

Contributors

Dr Stephan Geyer has, since 2007, been a social work lecturer in the Department of Social Work and Criminology at the University of Pretoria, South Africa. In 2006 he obtained a PhD from the North-West University (Potchefstroom Campus, SA) with his thesis *Evaluation of a social group work empowerment programme with alcohol dependent elderly people: a strengths perspective*. His undergraduate teaching responsibilities include modules in community work, substance abuse and social development, while he is supervising postgraduate research students. In his research he focuses on applied social development in the fields of social gerontology, substance abuse and HIV/Aids in the educational context. He is currently part of a multi-disciplinary research team where the Resilient Educators Support Programme, funded by the National Research Foundation, is developed for HIV/Aids-affected educators in South Africa. In addition, he is enrolled for a second MSW (Social Development and Policy) at the University of Pretoria where he is undertaking a content analysis of South Africa's National Drug Master Plan from a social development perspective. Dr Geyer is also an organist and holds a Performer's Licentiate in Music from the University of South Africa.

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