

Proposal for Immigration Certificate Program – June 24, 2024 8:30am - 4:30pm

- Welcome – Emily Abily, PhD, NOFSW board member (8:30-8:45)
- Overview of the Immigration Legal System (8:45-10:15)
 - Speaker: Kathleen Gasparian, Esq. and Leah Spivey, Esq.
 - Topics covered: This seminar will cover the basics of the immigration system and an overview of the different types of visas.

10:15-10:30 break

- Immigration Psychological Evaluations (10:30-12:00)
 - Proposed speaker: Cecilia Racine, LCSW
 - Topics covered: How to conduct a persuasive and compelling evaluation for people seeking relief under asylum guidelines.

12:00-1:15 Lunch (on your own)

- Social Workers as Department of Justice Accredited Representatives (1:15-2:45)
 - Proposed speaker: Michele Pistone, Esq., Representative from Villanova University VIISTA program
 - Topics covered: Information learned in the VIISTA and how people like social workers can become DOJ accredited representatives/advocates for people going through the immigration process.

2:45-3:00 break

- Context of Migration from Central America and Mexico and Implications for Mental Health and Trauma (3:00-4:00)
 - Proposed speaker: Mary Held, Ph.D., LCSW
 - Topics covered: This presentation will cover the context and factors leading to migration from Central America and Mexico and the implications for mental health and trauma.
- Wrap up (4:00-4:30)