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NEWLY-ELECTED PIONEERS

Congratulations to the Pioneers who were elected since the October 2019 Annual Event

Katharine V. Byers Ira Christopher Colby Claudia Coulton Michael R. Daley Wanda Ellingson Teresa (Terrie) A. Fritz Jean Greenberg John D. Herron Richard L. Jones Mitchell Kahn Rosalie A. Kane Rebecca A. Lopez Maria Maltby Love Susan Mankita Ruth McRoy Shirley Otis-Green Elaine Pinderhughes Claudia Rappaport

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Friday, November I & Saturday, November 2, 2019 Cosmos Club • Washington, DC



Artwork by Grace Lebow

ABOUT THE PIONEERS

The NASW Social Work Pioneer® Program was created to honor members of the social work profession who have contributed to the evolution and enrichment of the profession. The Pioneer Program identifies and recognizes individuals whose unique dedication, commitment, and determination have improved social and human conditions.

Pioneers are role models for future generations of social workers. Their contributions are reflected in every aspect of the profession, as well as in the establishment of social policies and human services programs. They have accomplished this through practice, teaching, writing, research, program development, administration, advocacy, legislation, and election to public office.

Being elected by one's peers as an NASW Social Work Pioneer® is one of the profession's highest honors.

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RECEPTION & SOIRÉE - FRIDAY, NOVEMBER I, 2019 6pm-8pm • Cosmos Club • Washington, DC

WELCOME

Betsy Vourlekis, PhD, ACSW* Co-Chair, NASW Pioneer® Steering Committee

INTRODUCTIONS

Bernice Catherine Harper, LLD, ACSW* Chair, NASW Pioneer® Program Committee

MUSICAL PERFORMANCE

James Edwards Laws, Jr., Ed.D., soloist Michael Salmon, pianist

MUSICAL SELECTIONS

Wieder-wie furer Pyotr Illyich Tchaikovsky (1840-1893)

Ombra mai fu George Frederick Handel Morning Has Broken Oh Shenandoah

I Got Plenty of Nuttin (From Porgy and Bess) George Gershwin NASW SOCIAL WORK PIONEER® ART EXHIBIT Grace Lebow, MSW* Joan Weiss, MSW, ACSW*

CLOSING

Kathryn Conley Werhmann, PhD, LCSW*

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Dr. James Laws, Soloist

James Laws began singing at the age of nine in the Children's Sunday School Choir at the Pie Street Baptist Church in Covington, Virginia. He studied voice at Virginia Commonwealth University in Richmond, Virginia. He

performed as a soloist with the Richmond Symphony's In Harmony Series and with the Alleghany Highlands Symphony. When he made his debut with the Richmond Symphony, Clarke Bustard, the critic, for the Richmond Times Dispatch titled his review "A Voice to Remember." Dr. Laws has performed in the East Room of the White House and performed for the guest of the Ambassador to the European Union and at the Ambassador's residence in Brussels, Belgium. He also performed recitals at Lane College, Fayetteville State University, Indiana University, South Bend and at other university and religious venues. He starred in Canary Artists International's production of Gods Trombones. Dr. Laws studied ballet at the School of the Richmond Ballet. He danced with the Richmond Ballet for two years. He has a Bachelor of Science Degree with a minor in music and a Masters in Public Administration from Virginia Commonwealth University. He has a Doctorate Degree in Higher Education Administration from the College of William and Mary.



Michael Salmon, Pianist

Michael Salmon has served as parish musician at St. Stephen and the Incarnation Episcopal Church, Washington, DC since 2011. In his other life he teaches fifth grade English, social studies, and math at Sidwell Friends School in Washington, DC.

Michael has been an organist and choir director in a number of churches in New York, Pennsylvania, and Connecticut over the past 30 years. He has degrees from Hamilton College and Yale University, where he studied at the Institute of Sacred Music. He is also active in the Hymn Society of the United States and Canada.

PROGRAM - SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2019 • 9:00am-3:30pm

9:00 AM	REGISTRATION, NETWORKING & COFFEE Historic & Art Exhibits	12:00 PM	LUNCHEON Moderator: Bernice Catherine Harper, LLD, ACSW*
10:00 AM	MODERATOR Betsy Vourlekis, PhD, ACSW*		Chair, NASW Pioneer® Planning Committee Member, NASW Foundation Board of Directors
	Co-Chair, NASW Pioneer [®] Steering Committee	1:00 PM	INTRODUCTION OF KEYNOTE SPEAKER
	GREETINGS Kathryn Conley Wehrmann, PhD, LCSW President, National Association of Social Workers Board of Directors, NASW Foundation Associate Professor Emerita, Illinois State University, School of Social Work Vice President, IFSW-North American Region PIONEERS IN MEMORIAM Juan Ramos, PhD, ACSW* Retired, Associate Director of Prevention, NIMH Member, NASW Pioneer® Planning Committee		Angelo McClain, PhD, LICSW CEO, National Association of Social Workers President, NASW Foundation
			"THE FUTURE WITH EMPHASIS ON CURRENT SOCIETAL NEEDS AND GLOBALIZATION"
			Governor Deval Patrick Politician, civil rights lawyer, author and businessman
			Governor of Massachusetts, 2007-2015 Managing Director, Bain Capital Double Impact
		2:00 PM	INTRODUCTION OF 2019 PIONEERS
10:30 AM	RECOGNIZING OUR PAST, MOVING TOWARDS OUR FUTURE Joan O. Weiss, MSW, ACSW – Moderator Founder and first Executive Director of the Alliance of Genetic Support Groups Knee Wittman Outstanding Achievement Award Recipient, 1999		Patricia Martin O-Meally, LICSW*
			Retired, Director of Staff Development and Training for Adult Services, DC, CMHS Member, NASW Pioneer® Planning Committee
		3:00 PM	ACKNOWLEDGMENTS & CLOSING Bernice Catherine Harper, LLD, ACSW*
	Grace Lebow, MSW*		·
	Co-founder, Aging Network Knee/Wittman Lifetime Achievement Award Recipient, 2004		PRESENTATIONS Sandra Edmonds Crewe, PhD* Dean of School of Social Work,
	Honorable Edolphus "Ed" Towns* Member of the US House of Representatives, 1983-2013		Howard University, Washington, DC Dorothy V. Harris, ACSW*
			NASW President, 1985-1987
11:30 AM	HISTORIC & ART EXHIBITS, GROUP PHOTO Photography by Patricia McDougall		Robert Carter Arnold, MPS NASW Foundation Director

