

## **LEON W. CHESTANG, PhD**

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PhD, The University of Chicago  
MSW, Washington University  
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### **Courses Taught**

Human Behavior in the Social Environment  
Social Work Practice  
Race, Culture and Social Functioning  
Social Work Theory  
Social Work Education

### **Research Interests**

Impact of Race and Culture on Social Functioning  
Children's Adaptation to Foster Care and Adoption  
Factors Associated with Identity Development

### **Selected Publications**

Chestang, L. (1996). Is it time to rethink affirmative action? No!. *Journal of Social Work Education*. Council on Social Work Education, Alexandria, VA.

Chestang, L. (1972). The dilemma of bi-racial adoption, *Social Work*, (17)3.

Chestang, L. (1973). Character development in a hostile environment. University of Chicago, School of Social Service Administration, Occasional Paper, Number 3, 1972. *Reprinted* in Bloom, Martin, Life Span Development. New York: MacMillan Co., 1980.

Chestang, L. (1976). The diverse society: Implications for social policy. (with Pastora Cafferty, National Association of Social Workers.

### **Selected Presentations**

Chestang, L. (1992). These are Our Children: Understanding School Age Parents. Keynote Address at Michigan Association for School Age Parents.

Chestang, L. (1972). Character Development in a Hostile Environment: The Black Experience. The University of Chicago, The School of Social Services Administration, Summer Institute, 1972-76.

Chestang, L. (1985), Counseling in the Crisis of the Broken Heart," The Lydia Rapoport Lecture, Smith College, School for Social Work, North Hampton, Massachusetts, (Monograph).

## **Selected Research Projects**

Achievement and Self Esteem among African Americans  
Factors Associated with Foster Children's Return Home

## **Honors**

Silver Antelope Award, National Council Boy Scouts of America, 1997.

Whitney M. Young, Jr. Service Award, Detroit Area Council, Boys Scouts of America, 1996.

Black Achievers Award, YMCA of Metropolitan Detroit, 1996.

Sehlin Lecture, University of Minnesota, School of Social Work, Minneapolis, Minnesota, 1993.

William H. Cosby, Jr. and Camille O. Hanks Cosby Visiting Scholar, Howard University, School of Social Work, Washington, D.C., 1992.