

## **Gloria M. Gutman, PhD., OBC** **BIOGRAPHICAL PROFILE**

Dr. Gutman is well known in the field of gerontology as an educator, author, and consultant. Dr. Gutman developed the Gerontology Research Centre at Simon Fraser University (SFU) and was its director from 1982-2005. She also developed the Department of Gerontology at Simon Fraser University and served as its Director from 1983–2003.

Dr. Gutman currently is a Co-leader of the BC Network for Aging Research, one of 8 population health networks established by the Michael Smith Health Research Foundation in 2005. She is also a Research Associate at the Dr. Tong Louie Living Laboratory. The Living Lab, which Dr. Gutman was instrumental in establishing, is a joint initiative of the SFU Gerontology Research Centre and the BC Institute of Technology. Its mandate is to explore application of technology and other ways to improve the housing, work and leisure environment of older persons and persons with disabilities.

Gutman is the author/editor of 20 books and monographs, 150 scholarly articles, reports, and chapters, and over 275 conference presentations. She has been a consultant to the Ministry of Lands, Parks and Housing in B.C., the Continuing Care Division of the B.C. Ministry of Health and to Health Canada. She has served on a number of federal-provincial task forces, including one which established guidelines for comprehensive services for the psychiatrically impaired elderly, and one which developed design guidelines for housing and care facilities for the elderly.

Dr. Gutman's research interests are wide-ranging; they include seniors' housing, long term care, health promotion, and seniors and emergency preparedness. Projects recently completed include "Towards More Age Friendly Hospitals", a series of studies undertaken for the Fraser Health Geriatric Clinical Services Planning and Delivery Team and one funded by CMHC exploring the urban planning concepts of smart growth, livable and sustainable communities and their relationship to aging in place.

Dr. Gutman is also very active in scholarly and community organizations. She was the Founding President of the Gerontology Association of British Columbia, served two terms as President of the Canadian Association on Gerontology (1987-1991), was President of the International Association of Gerontology and Geriatrics from 2001-2005, served on the Advisory Committee for the L'Chaim Adult Day Care Centre, the Board of Directors of the Louis Briar Home and Hospital for the Aged, the Vancouver-Richmond Health Board's Research and Evaluation Advisory Committee and from 1994-96 was Chair of the Board of Directors of the BC Institute Against Family Violence. Currently, she is a Director of the International Institute on Ageing – UN Malta, member of the World Health Organization's Expert Advisory Panel on Ageing and Health and World Economic Forum's Global Agenda Council on Challenges of Gerontology.

In 2001, Dr. Gutman was named "one of 130 who make a difference" by the Vancouver Sun newspaper and was the recipient of the Canadian Association on Gerontology's Distinguished Member Award. **In 2005 she was presented with the prestigious Rosalie Wolf award by the International Network for Prevention of Elder Abuse.** In June, 2007 she was made a member of the Order of British Columbia in recognition of her pioneering work in the area of gerontology.

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