



## **Dr. Oleksandr (Sasha) Kondrashov**

### **Ph.D., MSW, MEd, RSW**

Oleksandr (Sasha) was born and raised in Lviv, Ukraine. He received his Bachelor of Social Work (BSW) degree in 2003 and Master of Education (MEd) degree in 2004 from the Lviv National Polytechnic University. At the University of Manitoba, he completed his Master of Social Work (MSW) degree in 2008. His MSW thesis entitled “An exploratory study of the fourth wave Ukrainian immigration in Winnipeg: Problems and perspectives of immigrants’ adaptation” provided in-depth analyses of the Ukrainian immigrant’s settlement experience in Winnipeg and suggested ways how to improve their socio-economic and socio-cultural adaptation. He completed his Ph.D. at the University of Manitoba in 2016 and created a Glider Model for an effective learning environment in social work distance education. The model emphasizes the interconnectedness between students, instructors, and university supports to create a positive learning experience in social work distance education programs.

Dr. Kondrashov was a recipient of the University of Manitoba Graduate Fellowship in 2008-2012. In 2012 he received a Migizii Award Nomination, which recognizes faculty and staff at the University of Manitoba, who have gone above and beyond, to meaningfully help Indigenous students along their educational journey. He was recognized for his teachings as an Olympic Torchbearer. He carried Olympic flame in Portage La Prairie, Manitoba as one of 12,000 Canadians who had been selected from more than million submitted applications to promote Olympic spirit during Vancouver 2010 Games.

Oleksandr published articles based on his teaching experiences in journals around the world. He regularly attends professional conferences and shares his research with social work educators in Canada and globally. He is continuously invited after passing through the rigorous peer-review process to present his research findings at the Canadian Association for Social Work Education (CASWE) annual conferences starting from 2013 as well as at the International Association of Schools of Social Work (IASSW) and International Federation of Social Workers (IFSW) conferences held biannually from 2012.

Sasha loves teaching and has more than twelve years of extensive teaching experience in Canada. He has designed more than 20 unique Social Work and Family Social Sciences undergraduate and graduate degree courses and taught at the University of Manitoba, Dalhousie University, the University of Northern British Columbia, Wilfred Laurier University, and Thompson Rivers University. Many courses have been developed and taught through distance education and in person within small communities in Northern and Rural Manitoba. His more than 4500 former students (current colleagues) are now working in communities across Canada and internationally. Dr. Kondrashov’s research interests and teaching focus includes social work distance education, Canadian and comparative social policy, history and development of social work profession and education, community and social development, social work in Northern, rural and remote communities and international social work practice. At Thompson Rivers University Dr. Kondrashov developed a unique course for newcomers, Welcome to Kamloops, to facilitate their adaptation to the local community. The course is available online <https://krasun.ca/welcome-to-kamloops/>