic Ventures is a think tank and an incubator, generating ideas and inventing programs to help society achieve the greatest return on experience.

Founded in the late 1990s by social entrepreneurs John Gardner and Marc Freedman, Civic Ventures is reframing the debate about aging in America

and redefining the second half of life as a source of social and individual renewal. Through research, publishing, conferences, and media outreach, Civic Ventures reports on the growth of the experience movement. Through programs and consulting, Civic Ventures brings together older adults with a passion for service and helps stimulate opportunities for using their talents to advance the greater good. In these ways, Civic Ventures is helping America realize an experience dividend.

F. Generations United

1. Mission: To improve the lives of children, youth, and older people through intergenerational collaboration, public policies, and programs for the enduring benefit of all.
2. Since its beginning in 1986, Generations United has been the leading intergenerational membership organization in the United States. Originally created by the National Council on the Aging and the Child Welfare League of America, GU flourished as a collaborative effort. Soon AARP and the Children's Defense Fund joined the organization's leadership and GU quickly grew to become a coalition of more than 100 national organizations seeking a shared, mutually supportive agenda. Generations United incorporated in 1997 as an independent entity and continues today as the country's only membership organization promoting intergenerational public policies, programs, and strategies whose membership represents over 70 million Americans.

G. Gerontological Society of America

1. Parent organization of National Academy on Aging and Association for Gerontology in Higher Education (under Sec. 1 education above).
 - a. The National Academy is the policy agency for the GSA and it aims to provide clear and unbiased research and analysis focused on public policy issues arising from the aging of America's and the world's population.
2. The Gerontological Society of America is a nonprofit professional organization with more than 5,000 members in the field of aging. GSA provides researchers, educators, practitioners, and policy makers with opportunities to understand, advance, integrate, and use basic and applied research on aging to improve the quality of life as one ages.
3. The Gerontological Society of America was established in 1945 to promote the scientific study of aging, to encourage exchanges among researchers and practitioners from various disciplines related to gerontology, and to foster the use of gerontological research in forming public policy.

H. Integral Institute - Ken Wilber

1. Not specifically aging related but more generally lifestyle and approach related, the Integral Institute is a nonprofit organization dedicated to bringing the Integral approach to bear on personal and global issues. What's "Integral"? It simply means more balanced, comprehensive, interconnected, and whole. By using an Integral approach—whether it's in

business, personal development, art, education, spirituality, or any of dozens of other fields, we can include more aspects of reality and more of our humanity in order to become more fully awake and effective in anything we do.

I. New Lifestyles

1. Started in Texas in the late 1980s, this site, along with the published guides it produces, supports people in finding creative ways to address housing and other needs as they age. New LifeStyles will be “The Source for Seniors,” providing comprehensive, quality information on senior residences and care options. This information will be available free to all that need it. New Lifestyles will lead the market by maximizing quality and advertising exposure for its partners.

J. Senior Net

1. Mission: SeniorNet’s mission is to provide older adults with education for and access to computer technologies in order to enhance their lives and enable them to share their knowledge and wisdom. The organization is 20 years old (1996). It offers computer courses and also creates access to liberal arts courses in literature, Latin, and Greek.

K. Taos Institute - Positive Aging

1. Mission: The Taos Institute is a community of scholars and practitioners concerned with the social processes essential for the construction of reason, knowledge, and human value. It is committed to exploring, developing, and disseminating ideas and practices that promote creative, appreciative, and collaborative processes in families, communities, and organizations around the world. It achieves its educational ends through conferences, workshops, publications, a PhD program, a distance learning program, newsletters, and Web-based offerings. It works at the interface between the scholarly community and societal practitioners from communities of mental health, social work, counseling, organizational change, education, community building, gerontology, and medicine. It develops and explores the ways that scholarly research can enrich professional practices and how practices can stimulate scholarly inquiry.

- a. Looks like a very viable partner for Fielding (or a competitor) given its similarity to our mission and bent toward social constructionism. It offers a PhD in the social sciences in cooperation with Tilburg University in the Netherlands.

Tilburg is substantial: Founded in 1927, it is a fully accredited government financed university with almost 10,000 students. Tilburg university has six faculties specializing in the social sciences and humanities: Economics and Business Administration, Law, Social and Behavioural Sciences, Philosophy, Arts, and Theology and Religious Studies. Within these faculties, 22 degree programs are offered, some of which have an interdisciplinary character (60 PhDs per year).

- b. Fielding should ask Frank Barrett about Taos. A half-dozen of Frank's articles are posted and Barnett Pearce's site is referenced.

VI. Programs on Wisdom and Aging

A. The Wisdom Institute

1. About: The Wisdom Institute supports the development of wisdom in people, organizations, and communities through education, research, and consultation. We seek to help our clients move more consciously toward wisdom throughout their lives.
2. Appears to be primarily a one-woman organization: Caroline L. Bassett, PhD, has done pioneering research on wisdom and its applications for today's world. Her presentations on the subject range from the academic to the intensely practical and have been sponsored by a widely diverse range of organizations, from the International Association of Facilitators and the Association for Psychological Type to academic conferences. She also teaches classes on wisdom. Currently Carrie is a faculty member at two graduate institutions, Walden University and Capella University. She has been a university administrator, a corporate trainer, a career counselor, a past president of the Minnesota Jung Association, and a Peace Corps volunteer and is a board member of the Theatre de la Jeune Lune, a regional Tony-award-winning theatre. She holds a doctorate in higher education from the University of Iowa.
3. Recommended by Suzanne Baer, the site— includes a nice bibliography on the topic of wisdom.

