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## **NEWLY-ELECTED PIONEERS**

Congratulations to the Pioneers who were elected since the October 2018 Annual Event

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## **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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## **PROGRAM - SATURDAY, OCTOBER 27, 2018**

#### 9:00 AM REGISTRATION, NETWORKING & COFFEE

#### 10:00 AM MODERATOR

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

#### GREETINGS

Kathryn Conley Wehrmann, PhD, LCSW President, National Association of Social Workers Board of Directors, NASW Foundation Associate Professor, BSW Program Director Illinois State University

#### **WELCOME REMARKS**

Angelo McClain, PhD, LICSW CEO, National Association of Social Workers President, NASW Foundation

#### PIONEERS IN MEMORIAM 2018

Juan Ramos, PhD, ACSW\* Retired, Associate Director of Prevention, NIMH Member, NASW Pioneer® Planning Committee

#### **10:30 AM INTRODUCTION OF SPEAKER**

Robert P. Connolly, LCSW-C\* Member, NASW Pioneer® Steering Committee

#### "BUILDING COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS FOR CANCER PREVENTION & CONTROL INITIATIVES"

James R. Zabora, ScD, MSW\* Director, Outreach & Education Center to Reduce Cancer Disparities

#### 11:15 AM INTRODUCTION OF SPEAKER

Betsy Vourlekis, PhD\*

#### "EXPLORING THE SOCIAL WELFARE HISTORIC WEBSITE OF JOHN F. HANSAN, PHD"

Alice Woodworth Campbell, MSLS Virginia Commonwealth University Libraries

#### 12:15 PM RECEPTION, GROUP PHOTOS & EXHIBIT

Tribute to Kenneth Carpenter Photography by Patricia McDougall

#### LUNCHEON

Moderator: Bernice Catherine Harper, LLD, ACSW\* Chair, NASW Pioneer<sup>®</sup> Planning Committee Member, NASW Foundation Board of Directors

#### **INTRODUCTION OF 2018 PIONEERS®**

Patricia Martin-O'Meally, LICSW\*

Retired, Director of Staff Development and Training for Adult Services, DC-CMHS Member, NASW Pioneer® Planning Committee

#### 1:30 PM MODERATOR

Jesse J. Harris, PhD, ACSW\* Co-chair, NASW Pioneer® Steering Committee

#### **INTRODUCTION OF KEYNOTE SPEAKER**

Julia M. Norlin, PhD

Professor Emeritus and former Director of the Anne and Henry Zarrow School of Social Work at the University of Oklahoma School of Social Work

#### "THE OKLAHOMA EXPERIENCE"

David A. McLeod, PhD, ACSW

Director, Knee Research Center for Strong Families The Anne & Henry Zarrow School of Social Work The University of Oklahoma

#### 2:30 PM ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS & CLOSING

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## S P E A K E R S



James Zabora currently works at the Sidney Kimmel Comprehensive Cancer Center at Johns Hopkins. Previously, he served as Executive Director of the Life with Cancer Program<sup>®</sup> for the Inova Health System in Northern Virginia after serving

as Dean and Professor of Social Work at the National Catholic School of Social Service of The Catholic University of America for 10 years. Prior to CUA, he had a 20-year career at The Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine. He is the former Editor of the *Journal of Psychosocial Oncology*, and the author of more than 80 papers and book chapters on cancer prevention, psychosocial screening and community program development, quality of life, and problem-solving education. His research continues to focus in these areas and in cancer disparities, cancer prevention and control. He is an NASW Social Work Pioneer® and a NASW Foundation Knee Wittman Outstanding Achievement Award recipient. Dr. Zabora received his Master of Social Work from the University of Maryland at Baltimore, and his Doctor of Science degree from Johns Hopkins University Bloomberg School of Public Health.



Alice W. Campbell is Digital Outreach and Special Projects Librarian at Virginia Commonwealth University Libraries. In this position she works to share interesting, provocative, and historically significant materials from VCU Libraries collections

through the internet. This involves creating online exhibits and managing digital projects such as the Social Welfare History Project and the Social Welfare History Image Portal. Having worked in both public and academic libraries since the age of fifteen, Campbell considers herself a "jack-of-all-trades" librarian. She has enjoyed positions in special collections and archives at VCU, Virginia Tech and Baylor University. She's also served as a branch supervisor for a public library, a copy cataloger, a reference librarian, and as a children's librarian. In addition to the MSLS, Alice Campbell has a master's degree in art history.



