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WELCOME

September 14, 2016

Dear Colleague:

Welcome to the Grand Challenges for Social Work policy conference, Social Innovation for America's Renewal: Ideas, Evidence, Action.

The Grand Challenges initiative, spearheaded by the American Academy of Social Work & Social Welfare, is focused on improving individual and family well-being, strengthening the social fabric, and creating a more just society. The 12 Grand Challenges address economic inequality, social exclusion, aging, youth development, criminal justice, addiction, health and other fundamental social issues.

Social work has a long history of driving major social innovation. The profession has led efforts to free children and adults from institutions of all kinds, to halt child labor, to promote women's rights and civil rights, to create Social Security, to fight for fair and inclusive housing, and much, much more. Today we take for granted many of the positive social changes that social workers have led and put in place.

The strong social-justice values of social work, combined with the use of evidence to inform policy, have made these enormous contributions possible. At this conference, we continue this proud heritage, mission, strategy and leadership.

The presidential election season offers opportunities for policymakers at all levels of government to consider new directions. The Grand Challenges for Social Work policy conference has the potential to inform policy debates during the election period and beyond.

This conference brings together national experts and scholars to discuss innovative, evidence-based solutions to some of the nation's most difficult social problems and look to the potential for positive social development. The Grand Challenges for Social Work initiative frames the discussion and provides direction.

This policy conference is not just a conversation; it is, rather, a means to identify steps toward positive action.

After the conference, we will communicate Grand Challenges policy recommendations widely. We will implement quality applied research on the recommended innovations. We will aim to stimulate policy innovations at local, state, regional and national levels. As it has done so often in the past, social work will contribute to positive changes that make lives better for millions of people.

Thank you for coming to the Grand Challenges for Social Work policy conference and for contributing to this process for America's renewal.

We look forward to engaged and lively discussions and, through your thoughtful deliberations, to the illumination of our pathways forward.

Sincerely,



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AGENDA

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 14

Gathering of Grand Challenge Network Groups

- 6:00–8:00 PM Dinner Clark-Fox Forum, Hillman Hall
- Welcome: Michael Sherraden, Director, *Center for Social Development, Washington University in St. Louis*
- Remarks: Darrell P. Wheeler, President, *National Association of Social Workers*
- Introductions: Grand Challenge network co-leads

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

Policy Recommendations for the Grand Challenges

- 8:00–8:30 AM Breakfast Clark-Fox Forum, Hillman Hall
- 8:30-9:00 Ideas and evidence to policy, Ray Boshara
- 9:00-Noon Grand Challenge network workgroups specify policy recommendations Breakout Rooms
- Noon–1:30 PM Lunch and informal discussion
- 1:30–5:40 Discussion of policy recommendations for the Grand Challenges Hillman Hall

Theme I: Individual and family well-being

Chair: James Herbert Williams, *University of Denver*

Respondent: Marvin Southard, *University of Southern California*

Ensure Healthy Development for All Youth

Network co-leads: Jeffrey M. Jenson, J. David Hawkins

Close the Health Gap

Network co-leads: Michael S. Spencer, Karina L. Walters

Stop Family Violence

Network co-leads: Richard P. Barth, Shanti J. Kulkarni, Jill T. Messing

Advance Long and Productive Lives

Network co-leads: Guillermo Ernest Gonzales, Nancy Morrow-Howell

Theme II: Stronger social fabric

Chair: Neil B. Guterman, *University of Chicago*

Respondent: Steve Berg, *National Alliance to End Homelessness*

Eradicate Social Isolation

Network co-leads: Sandra E. Crewe, James Lubben, Erika Sabbath, Elizabeth M. Tracy

End Homelessness

Network co-leads: Benjamin F. Henwood, Deborah K. Padgett

Create Social Responses to a Changing Environment

Network co-leads: Susan P. Kemp, Lawrence A. Palinkas

Harness Technology for Social Good

Network co-leads: Stephanie Cosner Berzin, Claudia J. Coulton

Theme III: Just society

Chair: Sean Joe, Washington University in St. Louis

Respondent: Daniel Dodd-Ramirez, *Consumer Financial Protection Bureau* (invited)

Promote Smart Decarceration

Network co-leads: Matthew W. Epperson, Carrie Pettus-Davis

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Reduce Extreme Economic Inequality