B. Wisdom Steps

1. About: Wisdom Steps invites tribal elders to participate in activities that build their health. Begun in Minnesota in 1999, Wisdom Steps is a partnership among the American Indian communities and the Minnesota Board on Aging.

VII. Foundations

A. Atlantic Philanthropies Ageing Program

1. Through its Ageing Program, Atlantic Philanthropies seeks to bring about lasting improvements in the lives of older adults, transform how aging is viewed within society, and improve the way older persons are treated by society. It focuses on aging in Bermuda, Northern Ireland, the Republic of Ireland, and the United States.
2. Some substantial grants for aging projects- Provides funds to Civic Ventures.

B. John Templeton Foundation

1. Supports Civic Ventures—known for supporting faith-based initiatives.
2. The John Templeton Foundation was established in 1987 by renowned international investor Sir John Templeton to encourage a fresh appreciation of the critical importance—for all peoples and cultures—of the moral and

spiritual dimensions of life. The Templeton Foundation seeks to act as a critical catalyst for progress, especially by supporting studies that demonstrate the benefits of an open, humble, and progressive approach to learning in these areas. It is the Foundation's purpose to stimulate a high standard of excellence in scholarly understanding that can serve to encourage further worldwide explorations of the moral and spiritual dimensions of the universe and of the human potential within its ultimate purpose.

C. Open Society Institute - Soros Foundations

1. While it does not list "aging" per se as a topic, its focus is advocacy for people worldwide who are disadvantaged. Some of our students' projects might correlate to its areas of focus. The Open Society Institute (OSI), a private operating and grant-making foundation, aims to shape public policy to promote democratic governance, human rights, and economic, legal, and social reform.

D. Robert Wood Johnson Foundation - Healthcare

1. As the nation's largest philanthropy devoted to improving health and healthcare, RWJF supports training, education, research, and projects that demonstrate effective ways to deliver health services, especially to the most vulnerable among us.
2. During 2005, the Foundation made 959 grants and contracts, totaling \$369.5 million, in support of programs and projects to improve health and healthcare in the United States.
3. Supports Civic Ventures.

E. Skoll Foundation

1. About: The Skoll Foundation's mission is to advance systemic change to benefit communities around the world by investing in, connecting, and celebrating social entrepreneurs. Social entrepreneurs are proven leaders whose approaches and solutions to social problems are helping to better the lives and circumstances of countless underserved or disadvantaged individuals. By identifying the people and programs already bringing positive changes to communities throughout the world, the Skoll Foundation empowers them to extend their reach, deepen their impact, and fundamentally improve society.
2. Supports Civic Ventures—Might be an interesting possibility for grants.

VIII. Global Organizations

A. Elderhostel

1. Elderhostel is a not-for-profit organization dedicated to providing extraordinary learning adventures for people 55 and over. From New Hampshire to New Zealand, South Africa to South Dakota, Elderhostel offers you a world of educational opportunities at exceptional values. Features over 10,000 travel and educational programs.
2. Lifelong Learning Institute

- a. Elderhostel supports a network of institutes for lifelong learning located around the world. Many are part of university programs.
Possible partner or place for affiliation if we offer learning opportunities geared for people 55 and older as not-for-credit courses.

B. International Institute on Ageing - United Nations - Malta

1. Mandate: To empower less-developed countries to cope with the challenges of mass longevity in the next decades by building capacity for them to be able to educate and train their own personnel to formulate and implement their own appropriate policies.

C. International Longevity Center - USA

1. Organized in 1990 by Robert N. Butler, MD, professor of geriatrics at Mount Sinai School of Medicine, The International Longevity Center-USA (ILC-USA) is a not-for-profit, nonpartisan research, policy, and education organization whose mission is to help societies address the issues of population aging and longevity in positive and constructive ways and to highlight older people's productivity and contributions to their families and to society as a whole.
2. The ILC-USA is part of the ILC International Partnership, a multinational education and research consortium committed to a positive and productive approach to longevity and population aging. The first International Longevity Centers were established in the U.S. in 1990 by Robert N. Butler, MD, and in Japan by Shigeo Morioka, recently retired CEO of the Yamanouchi Pharmaceutical Company. Today, independent, collaborating ILCs exist in the USA, Japan, the UK, France, Dominican Republic, India, South Africa, and Argentina.
3. Alliance for Health & the Future - New York, London, Paris
 - a. A sub-organization of ILC based in Paris - The Alliance for Health & the Future is a "think-and-do tank" established to identify, inform, and raise awareness of behaviors and systems that can lead to greater well-being and productivity throughout life. The Alliance will conduct scientific research and investigations, host events for scholars and thought leaders, and carry out extensive education and outreach.

D. United Nations Programs on Aging

1. About: Creating a new "architecture" for aging and transmitting it to the world stage and into policy has been the focus of the United Nations Programme on Ageing since 1982, with the adoption of the International Plan of Action on Ageing at the World Assembly on Ageing in Vienna, also known as the Vienna Plan (1982).

