

Age Boom Academy 2023

Raising the Roof: America's Housing Crisis and Our Longer Lives



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Rich Eisenberg "unretired" in January 2022 from his job as managing editor of *Next Avenue*, the public media site for people 50+, where he was also the editor of the site's "Money & Policy" and "Work & Purpose" channels and a regular writer. He was part of *Next Avenue*'s launch team in 2011. These days, he writes "The View from Unretirement" column for *MarketWatch* and freelances for *Next Avenue*, *Fortune*, *Wirecutter*, and other outlets and co-hosts the Friends Talk Money personal finance podcast for people over 50. He ran the digital media program for the NYU Summer Publishing Institute in 2022 and 2023. Previously, he was executive editor of *Money* magazine, front-page finance editor of Yahoo!, and special projects director/money editor of *Good Housekeeping*. He is the author of *How to Avoid a Midlife Financial Crisis* and *The Money Book of Personal Finance* and was an Age Boom Academy Fellow and a Gerontological Society of America Journalists in Aging Fellow. He graduated from Northwestern University's Medill School of Journalism.

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Carol Hymowitz writes and speaks about the challenges and opportunities of living longer, including lengthening careers, work transitions, retirement savings, and health and lifestyle. Her work has appeared in *The Wall Street Journal*, *Bloomberg Businessweek*, *Next Avenue*, and *Stanford Social Innovation Review*, where she's edited "The Multigenerational Moment" series. She formerly was an editor at large at Bloomberg, where she wrote award-winning stories about the longevity economy, gender and racial inequality, and business leaders. Previously, she was a senior editor and management columnist at *The Wall Street Journal*, where she spent most of her journalism career, and she also was editorial director of *Forbes Woman* at Forbes Media. She is co-author of *A History of Women in America* (Bantam) and a contributing author of *Getting Older: How We're Coping with the Gray Areas of Aging* (Wiley eBooks). She is an adjunct professor at NYU's Arthur L. Carter Journalism Institute.

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Paula Span, a veteran journalist, has written the twice monthly New Old Age column for *The New York Times* since 2009. In 2017, she added a second Times column, Generation Grandparent, and adapted those essays for the audiobook "The Bubbe Diaries," released by Audible in 2021. She is currently at work on a book about octogenarians for Penguin Random House. Formerly a longtime *Washington Post* reporter, Paula is an alumna of the alternative press and Boston University. She is the author of *When the Time Comes: Families with Aging Parents Share Their Struggles and Solutions* (Hachette, 2009). Her freelance articles have appeared in dozens of newspapers and magazines. Since 1999, she has helped prepare the next generation of journalists at the Columbia University Graduate School of Journalism. She lives in Montclair, NJ, and travels to Brooklyn weekly to help care for her granddaughter.

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Speakers



Paris "AJ" Adkins-Jackson, PhD, MPH, is an assistant professor in the Departments of Epidemiology and Sociomedical Sciences at the Columbia University Mailman School of Public Health. AJ completed her BA in Journalism at Humboldt State University, her MA in Anthropology at the California Institute of Integral Studies, her MPH at Claremont Graduate University, and a PhD in Psychometrics at Morgan State University. She completed her postdoctoral studies in African American Studies and Community Health at the University of California at Los Angeles and in Neurology at Massachusetts General Hospital. She was awarded a fellowship in bioethics at Harvard Medical School.

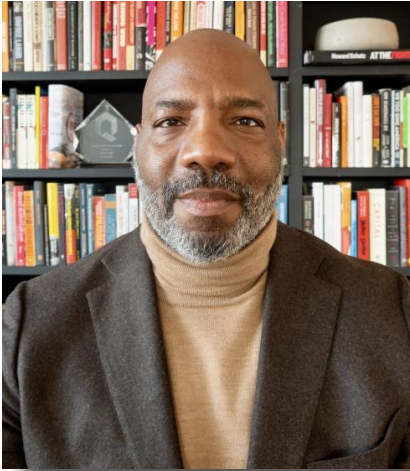
AJ is a multidisciplinary, community-partnered health equity researcher who investigates the impact of structural racism and other structural determinants on the healthy aging of historically marginalized groups. AJ currently studies the role of life course adverse community-level policing on well-being, cognitive function, and biological aging for marginalized older adults. She also applies an anti-racist framework to test the effectiveness of art-based interventions and multisector partnerships to increase community health and institutional trustworthiness. AJ is an HBCU alumna and a board member of the Society for the Analysis of African American Public Health Issues.

