

VIRTUAL FIELD SUMMIT

TRANSFORMING THE FIELD EDUCATION LANDSCAPE (TFEL)

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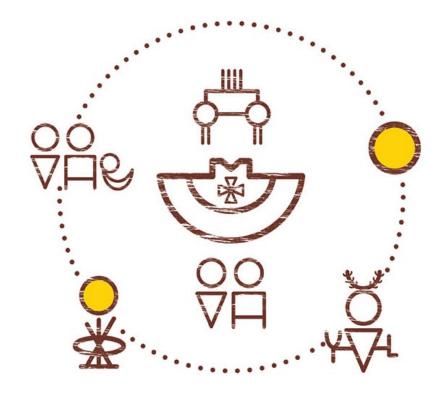
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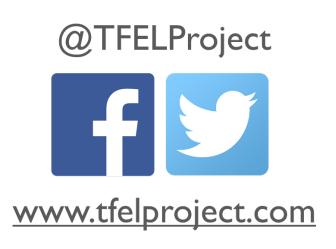
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AGENDA

JUNE 14, 2020

- 9:05 am 9:10 am Welcome Dr. Ellen Perrault, Dean, Faculty of Social Work, University of Calgary
- 9:10 am 9:15 am TFEL Update Dr. Julie Drolet, Project Director
- 9:15 am 9:45 am "The State of Social Work Field Education" Plenary Session
- 9:45 am 10:00 am Break
- I0:00 am I1:00 am "The Context of Social Work Field Education" Panel Presentation
- II:10 am II:15 am Break
- II:15 am I2:15 am Breakout Discussions

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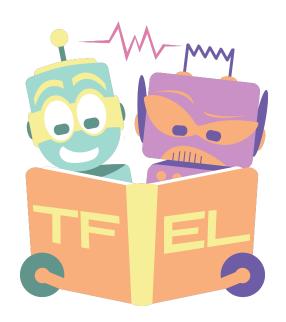


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TFEL GOAL



The goal of this project is to integrate research and practice in the preparation of the next generation of social workers by developing partnered research training initiatives, both within academic and across the public and not-for-profit sectors, that enhance student research practice knowledge and applied skill development.

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- Canadian Association of Social Workers
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- The University of British Columbia, School of Social Work
- Thompson Rivers University
- University of Eswatini
- University of Gondar
- University of South Florida
- University of Stirling
- Youth Research & Evaluation eXchange (YouthREX)

Stream I

Digital Storytelling

Stream 2

National Study

Stream 3

Applied Practice Research

TRAINING AND MENTORING ACTIVITIES

CURRENT ACTIVITIES

Interviews on Promising and Wise Practices

 Recruiting field directors/coordinators, faculty, field instructors, and other field stakeholders for a 30-60 min. interview

Impact of COVID-19 on Field Education

Recruiting BSW and MSW social work students to complete an online survey

Dialogue Circles

Recruiting BSW, MSW, and PhD social work students

State of Social Work Field Education

 Analyzing data from the National survey with field directors/coordinators across Canada

Virtual Practicum Resources

Supporting BSW and MSW practicum students with opportunities to develop resources

Digital Story Guidebook

 Developing a resource to support digital storytelling in field seminars

Field Image Showcase

 Inviting BSW, MSW, and PhD students to submit an image and a narrative

Applied Practice Research Module

Developing an online training module to facilitate practice research in field education

Near-peer Model for Mentorship

Creating and integrating mentorship into social work education

Contact <u>tfelresearch@gmail.com</u> to participate!

Contact <u>tfelproject@gmail.com</u> to join!

