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Distinguished Service Award to Dr Linda Kreitzer from the Canadian Association of Social Workers

The International Association of Schools of Social Work (IASSW) warmly congratulates **Dr. Linda Kreitzer** on receiving the **2026 Distinguished Service Award** from the Canadian Association of Social Workers (CASW). Dr. Linda Kreitzer is a Professor Emerita at the University of Calgary, Canada.

The Award recognises individuals who have made significant contribution to the social work profession. Dr. Kreitzer's exceptional leadership and commitment to international social work research, education and partnerships over decades has inspired generations of social work educators and practitioners across continents. Her work on decolonising social work, especially in Africa, and in ensuring that indigenous knowledge systems are not only respected but centred in social work education, research and practice has been especially outstanding in advancing international and cross-cultural approaches to social work, as well as the development of socially responsive and community-centred practice.

IASSW is especially proud of Dr. Kreitzer's long standing contribution to the association, including her service as Member at Large on the IASSW Board from 2014-2018. She continues to advance the mission of IASSW to promote excellence in social work education worldwide.

On behalf of our global network of social work education, IASSW celebrates this well-deserved achievement.

Congratulations on this remarkable honour.

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