

Thursday, Sept. 8th, 2016

- 8:30 *Continental Breakfast (provided)*
- 9:00 Land acknowledgement – Faye Mishna*
- 9:15 **Welcome** – Shelley Craig* (Associate Dean, Academic), Faye Mishna* (Dean), Gillian McCloskey (Associate ED, OASW)
- 9:30 **Trauma Informed Work and Working with Communities** – Jane Middleton-Moz*
- 10:00 **Toward Competence: Integrating Theory, Research & Practice** – Marion Bogo*
- 10:15 *Questions*
- 10:30 *Break*
- 10:45 *Ice breakers*
- 11:00 **Perspective from a Social Worker in Health Care** – Susan Blacker
- 11:30 **Social Work Practice in Mental Health & Addictions** – Toula Kourgiantakis*
- 12:00 *Questions*
- 12:45 *Lunch (provided)*
- 1:15 **Psychodynamic Psychotherapy is About Relationships** – Janet Morrison
- 1:45 **Social Work, Anti-ableist Practice and Therapeutic Use of Self** – Michelle DuBoulay
- 2:15 *Questions*
- 2:30 *Break*
- 2:45 **Social Work & Social Media** – Lauren McInroy
- 3:15 **The Trouble with Aging** – Reshma Dhrodia
- 3:35 *Questions*
- 3:45 East African Rainbow Dance Troupe

Friday, Sept. 9th, 2016

- 8:30 *Continental Breakfast (provided)*
- 8:55 Land acknowledgement – Reshma Dhrodia
- 9:00 **Diverse Gender Expressions: Social Workers & Practice with Gender Independent Children** – Steven Solomon
- 9:30 **Child Welfare & Social Work Practice: Making a Difference in the Lives of Children** – Deborah Goodman
- 10:00 *Questions*
- 10:15 *Break*
- 10:30 **Root Causes of the Indigenous-Settler Health Gap in Canada** – Michael Dan
- 11:15 **Building Bridges across Canada's Youth** – Canadian Roots Exchange
- 11:45 *Questions*
- 12:00 *Lunch (provided)*
- 1:00 *Ice breakers*
- 1:15 **Mindfulness Practice** – Ellen Katz*
- 1:30 **Bearing Witness through Literature: A Personal Journey** – Marina Nemat
- 2:00 *Questions*
- 2:15 *Break*
- 2:30 **Working in Community** – Lynda Kosowan
- 3:00 **Social Work in Rehab: Exploring a World of Possibilities** – Keith Adamson
- 3:30 Evaluation/Book Raffle

*denotes a member of the FIFSW teaching faculty. Their bios are available at:

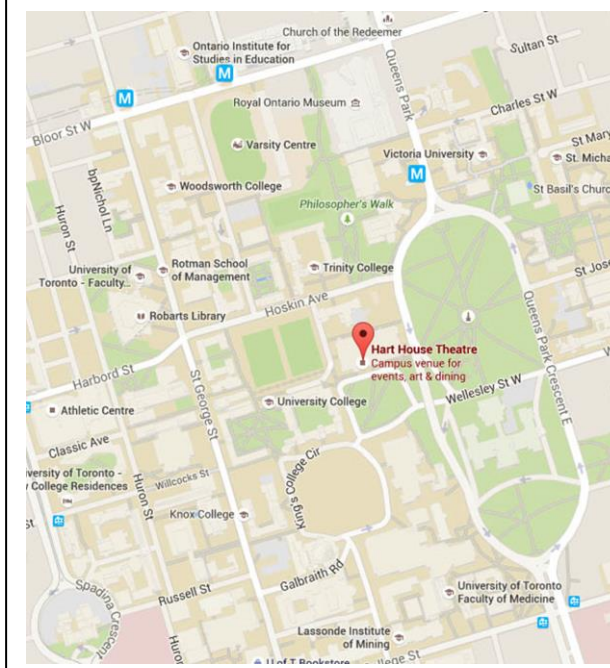
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Introduction to Social Work Conference 2016

MSW Year 1

**Thursday, September 8th
8:30am – 4:00pm
&
Friday, September 9th
8:30am – 3:45pm**

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Hart House
The Great Hall**

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Speaker Biographies

Keith Adamson, PhD, MSW, RSW, is Senior Director for Collaborative Practice at Holland Bloorview Kids Rehabilitation Hospital. He began his career as a social worker in mental health and since then has held progressively senior positions related to Interprofessional and Professional Practice at Women's College Hospital and St. Joseph's Health Centre in Toronto. In 2011, he completed his PhD in psychology at Wilfrid Laurier University where his dissertation focused on Interprofessional Collaboration in Healthcare. He is currently the President of the Ontario Association of Social Workers.

Susan Blacker, MSW, RSW, is the Director of Cancer Services Planning and Performance at St. Michael's Hospital in Toronto. She has held a wide range of clinical and management positions in Canada and the United States. Susan is a graduate of and is an Adjunct Professor at the FIFSW. She is also the Quality Co-lead and Lecturer (status-only) in the Division of Palliative Care, Department of Family and Community Medicine, UofT. She received the 2013 Excellence in Education award from the Canadian Association of Psychosocial Oncology.

