

# Caring FOR YOUR Parents



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## Biographies: Caring For Your Parents

### Michael Kirk

PRODUCER, DIRECTOR, WRITER



MARK OSTOW

Award-winning producer and documentary filmmaker Michael Kirk has made more than two hundred national television programs. A former Nieman Fellow in Journalism at Harvard University, Kirk was the founding senior producer of the highly acclaimed series FRONTLINE from its inception in 1983 until he formed the Boston-based Kirk Documentary Group in 1987.

Kirk's programs regularly air on broadcast networks throughout the world. The winner of every major award in broadcast journalism (including The Peabody Award, the DuPont-Columbia Award, eight EMMYs, and five Writers Guild of America Awards) Kirk frequently discusses his work on television and radio, including numerous appearances on the Today show, The O'Reilly Factor, CNN, as well as educational institutions.

Since September 11, 2001 Kirk has made ten documentaries about the war on terror. The most recent include "The Man Who Knew," "Rumsfeld's War," "The Torture Question," "The Dark Side", "The Lost Year in Iraq," "Endgame" and "Cheney's Law" This year his film on detainee abuse won the EMMY award, and Kirk's fourth Writer's Guild of America award.

Kirk also produces films that concentrate on social and cultural issues in America. "The Kevorkian File" (EMMY award) examined assisted suicide; "Navy Blues" (EMMY award) gender politics in the military; "The Way the Music Died" a behind-the-scenes report on the recording industry; and the groundbreaking "Misunderstood Minds" was a two-year examination of the personal stories of five families confronting the challenges of a child's learning disabilities.

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## Laurie Donnelly

### EXECUTIVE PRODUCER FOR WGBH



Boasting nearly 30 years of experience in national productions and over 20 years at WGBH, Laurie Donnelly serves as Executive Producer for the Lifestyles Unit at WGBH/Boston.

As the Emmy-award winning Executive Producer of the WGBH Lifestyle Unit, Donnelly produces content and provides invaluable direction for some of public television's most high-profile and most innovative new series including *Gourmet's Diary of a Foodie*, *Food Trip with Todd English*, *From the Top: Live from Carnegie Hall*, *This Old House*, *Ask This Old House*, and *Real Simple*. In addition, she is currently the Executive Producer of the Emmy-award winning PBS series, *The Victory Garden*,

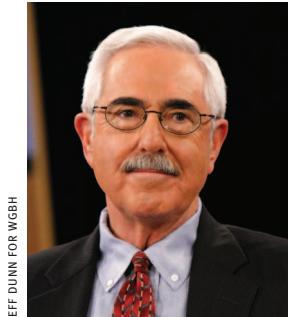
and the public television series *Simply Ming* starring celebrity chef Ming Tsai. This impressive list has recently expanded to include the multi-part PBS Health Campaign series of two-hour primetime health programs, including *The Hidden Epidemic: Heart Disease in America*, *The Truth About Cancer*, and *Depression*. Donnelly is also Executive Producer for the two-hour primetime special, *Caring for Your Parents*, produced in association with AARP, to air in the spring of 2008.

Donnelly's past production credits include the recent, prime-time PBS reality series *Cooking Under Fire*, the popular special *Evening at Pops*, and several highly acclaimed "how-to" programs including fitness specials with wellness guru Loretta La Roche, Motley Fool's money-making life changing special *Hot of the Grill* and the on-air radio cooking special, *From Julia's Kitchen* with Julia Child. She has also produced over 20 highly successful national fundraising specials including two Emmy-nominated collaborations with Director William Cosen: *Peter, Paul and Mary: Lifelines*, and *Peter, Paul and Mommy*.

Prior to working for WGBH, Donnelly served as Producer for Dr. Timothy Johnson's nationally syndicated series, *Faces of Medicine*, *Housecalls*, and *Healthbeat* with the Boston ABC affiliate.

Donnelly is a distinguished alumnus at Boston University, where she obtained her Master's Degree, while also completing coursework for a doctorate in Community Sociology, and received a four-year graduate fellowship from the National Institute of Mental Health.

## Dr. Art Ulene PANEL MODERATOR



Dr. Art Ulene is an obstetrician/gynecologist whose special interest is using modern communications technology to help people learn about health. For 23 years, he appeared on the NBC *Today* show as a guest commentator on a variety of public health issues. He has also been an owner, principal and/or manager of medical-related businesses, and has authored more than 50 books and home video/audio programs promoting good health.

His nationwide health campaigns have helped Americans deal with obesity, high blood cholesterol, cardiovascular disease, nicotine addiction and women's and children's health care. He has collaborated in many of these efforts with the American Medical Association, the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists, the Asthma and Allergy Foundation, the American Academy of Pediatrics and the American Academy of Family Physicians, among others. Dr. Ulene now resides in Los Angeles, California.

## Hugh Delehanty PANELIST AND CO-AUTHOR OF *CARING FOR YOUR PARENTS: THE COMPLETE AARP GUIDE*



As Editor in Chief of AARP Publications, Hugh Delehanty oversees the world's largest-circulation publications, *AARP The Magazine* and the *AARP Bulletin*, as well as the bilingual magazine *AARP Segunda Juventud*, AARP Books, and AARP's online publications. Previously an editor at *Sports Illustrated*, *People*, and *Utne Reader*, Delehanty has won numerous awards for editorial excellence and has launched successful magazines for Time Inc. and other companies. He has also co-authored the national bestseller *Sacred Hoops* with NBA coach Phil Jackson and taught journalism and American studies at Carlton College, Rice University and the Columbia University School of Journalism. An expert on baby boomers and culture, Delehanty

appears frequently on The Today Show, Good Morning America, the CBS Early Show, the NBC Nightly News, and other broadcasts.

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