Network co-leads: Laura Lein, Jennifer L. Romich, Trina R. Shanks

Build Financial Capability for All

Network co-leads: Jin Huang, Margaret S. Sherraden, Julie Birkenmaier

Achieve Equal Opportunity and Justice

Network co-leads: Ruth G. McRoy, Yolanda C. Padilla

5:40–7:30 Conference dinner **Clark-Fox Forum, Hillman Hall**

Welcome • Social policy in social work, Mary McKernan McKay, Dean, *Brown School of Social Work*

The Grand Challenges for Social Work initiative, Richard P. Barth, President, *American Academy of Social Work & Social Welfare*

7:30–8:30 Keynote address: The potential of the Grand Challenges
Angelo McClain, Chief Executive Officer, *National Association of Social Workers*

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 16

Ideas to Action: Implementing Grand Challenges Policy Recommendations

All sessions will be in the Clark-Fox Forum, Hillman Hall

7:30–8:00 AM Continental breakfast

8:00–8:45 Keynote address: Policy innovation for children and families
Mark H. Greenberg, Acting Assistant Secretary, *Administration for Children & Families, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services*

8:45–9:30 Policy progress of the Grand Challenges: Examples and discussion

Moderator: Edwina Uehara, *University of Washington*

Ensure Healthy Development for All Youth

Eradicate Social Isolation

Promote Smart Decarceration

9:30–10:45 Policy strategies and direction for the Grand Challenges

Moderator: Marilyn L. Flynn, *University of Southern California*

Panelists: Sarah Dewees, *First Nations Development Institute*

Sarah Gehlert, *Washington University in St. Louis*

Isabel V. Sawhill, *Brookings Institution*

Patricia White, *Fund for Social Policy Education and Practice, The New York Community Trust*

10:45–11:30 Integration and vision for policy recommendations

Moderator: Richard P. Barth, *American Academy of Social Work & Social Welfare*

Panelists: Dedrick Asante-Muhammad, *Corporation for Enterprise Development*

Rowena Fong, *University of Texas at Austin*

Laura Lein, *University of Michigan*

Ronald W. Manderscheid, *National Association of County Behavioral Health and Developmental Disability Directors*

11:30–12:15 PM Keynote address: Social innovation for America's renewal
Jared Bernstein, Senior Fellow, *Center on Budget and Policy Priorities*, and former Economic Adviser to Vice President Joe Biden

12:15–12:30 Wrap-up and next steps: Michael Sherraden

12:30–1:30 Lunch, informal discussion, departures for airport

GRAND CHALLENGES FOR SOCIAL WORK

Led by the American Academy of Social Work & Social Welfare, the Grand Challenges for Social Work initiative champions social progress powered by science. Networks of experts have produced the following policy recommendations for the 12 Grand Challenges.

THEME I: INDIVIDUAL AND FAMILY WELL-BEING

Ensure Healthy Development for All Youth

By unleashing the power of prevention through widespread use of proven approaches, we can prevent behavioral health problems and help all youth grow up to become healthy, productive adults.

Policy recommendations

- Ensure that 10% of all public funds spent on young people support effective prevention programs
- Increase local and state capacity to support the high-quality implementation of effective preventive interventions
- Develop community-level systems to monitor risk, protection, and behavioral-health outcomes
- Provide tested, effective, family-focused, preventive interventions without cost to patients or families through primary health-care providers
- Reduce the duration of untreated mental illness in young people
- Train and enable a workforce for effective prevention practice

Close the Health Gap

Innovative and evidence-based social strategies can improve health care, stem alcohol misuse, and lead to broad gains in the health of our entire society.

Policy recommendations

- Focus on settings-based research and interventions to improve the conditions of daily life
- Advance community empowerment and advocacy for sustainable health solutions and prevention
- Cultivate health innovation in primary care and community-based centers
- Promote access to health care and insurance for all
- Foster development of an interprofessional health workforce
- Develop a global health policy agenda on reducing alcohol misuse

Stop Family Violence

Proven interventions can prevent abuse, identify abuse sooner, and help families survive and thrive by breaking the cycle of violence or finding safe alternatives.

Policy recommendations

- Reprioritize Violence Against Women Act funding to support empowerment-based, social-service prevention and intervention activities, and use policy interventions to reduce the structural inequalities that perpetuate gender-based violence
- The National Institute of Justice, the National Institutes of Health, and the Administration for Children and families should increase research funding for evidence-based interventions that strengthen and enhance safety in families victimized through abuse and violence
- Use birth, child-welfare, and criminal-justice data to protect young children

Advance Long and Productive Lives

Fuller engagement in education and productive activities can generate a wealth of benefits, including better health, greater financial security, and a more vital society.