'FIELD RESEARCH SCHOLARS' PROGRAM

- Launch of the "Field Research Scholars" Program for Fall 2020
- This program is designed to foster talent in emerging social workers and transform them into highly qualified personnel by providing mentorship, professional development opportunities and opportunities for collaboration with peers. By fostering research skills and engaging social workers from various specialties, emerging social workers will have the opportunity to join a network of scholars working towards transforming the field education landscape.
- The objectives of this program include:
 - Fostering a network of reciprocal mentorship relationships and peer collaboration;
 - Transforming social work graduates into highly qualified personnel who contribute to field education research and education; and
 - Creating professional development opportunities for emerging social work researchers including workshops, seminars and working groups to enhance research skills in the area of field education.
- Applications are requested from both students and mentors who are interested
 - Deadline to apply for the Fall 2020 program is August 31st, 2020



PLENARY SESSION



STATE OF SOCIAL WORK FIELD EDUCATION

NATIONAL SURVEY: PRELIMINARY FINDINGS

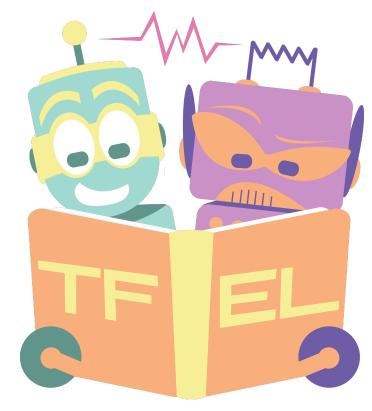
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OVERVIEW

- Introduction
- Context
- Literature Review
- National Survey
- Methodology
- Preliminary Findings
- Survey Feedback
- Questions



Transforming the Field Education Landscape



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INTRODUCTION

- Dr. Julie Drolet PhD, RSW
 - Julie is Professor in the Faculty of Social Work at the University of Calgary and Project Director of the TFEL partnership.
- Mohammad (MSW), Cara (BSW), Elisa (BSW), Ory (MSW) and Jayden (BSW) are members of the State of Social Work Field Education National Survey team.
 - They are research assistants with the TFEL project and are social work students from the University of Calgary.

CONTEXT





The Council on Social Work Education (CSWE) developed the 2015 State of Field Education Survey on administrative models, staffing and resources of field education programs in the USA (CSWE, 2015).

The TFEL project developed a national survey on the state of field education in Canada based on the CSWE 2015 survey.

We hope the survey findings will increase awareness of the critical state of field education and support a concerted effort to develop more sustainable models of field education.

LITERATURE REVIEW

- Field education coordinators and programs experience:
 - A lack of resources and support (Council on Social Work Education, 2015; Macdonald, 2003; Robertson, 2013)
 - Rising student demand for placement (Ayala et al., 2018b; Bogo, 2015)
 - Increasing workload (Macdonald, 2013; Robertson, 2013)
 - Challenges with field instructor recruitment and retention (Ayala et al., 2018a, Ayala et al., 2018b)
- In the future: TFEL will host a Fall 2020 webinar to discuss the results of a scoping review on field education and best practices; hosted by Marion Bogo and Karen Sewell (University of Toronto)

NATIONAL SURVEY

Purpose: to examine and gain a better understanding of the state of social work field education in Canada.

Field education areas examined:

- Demographics of field coordinators and programs
- Administrative models of field education
- Breakdown and adequacy of resources
- Workload expectations of field coordinators
- Field directors/coordinators perception of the current state of social work field education

METHODOLOGY

- An online survey was used to gather descriptive statistics on the state of social work field education
- A survey link was emailed to field directors/coordinators in all 43 CASWE-accredited institutions
- Survey included multiple choice, Likert Scale, and openended short answer questions
- Offered in English and French (French version professionally translated and locally reviewed)
- Data collected and analyzed through Survey Monkey and Excel
- French responses translated using Google Translate

PRELIMINARY FINDINGS



- Survey responses:
 - 39 field directors/coordinators responded to the survey (39/43 = 90.7% response rate)
 - 31 (79.5%) complete and 8 (20.5%) incomplete responses
- Preliminary data analysis was completed by identifying the responses for each individual question
 - Descriptive analysis completed for: field director/coordinator demographics, program details, and perspectives on field education

