



# SOCIAL WORK WILDCAT CONFERENCE

## Monday, October 23, 2023 Virtual Conference

8:15 am Welcome from Kansas State University Salina

8:25 am Elder Abuse

Presented by Paul Greenwood

Discover shared lessons learned from Greenwood's 22 years of prosecuting serious felony crimes committed against older adults. Too often these crimes remain hidden and uninvestigated. The presentation will put the spotlight on this escalating crime and will provide tips on how to recognize when such abuse or exploitation is occurring.

10:25 am Break

10:30 am Ageism

Presented by Mary Peyton Gill

Ageism will be brought to the level of consciousness, so professionals are aware of it and strive to avoid it. The session will consider what ageism looks like, how people perceive it, and ways in which we can combat it. This session will also discuss the definition of ageism, how it is seen in their environments, and ideas as to how ageism may be challenged in their communities.

12:05 pm Break

1:05 pm Recognition of sponsor Kansas Department for Children and Families Adult Protective Services

1:10 pm Concurrent Sessions

**Track A:** Prolonged Grief Disorder: What is it and How do we Help?

Presented by Annie Handley

In this presentation, we will cover diagnostic criteria for Prolonged Grief Disorder and how it differs from other diagnoses, and discuss best practices for Helpers working with bereaved clients.

*Concurrent session list continued on next page*



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1:10 pm

Concurrent Sessions continued

**Track B:** Loneliness and its Impact on Health and Wellness in the Older Adult Population: An Overview with Practice Recommendations

Presented by Suzanne Wolcott and Charlotte Loewen

3 hours Diagnostic and Treatment session

Loneliness is an under recognized contributing factor to morbidity and mortality in older adults and its impacts are far reaching. This session will provide information on the relevant demographics, measurement, and assessment tools, as well as treatment of factors related to loneliness. The presentation will also explore the relationship between loneliness and trauma, as well as the ways in which loneliness can affect both adjunct diagnoses and the interaction between trauma and loneliness in the older population.

**Track C:** Trauma-Informed Ethical Practices with Older Adults

Presented by Teresa Cornejo and Ellen Walker

3 hours Ethics session

Addressing the needs of older adults can involve many providers, caregivers, and competing expectations that may, at times, lead to ethical challenges. In this session, we will review the principles of Trauma-Informed Care in the context of applicable NASW ethical standards/values to provide ethical and supportive services.

2:10 pm

Break

2:20 pm

Concurrent Sessions

**Track A:** Palliative Care State Plan

Presented by Kate Shoemaker

The Palliative Care Quality of Life Interdisciplinary Advisory Council has completed the 5-year Kansas Palliative Care State Plan. Access, Education and Health Care Workforce Training, Public and Community Awareness, Emergency Preparedness and Disaster Planning will be covered.

**Track B:** Continued Loneliness and its Impact on Health and Wellness in the Older Adult Population  
Diagnostic and Treatment session

**Track C:** Continued Trauma-Informed Ethical Practices with Older Adults  
Ethics session



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3:20 pm Break

3:30 pm Concurrent Sessions

**Track A:** Looking for love in all the wrong places: A deeper dive into the romance scam and other contemporary fraudulent activities.

Presented by Paul Greenwood

Presentation will provide an in depth study of the romance scam but also look at other emerging ruses and will demonstrate how a local network of committee professionals make a difference in identifying suspects and in following the money.

**Track B:** Continued Loneliness and its Impact on Health and Wellness in the Older Adult Population  
Diagnostic and Treatment session

**Track C:** Continued Trauma-Informed Ethical Practices with Older Adults  
Ethics session

4:20 pm Networking Conversations

5:00 pm Adjourn

**Thank you to our sponsor for making this conference possible!**



## **Kansas Department for Children and Families Adult Protective Services**

Adult Protective Services (APS) responds to reports of abuse, neglect, or exploitation of adults. Intervention is available to adults age 18 and older who are unable to protect themselves. The APS program helps those adults who need assistance in dealing with abusive, neglectful, or financial exploitation situations. Those who are most frail, dependent, and socially isolated are at the highest risk.



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### **Paul Greenwood**

Retired Deputy District Attorney Paul Greenwood was a solicitor in England for 13 years. After relocating to San Diego in 1991 he passed the California Bar and joined the DA's office in 1993. For twenty-two years, Paul headed up the Elder Abuse Prosecution Unit at the San Diego DA's Office. In 1999 California Lawyer magazine named Greenwood as one of their top 20 lawyers of the year in recognition of his pioneering efforts to pursue justice on behalf of senior citizens. He has been involved with ten murder cases, including one death penalty case. In March 2018 Greenwood retired from the San Diego DA's office to concentrate on sharing lessons learned from his elder abuse prosecutions with a wider audience. In October 2018 he was given a lifetime achievement award by his former office. Greenwood now spends most of his post-retirement time speaking on behalf of AARP nationally, consulting on elder abuse cases and providing training to law enforcement and Adult Protective Service agencies across the country and internationally. He is also involved as the criminal justice board member of National Adult Protective Services Association.



