

# Chicago Area Schweitzer Fellows Program

Summer 2018 Newsletter



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## Fellowship Says Thank You!



### A Legacy of Dedication; Art and Claire Kohrman

It's hard to overstate the many ways Art and Claire Kohrman have helped guide our Chicago Area Schweitzer Fellowship program and also the national Albert Schweitzer Fellowship organization. Art has been a true leader as the chair of the Chicago advisory council as well as serving on both the national board and executive committee. Claire has supported our Chicago Fellowship with her vast expertise in program evaluation and by leading focus groups. Their wisdom and knowledge has made such an important impact. As mentors to Fellows, Art and Claire have provided invaluable project and career advice, and for many the mentoring relationship continues even today, long after the Fellows completed their program year. On a personal note, working with Art and Claire has been a pleasure. They helped me to design many of the program elements that improved the Fellowship experience, including the weekend orientation retreats and the midyear retreats. The talks Art and Claire have given to the Fellows at the retreats have always been an inspiration to me and have deepened my own understanding of community-engaged work. Art and Claire are truly mentors for life and friends for life, and we are deeply grateful for all they have shared and will continue to share. We wish them well!

—Ray Wang, Program Director



## Current Fellows

### Orientation Weekend in the Sunshine!

The last weekend in April our brand new class of Schweitzer Fellows went out to Woodstock, Illinois for a weekend of orientation, teamwork, developing project ideas and plans, and even roasting marshmallows! Welcome to the 2018-19 class of Schweitzer Fellows—we are so excited to see your projects bloom this year!





## Celebration of Service 2018



### Congrats 2017-18 Fellows!

In DePaul's North Café our Fellows inspired an audience of new Fellows, mentors, family, and supporters with the stories of their year-long service projects. They shared their triumphs, successes, and challenges. Congrats to all of our 2017-18 Chicago Area Schweitzer Fellows!



## Fellows For Life

### Taking Service to the Next Level—After the Fellowship



**“There is a need for support for teenagers affected by cancer which most high schools do not have the means to address—We offer that support.”**

—Emilee Lamorena, FFL and seed grant recipient in 2014 and 2018

In our downtown Chicago offices things quiet down after the bustle of the nine to five work day. On a particularly beautiful day in June our conference room transformed into a space for networking and presentations. The evening featured Fellows for Life who have received Seed Grant funding from the Chicago Area Schweitzer Fellowship over the last seven years to continue to invigorate their community work. Along with Program Directors from all over the country who were meeting in Chicago for strategic planning, the grant recipients were able to hear one another's successes and boulders, and left full of inspiration, re-energized to take on the important work of service. Seed grant funded projects range from online access to life-saving opioid medication, to empowering and supporting teens impacted by cancer, to pipeline career initiatives to contribute to a more diverse healthcare workforce.



### Refreshing Reads—Let's read it together!

Fellows for Life are a like-minded group of healthcare professionals who value responsible community engagement and social justice. Our FFL Refreshing Reads book group discusses books or articles that are relevant to our ongoing development and engagement! This summer we discussed *The Death Gap*, *The Deepest Well*, and *Emotional Agility*—Join us! Email [mbauer@hmprg.org](mailto:mbauer@hmprg.org) for more details.



## Coming Up!

### Hey Fellows—double your impact!!!

The Advisory Council has pledged to **match up to \$5,000** of donations made by Fellows and Fellows for Life. We're currently at \$3,335. **Will you help us by making a donation? No gift is too small—it will all help us get the full match!** You can give online at [hmprg.org](http://hmprg.org) or email [mslowik@hmprg.org](mailto:mslowik@hmprg.org) for a donation envelope.



**Will you help us get to \$5,000?**

#### HMPRG Awards Gala

Join us as we honor those working towards health equity and social justice

**Friday, October 19, 2018**

Join us for a fun night of networking and celebrating those working for health justice! NextGen tickets (30 years old and under) are available at

<http://www.hmprg.org/Events/2018HMPRG Awards>.

Want to attend for free? Volunteer to help at the event! Please email [mslowik@hmprg.org](mailto:mslowik@hmprg.org) for details.

The 2018 honorees are:

*Health:* Gabriela A. Zapata-Alma, Thresholds

*Medicine:* Dr. Connie Mennella, Cermak/CCHHS

*Policy:* Jim Pickett, AIDS Foundation of Chicago

*Steve Whitman Research Award:* Arturo Carrillo, PhD, LCSW, Saint Anthony Hospital

*Group:* Broadway Youth Center & Latino Union of Chicago

*Emerging Leader:* Cecil Qiu, Second Opinions, NFP

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## About the Chicago Area Schweitzer Fellows Program



The Schweitzer Fellowship is a year-long service learning program for graduate students in health-related professions who design and implement innovative direct-service projects, aimed at improving the health and well-being of underserved Chicago Area communities. Each year 30 outstanding Fellows are selected from Chicago's top graduate programs. Visit [hmprg.org](http://hmprg.org) for more information and to apply.



**30** Fellows  
**200** Service-hours  
**3500+** Alumni network

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