FIELD DIRECTOR/COORDINATOR DEMOGRAPHICS

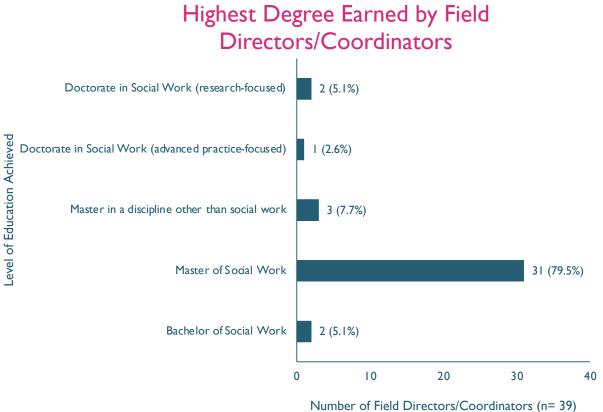


Figure 1. A graph showing the highest degree earned by field directors/coordinators.



Figure 2. A graph showing the percentage of responses based on the number of years as a FEC.

FIELD DIRECTOR/COORDINATOR DEMOGRAPHICS

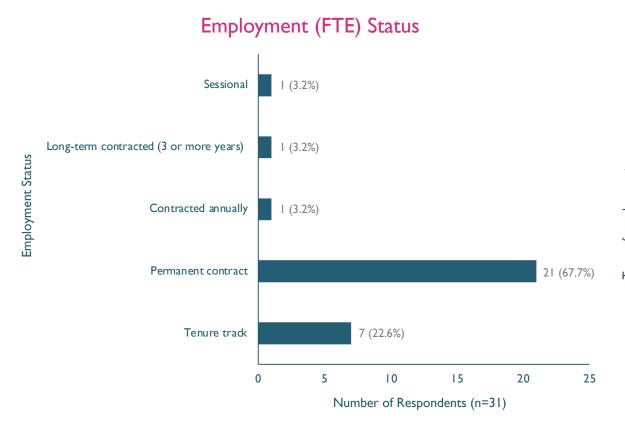


Figure 3. A chart representing the number of FTE based on employment status

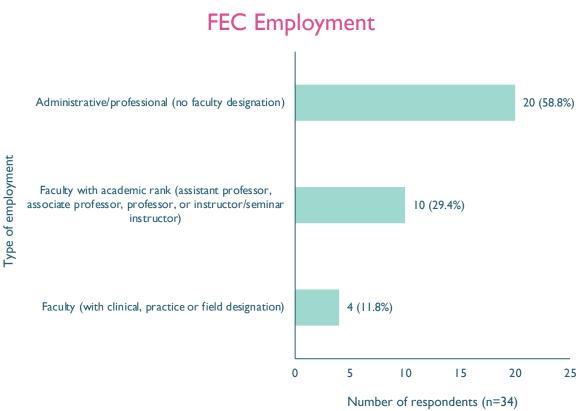


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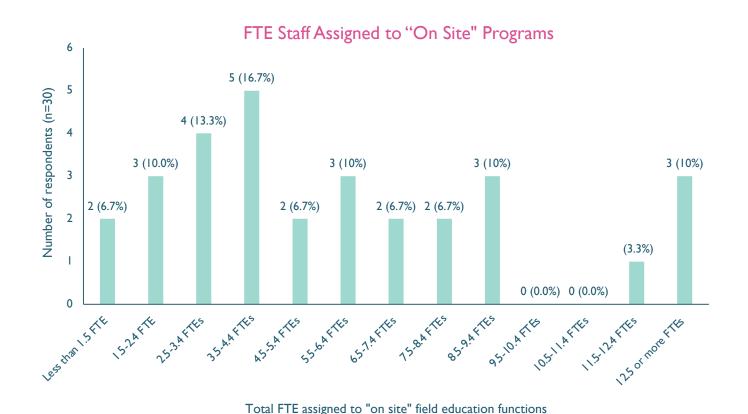


Figure 5. A chart representing the number of FTE faculty assigned to "onsite" programs

What would be adequate number of FTEs assigned to the field office for the "on site" programs(s)

	BSW	MSW	Total
Mean	2.9	1.8	2.5
Median	2.0	1.5	2.0
Mode	2.0	1.0	2.0
Range	1.0-12.0	0.5-6.0	0.5-12.0

Table 1. A table representing perceptions of adequate staffing "FTEs" for "on site" programs at the BSW level, MSW level and total combined

