



Speakers' Biographies



Olayinka Ajomale is Executive Director of the Centre on Ageing Development and Rights of Older Persons, an organization concerned with issues of social support, health, social security, abuse and rights of older persons in Nigeria. He has worked for and with older persons for over a decade advocating for their rights, conducting research, providing services and creating awareness on the challenges of old age in an economy in transition. He holds a Masters degree in Social Work from Ibadan University, Nigeria and is a regular facilitator in training programs in geriatric care and management with emphasis on elder abuse and discrimination. Presently, Mr. Ajomale is Field Project Coordinator for Nigeria on the Oxford Institute of Ageing/Wellcome Trust Research Project "Dimensions and Determinants of Health in Old Age in Nigeria and Kenya". He is also working on developing Africa-appropriate definitions and conceptualizations of elder abuse, evidence-based social intervention of issues of neglect, discrimination and rights of older persons in the family, community and the larger African society. In collaboration with some individuals and organizations Mr. Ajomale is currently championing an Elders Rights Bill in Nigeria through the coalition – 'INPEA Nigeria'. He has contributed to peer review journals and authored the book *Family Violence: Elder Abuse in Nigeria*. Mr Ajomale was Help the Aged Fellow 2006 at Oxford University. He is a registered social worker in Nigeria and the United Kingdom. He is also the Executive Secretary of the Nigerian chapter of the African Gerontological Society (AGES).



Georgia Anetzberger, PhD, ACSW, LISW, is Assistant Professor for Health Care Administration at Cleveland State University, a consultant in private practice, and a Fellow in the Gerontological Society of America. Her past employment includes serving as Vice President for Community Services at the Benjamin Rose Institute, Director of the Western Reserve Geriatric Education Center, Executive Director of the Western Reserve Area Agency on Aging, and Senior Planning Associate for the Federation for Community Planning, all in Cleveland, Ohio. Her special interest and expertise is elder abuse. She has spent almost 35 years addressing the problem, initially as an adult protective services worker and most recently as an administrator, researcher, and educator. Dr. Anetzberger has conducted over a dozen research projects and authored more than 45 publications on elder abuse and related interventions, including *The Etiology of Elder Abuse by Adult Offspring* and *The Clinical Management of Elder Abuse*. She is Editor of the *Journal of Elder Abuse & Neglect* and Vice President of the National Committee for the Prevention of Elder Abuse. She was the 2005 recipient of the Rosalie Wolf Memorial Elder Abuse Prevention Award—National Category. Dr. Anetzberger was the architect of Ohio's protective services law for adults, and she established the Ohio Coalition for Adult Protective Services and Consortium Against Adult Abuse, the oldest continuous elder abuse networks in the USA. She has served on numerous national and state forums concerned with elder abuse, including research panels for the National Institute on Aging, National Institute of Justice, and National Aging Resource Center on Elder Abuse as well as policy panels of the National Policy Summit on Elder Abuse, Ohio Governor's Task Force on Family Violence, and Ohio Elder Abuse Task Force.



Simon Biggs is Director of the Institute of Gerontology at King's College, London, UK. He holds a PhD in Psychology, a Certificate in Qualification in Social Work and a Diploma in Applied Social Studies from the University of London and a Diploma in Counseling from the Adlerian Society of Great Britain. His research interests centre on the relationship between identity and adult aging. This has included a broad range of themes including (i) the analysis of international and national social policy, (ii) work on the adult life course and the personal experience of aging, (iii) research on lifestyle and self-development in later life such as retirement communities, the uses of counseling and psychotherapy, and the study of the 'baby boomer' generation. He has published a number of books and papers internationally and has contributed to the International Association of Gerontology and Geriatrics-United Nations Valencia Forum, and scientific debate in Europe and the United States. In 2002 he was a visiting research fellow at the Department of Social Medicine at Harvard University. Recent research has included the World Health Organization's 'Age Friendly Cities' Project, an ESRC study of Baby Boomers and the first national prevalence study of Elder Abuse in the UK. Dr. Biggs is Scientific Advisor to INPEA.



