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SCE Sponsors Military & Veterans Populations Conference in May

The School of Continuing Education at UWM hosts the inaugural Military & Veterans Populations Conference: Building Bridges & Connecting Lives, prior to Memorial Day weekend observances, on May 20-21 at its downtown conference center.

UWM is a fitting sponsor since recent statistics show that the UW-Milwaukee campus has 792 student veterans, having the highest enrollment among 10 four-year campuses in Minnesota, Wisconsin, Iowa, Illinois, Indiana and Michigan. A 2013 report from the Wisconsin Department of Veteran Affairs shows that Milwaukee County has the highest male veteran population of 47,672 in the state as well as the highest female veteran population of 5,315.

Carmen Pitre, of Sojourner Family Peace Center, and David Splitek, of Higher Education Initiatives for the Military Child Education Coalition, are the keynote speakers. Topics include: Understanding Trauma, Building Partnerships & Collaborations, Domestic Violence, Military-Connected Children, Suicide Prevention, Family Caregiving, Resolving Emotions and Military Sexual Trauma.

The conference, sponsored by the Center for Urban Community Development at SCE, offers valuable opportunities to dialogue about current challenges and opportunities, share best practices and innovation in services and support, and network to strengthen partnerships and collaborations. As an encouragement to our returning veterans, family members, fellow military personnel and professional service providers all are welcome.

Fees: $100 per day or $175 for both days. Scholarships also are available.

For more information or to register, go to: sce-TraumaConference.uwm.edu

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About the School of Continuing Education: As one of 14 schools and colleges that comprise the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, SCE offers participants an assortment of over 1,500 programs and 600 practitioner instructors. With nearly 20,000 participants each year, SCE is the largest provider of noncredit continuing education in southeastern Wisconsin. Its mission is to generate knowledge and learning opportunities for those interested in developing professional skills in business, technology and human services, enriching their lives with classes in arts and humanities or those who are simply looking for a new intellectual challenge.