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KEYNOTE SPEAKER



Governor Deval Patrick

Originally from the South Side of Chicago, Patrick came to Massachusetts at 14, when he was awarded a scholarship to Milton Academy through the Boston-based organization A Better Chance. After Harvard College and Harvard Law School, he clerked for a federal appellate judge and launched a career as an attorney and business executive, becoming a partner at two Boston law firms and a senior executive at Texaco and Coca-Cola. In 1994, President Clinton appointed him to the nation's top civil rights post, Assistant Attorney General for Civil Rights. In 2006, in his first bid for public office, he became the state's first African-American governor. In his two terms as Governor, Patrick oversaw the expansion of affordable health care to more than 98 percent of state residents, launched initiatives stimulating clean energy and biotechnology, won a national Race to the Top grant, and steered the state out of recession to a 25-year high in employment. Patrick currently serves as Managing Director of Bain Capital Double Impact where he focuses on investments that deliver both a competitive financial return and significant positive social impact. He is a Rockefeller Fellow, a Crown Fellow of the Aspen Institute, and the author of two books, A Reason to Believe, Lessons from an Improbable Life and Faith in the Dream: A Call to the Nation to Reclaim American Values.



Joan O. Weiss, MSW, ACSW Joan O. Weiss has been a tireless advocate for individuals with genetic disorders and their families. Her work and contributions are on the leading edge of genetic research. She was a

Founder and first Executive Director of the Alliance of Genetic Support Groups, a major umbrella group for the voluntary genetic organizations across the country. In this role, Joan was instrumental in establishing the partnership that now exists between consumers and health professionals.



Grace Lebow, MSW

Grace Lebow was instrumental in developing the NASW Register of Clinical Social Workers, a tool that identified clinical social workers with specific practice specialties. She is

co-founder of Aging Network Services, Bethesda, Maryland, an organization that provides both care management and counseling services for older people and their families. Grace was the recipient of the distinguished career award from Simmons College, School of Social Work for outstanding contribution of the year to the clinical literature for research project examining the effects of crisis intervention with dying patients.



Honorable Edolphus "Ed" Towns, MSW

Edolphus "Ed" Towns retired in 2013, after serving 15 terms in the U.S. House of Representatives. He served the 10th Congressional District of Brooklyn, New York. Throughout his tenure in

Congress, Congressman Towns introduced legislation on education, telecommunications, healthcare, financial services, and the environment. Congressman Towns was a lead sponsor of the Dorothy I. Height and Whitney M. Young, Jr. Social Work Reinvestment Act and an outspoken advocate for social workers and the individuals, families and communities served by the profession.

NEWLY-ELECTED PIONEERS



Katharine V. Byers

Katharine "Kathy" V. Byers, PhD, MSW, has spent her career advocating, teaching and "serving as a leader of change" with students and colleagues. She was a founding member of Influencing State Policy (now Influencing Social Policy, ISP)

where she worked to increase social workers influence on policy. In 2015 she initiated the collaboration between ISP, CRISP (Congressional Research Institute for Social Work and Policy) and the Nancy A. Humphreys Institute for Political Social Work at the University of Connecticut to launch the Voters Empowerment campaign (now the National Social Work Mobilization Campaign). She also co-founded the Social Work Lobby Day Committee in Indiana which became the Legislative Education and Advocacy Day (LEAD). She is the daughter of two social workers, Howard (NASW President, 1965-66) and Nellie Gustafson, both elected as NASW Social Work Pioneer®, and the niece of another NASW Social Work Pioneer®, Delwin Anderson. – Bloomington, IN



Ira Christopher Colby

Ira Christopher Colby, DSW, MSW, is best known for his work as Dean of the Graduate College of Social Work, University of Houston, a position he held for 15 years. Throughout his career he was also involved in several leadership roles

at social work associations including as President of CSWE, during which time he led the reorganization of their governance structure, appointed a task force to organize the American Academy of Social Work & Social Welfare, and led them to take an active role in politics on Capitol Hill. Colby advocated on social justice and professional matters across the country including in Virginia on expanding public resources for rural and small communities; in Florida to expand licensure to BSW practitioners; and in Texas in favor of protecting social work licensure. – West Dover, VT



