

## Aging In Rural Places

This book examines the well-being of China's rural elderly in the context of a rapidly aging population. Traditional sources of support are coming under strain with population aging and the migration of youth, making it imperative that pension coverage be extended to the rural population.

The author tells of her experiences as a volunteer and observer in a five-year University of Virginia project to provide in-home nursing care for rural, elderly poor people in five Virginia counties. She weaves larger issues of aging in rural America into a series of encounters with individuals and their families. Annotation copyrighted by Book News, Inc., Portland, OR

This book provides an underexplored view of ageing, one that conceives older people as valuable resources in their communities, as active citizens with both voice, and an agency that includes the capacity for resistance. It acknowledges that becoming old with dignity means also paying attention to caring, good health services and the possibility of good death. The book defines age and ageing as multiple, culturally and historically constructed phenomena that are only loosely connected to the years of one ' s life. In focusing on the peripheral North located in the Nordic, Canadian and Russian north, it highlights important questions and viewpoints that can be found and adapted to other rural areas. The book answers the following questions: What is

the relevance of legislation and international legal agreements in ensuring the rights of elderly people under political and economic changes? What challenges do geographic isolation, changing age structure, and cultural and ecological transformations pose to possibilities for meeting older people ' s needs for engagement in society as well as for their care? As such this book will be of interest to all those working in population aging.

Ethnography of Aging in Place in a Rural Town: Health Care Access and Relocation

Older People, Community and Place in Rural Britain

Aging in China

Implications to Social Policy of a Changing Economic State

Preserving Seniors' Access to Healthcare : Hearing Before the Special Committee on Aging, United States Senate, One Hundred Tenth Congress, Second Session, Washington, DC, July 31, 2008

Aging in a Rural Area

"Aging in place" is among the newer terms to be included along with "senior citizen," "golden agers," and others in the lexicon of gerontology. Since aging is a lifelong process and each of us occupies three-dimensional space, we are, of course, always aging in place, but two factors have caused aging in place to emerge as a salient concern for gerontological policy makers. The first is the explosive growth of

homeownership after World War II, the other is the perception that thousands of older people have been flowing into nursing homes unnecessarily when they can and should remain in their own home or apartment.

Learn the skills you need to work with geriatric populations in rural areas! *Gerontological Social Work in Rural Towns and Communities* provides a range of intervention and community skills aimed precisely at the needs of rural elders. This book fills a gap in the literature by focusing on the specific practice concerns for social workers assisting older adults in rural areas, including the aging experience, social worker skills, professional functions, working with special populations, and health and long-term care concerns. This valuable resource will benefit social workers, gerontologists, allied health professionals in rural areas, health and human services administrators and managers. *Gerontological Social Work in Rural Towns and Communities* explores the challenges social workers need to overcome when working with the elder community in rural areas. This book's significance to social workers will only increase as more adults choose to live and grow old away from the cities. Experts in the field

suggest strategies to overcome barriers in planning and providing services such as: a longer distance for the elderly to travel to use social service centers a narrower range of available services in the local area increased poverty levels for the elderly a stronger dependency by elderly on family rather than public assistance This book is divided into five sections: Rurality and Aging—introduces the concept of rurality and examines the demographics of aging from a rural perspective Practice Dimensions of Social Work with Rural Elders—includes clinical practice models, intervention and advocacy techniques, program planning, and marketing approaches Special Populations—gives attention to four special population groups: indigenous elders, African-American older adults, elderly Latinos, and disabled elders Special Issues Pertaining to Rural Elders—covers five essential issues for rural gerontological social workers: health promotion, older workers and retirement preparation, aging in place, specialized housing, and ethical practice Training and Policy Recommendations—future training and education recommendations for social workers are explored, as well as service capacity building, the aging network, and the future of long-term care While a variety of

theoretical perspectives are explored in *Gerontological Social Work in Rural Towns and Communities*, the book's empowerment orientation and strengths-based approach will enhance your abilities to improve quality of life for elderly individuals in rural communities. Each chapter contains a comprehensive review of the literature on the subject it addresses, and several chapters include tables and graphs to further establish their revealing empirical findings. An appendix provides additional sources to turn to for more information.

This book describes a wide-ranging set of research approaches which have been used to study the health care problems of adults living in rural areas. It shows how these approaches can be used to define health care problems, measure levels of illness and health, and evaluate health care practices. For each approach, contributors provide a theoretical background from the health care delivery literature, details of how it can be carried out in the field, its strengths and weaknesses, and illustrative examples from both the literature and their own work.

