



Ensuring Trust: Strengthening Efforts to Protect Vulnerable Adults

Faculty Biographies

Sherry L. Hamby, PhD

Research Professor of Psychology, University of the South

Sherry Hamby, Ph.D. is Director of the Life Paths Research Center (LPRC) and Co-Chair of ResilienceCon. She is also Research Professor of Psychology at the University of the South and founding editor of the APA journal *Psychology of Violence*. A licensed clinical psychologist, Dr. Hamby has worked for more than 20 years on the problem of violence, including front-line crisis intervention and treatment, involvement in grassroots organizations, and research leading to the publication of more than 150 articles and books. She is best known for her work on poly-victimization and developing measures of violence.

Dr. Hamby conducted the first reservation-based study of domestic violence and is principal investigator of the largest psychological study ever conducted in rural Appalachia. Her safety plan for victims of domestic violence, the VIGOR, has been endorsed by numerous national, state, and local agencies. Her research has been funded by the U.S. Department of Justice, the John Templeton Foundation, and numerous other agencies.

Dr. Hamby is the author of *Battered Women's Protective Strategies: Stronger Than You Know* (Oxford, 2014) and *The Web of Violence* (with John Grych; Springer, 2013), both of which have been influential works in the field. She has served on several national research advisory boards, including the Board of Scientific Counselors for the National Center for Injury Prevention and Control at the CDC, the National Latino Network, the National Indigenous Women's Resource Center, and the National Children's Alliance. Her work has been recognized with awards from the National Register of Health Service Psychologists, the American Professional Society on Abuse of Children, and other organizations. She completed her Ph.D. in clinical psychology at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. Her work has appeared in the New York Times, Huffington Post, Los Angeles Times, the Atlantic, Time, Forbes, Slate, The Guardian, CTV News, Wisconsin Public Radio, and hundreds of other media outlets. Dr. Hamby's most recent work focuses on the "ordinary magic" of resilience that is attainable even after significant adversity.

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James Barnhardt
College SAVE Plan Director

James Barnhardt is the College SAVE Plan Director for the State of North Dakota. James has worked with the plan for 13 of his 16 years of employment at Bank of North Dakota. He developed the North Dakota Matching Grant program and Newborn grant programs and is also the Achieving a Better Life Experience (ABLE) Plan director, a savings plan for people with disabilities.

JoDell Bourgois
Senior Trust Officer

JoDell Bourgois joined Kirkwood Bank & Trust in June 2011 and was promoted to Senior Trust Officer in January 2015. JoDell has over 25 years of trust management and accounting experience which she acquired working in the private industry. Her experience includes wealth and asset management, estate planning and tax knowledge. JoDell has a Bachelor of Science in Accounting degree from Minot State University. In August 2014, JoDell completed her training with Cannon Trust School and was awarded the CTFA (Certified Trust and Financial Advisor) designation. JoDell has held numerous volunteer positions in the community. She is married, has three children and enjoys spending time with her family.

Patty Hoffman
Public Affairs Specialist

Patty Hoffman is a Public Affairs Specialist for the Social Security Administration servicing North Dakota, South Dakota and Western Minnesota. As a Public Affairs Specialist, Patty spends her time educating the public about Social Security via webinars, public speaking engagements, and through the media. Prior to public affairs, Patty was a Claims Specialist which entailed processing Social Security claims. With 15 years of experience, Patty has an extensive background in benefit entitlements including retirement, Medicare, disability, survivors, and SSI.

Jamie Jacobson
Claims Specialist

Jamie Jacobson is a Claims Specialist for the Social Security Administration. Jamie has 9 years of experience in the Bismarck Social Security office. As a claims specialist, she makes initial and post-eligibility decisions for all aspects of SSA programs including Retirement, Disability, Supplemental Security Income (SSI), and Medicare.

Ginger Paul

Preplanning Consultant

Ginger was born and raised in Hettinger, North Dakota. While in Hettinger, she managed a local radio station, KNDC-1490-AM. In 1999 she moved to Bismarck and went to work for KFYZ-TV as an Advertising Consultant. In 2006 Ginger went to Eastgate/Parkway Funeral & Cremation Services as a Preplanning Consultant, giving individuals information and help about what to “expect” and what each of us can do, “in advance”, to be best prepared. As a preplanning consultant, Ginger is passionate about what she does. She truly believes that preplanning is one of the most thoughtful, unselfish, and considerate gifts we can leave for our loved ones.

Sally Balch Hurme, JD

BA, Tulane University; JD, American University

Sally Balch Hurme, J.D., has led the national conversation on many of the legal issues of concern to older persons and their families. Whether the issue is how to make decisions for others, plan for what comes next, or avoid fraud, she’s been in the forefront. She focused her legal career on explaining the law so everyone can understand it.

For the past two decades, Hurme’s volunteer commitment has focused on the rights of adults with diminished capacity and the reform of guardianship policy and procedures. She has served multiple terms on the boards of the National Guardianship Association and the Center for Guardianship Certification, where she has been instrumental in developing standards for guardians and criteria to improve professional competency. She’s been an adviser to the Uniform Law Commission in drafting the uniform guardianship jurisdiction act and revising the uniform guardianship act. As chair of the National Guardianship Network, a collaboration of 11 national organizations working to improve guardianship, she led the planning for the 2014 World Congress on Adult Guardianship. As a member of U.S. State Department delegation, she participated in the drafting of the Hague International Convention on the Protection of Incapacitated Adults. In 2008, she was honored by the National College of Probate Judges with the William Treat Award for excellence in probate law.

