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DURING THE 2009–2010 ACADEMIC YEAR

FALL TERM 2009

Thursday, September 24, 2009
2:30pm—4:30pm
“Social Workers and the Great Depression: Past is Present”
Faith Hopp, MSW, PhD
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Cheryl Bukoff, MSW, Rachel Hewitt, MSW

Thursday, October 22, 2009
2:00pm—4:00pm
22nd Annual Edith Harris Memorial Lecture
“Mental Health Needs of Caregivers”
Sue Levkoff, ScD, MSW, Harvard Medical School

All events on WSU campus at the
Community Arts Auditorium
450 Reuther Mall
Detroit, Michigan 48201

These events are free. To register for social work CE hours return the attached form.
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Detroit Social Workers and the Great Depression: The Past is Present
Thursday, September 24, 2009, 2:30pm—4:30pm
Community Arts Auditorium
Faith Hopp, MSW, PhD, WSU School of Social Work, Ruth Ray, DA, WSU College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, Tom Jankowski, PhD, WSU Institute of Gerontology, Cheryl Bukoff, MSW, Hannan Foundation, Rachel Hewitt, MSW, Hannan Foundation

Abstract
The establishment of the Wayne State University School of Social Work 75 years ago was a critical time for both the social work profession and for City of Detroit. During this time, social work was a new profession, focused on solving real-world problems using a systematic and comprehensive approach exemplified by Mary Richmond’s 1917 text, Social Diagnosis. For early social workers, often referred to as “Visitors”, the Great Depression was a cataclysmic event that presented challenging, perplexing, and often overwhelming situations. Money was scarce—both for those providing assistance and for those in need—and the relationship between Visitors and those they served were forged within this environment of meager resources. These early social workers lay the groundwork for the development of social work practice and education in our region, and the challenges they faced have important implications for contemporary social work practice and social welfare policy. Drawing on archival social case work records from the Hannan Foundation, members of the Hannan Archival Research Group, an interdisciplinary group of faculty members from Wayne State University, will describe how a group of older adults experienced the Great Depression in Detroit during the 1930's. We will describe their experiences of economic hardship and the receipt of help from the Hannan Foundation, as well as their accommodation and resistance to the idea of being a burden in old age. We will conclude with a panel of social workers, who will discuss the relevance of our archival findings for understanding the impact of the current economic crisis on the profession of social work.


This course is approved by the Michigan Social Work Continuing Education Collaborative for 2 CE hours; Course Approval number: 080309-17
The 22\textsuperscript{nd} Annual Edith Harris Endowed Memorial Lecture
“The Mental Health Needs of Caregivers” delivered by Dr. Sue Levkoff
Thursday, October 22, 2009, 2:00pm—4:00pm
Community Arts Auditorium

Sue Levkoff, M.S.W., Sc.D.
Director, Positive Aging Resource Center, Harvard Medical School

Dr. Levkoff provides the overall leadership for the Positive Aging Resource Center (PARC) and is an associate professor in the Department of Social Medicine at Harvard Medical School. She has served as the director of the Primary Care Research in Substance Abuse and Mental Health for the Elderly (PRISM-E) Coordinating Center; president of the National Association of Geriatric Education Centers; and director of the Harvard Upper New England Geriatric Education Center. Dr. Levkoff’s practice oriented research has focused on the integration of mental health services into primary care. Dr. Levkoff has also studied and compared the effects of culture on care-giving in Chinese, African-American, and Latino families. This work led her to establish the Research Center of Excellence in Minority Aging and Health at Brigham and Women’s Hospital, Harvard Medical School. She has worked closely with consumer groups to design research and interventions to reduce disparities in health services to older adults. She co-authored Aging Well, a book to help older persons take charge of their health. Dr. Levkoff’s work has been funded by the National Institute on Aging, SAMHSA, the National Alzheimer’s Disease Association, and numerous other private foundations. Dr. Levkoff’s current practice oriented research includes directing a Geriatric Education Center grant and a National Institute of Aging grant funding the Harvard Older Americans Independence Center through Harvard Medical School.

Abstract: Sue Levkoff’s presentation “The Mental Health Needs of Caregivers” applies to a variety of caregiving circumstances and is intended to help the social work practitioner in a variety of settings apply evidence-based and best practices to reduce caregiver stress. Caregiving experience, whether for a child with a chronic illness or a family member with a persistent mental illness, or dementia or Alzheimer's, can be extremely stressful because it affects many areas of the caregiver’s life. Providing long-term care can profoundly affect caregivers’ lives, and caregivers’ capacities to cope with the needs of family members are challenged as the demands for care increase. Dr. Levkoff stresses sensitivity to the diversity of values and expectations that can affect caregiver experiences. The increased prevalence of mental health needs among caregivers must be acknowledged and met by social work intervention to establish appropriate and accessible support services.


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Register for these free continuing education programs offered in celebration of the school’s 75th Anniversary

Registration Form

I plan to attend the following 75th Anniversary Year events during the Fall 2009 Term:

_____ The panel chaired by Dr. Faith Hopp “Social Workers and the Great Depression: The Past is Present"
On Thursday, September 24, 2009 at 2:30 p.m. (This course is approved by the Michigan Social Work Continuing Education Collaborative for 2 social work CE hours, approval number: 080309-17)

_____ The 22nd Annual Edith Harris Lecture by Dr. Sue Levkoff “Mental Health Needs of Caregivers”
on Thursday, October 22, 2009 at 2:00p.m. (2 social work CE hours)

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Save the Date: June 10, 2010
75th Anniversary Celebration Event at the Detroit Golf Club