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Invite you to our Spring Seminar
Friday, May 8, 2015

Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection
2811 Agriculture Drive, Madison, WI 53178

Schedule and Speakers

8:00-8:30 a.m.  Registration and breakfast (provided)

8:30-10:00 a.m.  Cultural Competency for Social Service Professionals
Linda Hedenblad & Jacy Whitehead, VR Development Group
In order to stay relevant in the modern world, all professionals need to gain a better understanding of the potential impact of cultural differences. Via lecture and activities, this presentation will explore options to help us avoid culture clashes.

10:00-10:15 a.m.  Break

10:15-11:45 a.m.  Boundary Ethics: Emergent Considerations for Rehabilitation Counselors Working in Traditional and Non-traditional Settings
Dr. Vilia Tarvydas, Michael Gerald, and Maggie Butler
University of Iowa Institute on Disability & Rehabilitation Ethics (I-DARE)
Rehabilitation counselors provide services for clients in a variety of settings and contexts. Services offered in “traditional” settings allow counselors to increase access to services for clients and offer ability to view clients in different contexts. “Nontraditional” settings, however, present unique challenges related to ethical boundary crossings and violations for Rehabilitation Counselors. This presentation will address ethical issues related to boundaries, including case examples and information on managing professional boundaries, including potentially beneficial “boundary crossings” for culturally diverse clients while avoiding harm and ethical violations.
11:45 a.m.-12:45  Lunch (provided) and Business Meeting: Introduction of New IARP-WI Board and WRA Board Members

12:45-2:00 p.m.  Methods & Models in Forensic Vocational Assessment
Dr. Rick Robinson, Robinson Work Rehabilitation
Vocational assessment is a keystone in both public and private rehabilitation settings. Over the past 20 years, multiple evaluation methods and models have been published for forensically oriented evaluation settings. This session will overview these methods and models and the contemporary evidentiary requirements for acceptance.

2:00-2:15 p.m.  Break

2:15-3:45 p.m.  Where are We Now? An Update on Labor Market Status
Dr. Matias Scaglione, Wisconsin Department of Workforce Development
This presentation evaluates the nature of the ongoing job recovery and presents job projections to 2022 at national and Wisconsin levels. Specific attention will be given to the composition of the unemployed over time in terms of educational attainment, how the current job expansion breaks down by economic sector, plotting the trend in average wage, and exploration of the distribution of typical skills and education across detailed occupations. The presentation will also address persons with disabilities.

Speaker Information

Linda Hedenblad is the Founder of the VR Development Group and Co-Founder of Designed2Learn. She has spent her adult life working directly and indirectly in service of persons with disabilities in capacities of therapist, outreach specialist, case manager, vocational rehabilitation counselor, teacher, program manager and consultant. For the past 16 years she has been teaching and developing a variety of continuing education courses for VR professionals, many of which have been conducted via distance learning courses utilizing accessible platforms. Linda has gained a national reputation for presenting topical issues with an infusion of humor and vitality.

Jacy Whitehead graduated with honors from Indiana University with a BA in Special Education and began her professional career as an educator with teenagers on the Navajo Reservation. For the past 17 years she has worked with diverse populations in a variety of learning environments (elementary, middle and high school) in Indiana, Arizona, Wisconsin, and Brazil. She has been an ESL instructor since 2006 and has also created specialized English learning and English survival curriculum for immigrants. She is a teacher instructor with WESLI, certifying people to teach English overseas, and in the accredited TEFL program, assists with curriculum development, course facilitation, and mentoring student teachers.