New frontiers of rural population change, community development and voluntarism

Status of the rural elderly  
Rural Health and Aging Research  
Rural Gerontology  
Rural Aging in 21st Century America  
Ageing in Rural Areas

Seniors in rural areas are vastly under-researched compared to their urban counterparts. This innovative book offers a unique interdisciplinary perspective on this issue, focusing on seniors' roles as assets in rural civic society. The authors examine the ways in which rural elders are connected to community and place, the contributions they make to family and neighbors, and the organizations and groups to which they belong. They explore topics such as financial security, leisure, access to services, mobility, civic engagement, and digital inclusion, offering a comprehensive look at the lives of older people that challenges problem-focused views of aging in rural areas.

Throughout the world's hinterland regions, people are growing old in resource-dependent communities that were

neither originally designed nor presently equipped to support an ageing population. This book provides cutting edge theoretical and empirical insights into the new phenomenon resource frontier ageing, to understand the diverse experiences of and responses to rural population ageing in the early 21st century. The book explores the resource hinterland as a new frontier of rural ageing and examines three central themes of rural population change, community development and voluntarism that characterize ageing resource communities. By investigating the links among these three themes, the book provides the conceptual and empirical foundations for the future agenda of rural ageing research. This timely contribution contains 15 original chapters by leading international experts from Australia, New Zealand, USA, Canada, UK, Ireland and Norway. Rural America and the nation as a whole has entered a phase of significant demographic change, as the number of Americans over the age of 65 is estimated to double by 2050. Nebraska counties and the state are, too, experiencing this

shift in the age demographic. As the population ages, consideration must be given to the housing options for older adults, specifically those who reside and wish to remain in rural areas. While broad consideration is given to either population aging or housing in rural areas, there is limited county level analysis adjoining these demographic and housing realities. This study connects these somewhat disparate concepts by providing a framework from which to consider housing for older adults in rural Nebraska counties. The concepts of housing affordability, accessibility and availability present an evaluation tool for the analysis of county level community data for Nebraska's oldest aged rural counties that have populations with the greatest median age and percent of population over the age of 65, Scotts Bluff, Keith and Hooker Counties as compared to the state as a whole. Data, as collected from the US Census Bureau and state agencies is used to establish a set of variables for consideration and to present rural housing affordability, accessibility and availability for

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elders in the defined counties. Disparities in housing between the counties and the state are evident, yet a consistent correlation between population age, rurality and housing does not emerge. Further framing the analysis is terminology and policy analysis critical to understanding concepts of an aging population and aging in place and within the context of a rural locality. The purpose of this study is to explore the distinct opportunities of aging in rural locations through the lens of housing for elders in rural Nebraska's oldest aged counties.

A good place to grow old?

Aging People, Aging Places

Elderly in Rural Areas

New Challenges to Ageing in the Rural North

Aging in Rural Maine

Older Americans in Rural Areas

This important book addresses a growing international interest in 'age-friendly' communities. It examines the conflicting stereotypes of rural communities as either idyllic and

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supportive or isolated and bereft of services. Providing detailed information on the characteristics of rural communities, contributors ask the question, 'good places for whom'? The book extends our understanding of the intersections of rural people and places across the adult lifecourse. Taking a critical human ecology perspective, authors trace lifecourse changes in community and voluntary engagement and in the availability of social support. They illustrate diversity among older adults in social inclusion and in the types of services that are essential to their well being. For the first time, detailed information is provided on characteristics of rural communities that make them supportive to different groups of older adults. Comparisons between the UK and North America highlight similarities in how landscapes create rural identities, and fundamental differences in how climate, distance and rural culture shape the everyday lives of older adults. Rural ageing is a valuable resource for students, academics and practitioners interested in communities, rural settings and ageing and the lifecourse. Rich in national profiles and grounded in the narratives of older adults, it provides

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theoretical, empirical and practical examples of growing old in rural communities never before presented.

Bringing together academic research, practitioner reflections and personal narratives from older adults across Canada, this text provides a rare spotlight on the local implications of aging in Canadian cities and communities. They provide a wide-ranging and comprehensive discussion of how to build supportive communities for Canadians of all ages.

In reading *Old, Female, and Rural*, you'll discover just that--the reality concerning the daily living situations of the nation's older female populations in rural places. This scholarly collection will help you and others dispel the romantic frontier myths of the stoic, tenacious, and independent rural woman. Instead, you'll find real direction for change in the statistics that truly reflect the older rural woman's mental, physical, economical, and social existence. *Old, Female, and Rural* will show you stark realities concerning the older rural female's economic well-being, intergenerational family relationships, health care and service delivery availability, and long-term care concerns. The candid demographic and

epidemiological data you discover in this book will not only expose the myths for what they are, but also allow you and others to transform the myths into daily realities of better policies and better living standards for the women who belong to this population subgroup. Specifically, you'll read about: one woman's subjective evaluation of growing old in a rural area rural women's experiences of accessing health care the economic well-being of women aging in nonmetro areas changes in the informal support networks of women aging in the rural southwest a comprehensive synthesis of the above isolated topics, which provides future implications for research, education, and policy While the legends of the old American frontier have died, the older female populations in America's rural areas live on--and they deal with some very challenging realities. Old, Female, and Rural takes you into the homes, lives, and minds of this complex and unique subgroup of America's elders and points you and public administrators, government officials, educators, and civil servants toward the unsettled frontier of real social change.

