

RESETTING THE MARGINS

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mar·gin·al·i·za·tion/ mārj-nə-lə-'zā -shən, *noun*

The process of relegating an individual or group to an unimportant or powerless position within the larger society or group — *Merriam-Webster's Online Dictionary*

Women in today's society are marginalized by gender. Women in the corrections system are further marginalized by race, ethnicity, social class, mental health, sexuality, and other forms of oppression. These compounding issues hinder women's ability to access support systems that might help them to be successful. It is important for professionals to acknowledge the implications of these oppressive systems for women and to help women to navigate such barriers. This year's conference will feature presenters who are experts in specific areas of women's oppression. The goal of the conference is to contribute to "resetting the margins."

OBJECTIVES

- Define marginalization and what it looks like in specific contexts
- Give participants insight on how women experience marginalization
- Identify and challenge our own biases
- Provide participants with skills and knowledge needed to assist women in navigating barriers

CONFERENCE AGENDA

8:00 AM REGISTRATION/CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST
8:30 AM CONFERENCE BEGINS
11:15 AM LUNCH
12:15 PM CONFERENCE RESUMES
3:30 PM CONFERENCE CONCLUDES

CONFERENCE GUEST SPEAKERS

Kathy Heltzer, Keynote Speaker/Moderator is a Licensed Independent Clinical Social Worker, currently teaching in the MSW program at the U of M-Duluth. At the U, Kathy teaches a variety of classes on dealing with diverse populations. She has worked as a child welfare social worker for over 20 years in both the public and non-profit agencies.

Lissa Jones, Executive Director of African American Family Services, has lead the organization since 2002. Ms. Jones possesses a strong background in organizational development and has used these talents in a very successful private practice. The recent focus of her varied talents is on cultural competency training. Lissa compels her audiences to meet one another in the questions presented by today's social, economic and political climates. She challenges each listener to recognize their own opportunities to make change in the world, their communities and in themselves.

Suzanne Koeplinger, M.A., Executive Director of the Minnesota Indian Women's Resource Center since December of 2003. She has a background in international project development and management, communications, domestic violence advocacy, and fundraising. Suzanne is of Canadian Mohawk and European ancestry, holds a Masters degree in the Art of Leadership from Augsburg College and is a Certified Substance Abuse Prevention Specialist.

Joanna Woolman, J.D., Mental Illness and Women's Reentry, is a public defender for Anoka County and also serves as the Clinic Director for the Reentry Clinic at William Mitchell. She oversees the student attorneys who provide legal representation of the clients and guides the direction of the overall program. Prior to working as a public defender, Ms. Woolman worked in civil rights litigation focusing on police brutality cases.

Jane Hurley-Johncox, MSW, Mental Illness and Women's Reentry, teaches in the Master's Degree program at the University of St. Thomas School of Social Work and has experience with restorative justice issues and the issues faced by women offenders. She is a social worker with the Reentry Clinic and addresses the overall social/emotional needs of the women making a transition from prison to their community.

TO REGISTER FOR THE CONFERENCE
PLEASE RETURN THIS PORTION WITH A
\$60 CHECK PAYABLE TO AMICUS

ADDRESSED TO:
CONFERENCE ON WOMEN OFFENDERS
PO Box 14232
St. Paul, MN 55114

PARTICIPANT NAME

AGENCY

STREET ADDRESS

CITY, STATE

ZIP CODE

TELEPHONE NUMBER

E-MAIL ADDRESS

PLEASE NOTE:

As there is limited seating, paid registrations will be accepted through April 1. Registration fees are non-refundable. Students may receive a discounted registration. Please call for more information.

There is onsite parking available at the U of M for an additional \$6. Participants will need to individually pay for use.

Questions regarding registration should be directed to Kelley Heifort at Kelley.Heifort@state.mn.us or 952-496-4902.