Claudia Coulton

Claudia Coulton, PhD, MSW, has contributed groundbreaking conceptual scholarship and research that has resulted in three distinctly innovative contributions. She authored NASW's first definitive conceptual and practical blueprint

for medical social work quality assurance, which is widely used to guide what became increasingly important demands for accountability. Coulton worked with the Society for Hospital Social Work Administrators to develop HSWIS – a minimum data set for hospital social work, which provided a template for bringing social work contributions into the increasingly data driven quality assurance and improvement efforts of health care systems. Coulton is the founding director of the Center on Urban Poverty and Community Development at Case Western University. Under her leadership, the Center built a model capacity to provide data for community initiatives and research, including a dynamic neighborhood indicators portal, a parcel-based collaborative action platform, and a longitudinal multiagency record linkage system. – Cleveland, OH



Michael R. Daley

Michael R. Daley, PhD, ACSW, is best known for his advocacy in favor of BSW education and his contributions to the field of rural social work. He entered social work at a time when the BSW was a new professional degree and the degree

was misunderstood. In his work though the Association of Baccalaureate Social Work Program Directors, within CSWE, and NASW, he has served as a strong advocate for the BSW since the 1980s. More recently as editor of the Journal of Baccalaureate Social Work, he has been successful in strengthening the literature about the BSW. Daley's involvement in rural social work includes establishing the Contemporary Rural Social Work journal in 2009 and serving as initial editor. He made significant contributions to the knowledge base in that field of practice, serving as President for the Rural Social Work Caucus from 2007-2010 and contributing as an author to the NASW Rural Social Work Policy Statement since 2003. In 2015 he published Rural Social Work in the 21st Century, the first comprehensive book on the field of rural social work in over thirty years. – Killeen, TX

Wanda Ellingson



Wanda Ellingson, MSW, played an instrumental role in the development of the University of Denver Graduate School of Social Work distance education MSW program in the Four Corners region. For the last 20 years, Ellingson served as

Director and faculty working with community agencies and tribal partners to bring an MSW program to the Four Corners, a rural and underserved region of the Southwest. The program objectives of enhancing social service delivery systems, addressing community problems and the special needs of rural communities, addressing concerns and needs of multiethnic communities (with special emphasis on local Native American communities), and strengthening the professional social work infrastructure of Four Corners communities were carried out jointly by Ellingson, the Four Corners, and the Native Peoples Advisory Councils. Designed to meet the needs of students who were working full time, the program was particularly appealing to Native American students living on reservations who had limited access to professional education. Licensed Clinical Social Workers from the region were recruited as instructors to ensure that the rural social work perspectives in the Four Corners region were addressed. Ellingson worked with the Native Peoples Advisory Council to develop courses that provided the knowledge about Native Peoples history and unique service needs. - Durango, CO



Teresa (Terrie) A. Fritz

Terrie Fritz, MSW, LCSW, has had a long career in health policy and provision for the state of Oklahoma where she developed groundbreaking programs for the medically indigent and has expanded social work roles and positions in health

settings. She has provided extensive leadership in policy development for Medicaid services in Oklahoma, particularly related to how services would be reimbursed for mental health and substance abuse services. Her leadership role at the Oklahoma Health Care Authority also allowed her to develop enhanced services and reimbursement mechanisms to improve both perinatal and children's health care. She sought to create quality standards for providers as well as for individual practitioners and has been at the forefront of consumer involvement in policy development and program improvement efforts. Since leaving the state Medicaid program, she has secured funding and launched the Center for Social Work in Healthcare at the University of Oklahoma Anne and Henry Zarrow School of Social work where she is leading the effort to incorporate social workers into primary care practices across Oklahoma. Her long tenure in Medicaid policy and her efforts to bridge behavioral and physical health have made a long-lasting impact on Oklahoma's health care system. - Oklahoma City, OK



Jean Greenberg

Jean Greenberg, ACSW, LCSW, began working at Fort Logan Mental Health Center in 1967, serving the Arapahoe County area by providing community-based services according to their optimal level based on their abilities. Fort

Logan provided outpatient, inpatient, foster care, boarding home, day care, and even psychiatric home visits. Greenberg was on an inpatient team for 5 years and then transferred to a liaison team for those that needed more assistance then the Mental Health Centers could provide. She also worked at Fort Logan as a team social worker, liaison to various Mental Health Centers attending staffing meetings regarding patients the Mental Health Centers had hospitalized at Fort Logan, patient representative and as liaison to the various courts, coordinating attorneys representing involuntary patients and court appointments. Greenberg also ensured that patient's rights were protected, registered them to vote, ensured they were informed regarding candidates and issues, and that they were given the opportunity to vote. Greenberg has monitored the Social Work Board at the Department of Regulatory Agencies since 1995, when she became concerned that people from other mental health disciplines frequently weighed in on social work issues and were influencing the profession. She was instrumental in getting a single board to assess social worker licensure with members that are familiar with the social work profession. - Greenwood Village, CO



John D. Herron

John D. Herron, MSW, MBA, has been a clinician, teacher, researcher and an administrator who has spent 45 years in the treatment and study of schizophrenia. His mission was to improve all aspects of community life for this population. His major

focus became improving employment options. By creating a self-sufficient, social enterprise as an affirmative business competing in the marketplace, he established a model for long-term employment for individuals with mental illnesses or addictions. The basic principle was that a person should not lose their job because of relapse but get treatment and return to work. Harbor City Services was founded by Herron in 1987 in Baltimore, MD. In 1995, it became a stand-alone non-profit business. Herron merged the company in 2012 and it continues today. – Catonsville, MD