E. World Health Organization

1. WHO Projects
2. Interesting Stats: In 2000, there were 600 million people aged 60 and over; there will be 1.2 billion by 2025 and 2 billion by 2050.

Today, about two-thirds of all older people are living in the developing world; by 2025, it will be 75 percent.

In the developed world, the fastest growing population group is the very old (age 80+).

Women outlive men in virtually all societies; consequently in very old age, the ratio of women/men is 2:1.

IX. Canadian Organizations

A. Active Living Coalition for Older Adults - Canada

1. About: ALCOA, in partnership with its member organizations, encourages older Canadians to maintain and enhance their well-being and independence through a lifestyle that embraces physical activity and active living.

B. Canadian Association of Retired Peoples (CARP)

1. About: Lillian Morgenthau (CARP president) and her husband, Murray Morgenthau (executive director), started CARP in 1984 around their kitchen table with 10 friends. Today, more than 400,000 members support CARP's mandate to effectively promote the rights and quality of life of mature Canadians. A nonprofit organization, CARP does not receive government operating funding in order to maintain its independence.

C. Canadian Center for Activity and Aging - Canada

1. Goal: To develop, encourage, and promote an active, healthy lifestyle for Canadian adults that will enhance the dignity of the aging process.

D. Division of Aging on Seniors - Canada

1. The Division of Aging and Seniors, Public Health Agency of Canada, provides federal leadership on health issues related to aging and seniors. The Division serves as a focal point for information and center of expertise in this area.

E. United Generation Ontario

1. Focus is intergenerational cooperation: dedicated to promoting the effectiveness and efficiency of other registered Canadian charities involved in providing benefits to members of different generations—children, youth, their parents and people of their parents' generation, seniors, and other older adults.

X. European Organizations

A. Center for Intergenerational Practice - UK

1. About: Its aims are to support the development of intergenerational practice throughout the UK and to promote an understanding of the potential of intergenerational practice to address social issues.

B. Centre for Policy on Ageing - UK

1. About: The Centre for Policy on Ageing was established in 1947 by the Nuffield Foundation with a remit to focus on the wide-ranging needs of

older people. Originally called the National Corporation for the Care of Old People.

C. Health and Age - Basel, Switzerland

1. The folks at Health and Age believe that aging—so long considered as something unpleasantly inevitable to be ignored for as long as possible—is in fact a lifelong process that starts at birth. This ongoing process should be examined from this new angle and the resulting information distilled into practical educational guidelines on understanding, avoiding, and treating illnesses at different stages throughout life. The Health and Age Web site is sponsored by the Health and Age Foundation (HAF). HAF is a nonprofit corporation providing Web-based, interactive health information for people as they move toward their senior years and for those who take care of them. The website, HealthandAge.org, is written and edited by medical professionals; it presents accurate, credible, and reliable health information online, which empowers people of all ages to identify, understand, prevent, treat, and communicate effectively with their health professionals about a wide variety of medical conditions.

D. Magic Me - UK

1. Intergenerational Arts program: Magic Me has 16 years experience of running intergenerational arts projects that link older people (55+) with young people aged 9 to 25 years in the East End of London. Its achievements in the growing field of intergenerational work have been nationally recognized through a number of awards (e.g., IMPACT Award 2003 for excellence in the field of community health) and it increasingly shares its expertise with others through publications, training, and consultancy work.

E. Max Planck Institute - Berlin -

1. Interesting Focus on Wisdom - Paul Baltes -The Center for Lifespan Psychology is characterized by life span perspective and optimization of human potential. Research concentrates on cognitive, personality-related, and social-psychological aspects of development in children, adolescents, adults, and the elderly. Emphases include psychic development regulation, behavioral control, wisdom, intelligence, memory, and information processing. See book chapter by Baltes entitled “Toward a Psychology of Wisdom and Its Ontogenesis” in *Wisdom: Its Nature, Origins, and Development*, edited by R. J. Sternberg (Cambridge University Press, 1990). Labouvie-Vief has an article in this book.

F. REVES - France

1. Réseau sur l'espérance de vie en santé—resources on life expectancy and health; source of DATA on life global expectancy statistics, and interesting [bibliographic](#) data.

XI. Other International Organizations

A. Center For Applied Psychological Research - University of South Australia

1. Aging Research Group, Two major projects under Group Leader Robert Ranzijn.
 - a. Measuring and managing the intellectual capital of the aging workforce.
 - b. New Directions in Assessing the Complexity of Cognitive Processes of Older Adults.

B. Laogai Research Foundation China - Article re: Aging Population

1. German Research Re: China's Aging Population

C. National Ageing Research Institute - Australia

1. Initially known as the National Research Institute of Gerontology and Geriatric Medicine, the Institute has been actively contributing to aging research since being formed in 1977. The name change to the National Ageing Research Institute (NARI) Incorporated occurred in June 1994 when it became an independent research institute.

D. National Clearinghouse for US-Japan Studies

1. Includes numerous articles and research reports regarding the aging Japanese population and how the country is dealing with this phenomenon.

E. Office of Senior Interests and Volunteering - Western Australia

1. Source of good research on Australia's aging population, as well as general resources for seniors.

Analysis and Comments

These are some general observations about these many Web sites and organizations.