PROGRAM DETAILS

Instructional Language

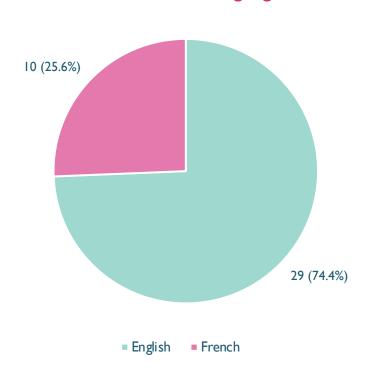


Figure 6. A graph of the instructional language of Canadian BSW and MSW social work institution survey respondents

BSW and MSW Programs in Canadian Institutions

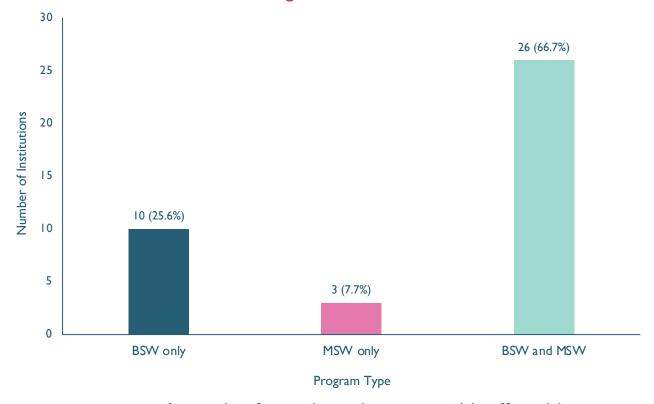


Figure 7. A graph of social work program(s) offered by institution

PROGRAM DETAILS

Field placements settings per institution



Figure 8. This graph presents the number of institutions supporting field placements based on the location of the placement

We found that 97.4% of institutions include urban placements, 76.9% rural placements, 64.1% urban Indigenous placements, and 51.2% on reserve placements.

UNIVERSITY DEMOGRAPHICS

	Fewer than 100	100-249	250-499	500+
BSW Students	H	9	6	2
MSW Students	15	4	3	0
Combined	7	9	8	5

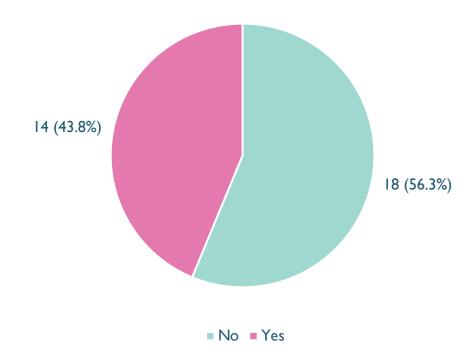
Table 2. This table shows institutions by student size (number enrolled BSW, MSW and combined students)

	Fewer than 100	100-249	250+
BSW Students	13	П	5
MSW Students	10	3	3
Combined	9	13	9

Table 3. This table shares institutions by ranges of BSW, MSW and combined students in field placements

ONLINE/DISTANCE OR BLENDED PROGRAMMING

Institution Offering an Online/Distance or Blended Program (BSW and/or MSW)



Of the institutions who responded "yes," only 2 reported having separate and distinct field staff for online/distance or blended programs

Figure 9. A graph of online/distance or blended MSW and/or BSW program availability in institutions

FIELD DIRECTOR/COORDINATOR ACTIVITIES

Most Common Activities

Activity	Total Responses
Developing field manual	32/32 (100.0%)
Relationship building with agencies	32/32 (100.0%)
Participating in policy development	31/32 (96.9%)
Advising students on field education-related matters	31/32 (96.9%)
Participation in social work program committees	30/32 (93.8%)

Least Common Activities

Activity	Total Responses
Teaching social work courses other than field education	10/32 (31.3%)
Scholarly research, publications and presentations	11/32 (34.4%)
Advising students on course selection, degree requirements and/or career planning	11/32 (34.4%)
Administration of field education awards	13/32 (40.6%)
Participation in student retention processes	15/32 (46.9%)

Table 4. Most common reported activities for FEC/directors.