Richard L. Jones

Richard L. Jones, PhD, MSSW, has served in major leadership roles in the nonprofit sector across the country. He was the first African American President and CEO of the Center for Families and Children in Cleveland. During this time, he was

responsible for developing an initiative focused on fathers that was the first of its kind in Cleveland. He then served as the President and CEO of Metropolitan Family Services in Chicago, the oldest nonsectarian family service agency in the city with 500 staff members and operating in 7 neighborhood facilities. Over 13 years, he delivered more than \$290M in programs and services to more than 600,000 people. The organization was the recipient of two major prizes under his leadership, including the Alford-Axelson Award for Excellence in Non-Profit Management in 2007 by North Park University, and the Bank of America's Neighborhood Excellence Award in 2006. Jones served as the Senior Vice President of Community Investment of the United Way of Metropolitan Chicago, where he was responsible for planning of United Way's strategic investments in the areas of income, education and health. Jones was also integral to securing \$200,000 from the Cuyahoga County Council to fund a Senior Center Innovation Fund and distribute four major planning grants to increase Ohio seniors' access to information that affected their daily lives. Jones received the Leadership in Nonprofit Management Award in 1997. - Shaker Heights, OH



Mitchell Kahn

Mitchell Kahn, MSW, began to change the profession in New Jersey immediately after joining the faculty at Ramapo College of New Jersey. He helped to establish the College's BSW program and introduced a macro approach into

the class and field work programs. Kahn helped to secure a large federal ACTION grants that provided funds that

enabled scores of social work students to be placed at the New Jersey Federation of Senior Citizens and the New Jersey Tenants Organization which produced vital health and economic improvements and protective legislation for seniors and tenants. Kahn helped to establish New Jersey Citizen Action in 1982, which has become the most influential of the citizens' organization in the Garden State, and he has served as Vice President and Director of Organizing where he oversaw the organization of several hundred local tenant associations and dozens of municipal rent control campaigns during the past four decades. In addition, he was the founder and director of the Bergen County Housing Coalition which has provided housing counseling services to more than 60,000 households. – Ringwood, NJ



Rosalie Kane

Rosalie A Kane, PhD, MSW, is a researcher, educator writer, mentor, and advocate who for 50 years has worked to transform long-term care (LTC), now more often called longterm services and supports (LTSS). Her focus is on adults needing or

receiving LTSS regardless of their ages, health problems and nature of the disability (physical, cognitive and or psychological health), or their living setting (nursing homes, group residential settings, or private homes). She champions the idea that adults living with disabilities are unique individuals with biographies, preferences, social networks and lifelong strengths, and that they are part of the social fabric of families and communities. Her research and policy analysis spanning multiple methods illuminate the voice and lived experiences of adults using LTSS. She advocates for governmental and organizational policies and practices to align LTSS to the preferences of their clientele. She has been a consistent national advocate for the rights of adults needing LTSS to live in the least restrictive (most integrated) settings of their choice and to take informed risks. Her leadership has helped enshrine those rights in federal and state law and regulations, and related professional and organizational practices. Since 1985 she has been a professor in both the School of Social Work and the School of Public

Health and in the cross disciplinary centers for gerontology and for bioethics at the University of Minnesota-Twin Cities Campus, Minneapolis. – St Paul, MN.



Rebecca Alicia Lopez (1949-2015)

Rebecca Alicia Lopez, PhD, MSW, professor emerita and former interim director of the California State University, Long Beach (CSULB) School of Social Work was a passionate advocate for and expert on ethnic minority populations,

immigration policy reform, and cultural belief system understanding. Lopez was a leader in advocating against potentially harmful social policies affecting underserved populations. Her research and work addressed ever-timely and pressing issues of sexual harassment, incarceration, racial inequality, and immunization. After graduating from the University of California, Santa Cruz, Lopez devoted herself to the advancement of the Latino population in and around Redwood City working for Probe Community Center providing employment opportunities and career development. She founded El Concilio of San Mateo, a coalition of individuals and organizations, both non-profit and corporate, committed to "education, employment, and access to quality of life services for underserved communities". She was also an aide to U.S. Congressman Tom Lantos (D-CA) for ten years, working to bring resolution to immigration issues facing California and the nation. Lopez received both her MSW and PhD from Brandeis University.



Maria Maltby Love (1840-1931)

Maria Maltby Love was a social visionary whose empathy was awakened after a trip to France where she witnessed firsthand the plight of children of working mothers. In 1881, she founded the first comprehensive day care center

in the United States, The Fitch Creche, in Buffalo, New York, which she directed for over 50 years. She not only educated,

fed, and tended to the needs of children of factory workers, but she also provided child-rearing education, job training and placement to their mothers. The Creche served as a model for subsequent day care centers and was emulated by other American cities. Today, The Maria Love Convalescent Fund is in its 116th year of existence and provides interim financial assistance, medically-related assistance, and basic needs assistance to Buffalo and Erie County residents who would otherwise go without.