Amanda Brown, MSW, RSW is Director of Vancouver Coastal Health's Re:act Response Resource. She provides education, consultation and systemic support to staff of Vancouver Coastal Health who respond to situations of adult abuse, neglect and self-neglect. She is the regional lead on issues related to the Adult Guardianship Act and her work includes partnering with community agencies that are also working to support vulnerable adults experiencing abuse and neglect. She became a Director of the BC Association of Community Response Networks in 2005, of which she is currently co-chair, and she sits on many provincial committees and networks working to prevent abuse of vulnerable adults. Amanda has a particular interest in integrating less formal supports into community responses so that all resources are used most effectively and adults benefit from a collaborative approach to care.



Lia Daichman, has been Chairperson of INPEA since 2001. She obtained a medical degree from Cordoba National University, Argentina in 1970. This was followed by postgraduate training in geriatrics and psycho-geriatrics in the UK and at Buenos Aires National University where she obtained her Specialist Degree in 1980. Dr Daichman was a Senior Registrar in Geriatrics at the Italian Hospital (1977 - 1980), Medical Director Jewish Old People Home (1980 - 1982), Consultant to the Psycho-geriatric Department Liga Israelita Argentina (1983 - 1986), and has been Medical Adviser to the Social Services for the Aged and Coordinating Council, Jewish Community, Buenos Aires since 1984. Since 1988 has been a Consultant in gerontology and geriatrics at the Instituto Argentino de Diagnóstico y Tratamiento. Since 1991 she has been an Associated Professor, Psychology Department, Belgrano University, and since 1995, Coordinator of the Specialist Postgraduate Course on Geriatric Medicine, University of Buenos Aires. She was a founding member and President of the Buenos Aires Gerontological Society, holds membership in the Argentinean Medical Society, British Geriatrics Society, US National Committee for the Prevention of Elder Abuse, Gerontological Society of America, Argentinean Gerontological Society, and Argentinean Society of Gerontology and Geriatrics. In 2005, she was elected President of ILC- ARGENTINA. She has published on gerontology and geriatrics nationally and internationally, and has conducted gerontological research at the CONICET, Belgrano University and with WHO, Geneva. Her research and advocacy has focused on elder abuse and neglect, discrimination, human rights, ethical issues and caregiving in geriatric care.



Jackie Doran-MacLeod is the Adult Protection Consultant with the Department of Health in Prince Edward Island. She has a Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Prince Edward Island and a Master of Social Work from Wilfred Laurier University. Jackie has over 20 years of experience and has worked in the Kitchener-Waterloo Hospital as a Medical Social Worker; with Child and Family Services in Halifax, Nova Scotia; as well as a Family Court Mediator and Coordinator of two community based programs for young offenders in Prince Edward Island.



Gloria Gutman, PhD developed and was director of the Gerontology Research Centre and Gerontology Department at Simon Fraser University (SFU) from 1982-2005. Currently, she is a co-leader of the BC Network for Aging Research, a Research Associate of SFU's Dr. Tong Louie Living Laboratory, and a member of the National Initiative for Care of the Elderly's Elder Abuse Theme Team. She is author/editor of 20 books and over 150 scholarly articles, chapters and reports on senior citizens housing, long term care, shelter and care of persons with dementia, and health promotion and aging. She was founding President of the Gerontology Association of British Columbia, served two terms as President of the Canadian Association on Gerontology, and is Immediate Past President of the International Association of Gerontology and Geriatrics (IAGG). She is a Fellow of the Gerontological Society of America, a member of the World Health Organization's Expert Advisory Panel on Health and Ageing, a director of the International Institute on Ageing UN-Malta and Special Advisor to INPEA. She has received a number of honours, among them the Rosalie Wolf Memorial Award – International category, awarded in 2005 for her long term support of elder abuse research and prevention. In 2007 she was awarded the Order of British Columbia for her pioneering work in gerontology research and education in B.C.



Irene Hoskins was elected President of the International Federation on Ageing in 2006. Previously, she worked for seven years as Senior Technical Officer with Dr Alexandre Kalache in the WHO Ageing and Lifecourse program on the development of publications and major program and advocacy initiatives on healthy and active aging. Hoskins began her work in the aging field in the 1980s, becoming particularly interested in older women's issues while at AARP. She was based first in Washington DC and subsequently in Geneva, Switzerland where she held several elected positions including chair of the NGO Committee on the Status of Women, member of the Facilitating Committee of the NGO Forum of the Fourth World Conference on Women, International Vice-president of the Conference of NGOs, and was one of three co-founders of the Geneva International Network on Ageing. She has directed projects resulting in publications and books on women and aging, most notably a five-country research project on Combining Work and Elder Care conducted under the auspices of the International Labour Organization and a study on Midlife and Older Women in Latin America and the Caribbean carried out jointly by AARP and the Pan American Health Organization. She was born and raised in Germany and educated at the University of Heidelberg, the University of Geneva, and George Washington University in Washington, DC.