**David McLeod** has spent the past two decades working to reduce violence, particularly that directed at people and communities with diminished capacities for self-protection. He is Assistant Professor at the University of Oklahoma

(OU) Anne and Henry Zarrow School of Social Work and holds affiliate faculty status in the OU Department of Women's and Gender Studies and the Center for Social Justice, and is Director of the OU Knee Center for Strong Families. David's current professional activities include investigations of forensic psychopathology and differential criminal behavior development, female sexual offending, female incarceration, child sexual abuse, forensic social work, intra-professional and multidisciplinary collaboration, domestic and relational violence, and social work education. David is a board member of the National Organization of Forensic Social Work, Co-Chair of the Oklahoma Children of Incarcerated Parents Advisory Committee to the Legislature and is currently working on multiple funded research projects. His most recent publications include works on female sexual offending, trauma, domestic violence, and social work education. He has won numerous teaching, service, and research honors and is a four-time recipient of the Ann and Henry Zarrow School of Social Work "Professor of the Year" award.

## **NEWLY-ELECTED PIONEERS**



### Georgia J. Anetzberger:

Dr. Anetzberger has worked in the field of aging for more than 35 years as social worker, administrator, researcher and advocate. Her special area of interest is elder

abuse and related interventions. She has received numerous national awards for her pioneering work in the field of elder abuse and has been an invited expert by federal, state and local government at numerous forums on elder abuse. Dr. Anetzberger is also an internationally recognized author and presenter on elder abuse and is considered among the foremost social work experts in the field of aging and elder abuse in the country. – South Euclid, OH



Sandra Malpica Chaiken: Sandra Malpica Chaiken has been a leader, innovator and program developer in public hospitals and long-term care facilities during her 40 years as a medical social worker

and social work director. During her tenure at Jacobi Medical Center and North Central Bronx Hospital, as the Associate Director of Social Work for Adult Services, and primarily as the Director, Ms. Chaiken worked collaboratively to create many signature programs including: discharge planning as a clinical practice; computerized clinical social work documentation; emergency preparedness and the Social Work Disaster Response Team; services for victims of sexual assault and domestic violence; and SNUGS (guns spelled backwards) Stand Up to Violence, an innovative anti-gang peer intervention program. Each of these programs was almost unprecedented at the time their development and implementation. – New York, NY



**Fran Danis:** Dr. Fran Danis is a feminist activist whose research focuses on violence against women. A founder of one of the first shelters for domestic violence survivors and rape crisis programs

in Texas, her research today continues to address gender justice issues. Danis has taught courses at various universities on topics ranging from domestic violence to non-profit management, always with an interest in how social workers can be most effective in helping those who have survived violence. – Bastrop, Texas



**Terry DeCrescenzo:** Teresa DeCrescenzo has worked for over 40 years to protect lesbian and gay children who have been abused and abandoned by their families. She worked in the Los

Angeles area to provide services to children who wound up on the street in the Los Angeles area and advocated for their safety. This included children with HIV who were shunned from their communities. Today, DeCrescenzo continues her work with transgender children and LGBT immigrants. – Studio City, California



**Peter Delany:** Dr. Peter J. Delany, an Assistant Surgeon General in the United States Public Health Service Commissioned Corps, is the senior-ranking social worker in the uniformed services. During a

civilian and uniformed services career spanning more than 32 years, his pioneering work as a leader and expert in the fields of substance abuse treatment, health services research, policy, and disaster mental health response established foundations and support for social work research and directly affected the behavioral health of the American public. – Olney, MD



### Doreen Elliott (1941-2018):

Dr. Doreen Elliott made contributions to the field of international social work over the course of her 38 year career. She served as one of the inaugural

members of the Katherine A. Kendall Institute of International Social Work Education advisory board. Elliott helped to establish a dual-degree doctoral program with a school in Mexico at the University of Texas at Arlington.



**Cynthia Franklin:** Dr. Cynthia Franklin is an endowed professor and Associate Dean for Doctoral Education at the Steve Hicks School of Social Work at The University of Texas at Austin. She is a licensed clinical social worker and a family therapist and has served the social work profession as a clinician, professor, researcher, and academic administrator within masters and doctoral programs. She has devoted her career to developing interventions with at-risk populations. Since 1986, she has worked to ensure that social workers throughout the profession have access to practical, efficient, and inexpensive evidence-based approaches and programs. Franklin is internationally recognized for her clinical expertise in solution focused brief therapy (SFBT) and her research into the effectiveness of this intervention. She has conducted clinical trainings around the world on SFBT including in the US, Canada, Europe, China, and Taiwan. – Austin, TX



