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In 2001, I was honored with the Margret M. Baltes Early Career Award in Behavioral and Social Gerontology from the Gerontological Society of America (GSA). Broadly speaking, the award was given in recognition of my work on social and emotional development in adulthood and old age. In particular, the Margret M. Baltes Award recognized that I had published several articles that showed that older adults coped with stress and conflict in a more mature and effective way than younger adults. Moreover, the Award also recognized my contributions in the area of personality development in adulthood that examine the connections between adults' self-representations and facets of psychological well-being, using a psychological resource approach. It is this latter work that reflects the spirit of Margret Baltes' contributions to the field of social gerontology the most because it emphasizes that individuals engage in the aging process in proactive, intentional, and resourceful ways.

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