Social Work at the Crossroads-
Iowa’s Grand Challenges

November 11, 2016
Iowa Memorial Union
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125 N. Madison Street
Iowa City, IA
8:30 am-5:30 pm

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The University of Iowa
School of Social Work
Beyond Diversity: Social Work’s Challenge & Ethical Responsibilities

This workshop is offered twice and fulfills the ethics requirements for social work licensure.

From research, we know that a child’s skin color, zip code, and sex can predict experiences over the lifespan regarding earning power, wealth, health, involvement with child welfare, juvenile justice, and adult justice systems, violence, education, and leadership positions, among other areas. How does this work? What can we do about it?

9-12:15
Motier Haskins is a Clinical Assistant Professor at the University of Iowa, School of Social Work. He teaches courses on Discrimination, Oppression and Diversity, Organization and Community Practice, Individual Families and Groups and Integrated Theory and Practice. He is the Coordinator of the Critical Cultural Competence Certificate Program at the University of Iowa.

2:30-5:30
Julia Kleinschmit teaches and coordinates the University of Iowa’s three-year, part-time MSW program in Sioux City, and is the School of Social Work’s MSW Program Director. Her interests include Disproportionate Minority Contact, especially regarding reducing the number of children of color in child welfare and juvenile justice systems, practice in rural communities (including sustainable agriculture), distance education and technology in social work practice, program development, and grant writing.

The Power of Prevention in Youth Mental Health

9-10:30 am
Anxiety, depression, violence, substance abuse, relationship problems and school failure are just a few of the challenges that impact youth and families struggling with mental health problems. Traditional treatment approaches utilizing evidence based practice after diagnosis come at a significant cost to youth, families, schools, and communities. Appropriate treatment at the appropriate time is effective and essential—but we can do more! It’s time to integrate 30+ years of research that shows mental health problems can be prevented or minimized. This session will provide an overview to the Grand Challenge related to children’s mental health,
share research supporting prevention and early intervention programming, highlight examples of effective programs, identify practical next steps, and empower each participant to make positive changes in their own practice, organization and community.

Kelley Gallagher Glotfelty, LISW, is a clinical social worker and prevention specialist at YSS in Ames, IA. She also works as a contract social worker and speaker. Ms. Glotfelty received her MSW from George Warren Brown School of Social Work at Washington University, St. Louis, MO in 1996. Since that time, she has spent her career working with and advocating for youth and families in community mental health settings in Missouri and Iowa.

**Applying Trauma Informed Perspectives to Social Challenges**

9-10:30 am
The trauma informed perspective is in the process of creating a paradigm shift in how we view people and their behavior. We are shifting from “What’s wrong with you?” to “What happened to you?” The neurosciences are helping us understand how the brain functions after trauma so we are able to have insights previously beyond our comprehension. This paradigm shift is informing us on how to respond differently to people in all kinds of situations. It is aiding us in understand healthy development, domestic violence, community violence and the dynamics that are driving these phenomena. This workshop will summarize the trauma informed perspective and discuss the implications for many levels of practice.

Yvonne Farley, MSW, LISW, is a graduate of the University of Iowa and has been a Clinical Assistant Professor at The University of Iowa School of Social Work since 2000. She teaches in the area of social work practice and has been teaching about trauma for several years. Yvonne was employed in multiple clinical practice settings for over 20 years and specialized in recovery from trauma before joining the faculty.

Eliminating Family Violence

10:45-12:15 pm
This interactive workshop will focus on the movement across the nation to eliminate family violence. We will look at current approaches to protecting children who are victimized the most by such violence, examine how child abuse and disproportionality intersect, and examine the Public Health Approach to the 21st Century Child Welfare System. Initiatives in Iowa to eliminate family violence will be shared via stories by professionals on the front lines. Participants will get the chance to gather and exchange information about efforts to eliminate family violence in their communities.

Sandra L. McGee, PhD, LMSW is an Assistant Clinical Professor with the University Of Iowa School Of Social work where she teaches a variety of coursework for BASW students, and advises and administers the field placement program for Des Moines BASW students. She has over 25 years of experience as a manager and practitioner in the crime victim services and family violence profession. Sandra has expertise in issues of discrimination and oppression; trauma; and the African American women’s experience with the education system.