Susan Mankita

Susan Mankita, MSW, founded the AOL Social Work Forum in 1995, in the very early days of widespread Internet use. She was one of the first to see the potential of the Internet as a way for social workers to connect and network. She trained

many social workers to lead live online chats and at its height the Forum was holding chats on various social work topics seven nights per week with 19 social workers on its allvolunteer staff. After AOL discontinued forums on its platform in 2006, Mankita approached NASW and The New Social Worker® magazine to develop SocialWorkChat.org, which operated in the same capacity from 2007-2011. Additionally, she provided the first technology trainings to organizations including NASW and the Association of Social Work Boards. Mankita has held multiple academic appointments at Florida International University and is recognized for her advocacy for and work with licensure exam re-takers. – Palmetto Bay, FL



Ruth G. McRoy

Ruth G. McRoy, PhD, MSW, has made her mark on the social work profession on the lives of adopted children and families and on strategies to promote effective and sustainable community-university partnerships as well as

interprofessional collaborations. Early in her career, she realized how little was known about adoption, what the best placements were, and what was known about the longterm outcomes for birth parents, adopted children and their adoptive families. Her research expanded to included examinations of transracial, inracial, open, special needs, and international adoptions. Beyond her leadership in the field of adoption, McRoy's expertise transcends the overall field of child welfare, and she is also a leader in work related to diversity, racial equity and culturally competent practice. McRoy taught at the University of Texas from 1981 to 2005, and held (from 1990-2005) the Ruby Lee Piester Centennial Professorship in Services to Children and Families. She was also the inaugural holder of the Donahue and DiFelice Endowed Professorship at the Boston College School of Social Work from 2009-2018. – Sacramento, CA



Shirley Otis-Green

Shirley Otis-Green, ACSW, MA, LCSW, OSW-C, FNAP, is nationally recognized as a leader in palliative care. In 2001, she received a Project on Death in America Leadership grant for her work to enhance end of life and

bereavement support services and since then has become a foremost educator on palliative social work. While a Senior Research Specialist in the Division of Nursing Research and Education at the City of Hope Comprehensive Cancer Center, she was the Principle Investigator on studies with over \$3 million in National Cancer Institute funding. Her work has been disseminated through more than 100 publications and 500 professional presentations. Otis-Green was among the first to receive an interprofessional Master of Arts in Health Research – Palliative Care from Lancaster University in Great Britain. Her efforts and expertise led to a co-editorship on the first major textbook on palliative social work published in 2011 by Oxford University Press. She is the founder of her own consulting firm, Collaborative Caring where she is working to assure that palliative social work is recognized as a core component of serious illness care. - Toluca Lake, CA



Elaine Pinderhughes

Elaine Pinderhughes, MSW, worked tirelessly – through workshops, seminars, lectures, and keynote speeches – to inform mental health professionals and medical practitioners of the disparities internalized in practice based on

the injustices that persists in the United States culture. She has been a prolific writer on the topic of power and discriminatory practice in the mental health and social work profession and authored the 1989 textbook, Understanding Race, Ethnicity and Power: The Key to Efficiency in Clinical Practice, which substantially changed the language of multiculturalism and human behavior in the practice arena across human services disciplines. Pinderhughes is Professor Emerita and former Chair of the Clinical Program at the Boston College School of Social Work. She has received numerous awards including the CSWE 2012 Lifetime Achievement Award. – Milton, MA



Claudia Rappaport

Claudia Rappaport, PhD, MSSW, worked for 25 years as a medical social worker specializing in pediatrics, serving infants, children, and adolescents who had lifethreatening illnesses or physical/ mental disabilities. She worked first

in a large university hospital, then with the Texas Dept. of Health Children with Special Health Care Needs Services Program. In addition to providing social work services herself, she supervised dozens of social workers during those 25 years. During these years she helped start a number of new programs/agencies, including Hospice of Galveston County, LEAP (Literacy, Education, and Parenting), HAND (Help After Neonatal Death), and the Gulf Coast Coalition for the Prevention of Child Abuse. She also served on the boards of a number of agencies dealing with child abuse, parenting, and hospice care. Rappaport moved to Texas A&M University-Central Texas (at the time known as Tarleton State UniversityCentral Texas) in August 2000, where she is currently an Associate Professor and previously was the Director of the Social Work Department at TAMUCT and the Director of Field Placements. She has made her profession her life's work and continues to inspire students to serve the needs of vulnerable populations. – Killeen, TX



George Taliaferro (1927-2018)

George Taliaferro, MSW, was willing to stand up in the face of segregation and he initiated efforts that helped to integrate the campus of Indiana University in the 1950's. He was a standout football player recruited by Indiana University, yet

he was not allowed to live on campus, swim in the pool, and was relegated to sitting in the balcony marked for "colored" in the movie theater. Taliaferro may be known for his short but illustrious football career and for his selection as the first black football player drafted into the National Football League. However, most importantly, he went on to earn his MSW from Howard University in 1962. After earning his MSW, he worked as a social worker in the Maryland area including work with inmates at the Clifton C. Perkins Penitentiary in Maryland, helping them readjust to society upon their release. He also taught at the University of Maryland and Morgan State University, where he served as Dean of Students. Later returning to Indiana and his alma mater, Taliaferro, taught in the School of Social Work and worked to improve minority recruitment. He is credited with founding the Big Brothers and Big Sisters organization in Bloomington, Indiana in 1973. His namesake, the George Taliaferro Sport Association (GTSA) was established and today still works to maximize diversity within all sports communities at Indiana University. His exemplary work with families and contributions in raising funds for the Children's Transplant Association (COTA) became his passion for over 30 years where he worked with over 2,000 children and their families and serves as another display of his influence as a skilled social worker, humanitarian, role model and mentor to others. - Bloomington, Indiana



Toshio Tatara (1937-2012)

Toshio Tatara, PhD, MSW, worked in international social work in the field of elder abuse prevention research, policy and scholarship. He was among the very first in this country and internationally to promote elder abuse awareness.

