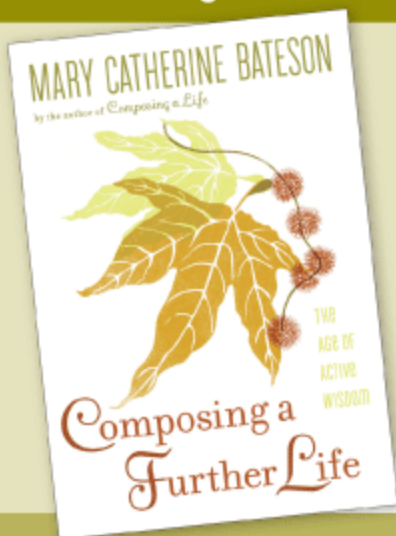


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Author Talk & Book Signing with Mary Catherine Bateson

Composing a Further Life: The Age of Active Wisdom

Human life expectancy has increased by some 30 years since the beginning of the 20th century, creating the first four generation society in history and a new stage of the life cycle. Mary Catherine Bateson calls this new life stage "Adulthood II," created by unprecedented levels of health, energy, time, and resources — of which we have barely begun to be fully conscious. So what does this mean for all of us?

Mary Catherine Bateson was Clarence J. Robinson Professor in Anthropology and English at George Mason University from 1987 to 2002, when she became Professor Emerita. She is a Visiting Scholar at the Center on Aging and Work/Workplace Flexibility at Boston College and, until recently, was president of the Institute for Intercultural Studies in New York City. She is the author of *Composing a Life*; *With a Daughter's Eye: A Memoir of Margaret Mead and Gregory Bateson*; *Peripheral Visions: Learning Along the Way*; *Full Circles, Overlapping Lives: Culture and Generation in Transition*; and *Willing to Learn: Passages of Personal Discovery*. She resides in Hancock, New Hampshire.

COMPOSING A FURTHER LIFE: *The Age of Active Wisdom* is an ardent, affirming study of men and women who, upon entering this second adulthood, have found new meaning and new ways to contribute, composing their lives in new patterns. Here is a book that presents each of us with an exhilarating challenge to approach our later lives with the full force of imagination, curiosity, and enthusiasm. "We live longer," Bateson says, "but we think shorter." This book shows that those best equipped to tackle our greatest challenges — political, environmental, social — are in fact those entering Adulthood II, making the choices that will affirm and complete the meaning of the lives they have lived by advocating for the future.

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