The Aged in Rural America

Aging in Place

a report

Aging in Rural Settings

The Elderly and Old Age Support in Rural China

Countryside Connections

This book examines trends in ageing societies and urban development before assessing the impact of ageing populations on urban areas and strategies for policy and governance. It includes 9 case studies.

This text provides the critical dimensions of growing old in rural environments. Prominent researchers explore issues related to life conditions, diversity, services, and public policies for rural elders. A comprehensive overview of the field, this volume addresses the major contemporary themes that dominate rural living today. Special attention is given to populations such as women, African Americans, the oldest old, and the poor, generally considered at greater risk of poor health, social isolation, and economic vulnerability.

The Handbook of Rural Aging goes beyond the perspective of a narrow range of health professions, disciplines, and community services that serve older adults in rural America to encompass the full range of perspectives and issues impacting the communities in which rural older adults live. Touching on such topics as work and voluntarism, technology, transportation, housing, the environment, social participation, and the delivery of health and community services, this reference work addresses the full breadth and scope of factors impacting the lives

of rural elders with contributions from recognized scholars, administrators, and researchers. This Handbook buttresses a widespread movement to garner more attention for rural America in policy matters and decisions, while also elevating awareness of the critical circumstances facing rural elders and those who serve them. Merging demographic, economic, social, cultural, health, environmental, and political perspectives, it will be an essential reference source for library professionals, researchers, educators, students, program and community administrators, and practitioners with a combined interest in rural issues and aging.

Old, Female, and Rural

Hearing Before the Subcommittee on Aging, United States Senate, One Hundred Seventh Congress, First Session, Washington, DC, March 29, 2001

A Review of the Literature

Ageing in Cities

Miles to Go

Aging in Rural America

*How are the elderly who reside in rural areas affected by the social and physical context in which they live? Aging in Rural America addresses this question by pulling together the latest research and findings on rural older persons. Leading scholars review the latest information, highlight the controversies, and examine the methodological and*

*substantive issues in current research. Following an introductory section that looks at the demographic characteristics of the rural elderly, the contributors survey issues related to resource development and look at the rural elderly in terms of their social needs, their economic contributions to communities, the development of senior centers as community focal points, and the need for transportation alternatives. Physical and mental health issues are also explored in terms of social support and psychological consequences, health promotion, and mental service dilemmas. Finally, social supports such as formal long-term care, home and community care, informal supports, and family relations are examined. Aging in Rural America is of major interest to researchers, policymakers, and advanced students in the area. "This is a comprehensive collection characterized by high quality original essays and current data. . . . Strongly recommended for all programs in gerontology." --Choice "Aging in Rural America, edited by C. Neil Bull, provides an excellent blend of review papers and*

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*original empirical studies examining aspects of aging in rural environments. The volume is an informative reader.... For those just beginning an exploration of rural aging, the volume will be especially useful because contributors have paid attention to construct definition. --Contemporary Gerontology "This well-organized collection of essays leaves little to criticize as it addresses the major research issues and focuses on a clearly defined area of research. . . . This volume admirably covers a broad range of salient research topics, with several chapters discussing services for the elderly." --Rural Development Perspectives*

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*China, which is fast on its way to becoming the most powerful economic force in the world, has four unique characteristics that distinguish it from other countries in Asia: (1) The proportion of aging population is growing faster than that of Japan (the country previously recognized as having the fastest rate) and much faster than nations in western Europe. (2) An early arrival of an aging population*

*before modernization has fully taken place, with social policy implications. It is certain that China will face a severely aged population before it has sufficient time and resources to establish an adequate social security and service system for older people. (3) There will be fluctuations in the total dependency ratio. The Chinese government estimates are that the country will reach a higher dependent burden earlier in the twenty-first century than was previously forecast. (4) The government's fertility policy (single child per family) and its implementation has a strong influence on the aging process. Fewer children are being born, but with more elderly people a conflict arises between the objectives to limit population increase and yet maintain a balanced age structure (Peng and Guo 2001). The intersection of these fourfold factors means that the increased aging population is giving rise to serious concerns among Chinese social policy makers. There is a chronic lack of good resource materials that attempt to make sense of social policy in its relationship to examining the*

