Every year ASA recognizes a number of individuals and organizations for their contributions to ASA, to the field of aging, and to older adults. The goal of these awards is to bring attention to the individual, organizations and programs that are making a difference in the lives of older adults and the people who care for them. ASA has been honored to recognize as past award-winners distinguished professionals within ASA's membership as well as from the larger community of professionals serving older adults.

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2011: Gail Sheehy
2010: Jon Pynoos, Ph.D.
2009: Donna L. Wagner, Ph.D.
2008: Mae Carpenter
2007: Barbara Kennelly
2006: Larry Polivka, Ph.D.
2005: Linda S. Noelker, Ph.D.
2004: Harry R. Moody, Ph.D.
2003: Katie Maslow
2002: Stephen Sapp
2001: Lora Connolly
2000: Monika White
1999: Robert Blancato
1998: Patrick Arbore
1997: E. Percil Stanford, Ph.D.
      Barbara Silverstone
1996: Ken Dychtwald
1995: Bonnie Genevay, MSW
1994: Robert Binstock
1993: Stephen McConnel
1992: Robert C. Atchley, Ph.D.
1991: Edward F. Howard JD
1990: Lawrence Z. Feigenbaum, MD
1989: Charles J. Fahey, D.Div
1988: Carroll Estes, Ph.D.
1987: Carl Eisdorfer, Ph.D.
      Polly McConney
1986: Edna Bonny Russell Ed.D.
1985: E. Percil Stanford, Ph.D.
1984: Theodore Koff, Ph.D.
      James Birren
1983: Marion Marshall
1982: Janet Levy
      Marian Lupu
1981: Dorrwin Jones
1980: Tish Sommers
1979: William Oriol
1978: Alexander Simon, MD

2011 ASA Award Winner: Gail Sheehy

As the bestselling author of 16 books, Gail Sheehy has changed the way millions of people around the world look at the stages of their lives. In her latest book: *Passages in Caregiving: Turning Chaos Into Confidence*, she tells the inspiring story of her own journey of caring for her husband and fills the book with stories of families who we can all relate to, and their most creative caregiving strategies.

Gail Sheehy helped many people understand the crises of adult life when she published *Passages* in 1976. With her most recent book she provides a lifeline to all caregivers including baby boomers who are juggling care for their own children and their parents and who feel alone, out of control and maybe a little crazy. Gail provides comfort to caregivers by sharing that what they are going through is normal, and gives strategies to make this role easier.

Ms. Sheehy’s revolutionary *Passages* (1976) remained on The New York Times bestseller list for more than three years and has been reprinted in 28 languages. A Library of Congress survey named *Passages* one of the 10 most-influential books of our time. In *The Silent Passage* (1992), she broke the taboo surrounding menopause and opened a dialogue vital to maturing women’s health. In *New Passages and Understanding Men’s Passages* (1995), she revisited the stages of adult life and mapped out a completely new frontier entitled “Second Adulthood.” And in 2006, in *Sex and The Seasoned Woman: Pursuing the Passionate Life*, she lent her observant eye to the opportunities and challenges facing women concerning sex, dating, new dreams, divorce, remarriage, and living passionate lives in their second adulthood.

In 1999, Ms. Sheehy culminated her first decade of Hillary-watching with the biography, *Hillary’s Choice*, exploring the personal ambitions and vulnerabilities that drive the world’s most public woman. As a literary journalist, Ms. Sheehy was one of the original contributors to *New York* magazine. A contributing editor to *Vanity Fair* since 1984, she won the Washington Journalism Review Award for Best Magazine Writer in America for her in-depth character portraits of national and world leaders, including both Presidents Bush, Bill and Hillary Clinton, Newt Gingrich, Margaret Thatcher, Saddam Hussein, and Mikhail Gorbachev.

One of the most popular speakers on the lecture circuit, Ms. Sheehy offers dynamic programs based on her ground-breaking investigations and observations of the lives of men and women within different phases of their lives and how they can enjoy them to the fullest.
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2010: Gene Cohen, Ph.D.
2009: Carol Colleran
2008: James J. Callahan, Ph.D.
2007: Carroll Estes, Ph.D.
2006: Robert H. Binstock, Ph.D.
2005: Robert N. Butler, MD
2004: James E. Birren, Ph.D.
2003: Marjorie Cantor
2002: Elias Cohen, JD
2001: Connie Goldman, MA
2000: Rose Dobrof, DSW
1999: Virginia M. Bell, MS
1998: James E. McKenna
1997: Marian Lupu
1996: Milton Tepper
1995: Rev. Elbert C. Cole
1994: Lillian Rabinowitz
1993: Janet S. Sainer
1992: Ed Kramer
1991: Gregory Bergman
1990: Shimeji Kanasawa
1989: William R. Pothier
1988: Mercia Kahn
1987: Jack McKay
1986: Cecile Barbash
1985: Glenn Johnson
1984: Helene Nemschoff
1983: Robert Robinson
1982: Betty Brook
1981: Fritz Schmerl, MD
1980: Viola Berton
1979: Marquerite Schwarzman
1978: Catherine Steinhauser Knowles

2011 Hall of Fame Winner:
Msgr. Charles Fahey

Msgr. Charles Fahey is a priest of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Syracuse, and Marie Ward Doty Professor of Aging Studies, Emeritus at Fordham University. Currently, he serves as a Program Officer of the Milbank Memorial Fund.