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John Beard, PhD, MBBS, is the Irene Diamond Professor and director of the International Longevity Center-USA and a faculty member at the Robert N. Butler Columbia Aging Center at Columbia University. For 10 years until 2019, he was director of ageing and life course at the World Health Organization in Geneva, Switzerland. At WHO, he led a number of major global initiatives including as editor and writer for the *World Report on Ageing and Health*, which forms the basis for the *UN Decade of Healthy Ageing*. In 2012, he established the *WHO Global Network of Age-friendly Cities and Communities*, which now comprises over 1,500 member municipalities responsible for more than 300 million people. He has worked extensively with the World Economic Forum and was a commissioner on the recent US National Academy of Medicine Commission to define a Roadmap for Healthy Longevity.

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Jelani Cobb, PhD, joined the Columbia Journalism School faculty in 2016 and became dean in 2022. He has been a staff writer at *The New Yorker* since 2015. He received a Peabody Award for his 2020 PBS Frontline film *Whose Vote Counts?* and was a finalist for the Pulitzer Prize in Commentary in 2018. He has also been a political analyst for MSNBC since 2019.

He is the author of *The Substance of Hope: Barack Obama and the Paradox of Progress* and *To the Break of Dawn: A Freestyle on the Hip Hop Aesthetic*. He is the editor or co-editor of several volumes including *The Matter of Black Lives*, a collection of *The New Yorker's* writings on race, and *The Essential Kerner Commission Report*. He is producer or co-producer on a number of documentaries, including *Lincoln's Dilemma*, *Obama: In Pursuit of a More Perfect Union*, and *Policing the Police*.

Jelani was educated at Jamaica High School in Queens, NY, Howard University, where he earned a BA in English, and Rutgers University, where he completed his MA and doctorate in American History in 2003. He is also a recipient of fellowships from the Ford Foundation, the Fulbright Foundation, and the Shorenstein Center at Harvard University's Kennedy School of Government.

He currently serves on the board of directors of the American Journalism Project and was elected to the American Academy of Arts & Sciences in 2023.



Linda Couch, is vice president for housing and aging services policy for LeadingAge, the association of more than 5,000 mission-driven, nonprofit providers of aging services, including affordable housing for low-income older adults. Her advocacy work involves collaboration with LeadingAge's 2,000-plus affordable senior housing providers across the US to identify key issues, develop strategies, and inform her approach to educating and lobbying Congress and the US Department of Housing and Urban Development with the goal of improving and expanding federal affordable senior housing programs. Linda, who rejoined LeadingAge in 2016 after nearly two decades at the National Low Income Housing Coalition, is a trusted advocate for and authority on affordable senior housing policy, both as a provider of expert testimony to Congress and frequent advisor to federal agency leaders. She's expanded her focus in recent years from identifying and advocating for affordable housing solutions to understanding the rise in homelessness among older adults. Linda has a BA in Philosophy from the George Washington University and an MA in Public Affairs from the University of Connecticut.

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Anne Fabiny, MD, is a fellowship-trained geriatrician who recently retired from the University of California San Francisco (UCSF) Medical School and the San Francisco Veterans Administration Health Care System (SFVAHCS). She was a professor of Medicine at UCSF and the associate chief of staff for Geriatrics, Palliative and Extended Care at the SFVAHCS. Prior to arriving in San Francisco, Anne was an assistant professor of Medicine at Harvard Medical School and the chief of Geriatrics at Cambridge Health Alliance.

