

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

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NAME		POSITION TITLE	
Vern L. Bengtson (213) 740-8242		AARP/University Professor of Gerontology and Sociology	
EDUCATION (Begin with baccalaureate or other initial professional education, such as nursing, and include postdoctoral training.)			
INSTITUTION AND LOCATION	DEGREE	YEAR CONFERRED	FIELD OF STUDY
North Park College: Chicago, Illinois	B.A.	1963	Philosophy/Biology
University of Chicago: Chicago, Illinois	M.A.	1965	Human Development
University of Chicago: Chicago, Illinois	Ph.D.	1967	Human Development/ Social Psychology

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A. Positions and Honors. List in chronological order previous positions, concluding with your present position. List any honors. Include present membership on any Federal Government public advisory committee.

PROFESSIONAL POSITIONS:

1967-Present University of Southern California, Assistant to Professor of Sociology
 1975-1976 California Institute of Technology, Visiting Associate in Social Sciences
 1979 University of Stockholm, Sweden, Visiting Professor of Sociology
 1988-1989 Max Planck Institute, Berlin, Visiting Professor
 1997 University of Bristol, England, Benjamin Meaker Distinguished Visiting Professor

ACADEMIC HONORS AND AWARDS:

1980, 1987 Reuben Hill Research Award, National Council on Family Relations
 1985 Distinguished Teaching Award, University of Southern California, College of Arts and Sciences
 1986 Sandoz Lectureship in Gerontology, Basel, Switzerland
 1988 MERIT Award, National Institute on Aging
 1990 President, Gerontological Society of America
 1991 Associates Award for Creativity in Research, University of Southern California
 1995 Distinguished Scholar Award, Section on Aging, American Sociological Association
 1996 Robert W. Kleemeier Award for outstanding research, Gerontological Society of America.
 1998 Ernest W. Burgess Award for career research, National Council on Family Relations
 1999 GAAC Distinguished Lectureship Program, University Heidelberg, Germany
 2000 Maddox Distinguished Lecture, Duke University
 2002 Distinguished Lecture, University of Florida

B. Peer-reviewed Publications (selected):

Bengtson, V.L. (1970). The 'generation gap': A review and typology of social-psychological perspectives. *Youth and Society*, *2*(2), 7-32.
 Bengtson, V.L., & Kuypers, J.A. (1971). Generational difference and the "developmental stake." *Aging and Human Development*, *2*(1), 249-260.
 Bengtson, V.L. (1975). Generation and family effects in value socialization. *American Sociological Review*, *40*(3), 358-371.
 Glass, J., Bengtson, V.L., & Dunham, C.C. (1986). Attitude similarity in three-generation families: Socialization, status inheritance, or reciprocal influence. *American Sociological Review*, *51*, 685-698.
 Roberts, R.E.L., & Bengtson, V.L. (1990). Is intergenerational solidarity a unidimensional construct?: A second test of a formal model. *Journal of Gerontology: Social Sciences*, *45*(1), S12-S20.
 Bengtson, V.L., & Roberts, R.E.L. (1991). Intergenerational solidarity in aging families: An example of formal theory construction. *Journal of Marriage and the Family*, *53*, 856-870.
 Silverstein, M., & Bengtson, V.L. (1991). Do close parent-child relations reduce the mortality risk of older parents? A test of the direct and buffering effects of intergenerational affection. *The Journal of Health and Social Behavior*, *32*, 382-395.
 Dunham, C.C., & Bengtson, V.L. (1992). Long-term effects of political activism on intergenerational relations. *Youth and Society*, *24*(1), 31-51.
 Hurwicz, M., Dunham, C., Boyd, S., Gatz, M., & Bengtson, V.L. (1992). Salient life events in three-generational families. *Journal of Gerontology: Psychological Sciences*, *47*, P11-13.

