



## MARGARET CLARK AWARD FOR STUDENT PAPERS

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### **Award Competition**

AAGE invites **graduate** and **undergraduate** students to submit papers of interest to anthropology and gerontology to compete for the Margaret Clark Award. This award supports the continued pursuit of work following the example of M. Margaret Clark, a pioneer in the multidisciplinary study of socio-cultural gerontology and medical anthropology, and a scholar committed to mentoring younger colleagues.

### **Applicants**

Contributions are invited from students of all disciplines and methods. Non-members and members are invited to apply. We welcome submissions that are research, analytic, or literary in nature, and academic, applied or practice oriented. Graduate and undergraduate status is determined by enrollment status during the 2020-2021 academic year.

Essays will be judged on the following criteria:

- Originality and timeliness of topic.
- Effective use of theory and evidence.
- Significance to anthropological studies of aging.
- Clear and effective writing and organization.

Published or accepted manuscripts are ineligible for this competition. Limit one entry per student.

### **Submission of Manuscripts**

Submissions must include the following as a single MS Word document:

1. Title page with the following information
  - Undergraduate or graduate status during 2020-2021 academic year
  - Name, mailing address and institutional affiliation and email address (and future contact information if a change is anticipated).
  - Brief (150-200 words) abstract
  - Word Count (no more than 9,000 words)
2. Manuscript should be no more than 9,000 words (*including* all materials, notes, & bibliography), written in English, double-spaced with references in any standard bibliographic format (e.g. American Anthropologist, American Psychological Association).

## Deadline:

Materials must be submitted by **AUGUST 1, 2021**. Only complete submissions will be considered. Submissions and related questions should be sent to both award chairs via email with “Margaret Clark Award” in the subject line. Contact: [jdanely@brookes.ac.uk](mailto:jdanely@brookes.ac.uk)

Winning papers will receive \$300, and the jurors may select papers for Honorable Mention with a free AAGE year membership. Winning papers will be given the right of first refusal by *Anthropology & Aging* and acknowledged at the AAGE annual business meeting in November. Abstracts of the winning manuscripts will also be published on the AAGE website.

## Mary Margaret Clark, Ph.D. (1925-2003)



In the early 1970s Margaret Clark, from the University of California, San Francisco, and George Foster, University of California, Berkeley, created a joint graduate program that founded a discipline, medical anthropology. Clark’s efforts in her scholarly research and teaching

promoted the perspective that health care cannot be organized or practiced meaningfully or effectively without being analyzed as part of a socio-cultural context.

From her first book, *Health in Mexican-American Culture* (1959) to her later works including *Culture and Aging* (1967), Clark pioneered the significance of diversity in the study of health and disease, the practice of medicine and the training of medical and nursing clinicians and other health care providers. This included not only ethnic, gender, and age diversity but encompassed disability, sexual orientation, migration and poverty. She extended the principle of diversity in practice to the examination of the impact of technological innovation on health and wellbeing and into the study of the social and cultural consequences of HIV/AIDS.

Margaret’s vision ultimately created the division of anthropology within what is now the Department of Anthropology, History and Social Medicine. She served on the National Advisory

Committee for the 1981 White House Conference on Aging and as a consultant to the National Institute on Mental Health and the National Institute on Aging on many occasions and topics. As a leader in both anthropology and gerontology, she undertook many offices in the Gerontological Society of America, the American Association for the Advancement of Science, the International

Union of Anthropological and Ethnological Sciences, and the Society for Applied Anthropology. She served as the president of the American Anthropological Association from 1981-82. She received the Distinguished Mentorship Award from the Gerontological Society of America in 1989 and the coveted Malinowski Award from the Society for Applied Anthropology in 1992. She was also the first woman scientist to receive the Distinguished Faculty Researcher Award at UCSF. Her awards recognized her distinguished career in the application of the social sciences to human problems.

*“A person is not a pile of stones, no matter how artfully arranged, laid down in concrete early in life and standing immutable, as a monument to his unique resolution of the Oedipus complex. Personality is rather an on-going process of interaction between the sociocultural world and the internal-life of the individual—a process that continues throughout the life cycle.”*

M. M. Clark 1967, p63