

Buetta Warkentin, MSW, RSW, MTS

Member Representative

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Region: Southern

Biography



Buetta has been a professor of Social Work at Booth University College for the past 15 years. Buetta has been engaged in preparing students for the field of social work by spending many years as field coordinator for students, building connections with agency partners, and helping students to articulate and develop skills for professional practice. As a teaching professor, Buetta's role has been to ensure that graduates are prepared to work ethically and responsibly with the required social work knowledge, values, and skills. Previously, Buetta was a member of the board in 2009 when the Manitoba Institute of Registered Social Workers shifted from a registration body to a legislated College.

Prior to her work as a social work educator, Buetta was involved in child welfare, both as a front-line worker and as a therapist providing support to youth in care. Buetta has Masters degrees in Social Work and in Theological Studies from Wilfrid Laurier University. Buetta's current research interests include looking at the intersection of spirituality, religion and worldview, and social work practice. Buetta holds an interest in these topics, first, in terms of exploring the impact of these subjects as a source of pain or support and "meaning-making" from the client's frame of reference. Secondly, Buetta is interested in exploring the personal religious, spiritual, or secular beliefs that we hold as individuals and how these impact our practice as social workers.

Buetta has a strong investment in social work students and the future of the social work profession. She is committed to bridging the roles of education and regulation. She believes that with good communication and connection between the education of social work students and the practice of social work professionals MCSW can ensure that clients are given the highest standard of practice from our members.