**Aging in Livable Communities** ... an APA Division Initiative

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**Planning for an Aging Population**
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With the Baby Boomer Generation retiring and a large segment of the population entering old age, planners have a new set of demands for planning communities and developments that address these changing demographics.

This session features two prominent urban planners who have extensive practical and research experience in planning for and housing the elderly population.

- Mr. Gourguechon will address what it means to grow old, the issues of stereotyping and ageism, finding purpose and meaning in life as we age, and the special needs of the elderly for housing, living arrangements, public safety, education, and mobility. Pertinent demographic, economic, and health care statistics and studies will be discussed and initiatives that planners can pursue to alleviate the concerns of functional limitations and quality of life will be identified.

- Professor Heumann will focus on the role of urban planning in providing sufficient care for senior adults and implications for service demographics, standards of living, and care providers. He will discuss a range of specialized neighborhood and housing models that
have been developed to accommodate the senior population, including Community Development Corporations, different forms of Home Help, and the Neighborhood Warden model which can help to monitor and care for seniors in the community.

Both speakers will address the important role that planners have to play in this significant societal change.

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