

## **Ghana Deconstructed: Changing Our Perspectives, Understanding Cultures**

Social Work professionals will examine the influence of colonial and post-colonial structures on Ghana, West Africa. They will be exposed to slave dungeons, learn of the initial purposes of these dungeons, learn of the changes in the political structure once independence was gained, and will be introduced to perspectives on repatriation. Individuals will observe and learn of social work ethics as related to human trafficking and challenges related to disabilities. They will provide an act of service at an organization that houses differently abled individuals. The group will engage in cultural excursions such as observing the bead making and kinte clothe processes, cacao farming, participate in a naming ceremony and join in a traditional dancing and drumming activity.

This program meets the ethics and pain management requirements for license renewal. Additional **important** information is located in the web site description.



Dr. Dianne Green-Smith has taught in the School of Social Work at Grand Valley State University since January 1999. Her areas of interest and teaching include, therapy with families and children, couples therapy, parenting groups, pregnancy and infant adoption, chronic health issues, and marriage preparation, HIV / AIDS education and counseling with a special emphasis on sub-Saharan African immigrant women. Dr. Green-Smith is currently the Director of AIDS, Inc. or Advocacy, Information & Diverse Services, Inc. and a member of the NASW HIV / AIDS Special Interest Group, and a past trainer of the NASW HIVS Spectrum Trainer of the Trainers Project.

**Dates: December 13—22, 2019 (in Ghana)**

**Pre-departure meeting: November 2, from 10:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m.  
DeVos Center, Grand Rapids**

**Presented By: Dianne Green-Smith**

**Cost: \$2495**

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Recommended for LBSW and LMSW beginning skill level; for learning objectives and additional program information, please go to our web site.

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