Policy recommendations

- Create flexible and transitional employment arrangements
- Provide financial support to caregivers
- Expand the Corporation for National and Community Service's support for engaging older adults

GRAND CHALLENGES FOR SOCIAL WORK

THEME II: STRONGER SOCIAL FABRIC

Eradicate Social Isolation

Social isolation is a silent killer, and our challenge is to promote effective ways to deepen social connections and community for people of all ages.

Policy recommendations

- Increase access to high-quality child care that strengthens social connections
- Build more age-friendly communities that strengthen social connections
- Reform solitary confinement

End Homelessness

This challenge is to increase access to affordable housing and rental subsidies, expand proven approaches, and adapt innovations for new populations.

Policy recommendations

- Expand access to housing subsidies, including housing choice vouchers
- Ensure that evidence-based psychosocial interventions accompany housing assistance for those in need
- Develop and evaluate housing-led interventions for specific populations

Create Social Responses to a Changing Environment

Changes posing profound risks to humans require new partnerships, deep engagement with local communities, and innovations to strengthen individual and collective assets.

Policy recommendations

- Adopt and implement evidence-based approaches to disaster risk reduction
- Develop policies targeting environmentally induced migration and population displacement
- Strengthen equity-oriented urban resilience policies and proactively engage marginalized communities in adaptation planning

Harness Technology for Social Good

New technologies can be deployed to strategically target social spending, speed development of effective programs, and bring a wider array of help to more communities.

Policy recommendations

- Expand Internet connectivity for underserved households
- Unlock government data to drive solutions to social problems
- Open the possibility of social work practice across state lines

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THEME III: JUST SOCIETY

Promote Smart Decarceration

A proactive, evidence-based strategy can dramatically reduce the number of people who are imprisoned and enable the nation to embrace a more effective, just approach to public safety.

Policy recommendations

- Use incarceration primarily for incapacitation of the most dangerous
- Make reduction of disparities a key outcome in decarceration efforts
- Remove civic and legal exclusions
- Reallocate resources to community-based supports

Reduce Extreme Economic Inequality

We can correct the broad inequality of wealth and income through a variety of innovative means related to wages and tax benefits, and also strive for greater access to education.

Policy recommendations

- Strengthen labor standards and reform employment policies
- Expand active employment creation through public programs and support for business start-up and capitalization
- Expand the Earned Income Tax Credit
- Expand child care access to enable stable employment in the context of healthy child development
- Create new, lifelong policies for inclusive and progressive wealth building

Build Financial Capability for All

We can significantly reduce the effects of poverty by adopting policies that bolster lifelong income and safe retirement accounts, expand workforce training, and provide financial literacy and access to quality affordable financial services.

Policy recommendations

- Support a strong Consumer Financial Protection Bureau to help ensure the transparency, safety, fairness, and affordability of financial products and services
- Start lifelong asset building with universal and progressive Child Development Accounts
- Create a web-based Financial Capability Gateway to build financial capability for all
- Prepare social workers and human service practitioners to build financial capability and assets for all

Achieve Equal Opportunity and Justice

Addressing racial and social injustices, dismantling inequality, exposing unfair practices, and accepting the superdiversity of the population will advance this challenge.

Policy recommendations

- To accelerate Latino immigrant integration, expand coverage under the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act
- Enhance, expand, and strengthen federal antidiscrimination laws, including the Voting Rights Act
- Eliminate zero tolerance policies in schools and promote the use of evidence-informed practices and policies to address racial disciplinary disproportionality

Policy briefs describing the recommendations are available on the Center for Social Development's website at csd.wustl.edu/events/ConferencesAndSymposia/Pages/Grand-Challenges-Policy-Briefs.aspx. Grand Challenges papers are available on the American Academy of Social Work & Social Welfare's website at aaswsw.org/grand-challenges-initiative/12-challenges/.

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Jared Bernstein, PhD, was the chief economist and economic adviser to Vice President Joe Biden, executive director of the White House Task Force on the Middle Class, and a member of President Obama's economic team from 2009 to 2011. He joined the Center on Budget and Policy Priorities in May 2011 as a senior fellow.

His areas of expertise include federal and state economic and fiscal policies, income inequality and mobility, trends in employment and earnings, international comparisons, and the analysis of financial and housing markets.

Prior to joining the Obama administration, Dr. Bernstein was a senior economist and the director of the Living Standards Program at the Economic Policy Institute in Washington, D.C. He also is a former deputy chief economist at the U.S. Department of Labor.

