

Keynote Speaker: Pamela B. Teaster Ph.D, M.A., M.S.

Pamela B. Teaster serves as the Director of the Center for Gerontology at Virginia Tech and is the North American Representative of the International Network for the Prevention of Elder Abuse. Pamela is also a Fellow of the Gerontological Society of America; a recipient of the Isabella Horton Grant Award for Guardianship (National College of Probate Judges); and the Rosalie Wolf Award for research on Elder Abuse...just to name a few of her many significant awards and recognitions. In her 'spare time' Pamela has published over 250 scholarly articles and authored/edited seven books. As the past president of the Board of Trustees for the Center for Guardianship Certification, Pamela has a vested interest in assuring guardians are prepared to carry out their responsibilities with integrity as they serve and champion ethical treatment of older vulnerable adults.

Katie Krukenberg, MSW, LMSW

Katie Krukenberg teaches classes on social work theory, generalist practice, practice with families, and working with diverse populations. I also oversee the Social Work field program. In addition to the classes that she teaches, she is an advisor in the social work program, teaches First Year Experience, and one of the faculty advisors for the student organization for behavioral science students (PACS). She also works with students in the LFSEBS Emerging Leaders Academy. She has experience working as a social worker in residential youth settings and as a school social worker. She was also a foster parent for ten years. She provides training in the community on the topics of social work ethics, work with involuntary or resistant clients, foster care, and strengths-based assessment. She also likes to participate in community coalitions focused on homelessness, vulnerable adults, suicide, and intimate partner violence.

Education

MSW: Florida State University, 2008

BA (Social Work): University of North Dakota, 2004

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