Elder abuse is an interprofessional issue and was seen as a medical issue but with Toshio's leadership, it became a national and an international social work issue. In 1988 his vision of a National Aging Resource Center for Elder Abuse (now the National Center on Elder Abuse) was founded with funding from the U.S. Administration on Aging. Tatara designed, funded and implemented the first National Incidence Study in 1998, which provided the foundation for elder abuse prevalence studies and was critical for establishing the scope of the problem for advocacy purposes.



Patrick Tyrrell (1951-2017)

Patrick Tyrrell, ACSW, MPA, was one of the founding Executive Directors of NASW-New Mexico Chapter and served as its Executive Director from 1987-2015, the "social worker's social worker." In this role, he upheld the

professionalism of micro, mezzo and macro social work, always seeing through the lens of diversity, inclusion, intersectionality and cultural competencies to ensure social justice for New Mexicans and the diverse social work community. Patrick was a skilled legislative and community advocate who worked to extend the chapter's outreach to communities and to social workers practicing throughout New Mexico, especially to marginalized, rural, outlying areas. Due to his efforts, New Mexico now has social workers and representation in all regions of the state, and has social workers serving in the New Mexico Legislature. Through tireless legislative advocacy, he led the successful effort to secure multilevel licensing in New Mexico, including a requirement for cultural CEU's for renewal as a way to expand the reach of culturally competent practice in New Mexico, an innovation unique to New Mexico at the time. He was instrumental in getting third party reimbursement for professional social workers. As a result of his leadership, social workers in New Mexico are recognized as reimbursable mental health providers in schools, which has led to a 300% increase in school social workers in the state since 1991. Earlier in his career, as Director of the Los Alamos Council on Alcoholism, Tyrrell developed and delivered a communitybased substance abuse program, which became a model replicated throughout the state. One of Tyrrell's deepest commitments was the abolishment of the death penalty in New Mexico. He helped form and chaired for 12 years the New Mexico Coalition to Repeal the Death Penalty. The historic legislation in 2009 to end capital punishment in New Mexico remains in effect to this day. - Albuquerque, New Mexico



(Willie) Bo Walker

(Willie) Bo Walker, ACSW, LCSW, DCSW, has become one of the most well-known social workers in Tennessee over his 43-year career through a variety of clinical, academic and executive roles. He served for 15 years in executive

leadership at one of Chattanooga, Tennessee's most respected non-profit social services agency, the Partnership for Families, Children and Adults. He was a Peer Reviewer for the Council on Accreditation (COA) and was responsible for the agency's maintenance of accreditation, performance and quality improvement system and risk management. He has served NASW in multiple ways over the years including from 2006 – 2009 as NASW Vice President and the NASW National Ethics Committee from 2009–2018. He also served on the work group that recommended revisions to the NASW *Code of Ethics* related to technology, which was approved at the 2017 Delegate Assembly. – Chattanooga, TN



Julia M. Watkins

Julia M. Watkins, PhD, MSW, served as President of the American University in Bulgaria from 1993-2003. This position provided the foundation for her national and international leadership roles. From there she spent nearly ten years as

the Executive Director of CSWE, during which time she led the organization to promote international study tours for faculty, establish a Global Commission, finalize a US/Canada reciprocal accreditation agreement, and was the Founder of the Katherine A. Kendall Institute. After retiring from CSWE in 2012, Dr. Watkins received an Open Society Foundations fellowship as an International Scholar to work at the University of Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina, on educational reform and leadership development of returning scholars in the Department of Social Work. She has served as the treasurer of IASSW and is the co-founder of the Southeast European Academic Women's Network. – Alexandria, VA



Kathryn Conley Wehrmann

Kathryn Wehrmann, PhD, MSW, LCSW, provided leadership in the efforts of the early 1990's to update child welfare services in Romania, which under a dictatorial regime was institution based, primitive, and often punitive. Her work began

when she was the program coordinator for a Romanian Child Welfare Administrative Study (undertaken by Parkland College in Champaign, Illinois). In 2001, on the faculty of Illinois State University, she was selected as a Fulbright Senior Scholar to teach child welfare policy and conduct child welfare reform research at the University of Bucharest. From 2006-2007, she taught courses in program evaluation, led supervision seminars, and lectured on child welfare at Babes-Bolyai University Faculty of Social Work in Ciuj, Romania. She served as an Associate Professor at Illinois University School of Social Work until she retired in 2019. She currently serves as the President of NASW. – Champaign, Illinois



Susan Westrom

Kentucky State Representative Susan Westrom, MSW, has been a successful advocate for the citizens of Kentucky for decades. Within months after being sworn into her first term as Kentucky's 79th District State Representative in 1999, the then-

social worker with a knack for politics was the primary sponsor of major juvenile justice legislation involving child detention for non-criminal, or "status," offenses. The legislation became law, as did other bills she sponsored early in her legislative career to change the way the state regulates assisted living facilities, provides health services in Kentucky schools, and promotes school safety. Her tenacity in 2012 to establish a state review panel for child fatalities and near fatalities suspected to have resulted from child abuse and neglect led to the 2013 creation of the Kentucky Child Fatality and Near Fatality External Review Panel still active today. Rep. Westrom was inducted into the University of Kentucky College of Social Work Hall of Fame in 2019. – Frankfort, KY