- In the academic arena, the field of gerontology and geriatrics has a long and well-established history. The field is changing, as seen in developments such as integrative medicine championed by Dr. Andrew Weill, but the profession and its pedagogy come out of a traditional paradigm that is somewhat negative and limiting with regard to aging.
 - The vast majority of the educational degrees and certificates are focused on traditional gerontology.
 - Intergenerational programs are a new focus for a couple of major educational programs.
 - The Taos Institute (affiliated with Tilburg University in The Netherlands, is one of the few major exceptions.
- The world (U.S. and other governments) is aware that the population demographics are changing, but modifying our approach to the

second middle age will take generations. In a similar way, Fielding has not changed the traditional doctoral education system, but there are today more programs like Fielding than there were in the early 1970s.

- Fielding faculty, students, and alumni have the intellectual skills and are positioned to make a difference in their lives and the lives of those with whom they work, but traditional large systems may be impacted more slowly.
- Asia's challenges will be even greater than ours. While we may think that Asians value their elderly more than Americans do, recent changes due to increasing globalization indicate that countries such as India and China may have huge problems. For example, India does not have an infrastructure of nursing homes and children are no longer staying behind to care for their parents.
- Only a few foundations were included. There are many more that might be explored; however, these were selected because they already have funded some of the nonprofit and university programs of organizations on this list
- Wisdom is underrepresented because there appears to be little that is currently focused exclusively on wisdom and aging. When one moves into the "wisdom" space, one finds variations on the work done by The Integral Institute or Naropa University. Organizations such as these are broadly concerned with wisdom and sometimes with spirituality. Aging might be addressed through a program or workshop but it is not the overall focus of the organization.
- Even in the wisdom literature there is a lot of controversy about its definition, its acquisition, and its relationship with age.
- This also is true of positive and/or transpersonal psychology. It touches on "aging" but is not its primary focus.

Areas for Further Study

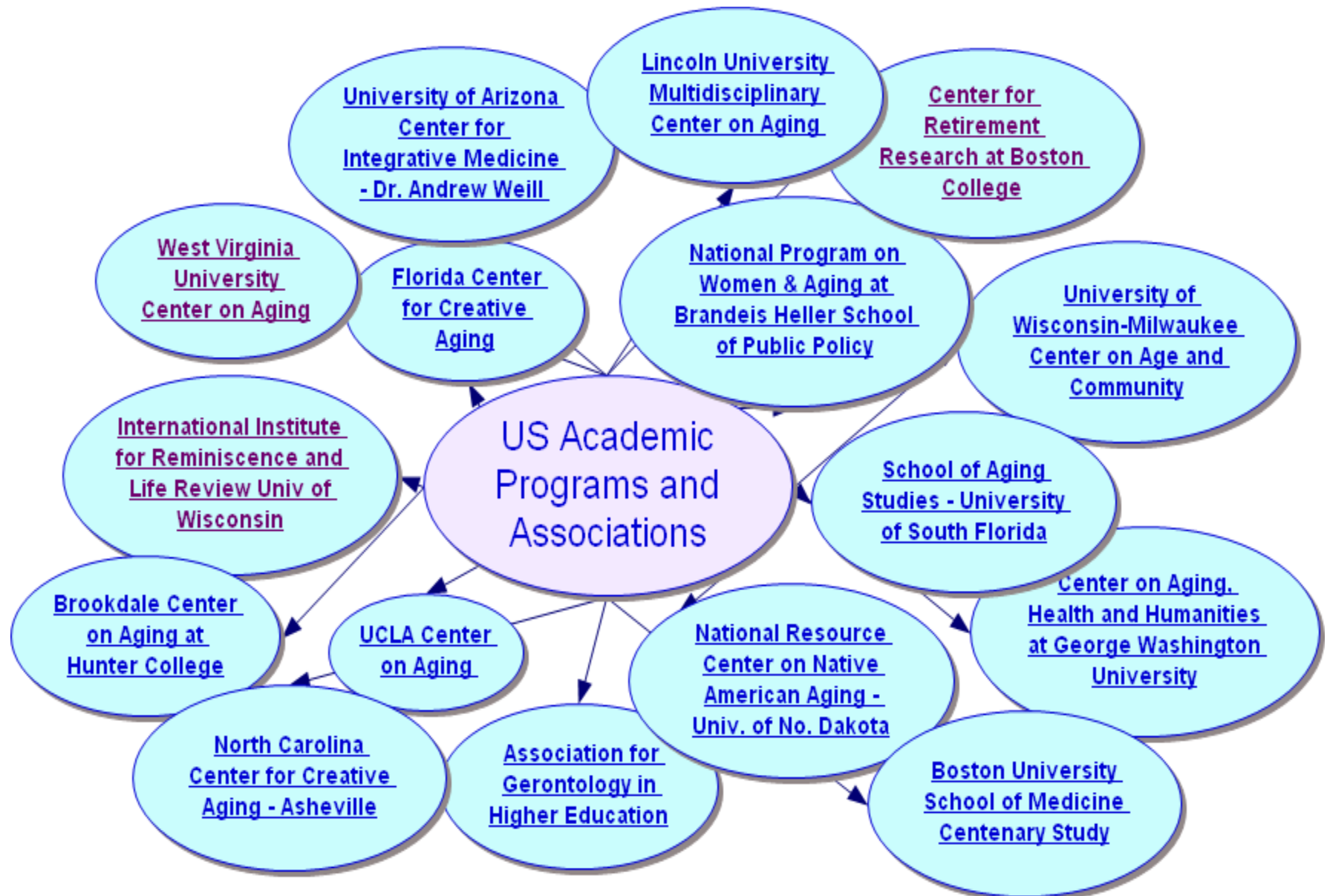
- If Fielding is planning to add certificate programs, it may want to research next the curriculum associated with some of the current academic programs. It will find most to be "gerontology" oriented, but there appear to be some interesting, new, less-traditional courses. Whatever Fielding does is likely to be very different from the "traditional" gerontology program.

