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MANDEL SCHOOL OF APPLIED SOCIAL SCIENCES

## **LENORE A. KOLA, Ph.D.**

### Faculty Biographical Sketch

**Lenore Kola** is an Associate Professor of Social Work at the Mandel School of Applied Social Sciences and the former Dean of the School of Graduate Studies. Since receiving her doctorate in clinical psychology from Boston University in 1970, all her professional experiences have been related to the field of substance abuse and mental health. For over 25 years, Dr. Kola was Chairperson of the Substance Abuse Concentration which she developed in 1975 and teaches courses in substance abuse policy and interventions. In addition, she has recently developed a new educational emphasis within the Mental Health Concentration that focuses on dual disorders.

Dr. Kola was the Project Director for the Faculty Development Program from the NIAAA/NIDA/CSAP (1990-95). In addition, she has been involved with the National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism federal training programs since 1975, involvement which has included Project Director of an NIAAA-funded Alcoholism Training Program in the Master's Program (1975-1982), Project Director for an NIAAA-Alcoholism Research Training Program in the Doctoral Program (1976-1982), and Project Director for the NIAAA/NCAE-funded National Occupational Program Training Program (1981-1982). She is currently the Project Director of a training grant in dual disorder directed toward social work students funded by the Ohio Department of Mental Health. She is also the Co-Director of the Substance Abuse and Mental Illness Coordinating Center of Excellence (SAMI CCOE) which is a partnership with the CWRU Department of Psychiatry, School of Medicine, and funded by the Ohio Departments of Mental Health and Alcohol and Drug Addiction Services.

She was a member of the National Association of Social Workers (NASW) Task Force which developed teaching modules in substance abuse as well as founding Chair of the NASW Section on Alcohol, Tobacco and Other Drugs, and founding Editor of the award winning NASW ATOD newsletter, Issues of Substance.

Much of Dr. Kola's career has focused on the development and implementation of substance abuse training programs at the graduate level. Her publications have focused primarily on AODA and the elderly and more recently in the area of dual diagnosis. She is currently focusing on dual disorders training for a variety of constituencies, including agency practitioners and students at both the master's and doctoral levels.

- Alcohol and drug abuse
- Dual disorder training for students, agency practitioners, and faculty
- SAMI-CCOE Center of Excellence Co-Director