Catherine G. Williams

Catherine G. Williams, MSW, worked for the Iowa Department of Human Services for more than 30 years, where she became the deputy commissioner and was the highest ranking African American woman for the largest agency in Iowa state

government. She established the first foster parent resource system in the state and developed the first statewide training program for foster parents of children with intellectual disabilities. She wrote the first foster care parent manual and established the first adoption subsidy program. Williams also designed the Access, Coordinate and Track (ACT) Unit to ensure delivery of goal oriented social services for the benefit of children and families in Iowa. Williams' staff led and served as facilitators for the professional delivery of goal-oriented social services for the Kansas City Region (VII) on behalf of the U.S. Dept. of Health and Human Services. – Des Moines, IA

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PIONEERS IN MEMORIAM

John "Jack" E. Hansan, PhD • 1930-2019



Dr. John "Jack" E. Hansan was a pioneer, advocate and champion of justice for the poor, minorities, young children and elderly. With a master's degree in social work he led settlement houses in Philadelphia and Cincinnati.

While in Cincinnati he was elected Chair of the Ohio Valley Chapter of NASW. In that role, he volunteered to be one of six organizers responsible for recruiting and managing Cincinnati's very large delegation to the historic August 28, 1963 "March on Washington, DC for Jobs and Freedom." He was appointed by the Ohio Governor to be Director of the Ohio Department of Public Welfare and two years later, he became Chief of Staff to the Governor, the nation's first social worker to hold the position. In 1975 he moved to Washington, DC and served as Director of Government Affairs for the American Public Welfare Association. From 1979-1983, Dr. Hansan served as Executive Director of the National Conference on Social Welfare. He was Interim Director of NASW from June 1983-July 1984. From 1985 to 1989 he was Manager, Senior Living Trends with the Futures Group. In that role he managed national projects concerning the elderly population for the AARP, United Way of America, US Administration on Aging, and several Fortune 500 companies. Dr. Hansan published Aging Network News, a national news monthly for professional in the field of aging from 1991 to 1997. His legacy of service and justice can be seen in the Social Welfare History Project, a website he founded and built over the last decade which serves as a primary research source for students and scholars. He was inducted into the Ohio Civil Rights Hall of Fame in 2019.

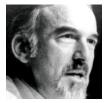
Nancy A. Humphreys, DSW, MSW • 1938-2019



Nancy A. Humphreys was president of NASW from 1979 to 1981, and the second woman and youngest person to be elected the association's president. She will be remembered as a social work icon. She served as professor

and former dean at the University of Connecticut School of Social Work and directed the policy practice concentration. One of her lasting legacy's was the development of a new branch of the profession called Political Social Work. She defined it as a legitimate area of social work practice. She established the Nancy A. Humphreys Institute for Political Social Work Practice. The Institute supports her belief that social workers should be involved in shaping public policy. She founded the Campaign School for Social Work, which is part of the Institute, 23 years ago. The Campaign School has trained more than 1,300 social workers to run for office, get involved in campaigns and work in political settings. Dr. Humphreys supported international efforts at the school including her own consultations in the Republic of Armenia in creating social work training and social service programs. President Jimmy Carter appointed her to serve on the National Advisory Committee on Women's Issues. Among the numerous awards she received, she was the recipient of the NASW Lifetime Achievement Award in 2011.

Arthur J. Katz, PhD, ACSW • 1924-2018



Arthur J. Katz made outstanding contributions to social work as a practitioner, advocate, educator, author, consultant, administrator, teacher and Dean. Katz became Dean of Adelphi University School of Social Work and

later went on to become the Executive Vice President of the Jewish Theological Seminar of America serving as the chief administrative officer. He joined the New York University School of Social Work faculty as an Associate Professor teaching courses in the social welfare policy area. In 1968, he became the Founding Dean of the University of Kansas School of Social Welfare. During the next 12 years he enhanced and enlarged social work professional training in the state of Kansas and surrounding mid-west states. Katz served as President of the National Association of Social Workers from 1977-1979. During his presidency, he pushed for increased professional recognition of social workers; promoted programs recognizing and serving specialty practice areas; worked towards an increase in the number of states with licensure bills; advocated for political issues of importance for social workers; and ushered in new structures and programs offered to members. In addition, Katz served as the Chief Executive Officer of the Council on Social Work Education. He contributed to the professional literature through publication writing on numerous issues including on peace and disarmament, social work professional education and critical national social welfare policy issues.

Ronald G. Lewis, PhD • 1941-2019



Ronald G. Lewis was the first American Indian to receive a PhD in the field of social work in 1974 and became known as the "Father of American Indian Social Work." He was one of North America's authorities in Native

American social work and legal Indian subjects. Born on the Cherokee community in Talequah, Oklahoma, Lewis went on to hold many important positions in academia. Always an activist he was at the Wounded Knee standoff in 1973 and at Alcatraz. He was a psychiatric social worker and developed many mental health programs for American Indians. Lewis trained hospital and medical personnel about culturally appropriate services for Native American People. Lewis taught social work at many institutions of higher learning including the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, Arizona State University, and Saskatchewan Indian Federated College in Canada, where he was the Dean of the Social Work Department. Lewis was the first American Indian tenured in the University of Wisconsin system, first American Indian full professor in the field of social work, and the first indigenous person to hold the position of "Dean" in Canada.

