

Dear Colleagues:

It is with a great regret that we are announcing the cancellation of the MSWW conference in Bloomington, Indiana scheduled for August 16-19, 2009.

Last week we learned of the cancellation of the Michigan Summer School. This is the first time they have cancelled in 35 years. Their attendance last year was 150 and this year they had only 17 applicants. Our dilemma is very similar, having received to date, only 3 registrants and 3 scholarship applications.

The low registration rate would present us with great financial risks and a depleted program rather than the robust intellectual and social experience our members have come to expect of the MSWW conference. Please note that conference fees will be refunded to those who have already registered.

I am extremely disappointed that we are forced to make this decision. We are grateful for the efforts of the MSWW Committee members, presenters/instructors and vendors who committed to the Conference and for the generous contributions from UALE and the Regina K. Polk Foundation. The Indiana University School of Social Work, Labor Studies Program looks forward to hosting a future MSWW conference.

My best regards to all,

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