- We should contact current faculty members who seem to have relationships with the Taos Institute—Frank Barrett and Barnett Pearce—and learn more about their experiences.
- Grants might come in a few different flavors.
 - There are likely to be grants and fellowships available that would support students engaged with traditional activities in long-term care or community programs, even if the students are doing nontraditional work.
 - A major grant to support Fielding’s expansion of its activities may be hard to obtain from traditional funding sources such as the foundations and government entities summarized here. A more thorough review of the grant programs is required before coming to a conclusion.
- Partnerships, alliances, and student internships may be possible with many of these organizations, and the best way to learn what is possible is to approach them for exploratory conversations. We have faculty, students, and alumni engaged with some of these organizations, and these are perhaps the best places to start.

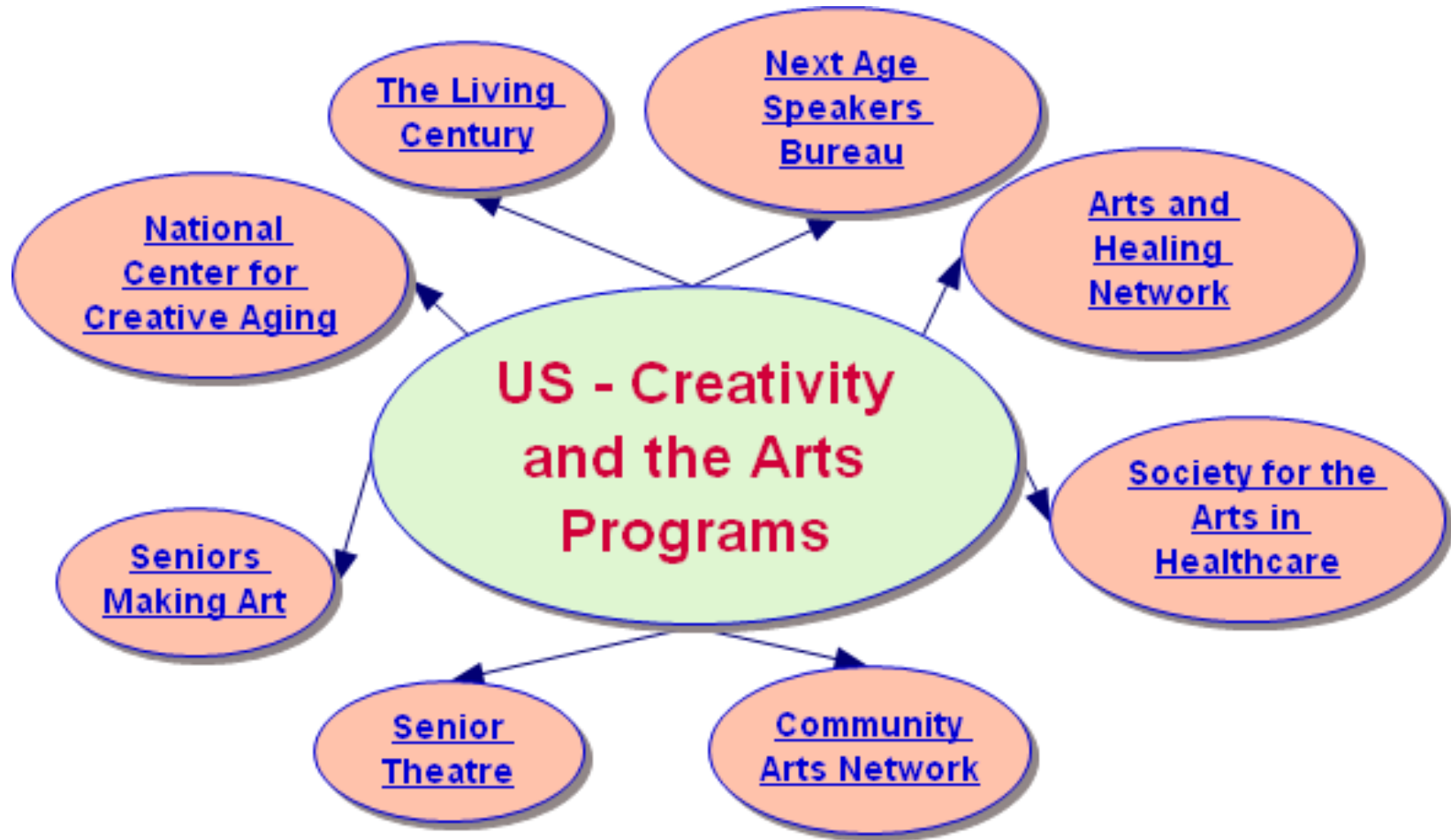
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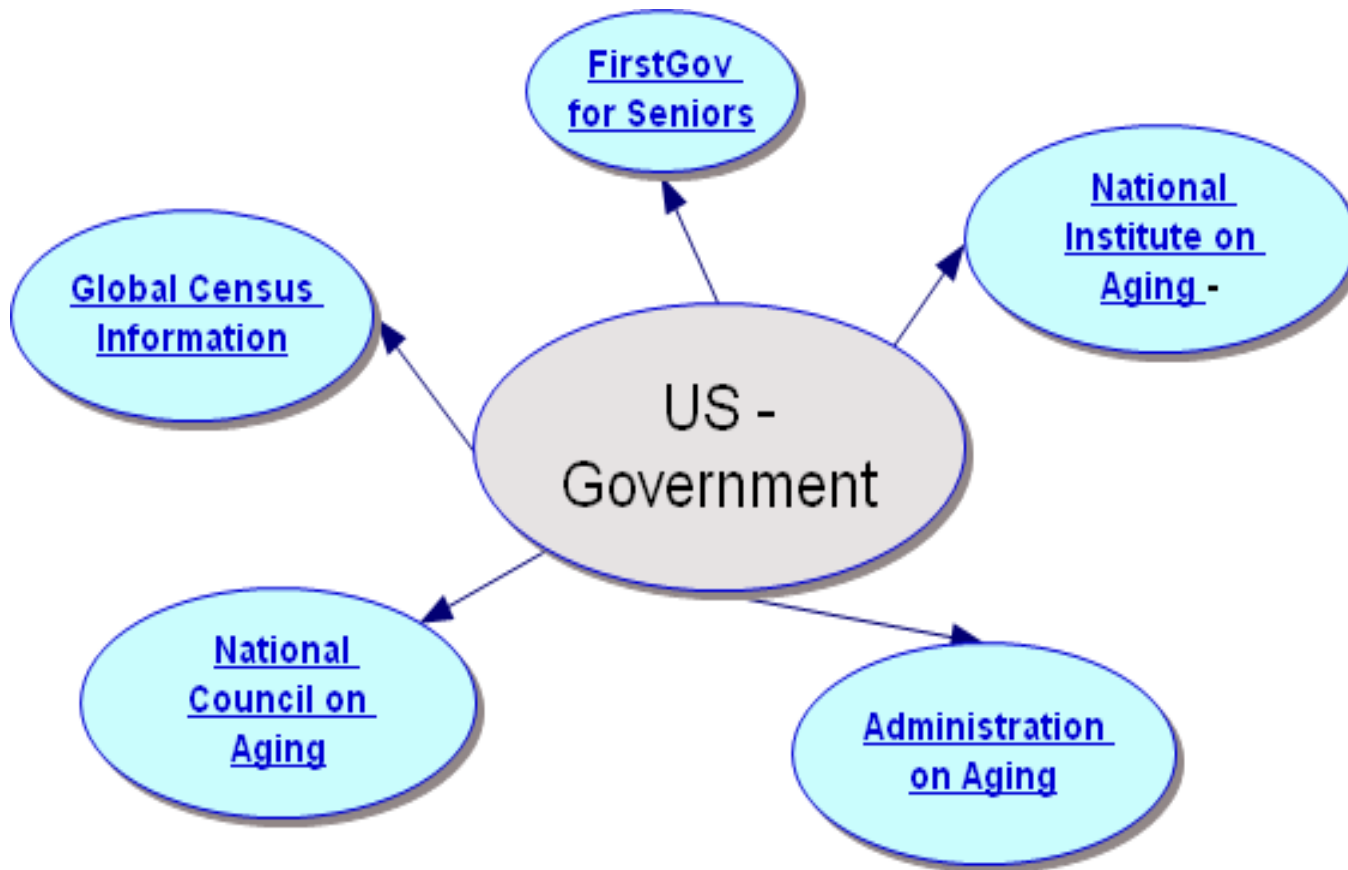
