

## Just a Number: Aging and Intergenerational Friendship

### *Oregon Humanities Conversation Project with Life by Design NW*

Aging is a life-long experience that is both universal and different for everyone. While most of us agree that people of different generations have wisdom to offer those who are ahead of or behind them in life's journey, barriers to connection often persist between generations. Many of these barriers are rooted in our ideas about age and aging. Where do these ideas come from, and how do they impede or encourage relationships across generational differences? How do we acknowledge both the universality of aging and the differences we experience? How do we create meaningful connections with others of different ages and life stages?

Join Jennifer Sasser and Simeon Dreyfuss as we explore these questions. This program is hosted by Life by Design NW and sponsored by Oregon Humanities.

**Tuesday, June 6, 2017**

**6:00 pm** Mix n' mingle

**6:30 pm** Discussion

*Free and open to the public*

PCC CLIMB Center for Advancement (near OMSI)

1626 SE Water Ave., Room 207, Portland 97214

PCC CLIMB parking | Portland Streetcar Central Loop Line | Orange MAX Line, OMSI stop



**Leaders:** **Dreyfuss** is a writer and independent interdisciplinary scholar. He was on the faculty of Marylhurst University for twenty-three years. His essays, stories, poems, scholarly articles, and journalistic publications have appeared widely. He is currently coeditor of *Issues in Interdisciplinary Studies*. **Sasser** is an educational gerontologist, transdisciplinary scholar, and community activist. She has worked in the field of gerontology for more than half her life, beginning as a nursing assistant and aging advocate before focusing on research, writing, and teaching. She is the author of *Aging: Concepts and Controversies* and of the forthcoming book *Gerontology: The Basics*.

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