

# A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Ageism can cause a decline in physical and mental health, social isolation, loneliness, financial insecurity, and ultimately a decrease in quality of life (WHO, 2022). As one of the many forms of inequity, ageism should be at the forefront of our minds as members of NHCGNE as well as when we conduct research, engage in practice, and educate the next generation of nurses.

Because JEDI (Justice, Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion) is on everyone's mind, I will devote 2022 to ageism because, after all, we represent gerontologic nursing. Applewhite's book brought this topic to light so I want to share information from various gerontological resources that you can share with your JEDI (Justice, Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion) officers as well as other faculty and students during the next year. So . . . it is appropriate that I will begin with resources from Applewhite's website, <https://oldschool.info>. Take a look, there is so much to choose from and let me know what you think (including the good, the bad, and the ugly). If you have resources that should be shared, let me know that too!

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Alyce F. Ashcraft".

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