Dr. Vilia Tarvydas is a professor and Department Executive Officer with the University of Iowa’s College of Education, Department of Rehabilitation and Counselor Education. She holds expertise in rehabilitation and mental health counseling and rehabilitation psychology, particularly traumatic brain injury rehabilitation, with research and teaching interests in ethics inclusive of factors influencing ethical decision-making. She holds an MS in Educational Rehabilitation Counseling from UW-Milwaukee and a Ph.D. in Rehabilitation Psychology from UW-Madison. Dr. Tarvydas has served on numerous committee assignments, professional boards, and has functioned in consultant roles with entities inclusive of Michigan State University, Council on Accreditation of Counseling and Related Professions, and the University of Iowa.
Maggie Butler is a Doctoral Scholar for The Institute of Disability and Rehabilitation Ethics (IDARE) at The University of Iowa, and is a third year doctoral student within the Rehabilitation Counselor Education program. Her research focuses on effective advocacy practices among counselors, counselors-in-training, and disability interest groups; the intersectionality of disability and implications for policymakers; whistleblowing practices among human service agencies; and voice efficacy of counselors. Maggie has previous work experience as a Vocational Rehabilitation Counselor and University Director of Disability Resources/Chief ADA/504 compliance officer in Virginia.

Michael Gerald is a third-year Doctoral student in the Rehabilitation Counselor Education (RCE) program at the University of Iowa. Michael has served as a Graduate and Research Assistant with the Institute on Disability and Rehabilitation Ethics (I-DARE) for two years. In this capacity he helped generate and administer a survey addressing Participatory Ethics, specifically among Rehabilitation Counselors. He has presented at the National Council on Rehabilitation Education (NCRE) on issues such as Ethical Considerations in Counseling Transgender Individuals and in 2014 was invited to be a member of a panel addressing the same topic. Additionally, Michael has presented posters at the NCRE conference entitled: The Eugenic Legacy of Rehabilitation Services in America and Ethical and Legal Responsibilities of Rehabilitation Educators Regarding LGBTQ Consumers, the latter of which provided an overview of recent legal challenges by counselors who refused counseling services to LGBTQ clients. Professionally, Michael is a Certified Rehabilitation Counselor (CRC) and is currently engaged in a clinical internship with the Department of Correctional Services (DCS) providing outpatient mental health services to persons on probation and parole. Additionally, Michael spent several years prior to this as a Behavior Specialist providing Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA) services to children with Autism.

Dr. Rick Robinson has nearly 20 years of experience providing vocational and disability consulting in both litigated and non-litigated settings. He is nationally certified in rehabilitation counseling, vocational evaluation, and life care planning and holds board certification for the National Board for Certified Counselors. He is also a Diplomate of the American Board of Vocational Experts and holds state licensure in Florida as a mental health counselor. He has published over a dozen peer reviewed articles related to forensic vocational rehabilitation services and is also the editor of the 2014 textbook Foundations of Forensic Vocational Rehabilitation. Dr. Robinson is the lead faculty instructor for the University of Florida’s post-graduate certificate program in forensic vocational rehabilitation.

Dr. Matias Scaglione is a senior researcher at the Wisconsin Department of Workforce Development’s Bureau of Workforce Information and Technical Support, as well as an Honorary Fellow at UW-Madison. He specializes in labor market dynamics and regional economic change. He received a Ph.D. in Sociology from UW-Madison in 2012, holds Master’s and Bachelor’s degrees in Economics, and served as a professional economist at the Inter-American Development Bank in Washington, D.C.

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**Overnight Accommodations:**

Rodeway Inn  
4845 Hayes Road Madison, WI. 53704  
608-249-1815

We have reserved a block of 10 rooms (5 doubles and 5 standard) under the name of “Deb” at a rate of approximately $55 per night plus tax. Just call the above number and ask to speak with Jay. If he is not available, leave your name/phone number and he will call you back when he is available.

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South on Hayes Rd. toward Anniversary Lane.  
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Turn left onto East Washington Frontage Road.  
Turn right onto East Washington/151 South. Go 1.5 miles.  
Turn left onto 51 South/Stoughton Road.  
Go 4 miles; turn left onto Pflaum Road.  
Pflaum Road turns into Agricultural Drive.  
Turn left at the bottom of the hill and drive toward the building at the top of the hill.

*Please park in the visitor parking lot in the front of the building. Parking is free.*

See the following map for additional details on directions from other origination points.