While at the SFVAHCS, Anne developed and helped to implement a novel model of housing and health care for chronically homeless, frail, and medically or psychosocially complex older veterans, the Colma Veterans Village (CVV). CVV is a 65-unit permanent supportive housing site in Colma, CA, that serves primarily older, Vietnam-era veterans with multiple medical and psychiatric illnesses. The novel aspects of the model include locating the primary care and mental health care teams at the housing site. The facility also provides occupational therapy and recreational therapy support. Anne was the primary care geriatrician for the veterans who chose her as their primary care provider. This model is now being disseminated across the VA nationally to approximately 20 sites through the VHA's Housing and Urban Development-Veterans Administration Supportive Housing program.

Anne is a board member of three different organizations that work to provide housing to frail older adults and/or veterans. In her work as a board member of A Beautiful Heart Ministries in New York, NY, she is supporting the organization in its goal of providing permanent supportive housing to older women leaving the New York State carceral system.

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Chanee Fabius, PhD, is an assistant professor in the Department of Health Policy and Management at the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health. Her research informs policies to reduce healthcare disparities and improve health equity for older adults and people with disabilities using long-term services and supports (LTSS). Her interests are informed by prior care-management experience, where she helped older adults remain at home and delay the need for nursing home care. She is interested in: (1) better understanding how networks of care (e.g. home and community-based services/family support) used by older people vary by race/ethnicity and socioeconomic status, (2) examining the effect of community-based LTSS utilization on quality of life and health-service utilization across older adults and family caregivers, and (3) strengthening the direct-care workforce that provides services and supports to vulnerable older adults with complex conditions like dementia. Chanee earned her PhD in Human Development and Family Studies from the University of Connecticut. She is a recent recipient of an NIA-funded K01 Career Development Award to develop an intervention to improve information sharing between direct-care workers and family caregivers of older adults living with dementia receiving Medicaid Home and Community-Based Services.

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Ruth K. Finkelstein, ScD, is the executive director of the Brookdale Center for Healthy Aging at Hunter College and a professor in both Public Health and Public Policy. She leads CUNY's aging research and policy center, devoted to making it possible for everyone to age as well as anyone can. Ruth has directed award-winning aging initiatives, including the Age Smart Employer Awards, promoting the success of employers of multigenerational workforces; *Exceeding Expectations*, a digital narrative following New Yorkers over 80; and *Age-Friendly New York City*, winner of the "Best Age Friendly Initiative in the World" prize. She has won individual recognition, including the 2019 Maggie Kuhn Award, *Next Avenue's* "Influencer in Aging" in 2016, City and State's "Outstanding Women" in 2020, and *Metropolis* magazine's "Game Changer" in 2012. She has advised more than 50 NGO and government entities around the world on adopting an "age in everything" approach to planning. Before transitioning to aging, Ruth conducted policy-relevant HIV research, with particular focus on drug users and medication adherence. She has a doctorate in Health Policy from the Johns Hopkins School of Public Health, an MA in Medical Anthropology from Case Western Reserve, and a BA from the University of Michigan.

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Linda P. Fried, MD, MPH, is the director of the Age Boom Academy. She is a leader in the fields of epidemiology and geriatrics who has dedicated her career to the science of healthy aging and creating the basis for a transition to a world where health span matches our increased life expectancies, and where greater longevity is equitable and benefits people of all ages.

Director of the Robert N. Butler Columbia Aging Center, Linda serves as dean at Columbia University Mailman School of Public Health, where she is appointed as DeLamar Professor of Public Health and Professor of Epidemiology as well as professor of medicine at The College of Physicians and Surgeons and senior vice president of the Columbia University Irving Medical Center.

An internationally renowned scientist and author of over 500 peer-reviewed articles, Linda has done seminal work in defining frailty as a medical condition, illuminating the causes and the potential for prevention of frailty, disability, and cardiovascular disease as keys to optimizing health for older adults.

Linda currently serves on New York State's Master Plan for Aging's Stakeholder Advisory Committee, where she co-leads the Health and Wellness Subcommittee. She is also an elected member of the National Academy of Medicine, where she serves on its Executive Council and co-chaired the NAM Commission for a Global Roadmap on Healthy Longevity [[available here](#)]. In addition to her service as a member of the World Economic Forum's Global Agenda Council on Aging, she served as 2016-18 co-chair for the WEF's Future Agendas Council on Human Enhancement and now serves on its Council on Human Longevity. Linda was the 2016-17 president of the Association of American Physicians, an elected society of the leading physician-scientists in the US. In 2023, the French Government named her Chevalier of the Legion of Honor.