During her almost 25 years with AARP, she advocated on a wide range of issues including consumer fraud, financial exploitation, elder abuse, surrogate decision making, advance care planning, predatory mortgage lending, health care fraud, and financial security. Hurme taught elder law as an adjunct professor in elder law at the George Washington University Law School for eight years, honing her ability to explain the law.

Hurme is a long-term member of the National Academy of Elder Law Attorneys, the American Bar Association, and the Virginia and District of Columbia bars. Hurme was a member of the Discipline and Ethics Commission of the Certified Financial Planners Board of Standards, deciding disciplinary actions against Certified Financial Planners. She is also vice-chair of the board of governors of the Stuart Hall School in Staunton, Virginia. Rounding out her volunteer activities, she has recently become a Certified Health Minister.

Hurme is quoted frequently in national media, including the *Wall Street Journal*, *USA Today*, *New York Times*, *Money*, *Kiplinger's Retirement Report*, CNN.com, NPR, and Fox Business News. She is in demand as a speaker, having given more than 100 presentations on elder law topics in at least 40 states. She has lectured on elder abuse and guardianship in Australia, Czech Republic, Germany, Great Britain, Italy, Japan, Moldova, the Netherlands, and Spain.

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Trudy Gregorie

Senior Director, Justice Solutions

Trudy Gregorie has 32 years of experience in victim services and criminal justice. She was director of a prosecutor program in Charleston, S.C.; served on the task force that developed statewide victim services standards; and helped establish the S.C. Victim Assistance Network. In 1992, she joined the Governor's Office and developed the State Victim Ombudsman Program.

From 1994 to 2001, she was Director of Victim Services at the National Center for Victims of Crime. Since 2002, she is a Senior Director with Justice Solutions, a national nonprofit providing training and technical assistance on justice and victim issues. Ms. Gregorie has been involved in the development of numerous national training programs, curricula, and resources on emerging victim issues. She is a consultant for the Justice Center, Council of State Governments. She is a certified trainer for the U.S. Department of Justice, National College of District Attorneys, National Center for State Courts, and National Institute of Corrections. She is on faculty for the National Victim Assistance Academy and several state academies. She has provided training in over 47 states and done numerous national media interviews.

She is a director on the Boards of the National Association of Triads and the National Committee for the Prevention of Elder Abuse. She was the first victim representative on the American Correctional Association's Delegate Assembly, and serves on ACA's Victims Committee and the American Probation and Parole Association Victim Issues Committee. She is the victim representative on the Executive Committee, Interstate Commission for Juveniles. She helped establish the National Association of Victim Service Professionals in Corrections. Since 1996, she has served on the Editorial Board of the Sexual Assault Report. In 1999, she was awarded the National Crime Victim Services Award. Ms. Gregorie has a B.A. from Furman University and completed 2 years at the University of South Carolina Law School.

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Michelle Gayette
Assistant Director, DHS Aging Services Division

Michelle Gayette is the Assistant Director with the North Dakota Department of Human Services Aging Services Division. Michelle has worked for the state of North Dakota for 21 years; the last eight overseeing the Vulnerable Adult Protective Services (VAPS) program. In her current role she also oversees the Guardianship Establishment Fund, is the designated Legal Services Developer, and oversees the Aging and Disability Resource Link.

In the past four years, Michelle worked with a local domestic violence shelter to secure a DOJ Office on Violence Against Women Abuse in Later Life grant and trained law enforcement and victim services professionals statewide on issues of abuse in later life. Michelle is a member of Bismarck's coordinated community response team, the North Dakota State Court Guardianship Workgroup, the NAPSA Education Committee, the NAPSA Certification Subcommittee, and Chair of the Curriculum Development Committee. Michelle is a Licensed Addiction Counselor and has a Bachelor Degree in Addiction Counseling and a Master's Degree in Management.

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Mary Weltz
Program Administrator, DHS Aging Services Division

Mary Weltz has a Bachelor of Science Degree in Gerontology from Minot State University. Mary worked as a long-term care administrator for 17 years. She joined the Aging Services Division in 2011 as the Regional Aging Services Program Administrator in Devils Lake. In 2015, Mary came to the State Office to fill the role of the State Program Administrator of the Family Caregiver Support Program and is the project director for the Lifespan Respite Grant.

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Kathryn Krukenberg
Assistant Professor of Social Work, University of Mary

Katie Krukenberg, LCSW is an Assistant Professor of Social Work and the Director of Field Education at the University of Mary. She obtained a Master's degree from Florida State University and a Bachelor's degrees in social work and criminal justice from the University of North Dakota.

Ms Krukenberg currently teaches classes on social work practice with individuals and families, social work theory, diversity, and senior seminar along with supervision of social work senior field placements. Training topics include social work ethics training pertaining to specific populations, strengths based practice with involuntary/resistant clients, and foster care.

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