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January 31st 2020: Narrative Gerontology: How the Pen has Power to Promote Optimal Aging

This show will explore "narrative gerontology," a relatively new interdisciplinary field of research and practice, meaning "life as story" and involving late life. In the early 1960's, the gerontologist Robert Butler laid the foundation for life review, asserting that looking back from the vantage point of the present, individuals can reframe their perspectives of past accomplishments and regrets, overcome bitterness, and move on with greater integrity and new purpose. Interventions that combine narrative and aging include memoir, guided autobiographical writing, reminiscence done in gro

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