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PRESS RELEASE

On Thursday and Friday, November 12 & 13, the Sioux County Sheriff's Office hosted Dr. Mark Grey, a professor from the University of Northern Iowa.

Dr. Grey, along with associate, Dr. Michele Devlin, also a UNI professor, presented a workshop on, "*Law Enforcement in Rapidly Changing Communities.*" (*Immigration and Law Enforcement*)

Sheriff Dan Altena said approximately 35 people attended the workshop; which was presented on both days. Those attending were deputies, jailers and communication operators from the sheriff's office; Sioux County Attorney and his assistant; Sioux Center Police Chief, and several of his officers and officers from the Sheldon Police Department.

Sheriff Altena said the workshops were very informative and beneficial for law enforcement personnel. Altena said, "Dr. Grey and Devlin shared with the officers the reasons for immigration, some of the issues that have arisen for law enforcement personnel and immigrants, cultural characteristics and differences and the overall complexity of the issue."



Dr. Mark Grey, Ph.D is Professor of Anthropology at the University of Northern Iowa. He is also the Director of the Iowa Center For Immigrant Leadership and Integration. Dr. Grey is also Associate Director of the Iowa Center on Health Disparities. Dr. Grey received his Ph.D in Applied Anthropology at the University of Colorado-Boulder.

Dr. Grey has won numerous awards for his activities. He is also the Cultural Competency trainer for the Iowa Department of Public Safety Academy. He is also a cultural consultant for Federal Law Enforcement agencies.



Dr. Michele Devlin, also joined Dr. Grey in presenting the workshop. Dr. Devlin is Professor of Public Health at the University of Northern Iowa.

Dr. Devlin is Director of the Iowa Center on Health Disparities. She completed her master's and doctorate degrees in international public health at the University of California at Los Angeles.

Dr. Devlin's primary areas of specialty include refugee, minority and immigrant care, as well as cultural competency and health communication with underserved populations.