

# Connie Corley, PhD

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Connie Corley, PhD is a member of the doctoral faculty in the School of Leadership Studies

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Connie Corley, MSW, MA, PhD, has a long history of engagement in the fields of gerontology and geriatrics—since her graduate studies at the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor beginning in the late 1970s. As a doctoral faculty member in the School of Leadership Studies at Fielding Graduate University, Dr. Corley led a team to establish a doctoral concentration in Creative Longevity and Wisdom/Aging, emerging from an initiative within the Institute for Social Innovation. She has been on the Planning Committee of the international Positive Aging conferences for the last four years and serves on two boards at California State University, Los Angeles (the Lifelong Learning Program she co-founded in 2004, and the Center for Contemporary Poetry and Poetics). She is Professor Emeritus at California State University, Los Angeles and adjunct faculty at Saybrook University.

A Fellow of the Gerontological Society of America and the Association for Gerontology in Higher Education, Dr. Corley has earned numerous awards of distinction. She has been engaged in multiple programs with the Hartford Geriatric Social Work Initiative as a mentor and leader in curriculum development. She was also a mentor in the American Society on Aging's New Ventures in Leadership program.

Her recent work has involved creativity in later life (emerging out of a national study of Holocaust survivors, led by Roberta Greene, PI). While interviewing survivors in their homes, she found that several had engaged in artistic pursuits, largely in the later years of their lives. Dr. Corley created the "Experience, Engagement, Expression" model, demonstrating successive levels of engagement and wider ranging expression of creativity based on life experiences. Building on this work, Dr. Corley is exploring entrepreneurship as a way to bring rich life experience to engage others and express through the creative process of generating and implementing innovations. She is launching an intergenerational/intercultural mutual mentoring program in diverse communities of Los Angeles that incorporates creativity and entrepreneurship.

Dr. Corley co-hosts and produces a radio program at Pacifica station KPFK-FM in Los Angeles (Experience Talks), interviewing guests who are seasoned in life. Her website is [www.conniecorleyphd@gmail.com](http://www.conniecorleyphd@gmail.com). She can be reached at [ccorley@fielding.edu](mailto:ccorley@fielding.edu)

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Education/Learning, Social Media, Professional Training and Coaching, Program Development, Health and Wellness, Research

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Substance Abuse, Complementary and Alternative Medicine, Creative Expression, Social Psychology, Research Methods, Scholar-Practitioner, Gerontology and Geriatrics, Family Caregiving, Interdisciplinary Teamwork, Positive Psychology, Spirituality, Human Development and Consciousness

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Association for Gerontology Education in Social Work : Member, California Council of Gerontology and Geriatrics : Member, Association for Gerontology in Higher Education : Fellow, Gerontological Society of America : Fellow, Spiritual Directors International : Member, National Association of Social Workers : Member

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**Rhythm and Wellness: The Science and Sensation of Music-Making with Older Adults in Community.**

**Pre-conference workshop**

(2017) World Congress of IAGG

**Arts and Elderhood: Active Engagement and Enhancement of Well-Being**

(2016) Gerontological Society of America conference

**Cruzando Puentes: A Case Study**

(2016) Gerontological Society of America conference; and (2016) ICMC

**Stories for Change (with S. Kaiser)**

(2016) 8th International Conference on Positive Aging

**Lifelong Learning and Higher Education: Opportunities and Outcomes**

(2015) Chinese Geriatrics Congress; and Zhejiang University

**Mentoring in Aging Process (MAP): Mapping Memories of Mentoring through the Lifecourse Lens**

(2014) Gerontological Society of America conference

**Presentation**

(2012) 5th International Conference on Positive Aging

**Advocacy Leadership for Positive Aging: Life planning for the 21st century**

(2011) 5th International Conference on Positive Aging

**A tale of three woman: Survivorship through creative expression**

(2010) Presented at the Gerontological Society of America Conference

**Toward a survivorship model: Resilience and forgiveness among Holocaust survivors symposium**

(2009) Gerontological Society of America Conference

**Creative expression and resilience in Holocaust survivor**

(2008) Gerontological Society of America Conference

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**University of Michigan**

PhD Social Work and Psychology

**University of Michigan**

MA Psychology

**University of Michigan**

MSW Social Work

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**Featured Change AGEnt**

(2016) Awarded by the Gerontological Society of America

**Who's Who in America**

(2009 to present) Mentioned in Marquis' Who's Who in America.

**Distinguished Woman**

(2008) Awarded by California State University, Los Angeles

**Inaugural West Coast Gerontological Social Work Recognition Award**

(2004) Awarded by the Institute of Geriatric Social Work.

**Leadership Award**

(1998) Awarded by the Association for Gerontology Education in Social Work (AGE-SW).

**Fellowship**

(2001) Conferred by the Association for Gerontology in Higher Education

**Fellowship**

(1994) Conferred by the Gerontological Society of America.

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