

Free & Open to the Community... A Learning Conference

Southwest Minnesota Human Rights Conference

**Addressing Stereotyping, Discrimination,
and Other Societal Challenges**

Tuesday, April 11, 2017

9:00 am – 5:00 pm

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Wednesday, April 12, 2017

9:00 am – 4:00 pm

Southwest Minnesota State University

Upper Conference Center

1501 State Street

Marshall, Minnesota

CEU's are available upon advance request

This is a fragrance-free event

**This conference is sponsored by:
Southwestern Center for Independent Living (SWCIL) &
Southwest Minnesota State University (SMSU)**

Tuesday April 11, 2017

9:00–9:10 Welcome by SWCIL Executive Director Melissa Doherty

9:10–10:15

The Joys of Traveling with a Disability –by Mark Schmitt, Director of Sales & Marketing at Ultimate Medical and SMSU Graduate

Session Description: Through his expertise and experience traveling all over the world for sports, business and pleasure, Mark will share how to make the most of travel plans through preparation and making accommodations.

10:30–11:35

The Long Term Psychological Impact of Bias-Based Bullying- by Sumi Mukherjee, Author and Speaker

Session Description: This presentation will describe a personal story that demonstrates how bullying based on cultural/racial differences can cause severe mental health issues for the victim, with a long-lasting impact that typically derails the victim from his/her normal developmental track.

1:00– 2:05

Abuse and Persons with a Disability: The Hidden Dilemma – by John Schatzlein, Graduate of SMSU and the University of Minnesota

Session Description: The presenter will bring to light issues of abuse and take you through examples of abuse taking place in the disability community. John will also provide suggestions for preventing such abuse.

2:15–3:20

A Guatemalan Entrepreneur in Minnesota- by Amalia Moreno-Damgaard, Author, Chef Entrepreneur, Business Owner

Session Description: Amalia will share her perspective as a double minority entrepreneur and her life journey experience of persistence and courage living in a foreign land that she now calls her second home.

3:30–5:00

**The Doctrine of Discovery: Unmasking the Domination Code
–Produced by Sheldon Wolfchild**

Film Showing Followed by a Q & A Session with Sheldon Wolfchild

Session Description: On the basis of a religiously premised argument, the U.S. Supreme Court has defined the land title of the Indian nations as a “mere right of occupancy” subject to a right of domination on the part of the United States. The film calls upon the Holy See at the Vatican to revoke the papal decrees that set into motion the domination system, and points out that the values and teachings of the original nations are a sacred path for all Life.

Wednesday April 12, 2017

9:00-9:10 Welcome by SMSU President Connie Gores

9:10-10:05

Protecting the Rights of Parents with Disabilities- by Kelly Buckland, Executive Director of the National Center for Independent Living and Graduate of Boise State University and Drake University

Session Description: Among our most basic human rights is the right to have and raise children. Yet we know that parents with disabilities are regularly denied the opportunity to raise their children in their own homes, specifically because of their disability. This introductory presentation will discuss discrimination presented by the courts, family members, landlords, or others; the types of discrimination parents with disabilities typically face, and he will share resources, legal strategies, and other available supports to help individuals exercise the right to be proud parents with disabilities.

10:15-11:10

Parents with Disabilities Panel- facilitated by Kelly Buckland, Executive Director of NCIL

Panel Members Include: Pamela Hoopes, Deputy Director, MN Disability Law Center, and Dan Snobl, SWCIL Board Member with 45+ years of civic community experience working with persons with disabilities

12:45-1:50

Creating a Community for All- by Sue Abderholden, NAMI Minnesota Executive Director

Session Description: In this presentation people will increase their understanding of mental illnesses, the impact of society's attitudes on mental illnesses and five things everyone can do to create more inclusive communities.

2:00-4:00

Scouting the Unknown- by Ryan Sallans, Public Speaker, Author and University of Nebraska-Lincoln Graduate

Session Description: Ryan will speak about his own transition from female to male. His story begins with his childhood and the struggles he had with his body, before moving into his adult life where he explores college, romantic relationships, family and his physical and emotional journey related to his transition.

No Registration Required
Free Parking in SMSU Lots A and B
No Parking Passes Required

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