Nathan Linsk: Dr. Nathan Linsk has spent his career leading the global effort to combat HIV/AIDS in the US, Africa, and Eastern Europe. His work takes place on the policy, treatment, ethical, and

educational levels to better the lives of the sick and the people who love and take care of them. Linsk helped to develop the *Journal of HIV/AIDS and Social Services*, and founded various other organizations in his community in Illinois and across the country that focus on HIV/AIDS and gay rights. – Oak Park, Illinois



**David P. Moxley:** Dr. David P. Moxley has spent his career advocating for those with diminished civil, social and human rights, specifically in the disabled community. He has sought to enact

collaboration between communities and academia, and brought both together while teaching at the University of Oklahoma, Wayne State University, and now at the University of Alaska, Anchorage. David has reached groups in high need communities in the United States and in other countries, emphasizing social innovation, the fulfillment of basic needs, and the realization of opportunity. – Norman, Oklahoma



**Cynthia Stuen:** Dr. Cynthia Stuen's career has focused on innovative policies and practices to improve the lives of older persons. Dr. Stuen's social work leadership was performed in diverse settings

ranging from skilled nursing/rehabilitation, communitybased services and academia, to building a National Center on Vision and Aging, advocating on a national and international level for awareness and education on the impact of age-related vision loss and other disabling conditions. In her retirement following a 40-year gerontological social work career, she advocates for human rights of older persons on a global level at the United Nations. – New York, NY



### Joan Upshaw (1929-2010):

Joan Upshaw was a social work entrepreneur ahead of her time who developed Social Work p.r.n., a social work staffing agency. This helped employers by offering just-

in-time staffing resources and social workers with greater work flexibility and job opportunities. Upshaw's vision led to a business model that supported work-life balance and enabled social workers to work across fields of practice. She also inspired and aided the social work entrepreneurial intentions of others.



Vicki Gardine Williams: Professor Vicki Gardine Williams' sense of social justice and equity for all people began in her home community and expanded to regional issues, national civil rights

issues and presently, the realm of policy and legislative efforts in social work licensure. Professor Williams began developing and proposing foster care and adoption policy before the 1997 Adoption and Safe Families Act; developed and implemented cultural competency curriculum and polices at multiple educational sites and; worked tirelessly to establish social work licensure legislation to the state of TN, which had never been attempted before in the history of the state. – Nashville, TN



**Charles Zastrow:** Dr. Charles Zastrow has enhanced social work education through his important and lasting contributions as an author of three undergraduate and foundation social work textbooks

and as co-author of two additional textbooks beginning in 1977 that are still used with updated editions. These books include: Introduction to Social Work and Social Welfare (12th ed.); Generalist Social Work Practice (11th ed.); Social Work with Groups (10th ed.) (with Sarah L. Hessenauer); and Understanding Human Behavior and the Social Environment (10th ed.) (with Karen Kirst-Ashman and Sarah L. Hessenauer). His writings have influenced generations of students about choosing social work as a profession. Building on his roles as instructor, field director, and department chair, he also provides leadership in developing accreditation standards at the state level in Wisconsin and nationally through the Council of Social Work Education (CSWE). – Madison, WI

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## **PIONEERS IN MEMORIAM**

## Paul Kusuda - November 10, 2017



Paul Kusuda changed his career plans from engineering to social work after he and his family were sent to the Manzanar War Relocation Center during the internment of Japanese-American

following Pearl Harbor. He retired from the Division of Corrections of the Wisconsin Department of Health and Social Services, and continued to advocate for Asian-Americans, refugees, immigrants, underprivileged youth, the homeless and the elderly in his retirement. Paul received his AM degree from the University of Chicago School of Social Service Administration.

### Rhoda Sarnat - April 14, 2018



Rhoda G. Sarnat leaves a lasting legacy for her pioneering efforts in enhancing the public image of professional social work. She worked tirelessly to increase the public's knowledge, understanding,

and respect for professional social work, locally, nationally, and internationally. Rhoda G. Sarnat's vision to create a unified effort to promote professional social work, led to the creation of the NASW Foundation International Rhoda G. Sarnat Award. This award, established in 1993, by Rhoda G. Sarnat and her husband, Bernard Sarnat, MD (1912-2011) awards a monetary prize to an individual, group, or organization that has significantly advanced the public image of professional social work. Since its inception the Sarnat Award has been presented 24 times and the list of esteemed recipients include: Ambassador Wendy Sherman (2017), Brene Brown (2015), senator Barbara Mikulski (2013), Marilyn Flynn (2011) and the NASW Communications Network, Inc. founded by Suzanne Dworak-Peck (1993).