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*problems and possibilities of human aging grounded in an analysis of economic of social policy in China and impact on rural and urban spaces. Such analysis of China will be covered by conceptual, theoretical, and empirical approaches. The book will also discuss substantive topics of housing, community care, family care, pensions, and mental health. The book brings together a truly world class array of researchers to provide discussions of critical implications of aging social policy and the economic impact in China.*

*Aging in Rural Virginia*

*The Nation's Rural Elderly*

*A Comprehensive Annotated Bibliography, 1975-1981*

*Life Circumstances and Distinctive Features*

*Housing Availability, Accessibility and Affordability for*

*Nebraska's Rural Aging Populations*

*Hearing Before the Special Committee on Aging, United States*

*Senate*

**The aged in Rural America**

"This book discusses the aging populations in rural Japan. The plan of the book is as follows: In Chapter 1, we describe how rural Japan has changed socially and demographically. We explain how rural depopulation has led to political consolidation, and how the welfare system in Japan is placing more responsibility and autonomy on the municipalities. Some rural towns in Japan, such as Kawanehonchō, are actively responding to the demographic challenges initiated by municipal governments that have the advantage of developing unique programs reflecting the voices of local residents. Chapter 2 describes Kawanehonchō, explains how it became a rural depopulated town, and discusses why the town provides an important example to understand and discuss rural aging comparatively. In Chapter 3, we review theoretical frameworks (collective efficacy theory and social capital) to understand the inseparability of successful aging from the quality of neighborhoods and communities. We explain our research methods in Chapter 4. In Chapter 5, we examine Kawanehonchō with secondary data. Chapter 6 summarizes the findings based on observations of activities provided for the elderly in this town, and Chapter 7 sheds light on rural aging through the eyes and words of its leaders. Chapter 8 presents our findings from our survey of elders participating in two community programs developed locally and specifically for them. Finally, in Chapter 9, we discuss the possibility of net immigration of older adults to Kawanehonchō, and Chapter 10 includes discussions on challenges in rural depopulation and healthy

aging"--

Major concepts. Aging-in-place and political economy of aging in a rural area.

Handbook of Rural Aging

Successful Aging in a Rural Community in Japan

A Critical Interdisciplinary Perspective

The Elderly in Rural Society

Hearings Before the Special Committee on Aging, United States Senate, Ninety-first Congress, First[-second] Session

Older Americans in Rural Areas: Fleming, Kentucky, September 12, 1969

This book provides the first foundation of knowledge about the intellectual traditions, contemporary scope and future prospects for the interdisciplinary field of rural gerontology. With a focus on rural regions, small towns and villages, which have the highest rates of population ageing worldwide, Rural Gerontology is aimed at understanding what it means for rural people, communities and institutions to be at the forefront of twenty-first-century demographic change. The book offers important insights from rural ageing studies into today's most pressing gerontological problems. With chapters from more than 65 established and emerging rural ageing researchers, it is the first synthesis of knowledge about rural gerontology, harnessing a burgeoning interdisciplinary scholarship on the rural dimensions of ageing, old age and older populations. With a view to advancing a critical understanding of rural ageing populations, this book will have an overreaching impact across the social sciences by drawing on advancements in understandings of rural ageing from social, environmental, geographical and critical gerontology to facilitate a comprehensive exploration of the diversity, complexity and implications of the ageing process

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in rural settings. Bringing together valuable international perspectives, this book makes a timely contribution to gerontology, rural studies and the social sciences, and will appeal to scholars and researchers across USA and Canada, UK and Ireland, Australia and New Zealand, Europe, China and countries in Africa, South America and South-East Asia.

This book investigates sociological, demographic and geographic aspects of aging in rural and nonmetropolitan areas of the United States. Population aging is one of the most important trends of the 20th and 21st centuries, and it is occurring worldwide, especially in more developed countries such as the United States. Population aging is more rapid in rural than urban areas of the U.S. In 2010, 15 percent of the nonmetropolitan compared to 12 percent of the metropolitan population were 65 years of age and older. By definition rural communities have smaller sized populations, and more limited healthcare, transportation and other aging-relevant services than do urban areas. It is thus especially important to study and understand aging in rural environments. *Rural Aging in 21st Century America* contributes evidence-based, policy-relevant information on rural aging in the U.S. A primary objective of the book is to improve understanding of what makes the experience of rural aging different from aging in urban areas and to increase understanding of the aged change the nature of rural places. The book addresses unique features of rural aging across economic, racial/ethnic, migration and other structures and patterns, all with a focus on debunking myths about rural aging and to emphasize opportunities and challenges that rural places and older people experience.

Rural America's Elderly

Rural and Small-city Elderly

Programs, Policies, and Professional Practice

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Every Fourth Elder  
Ageing Resource Communities