Dorothy Pearson, PhD, ACSW • 1937-2019



Dorothy M. Pearson had a distinguished career in social work practice and social work education. She began her professional career as a psychiatric social worker and later accepted a teaching position in the clinical track of

the University of Wisconsin's curriculum. She received her PhD in 1973. She became the first African-American to earn a PhD from the University of Wisconsin-Madison School of Social Work. Pearson taught at the University of Miami School of Medicine, Department of Pediatrics and Barry University School of Social Work. In 1975 Pearson joined the faculty of Howard University and provided leadership for the Board of Trustee approval of a Doctor of Social Work degree program and became the first director of that program. Taking a one-year sabbatical from Howard she went to Jackson State University in Mississippi, where she laid the groundwork for a doctoral program in social work which launched in 1997. Pearson conducted research regarding the educational, social, and family life of professional African American women and later edited and published the book "Perspectives of Equity and Justice in Social Work."

Leonard Stern, MSW • 1928-2019



Leonard Stern had a long and distinguished career as a social worker and member of NASW. Over a period of 50 plus years at both the local and national level, he developed policies, built and managed programs, and

provided consultation and evaluation services to a variety of human service organizations, professional associations, and governmental agencies. In 1972, when the NASW National Office relocated to Washington, Stern was appointed Associate Executive Director, a position he held for 10 years. During his tenure the Association grew in both size and influence. Membership doubled, the chapter structure was reorganized, an affirmative action program was implemented, PACE was inaugurated, and numerous public social policies and professional standards were adopted. NASW's role as a coalition-builder and leader expanded during his tenure, and technical assistance and support of state licensing efforts produced a breakthrough in legal regulation across the country. Stern's supervisory and managerial expertise was a critical factor in each of these accomplishments. After leaving NASW Stern assumed the position of Executive Director of the National Assembly of Voluntary Health and Social Welfare Organizations.

Barbara W. White, PhD, ACSW • 1943-2019



Barbara W. White was President of NASW from 1991-1993. She was previously Vice President of NASW, and Chaired the National Program Committee, the Competence Certification Board and the first

National Conference on Minority Issues. White was Dean of the University of Texas-Austin School of Social Work. She was appointed the first African American Dean in the University of Texas at Austin in its history. She led the School of Social Work's successful efforts to meet new accreditation standards to achieve a national- ranking among the top ten schools of social work in the country. White wrote Color in a White Society and Women in Power and Change. White was an accomplished scholar in the areas of cultural diversity, women studies and domestic violence. She was actively involved in social work education and was the only person in her profession to hold the presidencies of both NASW and the Council on Social Work Education (CSWE). Among her numerous awards, White was a recipient of the NASW Foundation Rhoda G. Sarnat Award and was inducted into the African American Women's Hall of Fame.

Vicki Gardine Williams, LLD, ACSW • 1945-2019



Throughout her professional career, Vicki Gardine Williams felt a call to serve the "oppressed and vulnerable populations" of our society, which manifested itself in a career as a clinical practitioner and social worker educator.

Williams taught and served as a program director of social work education for 37 years and worked as a professional social worker for 48 years. Most recently, she served as Director of the Social Work program, College of Public Service and Urban Affairs at Tennessee State University. Her sense of social justice and equity for all people began in her home community and expanded in regional and national civil rights issues and social work licensure policy and legislation. Williams began her social work career in Head Start, transitioned to child and family services, maternal and child health and medical social work. These positions fostered her sustained interest in programs for the adoption of black children. This interest included educating communities on diversity issues through curriculum and program development, research, consultation and training, while at the same time developing policies to ensure black children in foster care were raised with families regardless of their racial background. She served on the NASW Tennessee Board of Directors.

Some of the pioneers are giants and some are those who have worked in their own backyards. Together they fill big or little niches of the mosaic.

-Ruth Knee



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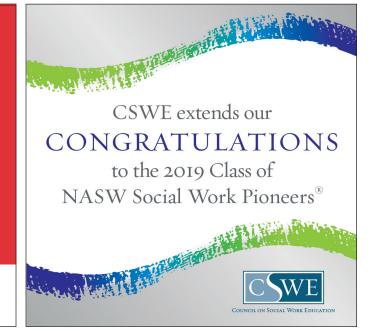
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In Honor of Bo Walker, ACSW, LCSW, DCSW NASW Social Work Pioneer



Bo is an accomplished social worker who exemplifies commitment to the profession through his dedication and tireless efforts.

As a former member of the Executive Committee, Officers Group and Board of Director for the NASW Assurance Services, we are thankful to Bo for the expertise, guidance and devotion he brought to his role over the years. As a leader, he made a profound impact and was instrumental in building and shaping our organization into the successful company that it is today.

We are proud to express our deepest appreciation to Bo for his extraordinary work and leadership skills and for dedicating himself to improving our organization and the field of social work.









Dr Claudia Rappaport







Congratulations to Dr Michael R. Daley and Dr Claudia Rappaport on being awarded NASW Social Work Pioneers. Your friends and family at Texas A&M University - Central Texas are proud of you and all that you have accomplished.

Congratulations



A salute to Pat Tyrrell, one of the 4 Tyrrell boys and a True Pioneer!

From his brothers, Tom, Mike and Tim One for all, and all for one!





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