Faculty Profile

Kathleen H. Wilber, Ph.D., holder of the Mary Pickford Foundation Professorship in Gerontology, has been dubbed the “Aging Policy Wrangler” because she owns several horses at her ranch in a remote area of Los Angeles and specializes in long-term care, guardianship, elder abuse prevention, and research on health services.

Known as a trusted advisor to students, Dr. Wilber’s proteges hold executive level positions at AARP, the California Department of Aging, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, and the U.S. Government Accountability Office in Washington D.C., just to name a few of the top age-related institutions.

“Mentoring graduate students returns far more than it requires from me, providing me the opportunity to work closely with high-aptitude, motivated students who bring enthusiasm, energy, passion, a strong knowledge base, and the intangible ‘fire in the belly’ to our shared research interests,” she said. “Each student is unique, requiring a balance of constructive criticism and support.”

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