Rhoda worked for the American Red Cross during World War II as an assistant director of a Home Service Unit, where she worked with veterans and their families and later served as Assistant Dean and Director of Field Placement at the University of Southern California School for Social Work. Rhoda received her MA degree from the University of Chicago School of Social Service Administration.

### Ken Carpenter - May 16, 2018



Kenneth Carpenter served for ten years with the Minnesota Youth Commission before moving to Washington, DC. In Washington, he joined the staff of the Children's Bureau of the Department of

Health, Education and Welfare, Juvenile Delinquency Division. In 1971, he moved to the United States Department of Justice, Law Enforcement, Administration, later joining the Department's National Institute of Corrections. Retiring at age of 80, Ken remained active in the International Council on Social Welfare, and the NASW Foundation Social Work Pioneer® program. Ken received his Master's Degree in Social Work from Columbia University. He was a charter member of the Academy of Certified Social Workers and the National Association of Social Workers (NASW).

## Roland Ostrower - July 22, 2018



Roland Ostrower is remembered as the man without whom the NYS Third Party Payments Bill for social workers would not have become law. His belief in the value of social work and its contribution to public

health compelled his vision, and persistence maneuvering the bill through the legislative labyrinth, which eventually passed into law. Roland received an MS degree in Social Work from Columbia University. He was a Charter Member of the National Association of Social Workers and served on the Board of Directors of the NASW New York City Chapter.

### Ron Dellums - July 30, 2018



Ron Dellums was an advocate and organizer who used his social work values in the political arena to advance economic and social justice. He represented the Oakland, CA area in the House

of Representatives from 1971 to 1988. An outspoken antiwar activist, he was appointed Chairman of the Armed Services Committee in 1993. Ron led the congressional opposition to US-backed apartheid in South Africa and was elected chair of the Congressional Black Caucus. After leaving the House, he served as Mayor of Oakland. In 2013, he became the first Visiting Fellow at the Ronald W. Walters Leadership and Public Policy Center at Howard University. Ron was the recipient of the NASW California Lifetime Achievement Award in 1999 and supported NASW-sponsored activities such as taking part in Social Work Day on the Hill and being keynoter at the NASW Michigan Chapter Conference in 2014. He received his MSW from the University of California, Berkeley.

### Doreen Elliott - July 31, 2018



Dr. Doreen Elliott was a social work educator and scholar who made pioneering contributions to theory and practice of international social work education and global

development. She was Instrumental in founding the dual-degree doctoral program UTA and the Universidad Autónoma De Nuevo León Mexico and was one of the original members of the Council on Social Work Education's Katherine A. Kendall Institute of International Social Work Education (KAKI) advisory board. Dr. Elliott received her Philosophiae Doctor (PhD) from University of Wales, United Kingdom, School of Social Work, University College Cardiff, UK.



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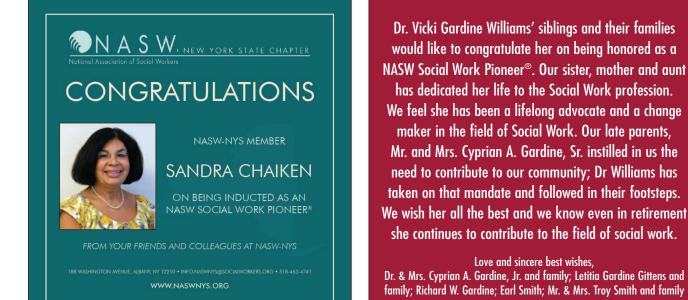
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# CONGRATULATIONS TO CYNTHIA STUEN!

Your continued leadership in support of healthy aging is inspirational! You are a true Pioneer and a wonderful friend.

Fondly, Pat & Bob Volland



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E. Aracelis Francis in honor of Vicki Gardine Williams, "Congratulations on this milestone - a long way from IAU."

Bernice Catherine Harper, in memory of Ruth Knee, Mark Battle and Ken and Margery Carpenter

Terry Hokenstad, in honor of Georgia Anetzberger

Angelo McClain in honor of NASW Social Work Pioneers®

In honor of Fran Danis, "Every step in your journey continues to make us totally proud to claim you as one of our best!" One of your former Deans, Darlyne Bailey



We are so proud to recognize and honor the newly-elected NASW Social Work Pioneers®

While we are sorry we are not able to be with you, we are pleased to be representing the Pioneers in California at the NASW-California Chapter Annual Conference and Social Work Hall of Distinction Induction.

--Suzanne Dworak-Peck (NASW President, 1989) & Jim Kelly (NASW President, 2008)



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