Ruth Finkelstein ScD is the new Executive Director of the Brookdale Center on Aging at Hunter College/CUNY and a Professor of Urban Public Health. Under her leadership, the Brookdale Center pursues research, program development and training to inform public policy to make New York City a great place to grow old. Dr. Finkelstein’s perspective is that the conditions of our lives – across the life course – influence the way we age. She believes we need to give everyone the opportunity to age as well as anyone can.

Before Brookdale, Dr. Finkelstein ran an aging center at Columbia University and before that she was the principal architect of the Age Friendly NYC initiative. She has won a number of awards; her favorite is “Game Changer.” She has her doctorate from Johns Hopkins.