

Workshop Topic:

Spiritual Diversity as Resource for Personal and Community Health and Wellbeing

Workshop Speakers:

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Abstract:

This workshop focuses on applying principles and guidelines presented in the plenary presentation, "Spiritually Sensitive Social Work: Evidence and Theory Base for Promoting Harmony of Self, Society, and World." There will be a brief review of the framework for spiritually sensitive practice from the plenary. Most of the time will focus on brief case examples illustrating spiritually sensitive practice with individuals and community groups plus audience participation in application and discussion of spiritual assessment tools. The workshop will conclude with discussion of ways in which the framework for spiritually sensitive practice may need to be adapted or rejected for the various cultural and practice situations of workshop participants.

Objectives:

By the end of this workshop, participants will be able to:

1. Understand the basic principles of spiritually sensitive social work.
2. Critique case illustrations of spiritually sensitive social work practice.
3. Apply tools for assessing spiritual backgrounds and interests of clients.
4. Articulate ways in which the framework is or is not applicable in their own practice settings and cultures and how it might be adapted.

Presenters' Biographies:

Dr. Edward Canda is Professor and Director of the Office for Research on Spiritual Diversity in Social Work at the University of Kansas (KU) School of Social Welfare, USA. He was director of the KU Ph.D. Program in Social Work for the previous 8 years. Dr. Canda's graduate studies were at Sungkyunkwan University in Seoul, Korea (Fulbright Graduate Fellow), University of Denver (M.A. in Religious Studies), and The Ohio State University (MSW and Ph.D. in Social Work). For more than 25 years, Dr. Canda has been active in promoting understanding of spiritual diversity in social work through developing national and international collaborations, conducting research, and formulating a theory base. Dr. Canda founded the USA based Society for Spirituality and Social Work in 1990. He has more than 100 publications and numerous presentations in

more than 15 countries on related topics. Dr. Canda's teaching focuses on human behavior theory, practice with spiritual diversity, qualitative research methods, and study abroad in Korea. He is particularly committed to collaborations with colleagues in South Korea, Japan, and Hong Kong. His current efforts focus on interdisciplinary and international networking to promote local and global understanding among helping professionals regarding spirituality as a resource for individual and community wellbeing. Dr. Canda has received many awards, most recently, the 2008 International Scholar Award from the University of Kansas.

Ms. Hwi-Ja Canda is Social Work Coordinator at Lawrence Memorial Hospital in Lawrence, Kansas, USA. She received her MSW from the University of Iowa and a two year post-MSW training program in Bowen Family System Therapy from the Menninger Clinic in Kansas. Ms. Canda has an advanced specialist clinical social work license (LSCSW) and certifications as Advanced Case Manager in Health Care and Advanced Case Manager in Social Work. She has 18 years of experience as a social worker in medical settings, with special interest in palliative care. For several years, she has been an adjunct faculty member for the University of Kansas School of Social Welfare as a field instructor and as course instructor for medical social work and spirituality in social work. She has done presentations on spirituality and social work in the USA, South Korea, Japan, and Costa Rica. Hwi-Ja and Edward Canda often collaborate on teaching and research in South Korea and elsewhere.