**Advance Long and Productive Lives**

9-10:30 am
For a majority of individuals in developed nations the concept of successful aging is associated with an antiquated concept of retirement. In the United States, adults 60 and older are now the fastest growing segment of our population and for the first time in history it is entirely likely a majority of humans will live eight, nine or more decades. In many developed countries of the world centenarians are becoming increasingly common and life expectancy in the United States increased by almost 30 years between 1900 and 2000. What does it all mean? How should individuals direct their lives? What should be done with 30 extra years of life on average? Is Public policy related to aging successfully lagging behind the realities of a changing world demographic? This workshop will focus on successful aging throughout the lifespan; the realities of current public policy related to successful aging and the probable impact of shifting policy on aging populations in developed nations.

Joel Wulf, LISW, ASW-G, CAS, the Assistant Director for the Iowa Department on Aging, has over 25 years of human services and administrative experience from private industry and state government. He is currently responsible for overall department operations and supervision of multiple statewide programs. Joel’s experiences include legislative liaison/government relations, special projects officer, healthcare administrator and mental health therapist with a specialty in psycho-geriatrics. He has been widely recognized for his management and design of adult day health centers. Joel has acted as a CARF surveyor and is an adjunct faculty member for University of Iowa School of Social Work. He is a Veteran of the United States Air Force, serving both overseas and in the continental US.
Governor’s Task for Detention Alternative – Implementation Committee, Family Team Meeting Facilitator, Co-Chair of Club Kazi (African American Professional Work Group) and was recently selected as a member of the City of Iowa City Councils Ad Hoc Diversity Committee. She is a certified Girl Circle Assoc. facilitator and The Council for Young Men and Boys facilitator and she is a trainer for the Iowa Department of Human Services’ Race: Power of an Illusion. She is currently the Co-Chair for the Coalition for Racial Justice, a local organization with over 300 members. She was recently elected the Iowa City Community School District Board of Education.

**Iowa’s Mental Health System for Adults**

*10:45-12:15 pm*
This session will provide a brief overview of the mental health delivery system in the state of Iowa, and the incredible challenges associated with societal stigma, limited funding, and the continued depletion of mental health resources in the state.

**James Burkhalter**, MSW, LSWW is a clinical social worker at the University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics (UIHC) in Iowa City, Iowa, and is currently the Director of DBT Programming in the Department of Psychiatry. He earned his BA in psychology, BA in social work, and MSW at the University of Iowa. James provides individual DBT to clients and co-facilitates adolescent and adult DBT skills training groups. He has been employed at UIHC for nine years, and has extensive experience working with mental health patients in both inpatient and outpatient psychiatric settings.

**Healthy Development for All Youth-Making Space for Youth to Lead in the Community**

*10:45-12:15 pm*
We will discuss the importance of youth focused program development, implementation and evaluation of youth development programming including; mentoring, empowerments, creating community connections. We will also discuss how to center the voices of youth of color and all marginalized youth, knowing that there are implications in the larger/general population.

**LaTasha DeLoach**, MSW, currently works for Johnson County Social Services. She is the Johnson County Disproportionate Minority Contact Coordinator and the Community Partnerships for Protecting Children Coordinator and a domestic violence and trauma specialist as a volunteer at the Domestic Violence Shelter. She sits on many local and statewide boards including: member of the State Disproportionate Minority Contact Subcommittee,

**Promote Smart Decarceration**

*12:45-2:15*
With approximately 7 million individuals under some type of correctional supervision there is a growing concern for how to reduce the number of individuals involved in the criminal justice system. In Iowa, 38,512 individuals are in prison or supervised in community-based corrections. This workshop will describe the science of recidivism reduction—Risk-Need-Responsivity (RNR). Participants will learn about the importance of risk reduction practices: Risk tools (who), case management (what), responsiveness (how). These practices will be contextualized in Iowa’s correctional system.