Dr. Bernstein is the author and coauthor of numerous books for popular and academic audiences, including *Crunch: Why Do I Feel So Squeezed?* and nine editions of *The State of Working America*. He has published extensively in various venues, including The New York Times, The Washington Post, Financial Times, and Research in Economics and Statistics. He is an on-air commentator for CNBC and MSNBC and hosts a popular economics blog, jaredbernsteinblog.com.

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Mark H. Greenberg

Mark H. Greenberg is acting assistant secretary of the Administration for Children & Families (ACF), at the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. Mr. Greenberg joined ACF as deputy assistant secretary for policy in 2009 and has served as acting assistant secretary since 2013.

Before joining the Obama administration, Mr. Greenberg directed the Georgetown University Center on Poverty, Inequality and Public Policy, a joint initiative of the Georgetown University Law Center and the Georgetown Public Policy Institute. In addition, he was a senior fellow at the Center for American Progress (CAP) and the Center for Law and Social Policy (CLASP). He previously served as the executive director of CAP's Task Force on Poverty and as CLASP's director of policy.

During his career, Mr. Greenberg has written extensively on issues relating to federal and state welfare reform efforts, workforce policy issues, child care and early education policy, tax policy, poverty measurement and poverty reduction strategies, and a range of other social policy issues.

Prior to coming to Washington, D.C., Mr. Greenberg worked at Jacksonville Area Legal Aid in Florida and the Western Center on Law and Poverty in Los Angeles.

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Angelo McClain

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When he was vice president of network management and regional operations for the Massachusetts Behavioral Health Partnership, Dr. McClain developed and maintained a provider network capable of delivering high-quality, responsive services to 450,000 Mass Health members.

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Previously, Mr. Asante-Muhammad was the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People's senior director of the economic department and executive director of the Financial Freedom Center. His past civil rights experience also includes time at Rev. Al Sharpton's National Action Network, where he was national crisis coordinator and then national field director. Mr. Asante-Muhammad's work in economic equity began at United for a Fair Economy, where he coordinated the Racial Wealth Divide Project and co-founded the *State of the Dream* report. He went on to the Institute for Policy Studies, where he worked in the Inequality and Common Good Program.



Richard P. Barth

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He has authored 10 books and more than 170 book chapters and articles about children's services—especially related to evidence-based practices and children's mental health and child welfare.

Dr. Barth was the 1986 winner of the Frank Breul Prize for Excellence in Child Welfare Scholarship from the University of Chicago, a Fulbright Scholar in 1990 and 2006, the 1998 recipient of the Presidential Award for Excellence in Research from the National Association of Social Workers, the 2005 winner of the Flynn Prize for Research, the 2007 winner of the Peter Forsythe Award for Child Welfare Leadership from the American Public Human Services Association, the 2010 recipient of the Lifetime Achievement Award from the Society for Social Work and Research, and the 2016 winner of the Academic Pediatric Association's Children's Advocacy Award.



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Ray Boshara

Ray Boshara worked in Washington, DC, for nearly 20 years. He was vice president of New America. He also has worked at CFED, the United Nations in Rome, the U.S. Congress and Ernst & Young.

Over the past 25 years, he has advised U.S. presidential candidates and leading policymakers worldwide, and he has testified before Congress several times. Mr. Boshara has written for *The Washington Post*, *The New York Times*, *The Atlantic* and others, and his media appearances include National Public Radio, CNBC, C-SPAN and Bloomberg News. His book, *The Next Progressive Era*, was published in 2009. He is a graduate of the Ohio State University, Yale Divinity School and the John F. Kennedy School of Government at Harvard.



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Neil B. Guterman

Neil B. Guterman, PhD, is dean of the School of Social Service Administration and the Mose and Sylvia Firestone Professor at the University of Chicago. He is a leading expert on child abuse and neglect. The primary focus of his recent research is on advancing services to prevent children's victimization. He is the author of *Stopping Child Maltreatment Before it Starts: Emerging Horizons in Early Home Visitation Services* (2001) and author of 60 peer-reviewed scientific publications on children's victimization.



Dr. Guterman is director of the Beatrice Cummings Mayer Program in Violence Prevention and serves as a board member at Chapin Hall. He has advised the U.S. Surgeon General's Office, the U. S. Attorney General's Office, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the International Society for Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect and others about issues related to child abuse and neglect.

He holds a PhD in social work and psychology from the University of Michigan, an MSW from the University of Michigan and a BA from the University of California, Santa Cruz.