Table 5. Least common reported activities for FEC/directors.

PERSPECTIVES OF FIELD EDUCATION – LIKERT SCALE

Likert Scale Responses on State of Social Work Field Education

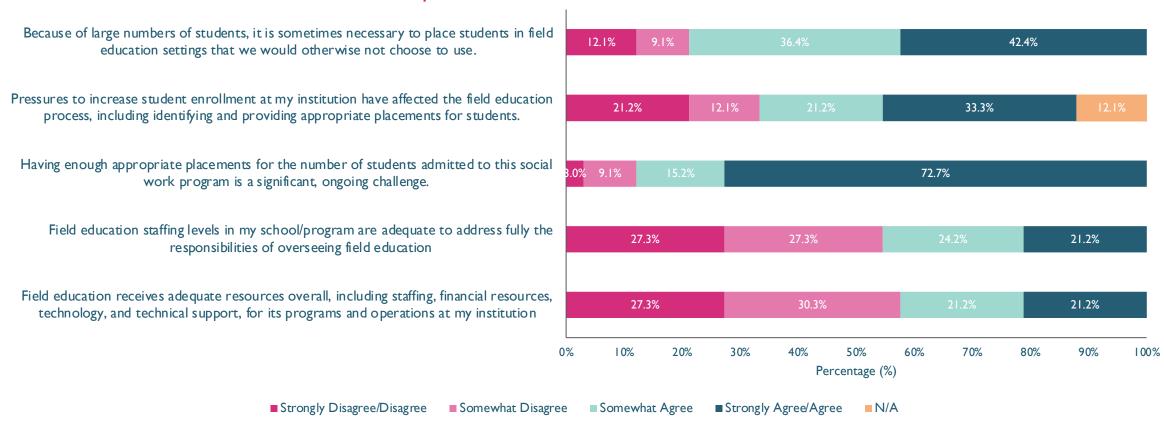


Figure 10. A graph representing field director/coordinator perceptions about the state of social work field education based on responses from a 7-point likert scale (part 1).

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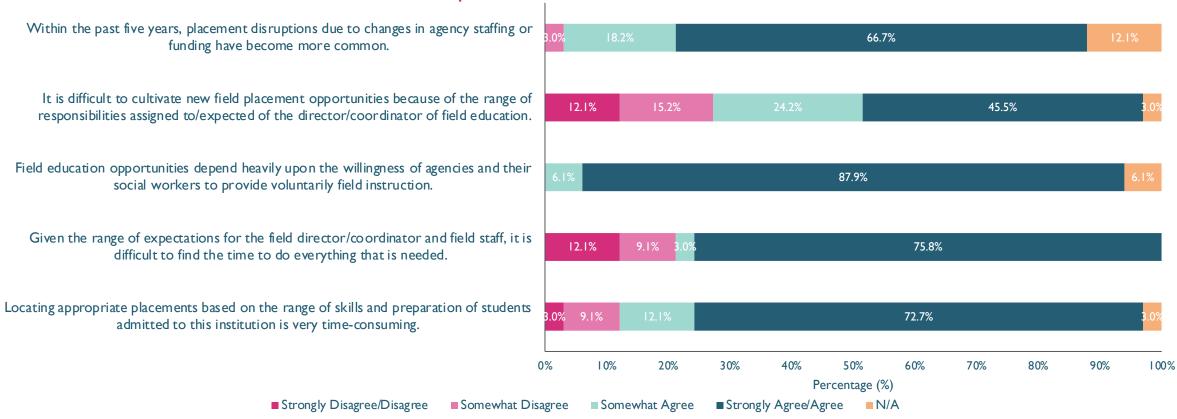


Figure 11. A graph representing field director/coordinator perceptions about the state of social work field education based on responses from a 7-point likert scale (part 2).

RESPONSES FROM THE SURVEY

"HELP!!!"

"We need admin support!"

"Staffing has not been sufficient to be able to complete all relevant tasks associated with field coordination.

More resources are urgently needed."

"Faculty in our institution do not have enough incentives to take up time-consuming field leadership roles."

