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MSSWA Day on the Hill by the  
Registration deadline of:  
March 1, 2024

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Registration can be made online  
at:

<https://msswa.org/event-5550007>

Or

*Please send payment along with  
registration form to:*

MSSWA, 901 Parker Ave, Roseville, MN 55113

- Make checks payable to MSSWA
- No refunds for cancellations received after 3/1/24

#### General Information:

- Registration for in-person is **\$40 for MSSWA members**, \$70 for Non-Members & \$10 for BSW/MSW member Students. The registration fee includes breakfast, lunch, T-Shirt and 6 Board of Social Work CEU's for in-person, 2.5 CEU for Virtual. See website for Virtual rates.
- Pre-Registration is required!

## Minnesota School Social Workers Association (MSSWA)

Presents:

### The 21st Annual MSSWA Day on the Hill



Wednesday, March 6th, 2024  
8:15am to 3:00pm

In Person & Virtual Conference  
Education MN, 41 Sherburne  
Ave, St. Paul, MN 55103



[www.msswa.org](http://www.msswa.org)



### **Keynote Presentation: Is Our Help Helpful?: Re-Envisioning Our Role as Agents of Change**

**Miriam Itzkowitz, MSW, LICSW**

The Social Work Code of Ethics states that “fundamental to social work is attention to the environmental forces that create, contribute to, and address problems in living.” But what do we do when we ourselves are one of the forces that may create or contribute to problems in living? Social workers often see ourselves as forces of good in an unjust system, and we strive for this to be true. At the same time, our profession simultaneously practices within unjust and racist systems and seeks to dismantle them. Indeed, the history of the social work profession from the early “friendly visitor” model and the settlement house movement, set up a sense of ourselves as somehow fundamentally different from the people that we serve. How do we as social workers reckon, not only with the roots of our profession which shaped and provided labor for discriminatory systems and programs but with our current complicity in upholding these same systems? This talk will ask participants to reflect on where we are individually and collectively in our pursuit of our professed mission to “enhance human well-being and help meet the basic human needs of all people, with particular attention to the needs and empowerment of people who are vulnerable, oppressed, and living in poverty.”

#### **Learning Objectives**

Participants will:

- Reflect on the history and current state of the social work profession with regard to practices that contradict our profession’s mission to dismantle social injustice.
- Define social work professional values that are relevant to the work of radical justice.
- Develop strategies to move personal practice towards alignment with these social work values.
- Discuss ways to apply this learning to the systems in which they practice.

## **Agenda for the Day:**

7:45-8:15.....Registration

8:15-9:00.....Welcome, Introductions & Review of Day:  
Christy McCoy, MSSWA Legislative Chair & Julie Campanelli, MSSWA President

9:00-10:15...*Keynote: Is Our Help Helpful?: Re-Envisioning Our Role as Agents of Change*

10:15-10:30...Break

10:30-11:00...Legislative Priorities from EDMN Lobbyist, MSSWA Lobbyist Jenny Arneson & Christy McCoy

11:00-12:00...Networking discussions centered on strengthening the impact of our advocacy at the micro, mezzo and macro levels & Preparing for visits with Legislators

12:00-12:30...Lunch and Large Group Share Out

12:45-3:00...Visits with Legislators

### **What is Day on the Hill?**

Day at the Hill provides an opportunity for school social workers to come together to elevate the profession of social work and to educate state lawmakers about how school social workers address student barriers to academic success in cost effective ways. **6 CEUs awarded for in-person conference. This is a staff development/Board of Social Work approved opportunity, not a political lobby day.**

Contact Susanne Schroeder at [msswafandm@gmail.com](mailto:msswafandm@gmail.com) with questions or for additional information.

### **Why should I attend?**

- Make a powerful connection with your personal state legislator and inform him or her how you address barriers to student academic success!
- Become energized by joining together with SSW’s from across the state!
- Contribute to your professional organization, MSSWA, by spreading the word about the valuable contribution we make in schools!

### **Who should attend?**

- Current or past school social workers
- Students interested in the field of school social work
- Friends and supporters of school social work and public education

**Section 6.04 (a) of the NASW Code of Ethics states social workers should get involved in the political process:**

#### **6.04 Social and Political Action**

**“(a).....Social workers should be aware of the impact of the political arena on practice and should advocate for changes in policy and legislation....”**

