

## **Four Longevity Scenarios**

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Humanity's increase in lifespan may be our greatest achievement. Most of the world's children and their parents and grandparents will live long, productive lives. But what does the future of longevity hold in the United States? Stagnation? Lift-off? The future is impossible to predict. That's why, to think rationally, systematically and long-term about the future, you need scenarios. These are credible stories, faithful to today's facts, that aim to paint dramatically different futures, with wildly different policy challenges and outcomes. For this event, Joel Garreau will present his much-commented-on "Washington Longevity Scenarios for 2030:" – which are (i) A small change; (ii) Drooling on their Shoes; (iii) Live Long and Prosper; and (iv) Immortality -- see

[http://www.slate.com/articles/technology/future\\_tense/2013/09/four\\_scenarios\\_for\\_our\\_future\\_lifespans.html](http://www.slate.com/articles/technology/future_tense/2013/09/four_scenarios_for_our_future_lifespans.html). The social, economic and political implications of these four scenarios will be discussed, as well as their likelihood and predicate assumptions and scientific foundations