Gerda Kaegi is Professor Emerita, Adjunct Professor, Department of Politics and Public Administration and Coordinator, Program in Nonprofit and Voluntary Sector Management, The Raymond Chang School of Continuing Education, Ryerson University, Toronto. She is also a member of the Steering Committee on the development of the Seniors Mental Health Policy Lens in conjunction with the Canadian Coalition Seniors Mental Health, Co-Chair, Elder Health Coalition of Ontario, a member of the Executive, Association of Community Legal Clinics of Ontario, a Board member of the Income Security Advocacy Centre, a member of the Executive of Canadian Pensioners Concerned,(CPC) Ontario Division and a Past-President of the National CPC organization.



Teri Kay, RSE, MSW, has been the Executive Director of the Ontario Network for the Prevention of Elder Abuse, a challenge she undertook in 2005. After 25 years as Director of Family and Community Services in Toronto she had planned to retire when an old friend asked her to consider this appointment. It was to have been a very short appointment, but like many things in life it turned out to be a cause that needed to be pursued. In the capacity of Executive Director, Teri is responsible for guiding and directing this organization's training, coordination of community services, and public education programs. ONPEA which had a record of accomplishments with seniors' issues was having organizational and sustainability

issues. Teri was able to help turn this around and the organization is emerging as a vital factor in promoting safe and dignified lives for Ontario seniors. Teri is registered social worker who graduated from the University of Calgary. She had a long career at Jewish Family and Child Service where she functioned in each of the Agencies programs and services. She was instrumental in creating new and innovative programming for abused women, for parents and children experiencing divorce, school based programs, family life education workshops and initiatives aimed at reducing poverty. In addition she was on the Board of Family Services Ontario, is an accreditor with Family Services Canada, and serves on many community committees.



Alison Leaney, MSW, RSW is currently the half-time Executive Director of the BC Association of Community Response Networks (BCACRN) and the half-time Adult Guardianship Community Development Coordinator at the Public Guardian and Trustee (PGT) of B.C. Her role at the BCACRN is to continue to coordinate the sustaining of B.C.'s 50 Community Response Networks while her role at the PGT is to continue to support the implementation of the Adult Guardianship Legislation which she has been involved with for more than 12 years. CRNs are local networks creating local responses to adult abuse and neglect developed in relation to Part 3 of the Adult Guardianship Act. Her background

includes supporting women leaving abusive situations, supporting women involved with the Criminal Justice System, and medical social worker, and providing pastoral care and supporting capacity-building in a faith community. From 2003 to 2007 Alison was Chair of the Canadian Network for the Prevention of Elder Abuse (CNPEA).



Isabel Iborra Marmolejo is Scientific Coordinator of the Queen Sofía Center, in Valencia Spain. She has a Master's degree in Forensic Psychology and a Doctoral degree in Basic Psychology, from the University of Valencia. Dr. Iborra has collaborated with various organizations active in the detection, assessment, treatment and prevention of diverse forms of violence, her most noteworthy collaboration being with CAVAS, the Center for Assistance to Victims of Sexual Aggression. She conducted the first study on elder abuse in the family to be done at the national level in Spain. She also conducted a global study on the incidence and prevalence of elder abuse, with special emphasis on the European Union. Dr. Iborra is the

Spanish representative to the Pan-European Elder Abuse Study expert group. This study aims to investigate elder abuse in the family at the European level. Her publications on the topic of elder abuse include the book *Violencia contra personas mayores* (2005); the article "Maltrato de personas mayores", published in *Diario de campo magazine* (Suppl. 40, Nov./Dec. 2006); and the report *Elder Abuse in the Family in Spain* (2008).