Sean Joe

Sean Joe, PhD, is a nationally recognized authority on suicidal behavior among Black Americans. He is associate dean for faculty and research and the Benjamin E. Youngdahl Professor of Social Development at the Brown School at Washington University in St. Louis. As director of the Race and Opportunity Lab, his current research examines race, opportunity and social mobility with an emphasis on informing policies, interventions and intra-professional practice to improve familial and community capacity to reduce ethnic gaps in inequality in adolescents' healthy transition to adulthood. His epistemological work focuses on the role of race in science.



He continues to publish studies on suicide; black adolescents' mental health service use patterns; the role of religion in black suicidal behavior; salivary biomarkers for suicidal behavior; and development of father-focused, family-based interventions. He currently serves on the steering committee of the national Suicide Prevention Resource Center.

Dr. Joe is a fellow of the New York Academy of Medicine and the Society for Social Work and Research.

PRESENTERS

Laura Lein

Laura Lein, PhD, is the Katherine Reebel Collegiate Professor of Social Work and professor of anthropology and former dean of the University of Michigan School of Social Work (2009–2016). Previously she was a professor of social work and anthropology at the University of Texas at Austin. She has served as principal investigator on multiple grants on poverty, family and women's issues, and impoverished populations in Texas.

Dr. Lein directed the Women's Studies Program at the University of Texas at Austin. She also directed the Wellesley College Center for Research on Women and an interdisciplinary project on work, family interaction, and child development at the Center for the Study of Public Policy in Cambridge, Massachusetts.

She holds a doctorate in social anthropology from Harvard. Her work has concentrated on the interface between families in poverty and the institutions that serve them. She is author of nine books on welfare, health care, children, and families, and co-author of *Poor Families in America's Health Care Crisis*.



Ronald W. Manderscheid

Ronald W. Manderscheid is an international thought leader in mental health and substance use. He served as chief of mental health services research, mental health statistics and informatics, and evaluation research programs at the National Institute of Mental Health before becoming the chief of mental health statistics and IT at the Center for Mental Health Services at the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration. He also served as a senior policy adviser on health care reform in the office of the Health and Human Services Assistant Secretary for Health.

Dr. Manderscheid was principal editor and a co-author for the last eight editions of *Mental Health, United States*, and has produced scientific articles and white papers published in a broad array of peer-reviewed publications, including *Preventing Chronic Disease*, *The Journal of Behavioral Health Services and Research*, *Psychiatric Services* and *Archives of General Psychiatry*. He is a regular contributor to *Behavioral Healthcare* and serves on editorial boards of numerous publications in public and mental health.



Mary McKernan McKay

Mary McKernan McKay, PhD, became dean of the Brown School at Washington University in St. Louis in July. Previously, she was McSilver Professor of Social Work and the inaugural director of the McSilver Institute for Poverty Policy and Research at New York University Silver School of Social Work. Under her leadership, the McSilver Institute grew to over \$30 million in funded projects benefitting poverty-impacted families and communities, locally and globally. She also has served as head of the Division of Mental Health Services Research at Mount Sinai School of Medicine in New York City. She has received substantial federal funding for research focused on meeting the mental health and health prevention needs of poverty-impacted youth and families. She has published more than 150 publications on mental and behavioral health, HIV/AIDS prevention and behavior modification, and other urban health issues.

Dean McKay received her PhD from University of Illinois at Chicago's Jane Addams College of Social Work and her master's and bachelor's degrees in social work from Loyola University of Chicago.



PRESENTERS

Isabel V. Sawhill

Isabel V. Sawhill, PhD, is a senior fellow in economic studies at the Brookings Institution, where she served as vice president and director of the Economic Studies program. She has been a co-director of the Center on Children and Families. Previously, Dr. Sawhill was a senior fellow at the Urban Institute. She served in the Clinton administration as an associate director of the Office of Management and Budget.



Dr. Sawhill's research has spanned a wide array of economic and social issues, including fiscal policy, economic growth, poverty and inequality. Recently, her major focus has been on how to improve opportunities for disadvantaged children in the United States. She has authored or edited numerous books and articles, including *Generation Unbound: Drifting Into Sex and Parenthood Without Marriage*, and *Creating an Opportunity Society*, with Ron Haskins.

She helped to found the National Campaign to Prevent Teen and Unplanned Pregnancy and is president of its board.

Dr. Sawhill received her PhD from New York University.

Michael Sherraden

Michael Sherraden, PhD, is the George Warren Brown Distinguished University Professor and founding director of the Center for Social Development at Washington University in St. Louis.