**Beth Skinner** coordinates the Statewide Recidivism Reduction Initiative for Iowa Corrections. It is a $3 million dollar grant with the goal of reducing recidivism statewide. Recently, Beth worked on a national level for the Council of State Governments Justice Center as the National Reentry Resource Director. She had the opportunity to work with the White House, Department of Justice, corrections’ administrators, policymakers, practitioners, and researchers across the country on the best strategies to reduce recidivism. Previously, Beth worked in community corrections for 10 years in Iowa’s community based corrections. She has her M.S.W and Ph.D. in Social Work from the University of Iowa, with an emphasis in criminology.

**Reduce Extreme Economic Inequality & Build Financial Capability for All**

*12:45-2:15 pm*
With nearly one-fifth of working Iowa households struggling to make ends meet, social workers are called to respond. This presentation will provide participants with the understanding and information
necessary to make a positive change in this challenging trend. Guided by county-level information from *The Cost of Living in Iowa* report, we will: 1) define in real dollars what it takes for multiple family types to live and work in Iowa communities, 2) redefine poverty with a more realistic and updated measurement of basic living expenses, 3) discuss a variety of ways for participants to use this data in promoting greater economic security for those in need (e.g. community & strategic planning, grant writing, program design, direct service with clients, policy development and advocacy), 4) assess the effectiveness of current public policies designed to support work, and 5) identify potential policy changes which could have the greatest impact. Participants will leave this presentation with localized information and strategies to be more effective change agents.

**Lily French** is the Director of Field Education and a Clinical Assistant Professor at the University of Iowa School of Social Work. Her research focuses on cost of living thresholds and public policy's impact on family economic stability. Professor French currently serves as a Senior Policy Consultant for the Iowa Policy Project and has previously served as an advisor to government officials at the federal, state and local level. In addition to policy work, she has experience with non-profit management, program development, coalition building, and community education.

**End Homelessness**

12:45-2:15

**Laura Nielsen**, MSW, LISW is the project manager for FUSE - Housing First, a project of Shelter House's born out of the Local Homeless Coordinating Board. She earned her BA in psychology (2009) and MSW (2012) at the University of Iowa. Laura became involved with the FUSE-Housing First when she was employed as a medical social worker at Mercy Hospital - Iowa City caring for homeless patients both in the emergency room and on the psychiatric inpatient unit. As the project progressed she stepped into the project manager position and is currently leading the initiative to house chronically homeless individuals in Johnson County.

**Closing the Health Gap**

12:45-2:15

Social determinates of health get far too little attention by the health system and yet the impacts of are significant. Questions to be addressed - How can the health system address social determinates of health? Is there a business model to encourage more attention? Is the health system able to address these issues, needs, concerns, and challenges alone or will there need to be increased collaboration and partnership with the community? What might the future look like and how can we get there?

**Josh Brewster**, LISW, FACHE is the Director of Social, Patient and Family Services at UIHC. In this role, he oversees the social workers, chaplains, and interpreters. Before moving to Iowa, he worked in the Twin Cities at HealthPartners, a large integrated healthcare system, as the Director of Care Management and at the Minneapolis VA Health Care System in various administrative and clinical roles. He received his BS from the University of Maine and his MSW and MHA from the University of Minnesota.

**Social Responses to Our Changing Climate and Environment**

2:30-4:00 pm

We face many challenges related to global climate change, environmental degradation, and environmental justice. One way to cope with these challenges is by engaging people in self-organizing collaborative partnerships to develop resilient sustainable communities. These efforts build on community and social strengths and create local sustainable economies, able to make most of their own food, energy, and other economic resources; while becoming less reliant on the global corporate economy. New stories are needed to effect a paradigm shift from a model based on large scale, centralization, individualism, exploitation, and perpetual growth toward a more holistic model based on interdependence, cooperation, community, equality, and living in balance with Nature. Change strategies will be discussed.

**Craig Mosher**, PhD has retired from teaching and directing the social work program at Luther College. He has been active in sustainability efforts at Luther and in Decorah for 10 years. He founded and chaired the sustainability committee at BPD and helped establish the Environmental Justice Committee at CSWE. Craig works with the Winnesheik Energy District, Winnesheik County Community Foundation,
Funders Network, Low Income Housing Committee, and a group called Doing Death Differently. He has four children and eleven grandchildren. He built his own round, passive solar house with solar PV and wood heat and drives an all-electric vehicle.

