

## KEY NOTE SPEAKERS



Dr VINCENT MABVURIRA holds a Bachelor of Social Work Honours and a Master of Social Work degree from the University of Zimbabwe. He also holds a Doctor of Philosophy degree in social work from the University of Limpopo. He is currently serving as an Associate Professor in the School of Psychosocial Health, Faculty of Health Sciences at North-West University. His research focuses on indigenous knowledge systems, child welfare, climate change and the interface among religion, spirituality and social work.

Dr PAULA McFADDEN is a Senior Lecturer in Social Work at Ulster University, Northern Ireland. Dr McFadden's main research interests are centred on workforce wellbeing, resilience and burnout. Following completion of her PhD on Resilience and Burnout in Child Protection Social Work, Paula continued to study this area by expanding to firstly include workforce research in all areas of social work practice. Paula has conducted a number of UK wide research studies, examining burnout in social workers, workforce ageing in social work, and more recently, wellbeing and coping during COVID-19, for social workers and other health and social care professions. In June 2020, Paula was awarded funding by the Public Health Authority Northern Ireland to study 'COVID-19: UK Health and Social Care Workforce Wellbeing and Coping Study'. A weblink to the website for the study with full reports can be found here <https://www.hscworkforcestudy.co.uk/>



LENORE MANDERSON is Distinguished Professor of Public Health and Medical Anthropology in the School of Public Health, University of the Witwatersrand, and an NRF A-rated scholar. She holds appointments also with Brown University, US, and Monash University, Australia. Known internationally for her work on inequality and the social context of infectious and chronic diseases in Australia, Southeast and East Asia, and Africa, she has published some 750 books, articles, book chapters and reports, including *Sickness and the State* (1996) *Surface Tensions: Surgery, Bodily Boundaries and the Social Self* (2011), *Routledge Handbook of Medical Anthropology* (2016, with Elizabeth Cartwright and Anita Hardon) and *Connected Lives: Families, Households, Health and Care in South Africa* (2020, with Nolwazi Mkhwanazi). She chairs the External Review Group of the Social Innovations in Health Initiative of TDR (2015-) and is a member of the Board of Directors of the Society for Applied Anthropology (SfAA). She was awarded the Society of Medical Anthropology Career Achievement Award in 2016, and in January 2020 was admitted as a Member of the Order of Australia.



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KRIS CLARKE is an Associate Professor of Social Work at the University of Helsinki, Finland. Originally from Fresno, California, she has lived in Finland for over 20 years. Kris' research has evolved from multicultural social work and care in the field of HIV towards themes related to decolonization. Clarke recently collaborated on a book with Michael Yellow Bird entitled *Decolonizing Pathways towards Integrative Healing in Social Work* (Routledge, 2020). Her research interests center on decolonization, critical social work, and the significance of place and social memory. Clarke is working on an edited book that focuses on decolonizing Nordic social work. She is also currently collaborating on a project that employs critical race analyses of the carceral state to explore how civic space and conceptions of community have been reconfigured through a case study in Fresno, California.



## PANDA RESEARCH GROUP, UNIVERSITY OF LAPLAND

A research project called 'The Challenges of pandemic outbreak and social work solutions in the complex glocal settings' (PANDA) was established in the spring of 2020 at the University of Lapland, Finland. The research team is led by Professor Timo Harrikari and its researchers are Dr. Sanna Ovaskainen, Dr. Marjo Romakkaniemi, Dr. Laura Tiitinen and Ms. Soc. Sc. Vera Fiorentino.

Since March 2020, the team has gathered together an extensive international network of researchers, COVID-19 Social Work Research Forum (SWRF), as well as a wide range of research data that both shed light on the effects of the pandemic on social work.

In July 2020, the COVID SWRF published a report called 'COVID 19 and Social Work', where the status of social work during the coronavirus pandemic was analyzed in 16 countries.

The article prepared by the research team 'Pandemic and Social Work: Exploring Finnish Social Workers' Experiences Through A SWOT Analysis' will be published in British Journal of Social Work in spring 2021.