He is a leading scholar in asset building, with authored or edited books including *Assets and the Poor* (1991), *Inclusion in the American Dream* (2005), *Can the Poor Save?* (2007), *Asset Building and Low-Income Families* (2008) and *Asset-Building Innovations and Strategies in Asia* (2014). He is also engaged in research on civic service and engagement, with books including *National Service* (1982), *The Moral Equivalent of War* (1990), *Productive Aging* (2001) and *Civic Service Worldwide* (2007).

Dr. Sherraden's research focuses on testing social innovations, with impacts on policy in the United States and many other countries. In 2010, *Time* magazine named him among the 100 most-influential people in the world. He is a fellow in the American Academy of Social Work & Social Welfare and serves as a co-director of the Grand Challenges for Social Work Steering Committee.

Marvin Southard

Marvin Southard, DSW, is a professor of practice at the University of Southern California School of Social Work. He serves as chief executive officer of the Steven A. Cohen Military Family Clinic at USC and as director of the Doctor of Social Work program.



A licensed clinical social worker, Dr. Southard is a national expert in the areas of mental health, homelessness and substance abuse. From 1998 to 2015, he was director of the Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health, which served more than 250,000 clients annually in one of the most ethnically diverse counties in the nation. During his tenure, he focused on developing community-based partnerships and initiating children's mental health programs. Before that, he served as director of mental health in Kern County, overseeing mental health, substance abuse and mental health-related HIV services. His past appointments also include seven years as vice president of mental health programs and director of clinical services at El Centro Human Services Corporation in Los Angeles.

PRESENTERS

Edwina Uehara

Edwina “Eddie” Uehara, PhD, is professor and dean at the University of Washington School of Social Work. Her scholarly interests center on understanding the interplay of social structure and the cultural construction of health, illness and healing. Her research has been published in a range of journals in social work and related disciplines, including *American Journal of Sociology*, *Journal of Health and Social Behavior*, *Archives of General Psychiatry* and *Journal of Consulting and Clinical Psychology*.

Dr. Uehara is past president of the Society for Social Work and Research and co-chair of the American Academy of Social Work & Social Welfare’s Grand Challenges Executive Committee.

She is the inaugural holder of the Ballmer Endowed Deanship in Social Work, the first position of its kind in a public university.

Dr. Uehara has taught and mentored scores of masters, doctoral and post-doctoral students, particularly those specializing in ethnography, grounded theory, narrative analysis, social networks analysis, and the intersection of race, culture, socioeconomic class and mental health.



Darrell P. Wheeler

Darrell P. Wheeler, PhD, is vice provost for public engagement and dean of social welfare at the University at Albany–State University of New York. He is vice chair of the Presidential Advisory Council on HIV/AIDS and is president of the National Association of Social Workers.

He is an educator and researcher on HIV prevention and intervention in the African-American gay, bisexual and transgender communities. His work has been funded by key organizations, including the National Institutes of Health and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Wheeler has used research to advance the use of data and evidence in developing innovative programs and policy initiatives.

In 2015, Dr. Wheeler was named among the 30 most influential social workers alive today.

He earned his doctorate and a master’s degree in public health from the University of Pittsburgh, a master’s degree in social work from Howard University, and a bachelor’s degree in sociology from Cornell College.



Patricia White

Patricia White is executive director of the Fund for Social Policy Education and Practice, a philanthropic effort that aims to strengthen the ability of social workers to understand and act on the policy implications of their work. She is also special projects director at The New York Community Trust. Since 1987, she has managed the trust’s grant program in the areas of social services and welfare, girls and young women, and homelessness and hunger.

Ms. White has an MSW from Marywood College and an advanced management certificate in business administration from the Urban Business Assistance Corporation at New York University.



James Herbert Williams

James Herbert Williams, PhD, is professor and Distinguished Emil M. Sunley Endowed Chair at the Graduate School of Social Work at the University of Denver. He previously served as the school’s dean.

Dr. Williams’ research, publications, training and community services focus on human security and economic sustainability, health promotion and disease prevention, behavioral health disparities and health equity, global practice and sustainable development, adolescent violence and substance use, mental health services for African-American children in urban schools, and many other areas. His scholarship has been published in prominent health and social science journals.

He is editor-in-chief of *Social Work Research*, president of the Society for Social Work and Research, and a member of the American Academy for Social Work & Social Welfare’s Grand Challenges Executive Committee.

Dr. Williams holds his PhD in Social Welfare from the University of Washington, MPA from the University of Colorado and MSW from Smith College.



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