20th Anniversary Research Seminar Series
Confronting Ageism and Increasing Age Diversity: Developing an Age-friendly University

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11:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
Social Sciences Chamber
11/F, The Jockey Club Tower
Centennial Campus
The University of Hong Kong

About the Speaker:
Professor Nancy Morrow-Howell completed her Ph.D. in Social Welfare at the University of California, Berkeley and joined the faculty at the Brown School of Social Work at Washington University. She is the Bettie Bofinger Brown Distinguished Professor of Social Policy and the Director of the Harvey A. Friedman Center for Aging at Washington University. Professor Morrow-Howell is a national leader in gerontology, widely known for her work on productive and civic engagement of older adults. Her research has contributed to understanding about programs, policies and institutional arrangements that maximize the productive engagement of older adults while promoting positive outcomes for the individuals themselves. Her research has documented outcomes for individual, families, and communities associated with expanding work, volunteering, civic service, and caregiving by older adults.

Abstract:
The Age-Friendly University Global Network led by Dublin City University has promoted opportunities to serve people of all ages. Ten principles have been put forth to guide this work. Implementing these guidelines at colleges and universities means confronting ageist attitudes in society and reducing the age bias nature of these organizations. Washington University joined the Age-Friendly University Global Network in 2018 and is committed to advancing programs and policies that break down age-stereotypes and create opportunities for education across the full life course. Currently, the educational institutions remain largely age-segregated — focused on the first quarter to third of a person’s life. In the face of new demographics, the universities are out of step with the current realities of longer lives. The business of the academy must be expanded to serve students of all ages and operate as an age-diverse community. In the presentation, the current aims and activities of Washington University for Life will be discussed.

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