

Hello Professor,

The 9<sup>th</sup> edition of *A Topical Approach to Life-Span Development* will publish this October. I want to sincerely thank you for using my text in the past and say a few words about the new edition. With the extensive new research being published in much greater numbers today, the task of revising the material becomes more challenging with each edition. In the new, 9<sup>th</sup> edition you will find the most up-to-date research available across the main domains and developmental periods of life-span development. The 9<sup>th</sup> edition has more than 1,500 new research citations from 2015-2018. I have also continued the tradition of having a number of leading experts provide feedback on chapters in their areas of expertise.

The topics that I have given special attention to in writing the 9<sup>th</sup> edition are diversity, cross-cultural research, genetics and epigenetics, neuroscience and the brain, technology, identity issues (especially gender and transgender), aging (especially positive aging), health, and mental health. As I mentioned above, each new edition is a challenge, but it has been a joy culling through the recently published studies because with the increased quantity of research being published, the quality has also gone up considerably.

I very much hope you will like the 9<sup>th</sup> edition of *A Topical Approach to Life-Span Development*. Please don't hesitate to contact me with any questions, comments, or recommendations about the text: [santrock@utdallas.edu](mailto:santrock@utdallas.edu)

I hope that the fall semester is an enjoyable and productive one for you.

Best regards,

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