CALL FOR PAPERS

Technogenarians: Studying Health and Illness through an Aging, Science, and Technology Lens

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Proposals for papers are invited for contributions to the sixteenth monograph in the series to be published by Sociology of Health and Illness in conjunction with Blackwell Publishers. We seek submissions that put aging, science, and technology in the centre of analyses of health and illness. We are particularly interested in submissions that contribute theoretical and empirical depth to our understanding of: (1) biomedicalization processes and anti-aging or longevity medicine—practices that aim to reconfigure aging bodies into youthful ones, or (2) the rise of gerontechnology industries and professions—fields that largely use technology to accommodate and support aging bodies and lives.

Papers should address the following themes:
- The varied meanings and experiences of aging people in relation to everyday technologies and health (e.g., walkers, transportation, glucose monitors)
- Aging bodies, anti-aging medicine and biomedicalization (e.g., longevity clinics, pharmacology of aging, nutraceutical/supplement use and negotiation)
- Environmental geriatrics and health (e.g., settings where aging, home design, and health intersect, including surveillance technologies in assisted living facilities, greenhouse elder housing movements, and university programs or companies that design technologies with older bodies in mind)

The monograph will be published both as a journal issue and as a book. Potential contributors should send an abstract of up to 800 words by June 20, 2008 to Kelly Joyce (kajoyc@wm.edu). Informal email enquiries prior to submission are welcomed by both editors (mloe@mail.colgate.edu). We welcome studies from a range of countries and contexts. If reporting an empirical study, the abstract should include (1) major issue or research question (2) methods (3) data source(s), and (4) findings. Name and institutional affiliation of author(s) should also be supplied, including full contact details of the main author.

Proposals will be reviewed by the editors and authors will be notified by July 1, 2008. Authors whose outlines are short-listed will be invited to submit an article of 6,000 to 7,000 words by October 15, 2008. All such submissions will be refereed in the usual way for Sociology of Health and Illness submissions and should follow the journal’s style guidelines (http://www.blackwellpublishing.com/submit.asp?ref=0141-9889). The planned publication date is February 2010.