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Sylvia Rainer has earned a Bachelor degree in Social Work from the University of Brixen-Bressanone, Faculty of Education, in 2002 and a Master's degree in Methodology and organization of Social Work from the University of Trento, Faculty of Sociology, in 2005.

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Rick Spano, PhD, LCSW is an Associate Professor in the School of Social Welfare at the University of Kansas. His areas of scholarship include the history and philosophy of social work and ethical decision making in social work practice. For over ten years, Dr. Spano has conducted a study abroad course in Costa Rica for social work students. He joined Dr. Koenig in Kazakhstan to explore cross-cultural issues in ethical decision making for social work practitioners and those in related disciplines. He has been a social work administrator and educator for 45 years and a clinical practitioner for 50 years. Dr. Spano teaches practice, professional ethical decision making, and history and philosophy of social work across all levels (i.e., undergraduate, graduate and doctoral) of the social work curriculum.

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