



GROVES CONFERENCE on Marriage and Family

Families at the Intersection of Mental Health and Disabilities
The 81st Groves Conference on Marriage and Family
Hyatt Regency Buffalo – Buffalo, New York
June 4 -7, 2015

Please join us in The Queen City – Buffalo, NY – as we explore the intersections of families with mental health and illness, disabilities, and related human service systems. We will hear from professionals in the field, advocates, and academic experts about topics such as the effects of severe and persistent mental illness or lifelong disability on families, children of parents in the mental health system, community mental health care, residential living programs, homelessness and incarceration of the mentally ill, veterans, their families and Posttraumatic Stress Disorder, the role of family violence in mental health and the lives of those with disabilities, and cutting edge problem solutions. We will consider these themes from a human rights and social justice perspective which highlights the context of underserved or unserved populations and the disproportionate impacts on racial and ethnic minorities, the cumulatively disadvantaged, and the stigmatization associated with mental illness and disabilities in the United States.

IN GROVES TRADITION, THE CONFERENCE WILL FEATURE A COMBINATION OF SCHOLARLY PAPERS, AND PANELS AND WORKSHOPS BY PRACTITIONERS AND ACTIVISTS.

Thursday Evening Opening Program: Reception followed by Introductory Presentation: *City of Good Neighbors: A Social Welfare History of Buffalo*, by Dr. Mary B. Carney, Associate Professor of Social Work & Chair, Department of Sociology, Anthropology, Social Work, and Criminal Justice, The State University of New York at Fredonia, and Buffalo native.

Plenary Speakers and Sussman Award Presentation: TBA

Experiential Field Trips: In the tradition of Groves as an active learning conference, we will feature two field trips. One will be to tour the Richardson-Olmstead Complex, formerly the Buffalo State Asylum for the Insane, a psychiatric institution constructed according to the Kirkbride-plan, which was the state-of-the-art in mental health care during the Victorian era in North America. You can learn more about this historic site at <http://www.richardson-olmsted.com/> The second will be to the Museum of disABILITY History, which is dedicated to advancing the understanding, acceptance and independence of people with disabilities. The Museum's exhibits, collections, archives and educational programs create awareness and a platform for dialogue and discovery, as per its mission statement. More information may be found at <http://museumofdisability.org/>

Call for Conference Proposals

The Groves Conference on Marriage and Family invites conference proposals relating to families at the intersection of mental health and disabilities, as well as other topics related to issues concerning marriage and families. Authors of accepted proposals will be invited to present their work at the conference in one of two formats, roundtable or poster, as these formats facilitate the discussion and interaction traditional of Groves. Both Groves members and non-members are invited to submit proposals.

Call for Proposals Timetable:

Timely submission of the papers is critical to the success of the program. The procedures and timetable enumerated below will apply.

1. *Deadline for Proposal Submissions*

By **Friday, March 6, 2015 at 11:59 PM EST**, authors should submit a two page proposal for their papers including the title, a short description of the topic(s) to be addressed, the approach that will be taken, a survey of relevant literature on the subject, and three learning goals for the audience. Proposals, along with authors' contact information, should be submitted via e-mail to grovesproposals2015@gmail.com Please put "Groves Proposal Call" in the subject line.

2. *Acceptance of Proposals*

By **Monday, April 6, 2015** the review committee will make a decision on all proposals. The number of accepted proposals might be limited. The committee will contact authors regarding their proposals at that time.

The review committee looks forward to receiving proposals in response to the call, and is happy to respond to inquiries from interested parties. Questions may be addressed to the program chair via e-mail at grovesproposals2015@gmail.com Please put "Groves Proposal Inquiry" in the subject line.

Registration

To register, see the homepage for online registration, or use the mail-in document.

<i>By April 15, 2015:</i>	Groves members:	\$375
	Nonmembers:	\$475 (to enquire about membership e-mail grovesmanager@yahoo.com)
	Full-time students	\$150/day, Full conference w/banquet \$250
<i>One-day registration:</i>	Groves members:	\$250/day
	Nonmembers:	\$250/day
<i>Late registration (after April 15):</i>		add \$50 to applicable fee
<i>Cancellation policy:</i>	Unfortunately no refunds after May 15, 2015	

Venue & Accommodation

HYATT REGENCY BUFFALO HOTEL AND CONFERENCE CENTER Two Fountain Plaza, Buffalo, NY 14202, USA

Hyatt Regency Buffalo is in the heart of historic and revitalizing Buffalo, NY, adjacent to Canalside Parks, the Niagara River, and Peace Bridge to Canada, as well as a short 25 miles from Niagara Falls. The hotel is convenient to major highways, the Buffalo-Niagara International Airport, Amtrak, and Greyhound. It also hosts the steakhouse ranked #2 in the U.S.

A block of rooms will be available for the special conference rate of \$189.00. You are urged to book as soon as possible, since the hotel is only guaranteeing 25 rooms at this rate and this discounted rate is available only until May 4th.

Registration can be done by phone at [888.421.1442](tel:888.421.1442) or online by following the link below:
<https://resweb.passkey.com/go/grovesconferenceonmarriage>

Continuing Education Hours Available

Groves is pleased to announce that continuing education hours will be available at this year's conference for an additional fee.

Certified Family Life Educator (CFLE) via NCFR: \$10

Social Work via ASWB (pending approval): \$50

Total number of hours available to be determined.

With warm Groves regards from your 2015 Conference Program Chair,

Brian Paul Masciadrelli, PhD, LICSW

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