Canadian Roots Exchange (CRE), is a youth-led organization that builds bridges between Indigenous and non-Indigenous youth across Canada. CRE youth leaders are actively involved in promoting respect, understanding and reconciliation within their communities. Their programs facilitate experiential learning and cross-cultural dialogue through cultural exchanges, workshops and conferences. CRE representatives are excited to speak about their programs as well as offering ways to get involved! www.canadianroots.ca

Michael Dan, Oont, MD, PhD, FRCSC, is a former neurosurgeon and one of Ontario's most generous philanthropists, supporting hospitals, local charities, First Nations health, and human rights initiatives. In 2014, together with his wife Amira, he donated \$10M to The University of Toronto to create the Waakebiness-Bryce Institute for Indigenous Health, the first privately-endowed institute of its kind in the world. He is a recipient of the Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Medal, a member of the Order of Ontario, and an Officer of the Order of St. John.

Reshma Dhrodia, MSW, RSW, has worked in mental health and with survivors of violence across the GTA. Her practice is anti-oppressive and trauma-informed. In 2014, she delivered a TEDx talk on ageism called, "The Trouble with Aging." Reshma joined FIFSW in March 2016 as the Student Life, Outreach & Equity Advisor after working in geriatric mental health and gender-based violence prevention. She sits on the Board of the *Urban Alliance on Race Relations*, a non-profit established in 1975, to provide education and research critical to addressing racism in Toronto.

Michelle Du Boulay, MSW, RSW, is a clinical social worker in the area of Orthopaedics at Mount Sinai Hospital. A 2004 graduate of the MSW program at U of T, Michelle got her first social work job providing PTSD counseling to post-SARS patients at St. John's Rehab. From there, she joined the world of acute care social work, first at Toronto Western Hospital, and finally at Mount Sinai. Michelle is especially passionate about health equity and how social work can help reduce inequities in healthcare for marginalized populations.

East African Rainbow is a musical dance troupe and educational team of LGBTQ+ individuals that utilizes music and dance to empower LGBTQ+ newcomer refugees residing in Toronto. This social dance group, based at the Access Alliance Multicultural Centre, was formed in May 2016. The core objective of East African Rainbow is to utilize different forms of traditional dance and music from East Africa as therapy to newcomer LGBTQ+ people to address the trauma and abuse they may have encountered in their home countries.

Deborah Goodman, PhD, MSW, RSW, is the Director of the Child Welfare Institute (CWI) at the Children's Aid Society of Toronto. She is an Assistant Professor status-only at the FIFSW. She has worked, taught and conducted research in the Ontario child and family, child welfare and children's mental health fields for over 30 years. In 2007, she received the Outstanding Achievement in Research and Evaluation Award from the Child Welfare League of Canada.

Lynda Kosowan, MSW, RSW, is a graduate of the Faculty of Social Work at University of Toronto. She just celebrated her 30th anniversary with Scarborough Women's Centre, a unique resource centre for women in transition. Lynda practices at the micro, mezzo and macro levels with diverse individuals, groups and institutions. Her aim is to provide tools and supports for empowerment.

Lauren McInroy, MSW, RSW, is a PhD Candidate, Research Coordinator, and Course Instructor at the FIFSW. Lauren's research interests include LGBTQ+ populations, and the developmental and social implications of offline and online information and communication technologies on children, adolescents and young adults. She is also particularly interested in digital research methodologies and online social advocacy movements.

Janet Morrison, M.A., C. Psych Assoc., is a Psychological Associate in private practice providing assessments and psychotherapy for children, adolescents and adults. She has done a great deal of counseling work to reconnect children with their families of origin. Recent research projects include a study of school-based treatment for maltreated children and an investigation of family visits for Crown wards, both in collaboration with FIFSW.

Marina Nemat After the Islamic Revolution of 1979, Marina was arrested and spent more than two years in Evin, a political prison in Tehran. Her memoir "Prisoner of Tehran" has been an international bestseller. MacLean's Magazine has called it "...one of the finest (memoirs) ever written by a Canadian." Marina has received the inaugural Human Dignity Award from the European Parliament, and the Grinzane Prize in Italy. In 2008-09, she was an Aurea Fellow at University of Toronto's Massey College, where she wrote her second book, "After Tehran: A Life Reclaimed".

Steven Solomon, PhD, MSW, RSW, For 16 years Steven's school social work practice with the Human Sexuality Program of the TDSB focused on supporting LGBTQ2S and Gender Independent students and their families. Steven's doctoral thesis explored homophobic and sexist Language among middle school students in the TDSB and was inspired by his leading anti-homophobia, anti-transphobia classroom workshops across the TDSB, kindergarten to grade 12.

Steven authored "Homophobia: Deal with it and turn prejudice into pride", an activity book for students in grades 4 through 7, published by James Lorimer & Company. Steven is currently a full time lecturer with the School of Social Work at Ryerson University.