Faculty Profile

Associate Dean Eileen Crimmins, Ph.D., is the Edna M. Jones Chair of Gerontology and Sociology. A prolific author and frequent expert on aging issues in the media, she is one of the country’s leading demographers.

Dr. Crimmins is currently the director of the USC/University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA) Center on Biodemography & Population Health, a unique collaboration between demographers, psychologists, epidemiologists, sociologists, physicians, and biologists at USC and UCLA. The purpose of the National Institute on Aging (NIA) funded center is to integrate medical, biological, and epidemiological information to model and predict population health trends and explain health differences.

Her studies have concluded that the time in which people remain in good health – their “healthy life expectancy” – has increased slightly faster than their life expectancy.

“At 65, women can expect to live about half of their remaining 18.9 years disability-free. At the same age, men can expect to live 7.4 of their 15.1 last years without disability,” she said.

Dr. Crimmins teaches courses at the graduate and undergraduate level, including courses on research methods, the biodemography of aging, and stress, health, and aging.