"Our programs lack administrative support staff for internships. The coordinators must therefore carry out administrative tasks, placement, teaching, continuing education. Lack of time to complete all expected tasks."

RESPONSES FROM THE SURVEY

"Our greatest challenge now is to plan for placements in the fall during the COVID-19 context."

"I think field education should have its own budget and more say in who is hired to do field liaison work. I would like to see field coordinators be able to take something like a sabbatical which currently is not offered."

"Resources for more field team staff are needed to develop new avenues/partnerships."

"[Need] better standardization around the competencies of a BSW graduate and an MSW graduate, similar to other professions."

"Being in a Faculty role I have the opportunity to be at Faculty table and on Directors Advisory Committee which means field is integrated throughout all decision making."

CONCLUSION



- Preliminary findings support the current state of crisis in social work field education
- Preliminary findings indicate the need for more sustainable models of field education
- Next steps:
 - In-depth data analysis
 - Written report based on the findings
 - Submission of a journal article for publication
 - Comparative analysis of TFEL 2020 and CSWE 2015 survey findings

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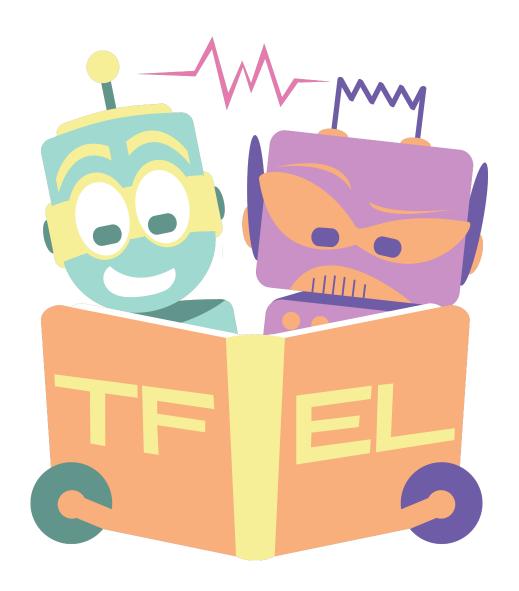
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BREAK

9:45AM - 10:00AM MDT / 11:45AM - 12:00PM

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VIRTUAL FIELD SUMMIT: PANEL PRESENTATION

Panelists:

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Hosts:

Julie Drolet, PhD, RSW Monika Pakstas, MSW Student

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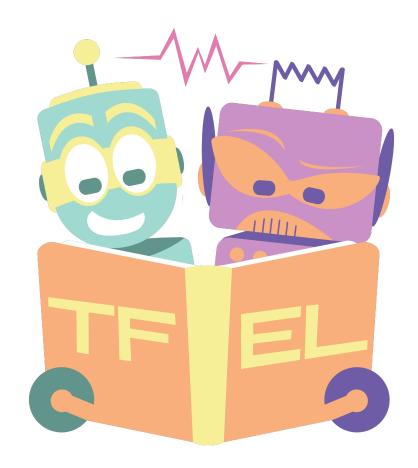
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WELCOME!

OUTLINE FOR TODAY'S SESSION:

- HOUSEKEEPING
- INTRODUCTIONS
- PANEL QUESTIONS
- CONCLUDING Q&A



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BEFORE WE GET STARTED...

- Today's session will be approximately 60 minutes
- Please ensure your microphone is muted if you are not speaking
- There will be four panel questions, and we will have approximately 10 minutes for each question.
 - Feel free to enter questions in the Q&A box. We will have 10-15 minutes for questions at the end.



HOLLY BRADLEY, MSW, RSW

Holly Bradley is a grateful settler in the traditional and unceded territory of the Coast Salish Peoples and the traditional territory of the Snuneymuxw First Nation. She is the Field Education Coordinator for the online BSW program at Vancouver Island University where she has worked since 2009. Holly is in her fifth year as co-chair of the CASWE Field Education committee representing Social Work Field Coordinators and Directors across the country.



