

GLOBAL DISPLACEMENT AND MENTAL HEALTH

Nov
8-9
2019

As new systems of care and treatments are being developed in response to the unprecedented movements of people, there is a need to reconsider the training and preparation that students, scholars, activists, practitioners, and policymakers receive in order to address these issues appropriately. The engagement and success of many mental health initiatives will depend on the quality of the education and training received by those involved. This convening will bring together government officials, healthcare providers, academic institutions, NGOs, funders, and social entrepreneurs to discuss their experiences at the intersection of research, training, education, and policymaking. We will explore partnerships between stakeholders that envision innovative ways to address mental health concerns in forced migration.

The Workshop is organized by the Consortium on Forced Migration, Displacement and Education (CFMDE), under the leadership of Consortium members Vassar College and The New School, NYC, with generous funding from the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation, the Social Science Research Council, and the University Alliance for Refugees and at Risk Migrants.

Goal

The aim of this workshop is to collectively re-think mental health education and training for undergraduate and graduate students. Our discussion will emphasize the role that the liberal arts and humanities can and should play in preparing mental health workers, and that of digital learning in building new alliances. The November 2019 workshop at Vassar starts a conversation that will be continued at three more convenings in the next two years.

Format

This convening is organized as a workshop with an opening and closing panel, and three structured conversations that encourage all participants to engage in an exchange of ideas. For each session, we asked an interdisciplinary team to state some observations and pose questions that explore how mental health education might be transformed to respond to the global challenges of forced migration.

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3:00 – 4:30

Graduate and undergraduate student workshop
[College Center MPR]

3:00 – 4:30

Pre-Conference Business Meeting
[Ordan Meeting Room, College Center]

5:00

Welcome
[Rockefeller Hall 300]

Keynote

Gary Belkin
President of the Billion Minds Institute.
open to the public

6:00 – 7:00

Gallery Reception
[Old Bookstore]
Photographs by Amy Kaslow Vassar '81.

7:00 – 7:30

Performance by Milad Yousufi
Refugee Orchestra Project
[Villard Room]

7:30

Dinner
with conference participants
[Villard Room]

9:30

Shuttle to Hotel and Alumnae/i House

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8:30 – 9:30

Breakfast
[Villard Room]

9:30 – 10:00

Welcome
by President Elizabeth Bradley
Introduction to Workshop
Adam Brown
Maria Höhn
[Villard Room]

10:15

Opening Panel
“What are the Challenges?”
[College Center MPR]

Facilitator_ Adam Brown
PI, Trauma and Global Mental Health Lab, the New School

Pieter Ventevogel
Senior Mental Health Officer, UNHCR

Rachel Cohen
Executive Director, Common Threads Project

Kathleen Pike
Global Mental Health Program, Columbia University

Martha Bragin
Silberman School of Social Work at Hunter College, City University of New York (CUNY)

11:00 – 12:15

Workshop 1
“Global Mental Health: Bridging Divides”

Facilitator_ Michelle Tugade
Department of Psychology, Vassar College

Marie-Grace Kagoyire
Duhumurizanye Iwacu Rwanda

Susannah Friedman
Humanitarian Policy Director CARE

Sharifah Shakirah
Founder and Director, Rohingya Women Development Network

Adedoyin Teriba
Professor of Art and Urban Studies, Vassar College

M. Claire Greene
Bloomberg School of Public Health, Johns Hopkins University

12:15 – 1:15

Lunch
[Villard Room]

1:15 – 2:30

Workshop 2
“Global Mental Health: Breaking Down Silos”

Facilitator_ Marian Passannante
School of Public Health, Rutgers University

David Srivastava
Director of Migration and Mental Health, Department of Emergency Medicine, University of Bern

Miriam Steele
Professor of Psychology and Co-Director of the Center for Attachment at the New School

Milad Yousufi
Refugee Orchestra Project

Logan Cummings
Innovation and Strategy Advisor, IRC

Carmen Valle-Trabadelo
Senior Advisor, MHPSS Collaborative

Break

2:45 – 4:00

Workshop 3
“Global Mental Health: Building New Alliances”

Facilitator_ Amy Nitza
Director, Institute for Disaster Mental Health, State University of New York at New Paltz

Alexandra Tohme
Founder and Director, Azahir

Nadine Friedl and Christian Moser
Department of Psychology, University of Bern

Amina Memon
Director, Research Centre for the Study of Emotion and Law, Royal Holloway University London

Break

4:15 – 5:15

Closing Panel
“The Way Forward, in College Center MPR”

Facilitator_ Adam Brown
PI, Trauma and Global Mental Health Lab, the New School

Amy Kaslow
Writer and photographer, editor of K/NOW

Pieter Ventevogel
Senior Mental Health Officer, UNHCR

Logan Cummings
Innovation and Strategy Advisor, IRC

Ismail Rashid
Professor of History, Vassar College

5:15

Reception
[Rose Parlor]

6:30

Dinner
for those who can stay

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