

Dr. Erdman Palmore

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Dr. Erdman Palmore was born in Japan to missionary parents and was raised in Virginia. He received a B.A. degree from Duke University, M.A. from the University of Chicago, and Ph.D. from Columbia University, all in Sociology. He taught at Yale University and did research for the Social Security Administration prior to coming to Duke University in 1967. At Duke, he has been Coordinator for the Duke Longitudinal Studies and Principal Investigator of several research projects. He is now Professor Emeritus of Medical Sociology and Editor of the Aging Center newsletter. Dr. Palmore has written or edited 15 books, including the Normal Aging series, International Handbook on the Aged, Handbook on the Aged in the U.S., Facts on Aging Quiz, and Ageism. He has also written 20 chapters in other books and over 70 articles in professional journals. His books and papers have received several awards. He is also author of "Vintage Years," a monthly column published in Fifty Plus news magazine. He is a Fellow of the American Sociological Society, the Gerontological Society of America, and was President of the Southern Gerontological Society, which gave him an award for Distinguished Academic Gerontologist. His research and teaching interests include ageism, knowledge about aging, race relations, retirement, longevity, life satisfaction, health, and international gerontology.

His recent presentations on aging and ageism include:

- Lecture on "The Aged as a Protected Class" at North Carolina State University, Raleigh, NC (Oct 10, 2002)
- Lecture on "Medical Ageism" to Geriatric Division, Duke University Medical Center, Durham, NC (Oct 15, 2002)
- Lecture on "Aging and Ageism" for class on Aging & Death at University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, NC (Nov 13, 2002)
- Presentation on "Ageism in the U.S. and Canada" in a symposium on Ageism at the Gerontological Society of America' Annual Meeting, Boston, MA (Nov 24, 2002)