- Piña, D.L. & Bengtson, V.L. (1993). The division of household labor and wives' happiness: Ideology, employment, and perceptions of support. *Journal of Marriage and the Family*, *55*, 901-912.
- Roberts, R.E.L. & Bengtson, V.L. (1993). Relationships with parents, self-esteem, and psychological well-being in young adulthood: A further examination of identity theory. *Social Psychological Quarterly*, *56*, 263-277.
- Dunham, C.C. & Bengtson, V.L. (1994). Married with children: Protest and the timing of family life course events. *Journal of Marriage and the Family*, *56*, 224-228.
- Silverstein, M., & Bengtson, V.L. (1994). Does intergenerational social support influence the psychological well-being of older parents? The contingencies of declining health and widowhood. *Social Science and Medicine*, *38*, 943-957.
- Bengtson, V.L. & Achenbaum, W.A. (1994). Re-engaging the disengagement theory of aging: On the history and assessment of theory development in gerontology. *The Gerontologist*, *34*, 756-763
- Piña, D.L., & Bengtson, V.L. (1995). Division of household labor and the well-being of retirement-aged wives. *The Gerontologist*, *35*, 308-317.
- Silverstein, M., Parrott, T.M., & Bengtson, V.L. (1995). Factors that predispose middle-aged sons and daughters to provide social support to older parents. *Journal of Marriage and the Family*, *57* 465-475.
- Biblarz, T.J., Bengtson, V.L., & Bucur, A. (1996). Social mobility across three generations. *Journal of Marriage and the Family*, *58*, 188-200.
- Roberts, R.E.L., & Bengtson, V.L. (1996). Affective ties to parents in early adulthood and self-esteem. *Social Psychology Quarterly*, *59*, 96-106.
- Bengtson, V.L., Parrott, T.M., & Burgess, E.O. (1996). Progress and pitfalls in gerontological theorizing. *The Gerontologist*, *36*(6), 768-772.
- Pyke, K.D., & Bengtson, V.L. (1996). Caring more or less: Individualistic and collectivist systems of family eldercare. *Journal of Marriage and the Family*, *58*, 1-14.
- Richlin-Klonsky, J., & Bengtson, V.L. (1996). Pulling together, drifting apart: A longitudinal case study of a four-generation family. *Journal of Aging Studies*, *10*, 255-279.
- Greenwell, L., & Bengtson, V.L. (1997). Geographic distance and contact between middle-aged children and their parents: The effects of social class over twenty years. *Journal of Gerontology: Social Sciences*, *52B*, S13-S26.
- Stallings, M., Dunham, C., Gatz, M., Baker, L., & Bengtson, V.L. (1997). Relationships among life events and psychological well-being: More evidence for a two factor theory of well-being. *Journal of Applied Gerontology*, *16*, 104-119.
- Parrott, T. M., Reynolds, S. L., & Bengtson, V. L. (1997). Aging and social welfare in transition: the case of the United States. *Scandinavian Journal of Social Welfare*, *6*, 168-179.
- Bengtson, V.L., Burgess, E.O., & Parrott, T.M. (1997). Theory, explanation, and a third generation of theoretical development in social gerontology. *The Journal of Gerontology: Social Sciences*, *52B*(2), S72-S88.
- Silverstein, M., Bengtson, V. L., & Lawton, L. (1997). Intergenerational solidarity and the structure of adult child-parent relationships in American families. *American Journal of Sociology*, *103*(2), 429-460.
- Silverstein, M., Burholt, V., Wenger, G.C., & Bengtson, V. L. (1998). Parent-child relations among very old parents in Wales and the United States: A test of modernization theory. *Journal of Aging Studies*, *12*(4), 387-409.
- Parrott, T.M. & Bengtson, V.L. (1999). The effects of earlier intergenerational affection, normative expectations, and family conflict on contemporary exchanges of help and support. *Research on Aging*, *21*(1), 73-105.
- Feng, D., Giarrusso, R., Bengtson, V.L., & Frye, N. (1999). Intergenerational transmission of marital quality and marital instability. *Journal of Marriage and the Family*, *61*(2), 451-464.
- Clarke, E.J., Preston, M., Raksin, J., & Bengtson, V.L. (1999). Types of conflicts and tensions between older parents and adult children. *The Gerontologist*, *39*(3), 261-270.
- Bengtson, V. L., Giarrusso, R., Silverstein, M., & Wang, H. (2000). Families and intergenerational relationships in aging societies. *Hallym International Journal of Aging*, *2*(1), 3-10.
- Bengtson, V.L. (2001). Beyond the nuclear family: The increasing importance of multigenerational relationships in American society. The 1998 Burgess Award Lecture. *Journal of Marriage and the Family*, *63*(1), 1-16.
- Knight, B. G., Gatz, M., Heller, K., & Bengtson, V. L. (2000). Age and emotional response to the Northridge earthquake: A longitudinal analysis. *Psychology and Aging*, *15*(4), 627-634.
- Giarrusso, R., Feng, D., Silverstein, M., & Bengtson, V. L. (2001). Grandparent-adult grandchild affection and consensus: Cross-generational and cross-ethnic comparisons. *Journal of Family Issues*, *22*(4), 456-477.
- Silverstein, M., Conroy, S., Wang H., Giarrusso, R., & Bengtson, V.L. (2001). Reciprocity in Parent-Child Relations Over the Adult Life Course. *Journal of Gerontology: Social Sciences*, *57*, S3-S13.
- King, V., Silverstein, M, Elder, G., & Bengtson, V.L. (In press) Relations with Grandparents: Big City versus Rural Heartland. *Journal of Family Issues*

Bengtson, V. L., Giarrusso, R., Mabry, J. B., & Silverstein, M. (In press). Solidarity, conflict, and ambivalence: Complementary or competing perspectives on intergenerational relations. *Journal of Marriage and the Family*.

C. Research Support: List selected ongoing or completed (during the last three years) research projects (federal and non-federal support). Begin with the projects that are most relevant to the research proposed in this application. Briefly indicate the overall goals of the projects and responsibilities of principal investigator identified above.

"Longitudinal Study of Generations and Mental Health."

Principal Investigator: Vern L. Bengtson

Type: RO1

Agency: National Institute on Aging

Period: August 1, 1998 – May 30, 2003

The major goal of this research is to examine how intergenerational relationships influence well-being in the context of life-course transitions from early to middle to late adulthood.

"Multidisciplinary Research Training in Gerontology."

Principal Investigator: Vern L. Bengtson

Type: T32 - Training

Agency: National Institute on Aging,

Period: May 1, 1997 - April 30, 2002.

The major goal is to train predoctoral and postdoctoral students for research careers in the field of aging. Training is provided in fields of biology, neurosciences, psychology, sociology, and gerontology.

"Generation X and Their Elders"

Principal Investigator: Vern L. Bengtson (Co-investigators: Roseann Giarrusso and Timothy Biblarz)

Type: Research

Agency: The Spencer Foundation

Period: 7/1/95-6/30/98

The major goal is to investigate the mechanisms by which older generations transmit educational and occupational aspirations to younger generations and how this transmission influences the economic, and educational attainment of the younger generations as well as their psychological well-being.

