SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT SEMINAR

TOPIC: International Trauma Work In Developing Countries: Developing Individual, Family & Community Resilience

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ABSTRACT OF THE TALK

International trauma work requires a familiarity with and respect for the cultural norms, practices, and laws of the region under study. Rather than colonizing the region with existing Western approaches to individual-based practice interventions, international trauma work requires working with local representatives and community leaders to ensure that indigenous community practices are incorporated into a comprehensive community-based plan. Emphasis is not on diagnosis of individual psychopathology, but rather on incorporating existing community practices to enhance individual, family and community functioning. Building community resiliency is the core goal of international intervention. The presenter will incorporate examples from her work in Afghanistan and Indonesia to illustrate these points.

BIOGRAPHY

Carol Tosone, Ph.D. is Associate Professor at New York University Silver School of Social Work and recipient of the NYU Distinguished Teaching Award. Dr. Tosone is a Distinguished Scholar in Social Work in the National Academies of Practice in Washington, D.C. and Chair of the National Association of Social Workers Private Practice Committee. She completed her psychoanalytic training at the Postgraduate Center for Mental Health in New York City where she was the recipient of the Postgraduate Memorial Award. Dr. Tosone received the Fulbright Senior Specialist Award for teaching at the Hanoi University of Education in Vietnam, and also served as visiting professor at universities in Asia and the Middle East. She taught as Distinguished Visiting Lydia Rappaport Professor at Smith College for Social Work, and as Visiting Faculty at the University of Pennsylvania Clinical Social Work Doctoral Program. Prior to her appointment at NYU, Dr. Tosone was Assistant Professor of Social Work in Psychiatry at Temple University School of Medicine in Philadelphia. Dr. Tosone is Editor-in-Chief of the Clinical Social Work Journal and serves on the editorial boards or as a consulting reviewer to many other professional journals. Dr. Tosone is editor of 3 books, author of nearly 50 professional articles and book chapters, and executive producer and writer of training and community service media. Since joining the NYU faculty, Dr. Tosone has delivered over 150 professional papers and presentations in academic, medical, and mental health settings in the United States, as well as international venues in Asia, Europe, the Middle East and South America.