Marjory LeBreton is Leader of the Government in the Senate and Minister of State (Seniors). During the 31 years prior to her appointment to the Senate in June, 1993, Ms. LeBreton served the Conservative Party in various organizational and administrative roles. Since coming to the Senate she has served as Chief Opposition Whip, and was a member of a number of Senate committees, including Human Rights; Forestry and Agriculture; Internal Economy; Rules, Procedures, and the Rights of Parliament; Security and Intelligence; the Special Senate Committee on the Pearson Airport Agreements; and Social Affairs, Science and Technology,

where she was Deputy Chair of the October 2002 health care study, *The Health of Canadians – The Federal Role*. In February 2006, Prime Minister Stephen Harper appointed Senator LeBreton to the Cabinet as Leader of the Government in the Senate. In January 2007 the portfolio Secretary of State, Seniors, was added to her Cabinet responsibilities. In this latter portfolio she works on a host of issues important to seniors including

combating elder abuse, assisting low income seniors, and rewarding the sacrifices of older Canadians who contributed greatly to the country we have today.



Lynn McDonald is a professor in the Faculty of Social Work and Director of the Institute for Life Course and Aging at the University of Toronto. In 2002 she was awarded the Governor General's Golden Jubilee medal for her contributions to Canadian gerontology. Her research interests include work and retirement, violence against women and older adults, poverty and the homelessness and ethnicity and aging. She has been a board director of the Alberta and Canadian Associations of Gerontology and served as Editor, Policy and Practice and Acting Editor, Social Sciences for the *Canadian Journal on Aging*. She also has been a board director of the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada. Currently she is a member of the Board of Accreditation of the Canadian Association of the Schools of Social Work, the Social Dimensions of Aging Committee for the Canadian Institutes of Health Research and is a member of the planning committee for the new Canadian Longitudinal Study on Aging. She is a member of the Expert Advisory Committee for the Report Card on Seniors 2006, published by the National Advisory Council on Aging. She is also a member of the Working Group for the Panel Study of Life Course Dynamics housed in Quebec. Dr. McDonald has held numerous grants from Health Canada, the former HRDC, from SSHRCC, MCRI CIHR, Population Health, and the National Directorate on the Homeless. She is a co-author of a major Canadian textbook, *Aging in Contemporary Canada* (2003) and has numerous articles and technical reports on aging.



The Rt. Honourable Madam Chief Justice Beverley McLachlin, P.C. was born and raised in Southern Alberta. She attended the University of Alberta at Edmonton, where she earned a B.A. (Hon.) and M.A. in Philosophy (1964) and a Bachelor of Laws degree (1968). Chief Justice McLachlin articulated in Edmonton and practiced law in Edmonton, Fort St. John and Vancouver from 1968 to 1971. She taught at the Faculty of Law of the University of British Columbia from 1975 to 1981. In 1981 she was appointed to the County Court of Vancouver. She was elevated to the Supreme Court of British Columbia later that year and to the Court of Appeal of British Columbia in 1986. In 1988 she became Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of British Columbia, where she served until her appointment to the Supreme Court of Canada in 1989. On January 7, 2000, she became Chief Justice of Canada.



Christopher Mikton is a dual Swiss and American national. He has a PhD and MPhil in Criminology from the Institute of Criminology, Cambridge University and a BA in Anthropology from McGill University. His PhD research focused on methodological problems in the epidemiology and cross-cultural diagnosis of personality disorders among ethnic minorities in forensic populations in the UK. Before joining WHO's Violence Prevention Team, he worked as a Clinical Scientist for the UK Ministry of Justice and Department of Health's Dangerous and Severe Personality Disorder Programme. He was based in a forensic psychiatric hospital in Hackney, East London, and was primarily involved in a long-term evaluation of the programme's effectiveness. He has also worked for the International Committee of the Red Cross's campaign to ban anti-personnel landmines and for WWF-International. Dr. Mikton joined WHO's Violence Prevention Team in March 2008 as a Technical Officer where his work focuses on promoting the integration of violence prevention activities in the Official Development Assistance agencies programs; following up on the implementation of the *World Report on Violence Against Children's* recommendations; family violence, including child maltreatment, intimate partner violence, and elder abuse; maintaining the Violence Prevention Alliance secretariat; and evaluating the effectiveness of violence prevention interventions.



