



INVITED LECTURE by Dr. Alicia Boatswain-Kyte



Navigating marginalization: Reflections on social work practice, research & pedagogy

A practicing social worker with over 10 years' experience working with marginalized individuals, families & groups mainly in the area of child protection, **Dr. Alicia Boatswain-Kyte** obtained her PhD at the Université de Montréal and is currently a postdoctoral fellow at the Université du Québec en Outaouais in the Department of Psychoeducation & Psychology.

Dr. Boatswain-Kyte's doctoral thesis focused on identifying the underlying causes of overrepresentation of Black children within the child protection system, while documenting their service disparity across decision points. Her program of research explores how systemic oppression of marginalized communities contributes to their unequal representation within systems of social control and seeks to identify ways to facilitate service accessibility for marginalized populations.

A former intern within the McGill Institute of Health & Social Policy, Dr. Boatswain-Kyte helped support innovative research on increasing access to health and social services for minority communities. She has also been working with the African Canadian and Development Prevention Network (ACDPN) on their mission to advocate for improved access to services for the Black community in Montreal.

Dr. Boatswain-Kyte will give an example lecture tailored to a class on *Critical Practice with Marginalized Populations*. She will share her reflections as a practitioner, researcher & social work educator on the historical and contemporary role of social work practice & research as it relates to transformative change. The session will allow for greater awareness and discussion regarding: a) gaps between social work theory and practice; b) importance of social and relational processes pursuant to social justice; c) need for participatory parity to ensure that individuals and groups are able to engage as full and equal peers within society; and d) importance of social work pedagogy that supports critical reflexivity.

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