From 1961 until 1979, when he joined the Fordham faculty, he was assistant director (1961-67) and director of Catholic Charities in the Syracuse Diocese.

He has served as board member and president of the American Association of Homes and Services for the Aging, the American Society on Aging, National Council on Aging and Catholic Charities USA. He was a charter member of the Federal Council on Aging serving under Presidents Nixon, Ford and Carter, the latter of whom appointed him chairperson.

He was a spokesperson for the Holy See in the 1982 World Assembly on Aging (Vienna 1982) and served in leadership roles for the 1971, 1981, 1995 and was a delegate to the 2005 White House Conferences on Aging. He was a member of the United States Delegation to the 2002 United Nations Second World Assembly on Aging in Madrid.
Award for Excellence in Training and Education

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2011: Laura Trejo
2010: The Intergenerational Center
       Temple University
       Andrea Taylor, pictured
2009: Kathryn Hyer
2008: Carol R. Hegeman
2007: Paul Nussbaum, Ph.D.
2006: Neal E. Cutler
2005: Susan Perlstein
2004: Barbara Ginsberg, Ed.D.
2003: Sandra Timmermann
2002: Patrick Arbore
       Vicki Small, Ph.D.
2001: David Peterson, Ph.D.

2011 Gloria Cavanaugh Award for Excellence in Training and Education Winner: Laura Trejo

Laura Trejo is general manager of the City of Los Angeles Department of Aging where she is responsible for the overall administration of the department, and serves as technical and policy advisor to the mayor and 15-member city council. She is a sought-after trainer, lecturer and program development consultant. Her commitment to capacity building and cultural competence has resulted in more than 300 invitations to present at professional and scientific meetings. She has developed curricula for university courses, clinical workshops, training materials, and clinical protocols to improve care for older persons. She has reached over 10,000 professionals through hands on training and millions in the general public through her use of media.

Ms. Trejo has been an active member of ASA since 1983, serving in a variety of capacities including board of directors, founding chair of the Mental Health and Aging Network, and Minority Concerns Committee.

The Library of Congress has acknowledged Ms. Trejo among women whose tenacity, courage and strength of spirit enabled them become forces for social change.

Religion, Spirituality and Aging Award

The Forum on Religion, Spirituality and Aging Award recognizes outstanding individuals, programs and services in religion, spirituality and aging, in an effort to inspire more spiritual exploration in the aging services field.

2011: Rabbi Dayle Friedman
2010: Stephen Sapp
2009: The Inter-Faith Chapel
       Dr. Ramonia Lee
2008: Marty Richards
2007: Patrick Cullinane
       Rev. James Ellor

2011 Religion, Spirituality and Aging Award Winner: Rabbi Dayle Friedman

Rabbi Dayle Friedman is a pioneer in forging a Jewish spiritual response to the challenges and blessings of later life. She is the founder and director of Hiddur: The Center for Aging and Judaism of the Reconstructionist Rabbinical College, which works to foster vibrant aging in the context of multigenerational community through professional education, scholarship and spiritual resources for elders and their caregivers.

Rabbi Friedman is the author of Jewish Visions for Aging: A Professional Guide to Fostering Wholeness, (Jewish Lights, 2008). She edited Jewish Pastoral Care: A Practical Handbook from Traditional and Contemporary Sources (Jewish Lights, 2nd edition, 2005), which has become a standard reference in the field. She was founding director of chaplaincy services at Philadelphia Geriatric Center, where she fostered Jewish life and spiritual care for a community of 1100 elders from 1985 to 1997. She has mentored rabbis and chaplains from all movements in Judaism. She was included in the Forward 50, a listing of influential American Jewish leaders, in 2008.
Graduate Student Research Award

The graduate student research award is given to spur academic and clinical interest in the field of aging, and rewards the best unpublished graduate research paper on a completed project relevant to aging and applicable to practice.

