



Social Work Across the Lifespan: Opportunities and Directions

Alberta College of Social Workers
2017 Annual Conference
BMO Centre - Calgary
20 Roundup Way SW

March 30 - April 1, 2017

 **ACS**W Alberta College
of Social Workers

CONFERENCE WELCOME!

On behalf of the 2017 Conference Committee, we welcome you to this year's conference. We are very excited with this year's theme - Social Work Across the Lifespan: Opportunities and Directions. Of note, Dr. Mary Valentich will be joining us as our keynote speaker, highlighting her social work journey and guiding us through finding our social work identities. It will be a wonderful opportunity for social workers to do some self reflection and kick off your conference feeling inspired. Whether you are new to the field or a seasoned professional working in a clinical or community based practice- there will be something for everyone.

On Thursday evening, you are invited to join us as we come together for an evening of self care with a variety of wellness practitioners ready to nurture you. We encourage everyone to join us to enjoy some pampering and avoid the Friday morning line ups by getting your registration package early.

We are excited about our new conference location at the BMO Centre. The venue is open and inviting with plenty of space to network and connect with your colleagues.

The members of the 2017 Conference Planning Committee look forward to making this a dynamic and memorable experience for all. Register Now- We want to see you there!

Kate McGoey-Smith, MSW, RSW

Susan Brooke, MSW, RSW

KEYNOTE SPEAKER

Mary Valentich, PhD, RSW

Mary's 50 year social work career includes being a psychiatric social worker, professor, private practitioner, Certified Sex Educator and Diplomate of Sex Therapy, author, media commentator and activist.

A recipient of the John Hutton Memorial Award for Social Action/Policy, Mary is committed to social justice. Her special interests are human sexuality, feminist social work practice and career management. Recently, she has focused on assisted dying, civic engagement and climate change.



TD Insurance

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Student Scholarship for ACSW Annual Conference

The TD Meloche Monnex Student Scholarship provides financial support for social work students to attend the ACSW Annual Conference.

A total of \$500 has been designated and two students will be awarded \$250 each.

Please visit our website for full details.

KEYNOTE DESCRIPTION

REFLECTIONS ON MY FEMINIST SOCIAL WORK JOURNEY

What is professional identity? How does it develop? How important is it? These and other career-related questions will be examined by Mary Valentich in a lively, interactive format. By presenting her own feminist social work journey, she will illustrate important markers in her development as well as how social work incorporated feminist perspectives in almost all areas of practice. Audience members will have an opportunity to identify key facets of their own professional identities that serve as guides to their present and future career directions.

Her review will include historical career vignettes pertaining to several notable social workers whose contributions changed the nature of the profession in Canada and beyond. She will assess their styles of pursuing social change and justice and consider our current opportunities in emerging areas of practice to make Canada an even better place for all its citizens.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the Alberta College of Social Workers will take place on Friday, March 31, 2017 at 5:00 PM

The AGM provides an opportunity to report on the events of the past year, meet newly elected members of ACSW Council and learn more about the business of the College.

Please visit our website for additional information and more activities at www.acsw.ab.ca

AWARDS LUNCHEON

Come celebrate social workers at ACSW's Award Luncheon on Friday, March 31st, 2017. Tickets must be purchased with conference registrations online. Please visit our website for more information.



Watch for ACSW interest groups meet & greet events during the lunch hour on Saturday, April 1. Details will be posted on our website.

ACSW cares about the environment! We are making efforts for the Conference to be more environmentally friendly. Please visit our website to find out how we are going paperless.



Registration will open online on December 16th

When registering visit www.acsw.ab.ca for the following:

- Detailed schedule of the conference
- List of all workshops
- Presenter information
- Detailed workshop description
- Maps
- Any additional information

Please register for the conference online at www.acsw.ab.ca

Early Bird Registration			
Full Conference Registration Fees:		One Day Registration Fees:	
ACSW Member Employed (RSW)	\$ 250.00	ACSW Member Employed (RSW)	\$ 150.00
ACSW Member, Student Member, Retired, Unemployed	\$ 125.00	ACSW Member, Student Member, Retired, Unemployed	\$ 75.00
Other Participants, Non-ACSW Member	\$ 350.00	Other Participants, Non-ACSW Member	\$ 200.00

Early Bird Registration:

To guarantee your Early Bird registration pay your fee by 4:30 PM on March 10th

Conference Registration:

The registration deadline is 4:30 PM on March 23rd. After this date, registration is closed. Walk in registrations will be available at the door on March 30th.

Conference Registration (After March 10 th)			
Full Conference Registration Fees:		One Day Registration Fees:	
ACSW Member Employed (RSW)	\$ 350.00	ACSW Member Employed (RSW)	\$ 200.00
ACSW Member, Student Member, Retired, Unemployed	\$ 175.00	ACSW Member, Student Member, Retired, Unemployed	\$ 125.00
Other Participants, Non-ACSW Member	\$ 400.00	Other Participants, Non-ACSW Member	\$ 250.00

Thursday, March 30	
6:30 - 9:00 PM	Registration/Pick up conference packages
7:00 - 9:00 PM	Conference welcome/Wellness Fair
Friday, March 31	
7:30 - 4:30 PM	Registration/Pick up conference packages
7:30 - 4:30 PM	Poster presentation
8:30 - 10:00 AM	Keynote Speaker
10:30 - 12:00 PM	Workshops
8:30 - 4:30 PM	Vendor Fair
12:00 - 1:30 PM	Lunch
12:00 - 1:30 PM	Awards ceremony luncheon (purchased tickets)
1:30 - 4:30 PM	Workshops
5:00 - 6:30 PM	Annual General Meeting
Saturday, April 1	
8:00 - 2:00 PM	Registration/Pick up conference packages
8:00 - 2:00 PM	Poster Presentation
8:30 - 4:30 PM	Vendor Fair
9:00 - 12:00 PM	Workshops
1:30 - 4:30 PM	Workshops
4:30 PM	Conference Ends

AWARDS LUNCHEON

Tickets for the awards luncheon are \$20 and include a meal. You can view menu options on our website. Any dietary concerns can be listed when registering. Please purchase your tickets with conference registration.



Cancellation Policy

THERE WILL BE NO REFUNDS FOR CANCELLATIONS.



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2017 ACSW Annual Conference Host Hotel Hotel Arts

The Hotel Arts is a 3 block walking distance from BMO Centre and proud to be the host hotel for the ACSW 2017 Annual Conference.

Alberta College of Social Workers (Attendee Block) March 30-April 1, 2017 Thursday – Saturday

Luxury Rooms: \$149.00 + tax & fees

Luxury Suites: \$219.00 + tax & fees

When booking direct, please ask for the “**ACSW Attendee Block**” rate or use online reservation code: **1703ALBERT_003**



Downtown Calgary Marriot Hotel

Rate: \$149.00 + taxes & fees

You can book a room by calling 1(888) 236-2427 or by booking online.

Please book at your earliest convenience and no later than Wednesday, March 1, 2017 to get the discounted rate.

Delta Calgary South

Rate: \$121.00 + taxes & fees

The Delta South is conveniently a 10 minute C-Train ride right to BMO Centre.

To request a room, please call **403-278-5050** or email **reservations@deltacalgarysouth.com** at your earliest convenience and no later than Thursday, March 2, 2017.

Please identify yourself as being with ACSW in order to qualify for the member rate, based on availability.