**Achieve Equal Opportunity and Justice**

2:30-4:00 pm
Participants will discuss four interconnected frames that must be part of any organizational/systemic transformation efforts as related to race, ethnicity, culture and class. These are: Implicit Bias, Civil Rights, Disproportionality and Cultural Competence. Facilitator will provide practical examples of when and how these lenses can be applied at the individual, organizational and policy level to support equity and social justice.

**John-Paul Chaisson-Cárdenas** is the state 4-H Youth Development program leader for Iowa State University Extension and Outreach.
John-Paul is an immigrant from Guatemala and has been recognized at the local, state, and national level for his work with and for underserved and underrepresented communities. He has held several public offices, including state director of equity and civil rights at the Washington State Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction, and four terms as Iowa Latino Affairs commissioner before being appointed by then Governor Tom Vilsack to lead the Division of Latino Affairs. In previous roles he has served as the executive director at the Latino Community Fund, and the public policy lead and product development manager at the Northwest Area Foundation in St. Paul, Minn.
He has had academic appointments at the University of Iowa, including national training and technical assistance director at the National Resource Center for Family-Centered Practice, the executive director of the Institute for the Support of Latino/a Families and Communities, and a co-founder of the Disproportionate Minority Confinement/Contact Research Center. John-Paul has a bachelor’s degree in sociology/international relations/multiculturalism from Saint Mary University. He has a master’s degree in social work from the University of Iowa, and has completed his coursework toward a doctorate in cultural competence education and training at the same institution.

**Alone in the Heartland:**
**Addressing Social Isolation in Iowa**

2:30-4:00 pm
Studies indicate that Americans are more socially isolated now than ever before. At the same time public health experts are recognizing the health risks associated with social isolation. Social Workers possess a unique set of skills to address this issue and must play a key role to effectively address this challenge. In this interactive presentation social stigma and isolation in rural communities for people experiencing disability will be discussed. Current research will be examined and ways that social workers can have a positive impact on this challenge will be explored.

**Ben Woodworth** is the Director of Training for the Iowa Association of Community Providers. In his role with the Association he has been responsible for the development and implementation of IACPs Technical Assistance to Providers across Iowa and the roll out of the College of Direct Supports online training program to over 100 agencies and 15,000 learners statewide with a planned statewide expansion in early 2013. Mr. Woodworth also monitors a variety of policy issues for the association and is leading the team responsible for developing a multi-level certification program for direct support professionals. He has co-authored numerous position papers on policy issues impacting IACPs membership and is also responsible for working with agencies to increase their capacity to serve people experiencing brain injury and challenging behavior. Mr. Woodworth also serves as an Adjunct Instructor in the School of Social Work at the University of Iowa teaching coursework in Human Service Administration, Organizational and Community Practice and Advanced Integrated Practice.
Mr. Woodworth obtained his bachelor’s degree in Social Work from Buena Vista University in Storm Lake, Iowa and his master’s degree in Social Work from University of St. Thomas, Minneapolis, Minnesota. He has 20 years of experience in human service agencies serving people who are experiencing disability in a variety of roles. Prior to coming to the Association in 2009, Mr. Woodworth was the Statewide Administrator for Iowa’s Brain
Injury Service Program within the Iowa Department of Public Health.
Mr. Woodworth has served on a variety of boards and commissions including the College of Direct Supports National Advisory Board, the board of the National Association of State Head Injury Administrators and the Mayo Clinics Brain Injury Model Systems advisory committee.

This one-day working conference is designed for social work professionals and social justice advocates to increase their leadership capacity in addressing major social inequities within systems in their communities and across the state of Iowa.
7.5 contact hours are offered for full day participation. There is also an option to register for a half day for 3 contact hours.

The cost is $50 for a half day and $90 for the full day. Both include a box lunch.

Current University of Iowa social work students, faculty, adjuncts and field supervisors attend for $25.

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