GRANT CHARLES, PHD, RSW

Grant Charles is an Associate Professor in the School of Social Work and an affiliated faculty with the Division of Adolescent Health and Medicine in the Department of Pediatrics with the Faculty of Medicine at The University of British Columbia. He is a member of the UBC Cluster on Research Based Theatre and a member of the Prato International Collaborative on Family Mental Health. Dr. Charles has worked in a variety of child and youth mental health, special education, youth justice and child welfare settings.



CLEMENT DLAMINI, MSW

Clement Dlamini is the Director of Centre Community Services and a Social Work Lecturer at the University of Eswatini in the Department of Sociology and Social Work. He is the Founding Member and current President of the Monitoring & Evaluation Association of Swaziland (MEAS). He has a Master's Degree in Social Work from the Stephen F. Austin State University School of Social Work in Nacogdoches, Texas. He has competencies in HIV and AIDS training, program design and evaluation, rural community development, community and health systems strengthening, community mobilization, policy analysis and participatory rural appraisal.



LENA DOMINELLI, PHD, ACSS

Professor Lena Dominelli holds a Chair in Social Work at the University of Stirling in Scotland. She was previously Co-Director at the Institute of Hazards, Risk and Resilience (2010-2016) at Durham University. She has a specific interest in projects on climate change and extreme weather events including health pandemics like Covid-19, drought, floods. cold snaps; wildfires; earthquakes, volcanic eruptions; disaster interventions; vulnerability and resilience; community engagement; coproduction and participatory action research. Her research projects include funding from the ESRC, EPSRC, NERC, the Department of International Development and Wellcome Trust. Lena is a prolific writer and has published widely in social work, social policy and sociology. She currently chairs the IASSW Committee on Disaster Interventions, Climate Change and Sustainability and has represented the social work profession at the United Nations discussions on climate change, since Cancun, Mexico in 2010. She has received various honours for her work.

QUESTION I

What are the most pressing challenges facing social work field education?

How do you suggest they be addressed? Quels sont les défis les plus pr essants pour les stages en travail social?

Comment aborderiezvous les défis rencontrés?

QUESTION 2

How has social work field ducation responded and/or adapted to the COVID-19 pandemic?

- What are some predictions on the effects of this on social work field education?
- Do you believe this is a pivotal time for change in field education?

- Comment les stages en travail social ontils répondu et / ou adapté à la pandémie de COVID-19?
- Quelles sont les prévisions de ses eff ets sur les stages en travail social?
- Croyez-vous que ce soit une période charnière pour le changement des stages?

QUESTION 3

In what ways has the role of field education in social work changed over time?

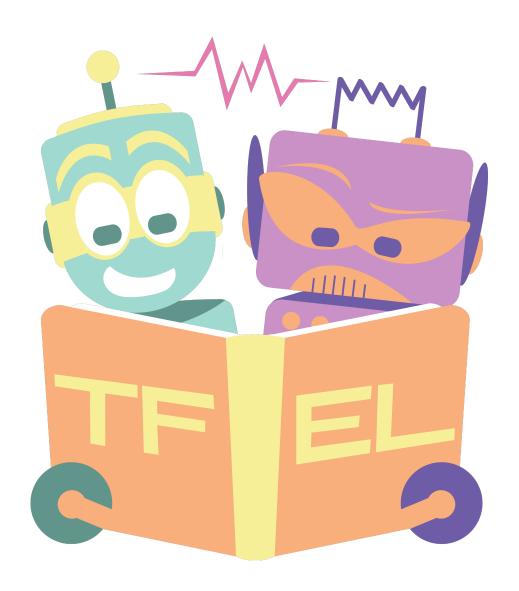
What do you imagine the state of social work field education will look like in the future? En quoi le rôle des stages dans le travail social a-t-il changé au fil du temps?

Comment imaginezvous l'état des stages en travail social à l'avenir?

QUESTION 4

With your experience, how do you see technology impacting the state of social work field education and the various populations that social workers work with?

D'après votre expérience, comment voyez-vous la technologie influencer l'état des stages en travail social et les différentes populations avec lesquelles



QUESTIONS?

DR JULIE DROLET
MONIKA PAKSTAS

CLOSING REMARKS



BREAK

II:00AM - II:I5AM MDT / I:00PM - I:I5PM EDT

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