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Blackboard Immersion into Global Aging
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Abstract
"Blackboard Immersion into Global Aging" provides the students with a window to see how powerful a tool USC's Blackboard Learning Management System (LMS) can be in their education. Many freshman have never seen Blackboard and this short course will expose them to many of its valuable education resources using "Global Aging" as a kick-off topic of interest. Global aging is everyone's problem. We confront it personally with our own health and aging, our parents health and aging and our grandparents health aging. We also constantly stand witness to the political, social and economic foretelling of the grim future ahead if we do not confront the issues head on. Familiarity with aging issues is one of the most applied, career oriented specialties offered at USC and USC happens to be the home of the number one ranked center for studying aging in the world, The Leonard Davis School of Gerontology.

Faculty Biography
Dr. John Walsh is an Associate Professor and the Assistant Dean for Education in the School of Gerontology and a member of USC's Neuroscience Program at USC. He received his undergraduate degree in biology from the University of California, Irvine, and was awarded a PhD in physiology and biomedical sciences from the University of Texas School of Medicine in Houston. Dr. Walsh's research program focuses on the biological basis of brain diseases that affect movement like Parkinson's disease and stroke as well as understanding how interventions like exercise help to restore function. Dr. Walsh is a dedicated instructor and educational innovator. He received multiple educational awards while at USC including two National Science Foundation grants and USC's Associates Award for Excellence in Teaching. His classes are sought out for his enthusiasm, kindness and approach-ability. Dr. Walsh instructs his students in the science and research of helping society and improving the human condition. He has touched the lives of countless students preparing them for success in the professional world. He has also been an avid surfer for close to 50 years and is very well known in the line-up at his home break of Trestles, where everyone calls him doc.