### **Mary Peyton Gill, Tabor College**

Mary Peyton Gill was born and raised in Kansas. She graduated from Kansas State University in 1982 with a Bachelor of Science, and social work was the area studied. She graduated from Fordham University in 1986 with a master's in social work. She completed her Doctorate in Social Work with an emphasis in medical social work from Walden University in August 2022. Her dissertation considered older adults and creativity. Dr. Gill has worked in a variety of settings, including home health, dialysis, and hospice. She was the field placement coordinator and taught social work and sociology at Tabor College. Currently, she is serving as a clinician with Prairie View and strives to encourage older adults in positive aging.



### **Annie Handley, LCSW, LSCSW**

Annie Handley is a Kansas City based Licensed Clinical Social Worker that has been in practice since 2007. She specializes in public health and currently supervises a team of Social Workers at University Health. She also runs a small private practice, focusing on grief and loss. Annie is a former teacher committed to lifelong learning and provides community trainings around: Grief/Loss, Gerontology, LGBTQIA specializations and supervision/mentoring.



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### **Charlotte Loewen, Bluestem PACE**

Charlotte Loewen, LSCW, MA, co-presenting with Suzanne Wolcott, has 35 years of experience working with older adults in a variety of outpatient and inpatient settings in both Minnesota and Kansas. Currently she is employed as a consultant to Bluestem PACE in McPherson, Kansas. She has a Bachelor's degree from McPherson College, a Master's of Social Work degree from the University of Kansas, and a Master's degree in Theology from Bethany Theological Seminary. Loewen is married and resides near Little River.



### **Suzanne Wolcott, Bluestem PACE**

Suzanne Wolcott, MDiv, LSCSW, co-presenting with Charlotte Loewen, works as the primary mental health provider at Bluestem PACE, an agency serving adults 55 and older. Her social work background includes work in in-patient behavioral health and hospital case management, particularly palliative care. Prior to entering social work, Wolcott earned a Master of Divinity degree, and served in ministry as a hospital, hospice, and law enforcement chaplain. She's been an educator in various disciplines for around 20 years. She lives in central Kansas in a drafty old house with her partner, two children, dogs, cat and chickens. In her spare time, she loves to write, read, and kayak.



### **Teresa Cornejo, Wichita State University Community Engagement Institute**

Teresa Cornejo, co-presenting with Ellen Walker, is passionate about the human experience in organizations. Cornejo earned a Master's degree in Social Work in 1996 from the University of Kansas and a Master's in Organization Development in 2012 from Friends University. Cornejo is Director of the IMPACT Center and a founding member of the Trauma-Informed Systems of Care team at Wichita State University's Community Engagement Institute. She has content expertise in trauma-informed care, leadership development, effective supervision practices, community and volunteer engagement and the power of peer support, receiving numerous requests for speaking, training and consulting engagements. Since 2007 she has worked with organizations representing nonprofit, healthcare, behavioral health and education to strengthen their capacity to implement trauma-informed practices with staff, leadership and the people they serve.





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**Ellen Walker, Wichita State University Community Engagement Institute**

Ellen Walker, LMSW, co-presenting with Teresa Cornejo, is a Community Programs Specialist for the IMPACT Center at the WSU Community Engagement Institute. She wears many hats that allow her to support local and state efforts on a variety of projects aiming to build healthier organizations and communities. While she is especially passionate about older adults, she loves working to help all folks support each other, get involved in their communities, and access appropriate services.



**Kate Shoemaker, The University of Kansas Health System**

Kate Shoemaker, LMSW, AHPSW-C is a licensed social worker in the State of Kansas and certified as an Advanced Hospice and Palliative Care Social Worker. Kate is a member of the Palliative Care Team at the University of Kansas Health System. Kate holds a Bachelor's of Social Work (2005) and a Master's of Social Work from the University of Kansas (2009). Kate joined the KUHS Palliative Care team in 2010 and is passionate about honoring patients' requests to be in their desired setting for end-of-life care. Kate currently sits on the State of Kansas Palliative Care Quality Council. Kate was awarded "Emerging Leader in Professional Practice for 2015" by the Social Work in Hospice and Palliative Care Network. Kate has spoken in a variety of settings to a variety of professionals on topics ranging from discharge planning to maladaptive coping. Kate is also passionate about working with emerging Social Workers and provides mentorship and is a practicum liaison for The University of Kansas School of Social Work.