2011: Pi-Ju (Marian) Liu
2010: Louanne Bakk
2009: Scott King
2008: Zhen Cong
2007: Kyaien O. Conner
2006: Michelle M. Washko, Ph.D.
2005: Patricia Kuo
2004: Devon Fegen
2003: Beth A.D. Nolan

2002: Kristine Williams
2001: James John Bulot
1999: Linda Foley
1998: Jodi Levy-Chushman
1997: Jeannette Franks
1996: Carolinda Douglass
1995: William McNutt

1994: Alisha Oropall
1994: Margaret A. Boldt
1993: Roberta Hyde
1992: Laura Hampton Coker
1991: Becky Guetzko
1990: Lisa J. Hamburger
1989: Julia Kay Purdy
1988: Susan Belisle

1995: Amy Levinthal
1994: Nina Hofer
1993: Will Hubbard
1992: Karen Bowman
1991: Carolyn Urban
1990: Lorie Rosenquist
1989: Daniel H. Jacobson

Mental Health and Aging Award

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2011: Judith Shultz
2010: Robyn Golden
2009: Daniel Kuhn
2008: Carol Colleran

2007: Larry Dupree
2006: Laura Trejo
2005: Willard Mays

2004: Steven H. Zarit
2003: Ray Raschko

Award for Excellence in Multicultural Aging

The Network on Multicultural Aging Award rewards organizations that have demonstrated high-quality, innovative programs enhancing the lives of a multicultural aging population.

2011: Fit-4-Life: A Program for Healthy Aging Among Urban Dwelling Seniors
2010: The Community Ambassador Program for Seniors, City of Fremont
2009: Powerful Tools for Caregivers Legacy Health System - Caregiver Services
2009: The Clinic Nueva Esperanz Institute for

2010: Asian Community Center
2009: The In Touch: Mind, Body and Spirit Program; Center in the Park
2008: Coalition of Limited English Speaking Elderly
2008: Be Well Program, Recreation & Community Services

2006: NAPCA Multilingual Helpline Center, National Asian Pacific Center on Aging
2006: Day Break II Asian Respite & Caregiver Support Services, Catholic Charities of San Jose

2006: Lifelong Learning & Wellness Program,
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2011: J.E.W.E.L.
2010: Alzheimer’s Association, St. Louis Chapter, Let’s Talk Program
2010: Oasis Active Generations The Oasis Institute
2010: SeniorWISE (Wisdom Is Simply Exploration)
2009: StageBridge Dr. Stuart Kandall
2009: The Memory Academy Diana Nohr
2009: Gerotechnology of Westchester Jean Coppla
2009: Academy of Lifelong Learning, University of Delaware Ruth Flexman
2008: Borchardt Cyber Café
2008: The Dancing Heart: Vital Elders Moving in Community
2008: Senior Center Without Walls
2007: Songwriting Works
2007: Everyday Memory Clinic
2007: Intergenerational School
2006: Focus on Social, Physical, Emotional, Cognitive & Spiritual Marilyn & Gordon Macklin Intergenerational Institute
2006: My Turn, Kingsborough Community College
2006: Staying Sharp, NRTA: AARP’s Educator Community and the Dana Alliance for Brain Initiatives
2005: Programs Specifically Designed to Enhance mental Fitness for Cognitively-Impaired Older Adults
2005: Lifelong learning and Third Age Learning Programs Where Mental Fitness is Implicit
2005: Normal Mental Fitness - CyberSeniors.org
2004: The Illuminated Life Osher Lifelong Learning Institute University of Hawaii at Manoa
2003: Outstanding Innovative older Adult Learning Program - Autobiographical Studies Program
2003: Early Dementia - Creativity and Dementia
2003: Normal Mental Fitness - CyberSeniors.org
2002: Early Dementia Support Groups
2002: Mind Works
2002: Generations OnLine - Internet Simplified for Seniors
2002: Lasell Village at Lasell College
2001: Elder Rehab by Students Program
2001: The Adult Day Services of Orange County
2001: Mind Your Mind
2001: My Turn Program
2001: River Institute for Senior Education

2011 MindAlert Award Winner: Joining Elders with Early Learners (JEWEL)

Joining Elders with Early Learners (JEWEL) is an intergenerational program, a product of collaboration of My Second Home of Family Services of Westchester and the Mount Kisco Child Care Center. The program was founded in 1998 in Port Chester, NY. My Second Home is a social model adult day program that provides a safe, nurturing and home-like environment for older adults. Eighty-seven percent of participants have some degree of cognitive impairment from mild memory loss to dementia, including Alzheimer’s disease.

The JEWEL program brings older adults from My Second Home and children from MKCCC together at their shared site on a daily basis through both structured activities and informal interactions. An Intergenerational Coordinator works with staff of both agencies to design activities that are developmentally appropriate and meaningful such as reading, arts and crafts projects, exercise and recreation, baking, picnics, gardening, music or simply chatting. Program evaluations have shown that older adults in the JEWEL program demonstrate improvements in cognitive functioning, socialization and expressiveness. More than ninety percent of caregivers noted a positive change in their older adult family member or friend after attending the program including an increase in self esteem and self-worth. The program was awarded an Intergenerational Shared Site Best Practices Award in 2008 from MetLife and Generations United and was recently selected as one of eight programs nationally in the Alliance for Children and Families New Age of Aging report, “Impact and Innovation: Effective Models and Practices in Serving Older Adults.”