Leesie Naqitarvik is originally from Arctic Bay, Nunavut. She began working with Pauktuutit Inuit Women of Canada in 2003 to collaborate on the development of the *National Strategy to Prevent Abuse in Inuit Communities*, which was finalized and published in 2006. Leesie continued at Pauktuutit until 2007 when she left to take the position of Manager, Family Abuse Intervention Act - Community Justice, with the Nunavut Government. Leesie has recently returned to Pauktuutit in the role of Interim Manager, Abuse Issues. Leesie has also served as a member of the Board of Directors of Tunngasuvvingat Inuit in Ottawa for three years, including one year as the Vice-President. She holds a BA from Carleton University with a major in law, and is the proprietor of the consulting firm Tuugaaq. Leesie's professional commitment is to be a part of a process that makes a difference on abuse issues – with a BIG hope that she can help individuals that are abused - improving the services, programs, projects that are in existence today.



Wai Chong Ng, MBBS(Singapore), GDGM has been a home care physician with the Hua Mei Mobile Clinic of the Tsao Foundation since 2001. He became its Assistant Director in 2007, serving both as a clinician and its manager. This Clinic is a non-profit health care service that cares for underserved disabled older persons who are homebound. Many of these older persons are cognitively impaired and at risk of elder abuse. He is also a member of the Elder Protection Team of the Singapore Government's Ministry of Community Development, Youth and Sports (MCYS) since its inception in 2003. This is a multi-disciplinary panel of experts that support case workers who manage victims of elder mistreatment and their families. As a home care physician, he provided onsite medical assessment for suspected victims of elder abuse. Dr Ng is also part of the panel of experts in Singapore Action Group of Elders' (SAGE) '*Golden Life Workgroup on Elder Abuse Prevention*'. This multiple-agencies workgroup developed practice guidelines on case detection, intervention, prevention and public awareness campaign about elder abuse and presented them to the Minister for MCYS. Dr Ng has been the secretary of the Home Health Care Association (Singapore) since its inauguration in 2005.



Elizabeth Podnieks was a founding member of the International Network for the Prevention of Elder Abuse (INPEA), the Canadian Network for the Prevention of Elder Abuse (CNPEA), and the Ontario Network for the Prevention of Elder Abuse (ONPEA). She is currently Vice-President of INPEA and founder of World Elder Abuse Awareness Day. Dr. Podnieks has been on the faculty of Nursing/Community Services at Ryerson University for over 25 years. She has published both nationally and internationally on elder abuse. Current research as principal investigator, project consultant or project partner includes: "WorldView on Elder Abuse Environmental Scan", "Enhancing the Capacity of a Diverse Faith Community to Address Elder Abuse", and "A Way Forward: Promising Approaches to Prevent Elder Abuse", Institute for Life Course and Aging, University of Toronto. Dr. Podnieks' Canadian and international contributions include work as Canadian Coordinator for the WHO/INPEA research project "Missing Voices", Co-Chair of the Roundtable for the Ontario Elder Abuse Strategy to Combat Elder Abuse, Member, Board of Directors of the U.S. National Committee on Elder Abuse (NCPEA), and Member, Board of Managing Directors for the *Journal of Elder Abuse and Neglect*. In 2000, Dr. Podnieks was awarded the Order of Canada for her work in elder abuse prevention.

Geoffrey Quirt is the Assistant Deputy Minister of the Ontario Seniors' Secretariat. The Secretariat supports Ontario's Minister Responsible for Seniors in her advocacy role on behalf of Ontario seniors across all provincial government activities. The Secretariat undertakes policy initiatives that improves the quality of life of Ontario seniors, and supports public education efforts for and about older Ontarians. From 1993 through 1998, Mr. Quirt headed the Long-Term Care Division of Ontario's Ministry of Health. The Division was responsible for funding and monitoring Ontario's 1,700 long-term care agencies and for the reform and expansion of Ontario's long-term care system.



