

Alexander Sawatsky, MSW, PhD, RSW Member Representative

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Region: Capital

Biography



Alexander Sawatsky has over 25 years' experience in the field of mental health. He holds an MSW from Andrews University, and a PhD from the University of Manitoba, School of Social Work. While in practice, he has worked in crisis stabilization, counseling, case management and administration. His passion in teaching includes Social Policy, Mental Health, Addictions, Ethics, Environmental Justice, anti-capitalist and decolonial approaches to social work practice. He continues to be motivated to work with those who have been identified with severe and persistent mental illness towards a mental health system that is more accepting of difference and accessible to all. He was Board President of the Manitoba Schizophrenia Society and Peer Connections from 2017 to 2023.

Alexander served on the MIRS/MASW Board of Directors from 2007-2013 and was Vice President from 2008-2009. Alexander served on the MCSW Board of Directors as Member-at-Large from 2015-2021. He was also Co-Chair of the Manitoba College of Social Workers (MCSW) Appeals Panel from 2016-2021. Presently, he is the Chair of the BSW program at Canadian Mennonite University.