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Dr. Olshansky is the first author of “The Quest for Immortality: Science at the Frontiers of Aging” (Norton, 2001); “A Measured Breath of Life” (2013); “The Rise of Generians” (2020); “Pursuing Wealthspan” (2020); co-editor of “Aging: The Longevity Dividend” (Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory Press, 2015); and co-editor of “Aging: Geroscience as the New Public Health Frontier” (Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory Press, 2024).

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