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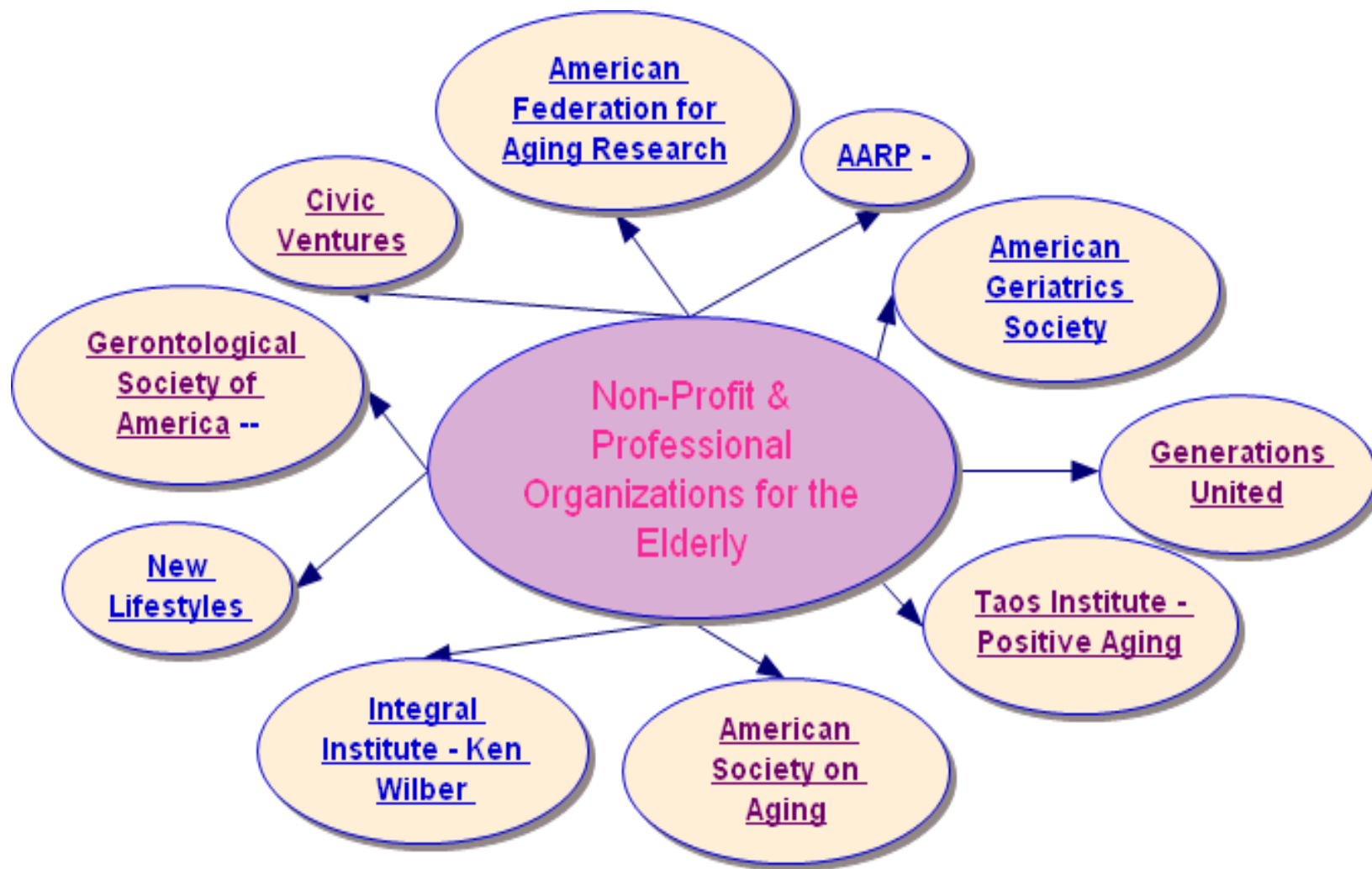
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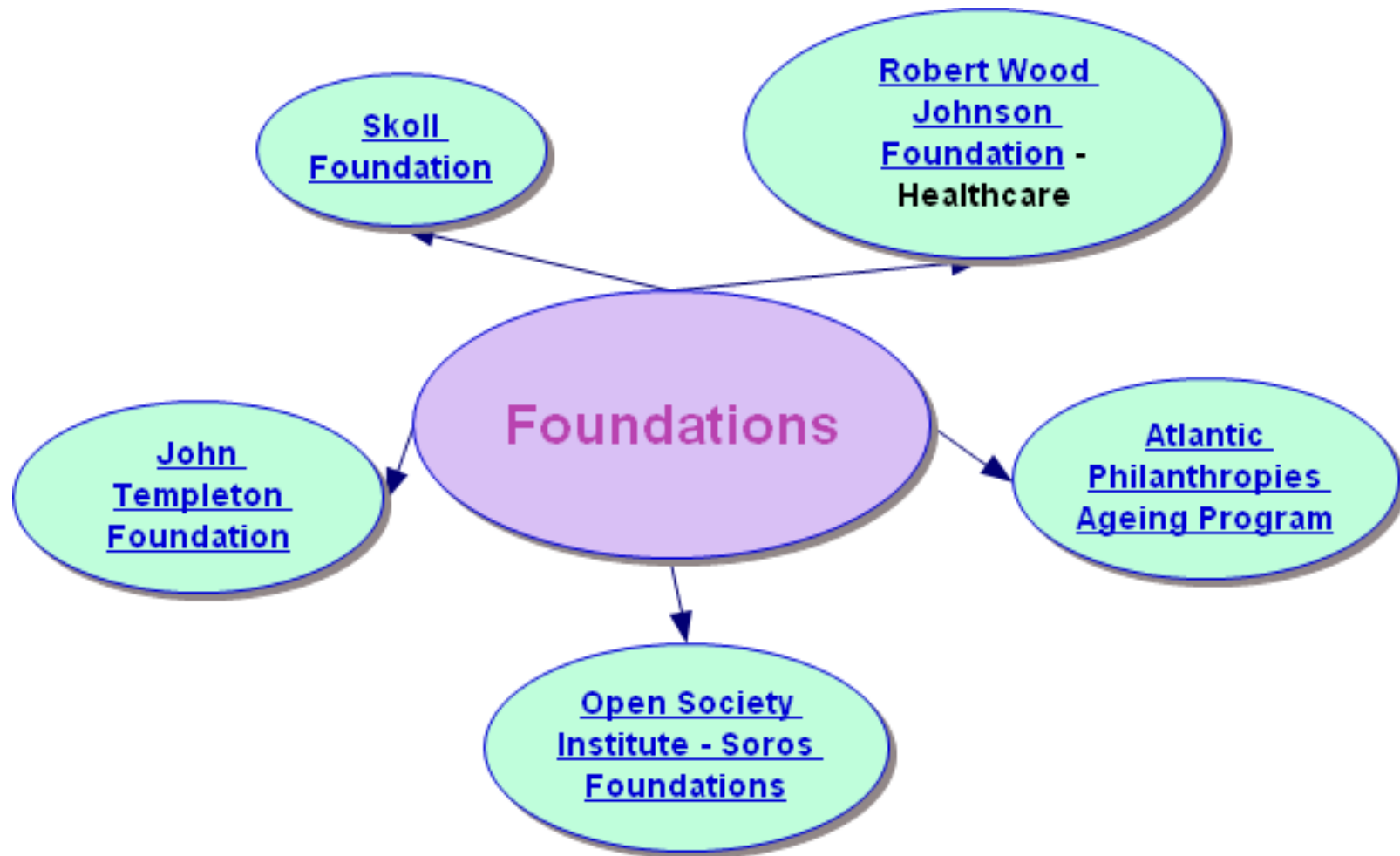
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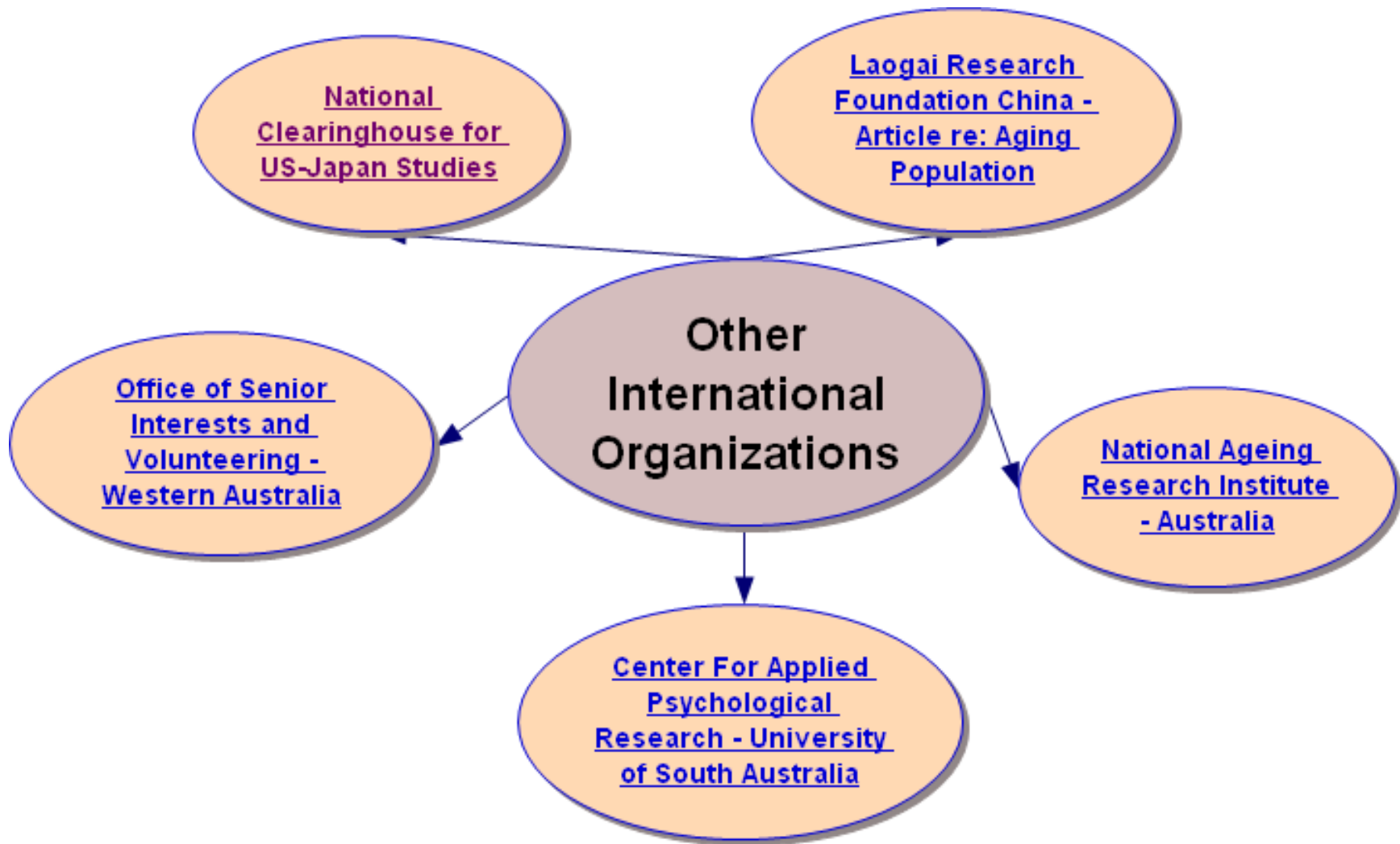
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