In 1987, John Rowe and Robert Kahn published their seminal article on “successful aging.” The article was pathbreaking in that it differentiated “successful” from “usual” aging, and explicitly recognized that later-life could be a time of vigor or infirmity, social integration or loneliness, opulence or scarcity. While the original successful aging model generated many empirical assessments, critiques, and calls for revision, the core concepts have remained intact. The February 2015 issue of The Gerontologist (Rachel Pruchno, Editor) published a multidisciplinary collection of theoretical and empirical articles on “Successful Aging: Contentious Past, Productive Future.”

Rowe and Kahn have since reassessed their original model, and developed an updated 21st century model of successful aging – to appear as an Editorial in the May 2015 issue of Journal of Gerontology: Social Sciences. In this editorial, “Successful Aging 2.0: Conceptual Expansions for the 21st Century,” Rowe and Kahn emphasize: the growing importance of technological advances (ranging from assistive devices to the Internet); scientific advances in identifying genetic and biological markers of successful aging; changes in major social institutions (including the family, education, civic engagement, work and retirement); and the policy implications of population aging as four factors that may shape whether, how, and which particular older adults will enjoy successful aging.

They further highlight the potential benefits to society of an aging population, a benefit referred to as the “longevity dividend.” Rowe and Kahn note the development of psychological theories that complement their approach to successful aging. Research on life course sociology and the psychology of aging can contribute to understanding how to maximize the human capital of the older adult population. These ideas, like the original 1987 article, call for ongoing empirical assessments and conceptual expansions.

In an effort to foster new scholarship on “successful aging 2.0,” we invite authors to contribute empirical assessments or innovative conceptual manuscripts building upon the Rowe & Kahn (2015) editorial. Quantitative, qualitative, and mixed-methods approaches are welcome, from disciplines including sociology, psychology, demography, economics, epidemiology, and related disciplines. In keeping with the mission of Journals of Gerontology: Series B, articles should highlight the broader conceptual implications of their work. The special issue will be a combined Social Sciences (Deborah Carr, Editor) and Psychological Sciences (Bob Knight, Editor) publication.

### Topics of interest include, but are not limited to:
- The role of technology in successful aging
- How positive psychology can influence models of successful aging
- Social structural influences on successful aging
- Comparisons and assessments of other psychosocial models of successful aging and their relation to Rowe and Kahn’s (2015) model.
- The challenges and potential benefits of population aging for individuals, institutions, and societies
- Populations left behind? Obstacles to successful aging in the 21st century

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