Nick Graetz, PhD, is a research associate at Princeton University, where he directs a collaboration between Princeton's Eviction Lab and the US Census Bureau. His primary research focus is revealing the economic and legal mechanisms through which the housing market entrenches racial disparities in health. He has developed new data and tools to isolate and quantify specifically how factors like redlining, eviction, and housing costs create cumulative disadvantage over the life course—and the ways in which different actors profit from these arrangements. His academic work in these areas is published or forthcoming in *Social Forces*, *Journal of Health and Social Behavior*, *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences*, *Nature*, *Spatial Demography*, *Sociological Methodology*, *the Russell Sage Foundation Journal of the Social Sciences*, *The New England Journal of Medicine*, and elsewhere. Nick is also an active member of the Climate and Community Project, a progressive climate policy think tank developing research on the climate and inequality nexus. This work includes collaborations with housing and labor organizers, policymakers, and federal agencies. Nick is interested in communicating sociological perspectives to external audiences and building coalitions across academics, policymakers, journalists, and the public.

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Kathy Greenlee, JD, is the senior director for elder justice initiatives for ADvancing States, the national membership organization of state agencies on aging, disability, and Medicaid home and community-based services. Her work is focused on elder abuse, adult protective services, guardianship, and rural aging. From 2009 to 2016, she served as assistant secretary for aging at the US Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), a position to which she was appointed by President Barack Obama. During her time at HHS, Kathy led the team that created the Administration for Community Living and served as the agency's first administrator. Kathy worked 18 years in Kansas state government, including serving as Kansas secretary for aging and Kansas state long-term care ombudsman. She is currently the board chair for the National Council on Aging. Kathy is a University of Kansas graduate, having received a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration and a JD from the School of Law.

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Selected Publications:

- [AARP Blogs by Rodney Harrell](#)
- [Which Older Adults Have Access to America's Most Livable Neighborhoods? An Analysis of AARP's Livability Index](#)
- [10 ways to prepare your home for aging in place](#)
- [Is This a Good Place to Live? Measuring Community Quality of Life for All Ages](#)
- [What is Livable? Community Preferences of Older Adults](#)

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For Caitlin's work in public health and scientific exchange, the French Government named her Chevalier of the Legion of Honor in 2012 as well as Chevalier in the French National Order of Merit. She is the recipient of the 2019 Columbia Mailman School of Public Health Staff Excellence Award and the 2021 Jim Torain Award from the Bloomingdale Neighborhood History Group.

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Other past experience includes her work as a research scientist at NCQA health; an aging policy fellow in the office of Senator Mark Warner; director of the Utah Community/State Partnership to Improve End-of-Life Care; executive director of the Utah Commission on Aging; director of the Utah Aging and Disability Resource Center; and partner in the elder law firm Henry & Ciccarello. She has served as a member of the University of Pennsylvania Palliative and Advanced Illness Research Center External Advisory Board, the National Hospice and Palliative Care Organization's Ethics Council, and the University of Utah's Division of Medical Ethics (associate member), and currently is a member of the CMS Hospice Quality Reporting Program Technical Expert Panel.

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Jennifer was also a co-editor of the 2018 book *A Shared Future: Fostering Communities of Inclusion in an Era of Inequality* and the 2014 book *Homeownership Built to Last: Balancing Access, Affordability, and Risk After the Housing Crisis*. She serves on the steering committee for The Chan School of Public Health Initiative on Health and Homelessness at Harvard and co-directs the Healthy Places Design Lab at the Graduate School of Design. Prior to joining the center, Jennifer was a practicing planner. She holds a PhD in Urban Planning from MIT, a master's of Public Affairs-Urban and Regional Planning from the Woodrow Wilson School at Princeton, and a BA from Yale.

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