# A CULTURAL HISTORY OF DEMENTIA

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Shakespeare's As You Like It:

Old age =

#### 'a second childishness and mere oblivion;

sans teeth, sans eyes, sans everything'

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History helps us think about worlds of dis-ease



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# Our hypercognitive culture silences cognitive alterities



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Dementia is as emblematic of the late C20th and C21st as hysteria was in the C19th



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#### Dementia

Latin: 'de' (out of) mens (mind) 'ia' (state of)

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#### **Disparities in risk**

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Pathology of the *brain*: Pinel (1797) and Esquirol (1838)

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#### **Auguste Deter**

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# The IRole of the Aged in primitive Society LEO W. SIMMONS



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#### **David Rothchild:**

#### Compulsory retirement Increased leisure Disintegration of the family



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#### 1900-2000

#### Life expectancy at birth (for Americans) jumped from 50 to 75 years

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Senility was becoming medicalized

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**Geriatrics and pediatrics** 

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Geriatrics: 'geras' (old age) 'iatrikos' (relating to the physician);

1909 coined by I. L. Nascher

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Century of the Child Century of the Elderly



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Caregivers' movement Public health costs Professional services (societies)

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#### 1976-1989:

#### U.S. federal funding for research into Alzheimer's increased from \$4 million to \$123 million (3,000%)

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LEGAL RESPONSIBILITY IN OLD AGE: BASED ON RESEARCHES INTO THE RELATION OF AGE TO WORK

GEORGE MILLER BEARD



Ageism: George Beard in 1874



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#### Ageism

#### (term coined in 1969 by Robert N. Butler)



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#### Covid-19 and the 'economy of abandonment'



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Contempt for people who violate ideals of self-reliance, self-control, and self-mastery





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#### **Tom Kitwood:**

The label 'demented' is a 'malignant social psychology' that helps to *produce* what it purports to *describe*.



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#### **Louise Hide:**

# Cultures of harm in institutions of care

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#### 'Health politics of anguish'



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#### **Critical gerontology**

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#### **Personhood movement**

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#### John Bayley and Iris Murdoch



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> An Intimate Look at Life with Alzheimer's

#### THOMAS DEBAGGIO

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# Alzheimer's

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### LIVING IN THE LABYRINTH

A Personal Journey Through the Maze of Alzheimer's



"A BRAVE RECORD... SEARINGLY HONEST."-People
DIANA FRIEL MCGOWIN

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# Embracing cognitive alterities is good for everyone

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