Raeann Rideout, M.A. is currently the Central East, Regional Elder Abuse Consultant for the Ontario Network for the Prevention of Elder Abuse - Ontario's Elder Abuse Strategy. Raeann has worked in the area of elder abuse for 12 years. In her current position, she provides front-line training and public education, assists in the planning of community events/project, strengthens community partnerships and collaborates with local and provincial stakeholders across Ontario to respond to elder abuse. Raeann also consults with seniors, families and agencies on elder abuse cases. Raeann has also worked for the Addictions Foundation of Manitoba as an Education Prevention Consultant and as a Consultant for the Manitoba Seniors Directorate. She was the Project Coordinator for the Kingston & Frontenac Elder Abuse Task Force for 5 years. She is a past Board Director of the Ontario Gerontology Association and currently a Board member for the Canadian Network for the Prevention of Elder Abuse.



Margaret Robinson is the Program Manager of the New Horizons for Seniors Program. In this role, Margaret has overseen the development and implementation of this Human Resources and Social Development Canada grant and contribution funding program since its introduction in 2004. Throughout her 25 year career with the public service Margaret has held a variety of senior analyst positions in federal social programs, including the Old Age Security Program, the National Literacy Secretariat and Canadian Heritage. Margaret holds a Bachelor of Arts (Hons) and a Masters of Public Administration from Queen's University.



Charmaine Spencer is a lawyer and researcher with the Gerontology Research Centre at Simon Fraser University. She has been a supporter of CNPEA since its early inception, taking on many diverse roles including Webmaster for its website and co-editor of the *CNPEA Newsletter*. In 2007, she and Joleene Kemp have served as co-chairs of the Board. In 2006, she co-created the federal-provincial-territorial materials prepared for the inauguration of World Elder Abuse Awareness Day in Canada. For the past four years, she has been INPEA's regional representative for Canada. For the past 15 years, she has worked with community groups and academics to research and better understand the many diverse aspect of abuse and neglect of older adults in community and institutional setting, including gender and cultural issues. Her research has included many Canadian firsts in build building knowledge in the area of abuse in later life, in including mental health aspects and social costs. She has developed several discussion documents for the federal government and provincial groups on key issues over the years on various aspects of abuse and neglect in later life, as well as on seniors at risk, and substance use/mental health in later life.



Xiao Yan Wang is the founder and Director of Community Alliance, an independent grassroots non-profit organization based in Beijing. Its efforts empower and support the underprivileged and underserved elderly in local communities across China. As a public interest group, Community Alliance works for and with the elderly to protect their rights and access to a better quality of life. By working directly with local communities, facilitating the growth of citizen's groups, promoting public action and participation, and advocating public policy changes, Community Alliance hopes to alter the current trends in elder relations for the better. Ms. Wang was educated at Columbia University. Her expertise includes management and elder care. After gaining corporate management experiences in USA, Ms. Wang joined the public interest sector in China. In January 2006, her passion for the cause of senior citizens led to the launch of Community Alliance, one of the first public interest organizations pursuing social justice and welfare for the elderly in China. Ms. Wang also writes extensively. Two of her upcoming books available in both English and Chinese are *Development of Aging in China* and *Rural Aging in China*.



Helene Wavroch is Executive Director of the Quebec Network for the Prevention of Elder Abuse. Previously, she was State Administrator and President of the Conseil des aînés, an advisory board to the provincial government on senior issues. Named by the National Assembly of Quebec, she served a 13-year mandate as Vice-President of Quebec's research and information bureau. She headed a 40 000 member Coalition of Health Professionals and was President of the Federation of United Nurses Inc. In 2006, she was presented with the

Rosa Park Human Rights Award by the Canadian Human Rights Commission.



Sergei Zelenev is Chief of the Social Integration Branch of the United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs. His responsibilities include providing substantive support to the intergovernmental policy dialogue of the member states at the UN, and facilitating international cooperation on social development issues. Specifically, responsibilities cover conceptualization and overseeing UN/DESA work on aging, youth, family and inclusive policy issues, including reports which are submitted to the Commission for Social Development, the Economic and Social Council and the UN

General Assembly. His personal research interests include social protection, social services and aging in various countries. Dr. Zelenev's contributions include drafting texts of the *Madrid International Plan of Action on Ageing* adopted by the Second World Assembly on Ageing as well as many reports on the follow-up to the Second World Assembly on Ageing prepared by the UN Secretariat. He also contributed to and supervised preparation of the documentation submitted to the 24th Special Session of the General Assembly in Geneva. Other contributions include inputs to all Reports on the World Social Situation published by DESA since 1981. He has published a book, as well as many articles on economic and social development, in Russian and in English.

