

ASGW Leadership Institute:

Stronger Together: Research, Reinvention, & Reconnection in Group Work

sponsored by:

The Association for Specialists in Group Work

February 8, 2024: Half-day leadership seminar & half-day service project at Portland's Blanchet House (www.blanchethouse.org)

You are invited to apply to participate in ASGW's first-ever Leadership Institute in Portland, OR prior to the start of our 2024 Conference! This institute is designed to support emerging leaders with a passion for group work as they explore what it means to be a professional leader and to use group work to support their efforts. Our chosen service project is designed to bring our conference theme and organizational mission to life and will allow participants to use their group work and leadership skills to support fellow professionals and community members local to our conference site.

All ASGW members who are engaged in doctoral-level study are invited to apply, as well as those who are currently in the first two years of their work as educators or helping professionals (master's graduates). Special consideration will be given to applicants demonstrating a strong passion for social justice, a commitment to embracing and celebrating diversity, and an awareness of the specific needs of this year's target population (unhoused and/or underprivileged individuals).

Due to space restrictions, the 2024 Leadership Institute will be limited to a select number of participants who are able and willing to attend ASGW's 2024 conference. The deadline for applying to join our inaugural cohort is **Friday, October 20, 2023**. Notification of acceptance will be emailed by **Friday, November 3, 2023**.

Description of Leadership Institute activities:

February 8, 2024: This face-to-face, day-long experience will take place in Portland, OR, just prior to the ASGW 2024 conference. We will spend time together providing community service in collaboration with Portland's Blanchet House, as well as engaging in an interactive seminar dedicated to processing our service experience and introducing participants to the construct of professional group work leadership in our shared helping professions. Our seminar work will include experiential activities designed to foster cohesion, opportunities for discussion and reflection, and leadership strategies shared by recognized professionals in the group work arena. Learn more about the work that our partner organization, the Blanchet House, is doing in the greater Portland area by visiting: www.blanchethouse.org. *Volunteer waivers of liability will be required by their organization.*

Cost: There will be no cost associated with participating in the Leadership Institute; however, participants **will be** responsible for the cost of airfare to Portland, OR, as well as for all pre-conference and conference lodging. Lunch and any necessary transportation to and from the Blanchet House service site on February 8, 2024 will be provided to all Leadership Institute participants.

Time Commitment: Participants will be expected engage in the full-day institute, which will begin at 8:00 a.m. PT and end at 6:00 p.m. PT. We will make selected participants aware of the full institute schedule as soon as it is finalized. Please note that you are confirming your full-day availability on February 8, 2024 by applying to participate.

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Application to Participate

Application Form

Please complete the following form and email it, along with your resume/CV and a brief statement of interest to Special Initiatives Committee co-chairs, Dr. Adam Stephens (stephena@newpaltz.edu) & Dr. Brittany Pollard-Kosidowski (bpollard@iup.edu).

Application Deadline

The deadline for applying to participate in our inaugural Leadership Institute cohort is **Friday, October 20, 2023**. Notifications of acceptance will be emailed by **Friday, November 3, 2023**. Selected participants are expected to be available for and attend both portions of the institute, as detailed above. Please note that space is limited.

Application

Full Name:

Mailing Address:

City, State, Zip:

E-Mail Address:

Phone:

Current Role (check all that apply):

Student

Faculty Member

Clinician

Other: _____

Institutional/Organizational Affiliation:

Required Supplementary Materials:

Resume/CV

Statement of Interest: Please attach a brief (one page, double-spaced) statement of interest, to include: a) your goals as they pertain to professional leadership, b) your

understanding of how group work and leadership intersect, and c) how your training, experiences, and personal/professional identities will support the work that the Blanchet House is doing and contribute to the initiative(s) outlined above.

Commitment to Participate:

Please accept my application for the Leadership Institute described above. If selected, I commit that I will actively participate in all Leadership Institute events by attending ASGW's 2024 Conference in person, in Portland, OR, February 8 – 11, 2024. I understand that space is limited and that not all applicants will be chosen this year to participate. I hereby assume all risks and responsibilities associated with participating in any/all activities associated with this experience and agree to fill out any/all documentation required by the Blanchet House and/or ASGW.

Applicant Printed Name

Date

Applicant Signature

Please e-mail your completed application materials as one combined PDF document to both:

Dr. Adam Stephens (stephena@newpaltz.edu)

and

Dr. Brittany Pollard-Kosidowski (bpollard@iup.edu)

For further information on the ASGW Leadership Institute, please contact Special Initiatives Committee Co-Chairs directly at the email addresses provided above.

Further ASGW 2024 conference and travel information is available at www.asgw.org!