



Poster Session Descriptions

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The following presents a listing of poster presentations that will be included in NACSW's Convention 2014 with abstracts and presenters' bios. The poster sessions are sorted alphabetically by presenters' last names.

Poster Title: An Intergenerational Life Stage Model for Use in Urban Environments

Poster Presenter(s): Paul Archibald, DrPH, LCSW-C Kevin Daniels Ph.D, D.Min, LGSW

Poster Abstract: Intergenerational families have been vital to the resilience of African Americans. This workshop presents an intergenerational psycho-spiritual life stage model that takes into consideration this rich legacy. The model looks intergenerationally at life stages through a spiritual framework. This presentation will examine this model that integrates Erikson's Life Stages intergenerationally through spiritual lens.

Presenter Bio (s): Paul Archibald is currently an Assistant Professor in the School of Social Work at Morgan State University. He holds a Doctoral Degree in Public Health from Morgan State University; a Master's Degree in Applied Sociology from the University of Maryland Baltimore County and a Master's Degree in Social Work from the University of Maryland at Baltimore. He is licensed as a Certified Social Worker-Clinical (LCSW-C).

Kevin Daniels is currently an Associate Professor in the School of Social Work at Morgan State University. He holds a Doctoral Degree in Community College Leadership from Morgan State University; a Doctoral degree in Ministry from the United Theological Seminary in Education and Theology/Public Health; and a Master's Degree in Social Work from the University of Maryland at Baltimore. He is licensed as a Graduate Social Worker (LGSW).

Poster Title: The Use of Spirituality by African American ESRD Patients:Qualitative Study

Poster Presenter(s): Linda Darrell, Ph.D.

Poster Abstract: Given the high prevalence of End Stage Renal Disease (ESRD) amongst African-Americans this presentation will elucidate the significance of spirituality as a coping strategy in the management of mental health concerns during Hemodialysis treatment.

Presenter Bio (s): Assistant Professor Linda Darrell is a Licensed Minister in the Baptist church. She holds an MSW and is an LCSW-C. Prof. Darrell is in the process of completing her PhD in clinical Social Work at Smith College school of social work. Her dissertation is on The Use of Spirituality by African American ESRD patients a qualitative study.

Poster Title: Mothers Are Leaders -- Author's Book Presentation

Poster Presenter(s): Kimberly B. W. Denu, PhD

Poster Abstract: This book presentation will highlight content from the author's new book entitled Mothers Are Leaders. In this thought provoking book, the author discusses how women with children navigate work-family balance while occupying major leadership roles outside of the home. The author will also discuss the need for the global and social re-conceptualization of the role of mother with that of leader.

Presenter Bio (s): Dr. Kimberly B.W. Denu is a special advisor to the president and provost at Azusa Pacific University. She is also a professor with a master's degree in social work and a doctorate in sociology with an emphasis in race and family. She is the author of Sheila's Shop: Working-Class African American Women Talk about Life, Love, Race, and Hair, and most recently, Mothers Are Leaders, a co-edited book about mothers as leaders and work-family balance.

Poster Title: Delivery of a Hybrid MSW Substance Abuse Course

Poster Presenter(s): Dorothea Epple, Ph.D, LCSW

Poster Abstract: This Poster Board will highlight the delivery of a hybrid MSW Substance Abuse course. Blackboard technology for online groups will be illustrated. Creating a successful online learning environment will be addressed along with linking online activities with face to face class exercises.

Presenter Bio (s): Dorothea Marie Epple Ph.D., LCSW, received her MSW in 1982 from Loyola University Chicago and her PhD in 2002 from the Institute for Clinical Social Work. She has 25 years of clinical practice in outpatient mental health, hospital settings and hospice. She is currently a tenure track faculty member at the School of Social Work Grand Valley State University.

Poster Title: U-Link: Student-led Ministry Serving Community with Competence & Compassion

Poster Presenter(s): Jawanza Fenelus, Katrina Ivashenko

Poster Abstract: Communities are desperately lacking intervention from church-based programs that are willing to compassionately and consistently meet their needs. Through an after-school program and a friendly visitor system, this two-fold ministry can be easily modeled for any school or church to reach out and provide care to their local community.

Presenter Bio (s): Jawanza is currently a senior in the Social work program at Cairn University in Langhorne, Pennsylvania. He will graduate in the Fall of 2014 with a bachelors degree in Social Work and Bible. He is the director of U-Link, a ministry dedicated to serving the local community around our school and has interned at Intercultural Family Services in Philadelphia.

Katrina Ivashenko is a senior in the Social Work program at Cairn University. She will graduate with her bachelors in Social Work in the Fall of 2014. Katrina also has been the assistant director of U-Link, the President of Chi Beta Sigma which is the Social Work organization at Cairn University, and has been an intern at Children's Crisis Treatment Center.

Poster Title: Not By Bread Alone: A Case Study Examination

Poster Presenter(s): Donald Garner, MPA, MSW Anita Lightburn Ed.D

Poster Abstract: An in-depth case study of a highly visible District Attorney's Office offers an understanding of how various organizations collaborate with local congregations to ensure capacity building/sustainability for programs that serve persons with criminal histories.

Presenter Bio (s): Donald Garner, MPA, MSW is a doctoral student at Fordham University's Graduate School of Social Service and is a Research Assistant with the Beck Institute for Religion and Poverty.

Anita Lightburn, M.S.S., ED.D, is a Professor and Director of the Beck Institute for Religion and Poverty in the Fordham Graduate School of Social Service.

Poster Title: Exploring Social Work and Business: One Student's Journey

Poster Presenter(s): Felicia Gross

Poster Abstract: Due to the economic hardships, social work professionals and students find themselves facing similar challenging life circumstances as their clients. In order to counter this challenge, it is important to expand the social work curriculum to prepare students for financially rewarding employment opportunities, entrepreneurial endeavors, and fiscal responsibility.

Presenter Bio (s): Felicia Gross, an honor student, poet, published author, and volunteer, is one of many titles. She is currently studying Social Work at Bowie State University, with an interest in Geriatrics and Adult Protective Services. She is passionate about combating the problem of Elder Abuse and Neglect and promoting independent living of older adults. She also wants to obtain her MSW and LCSW-C, upon completion of graduate school.

Poster Title: What do Students Really Think about Doing Research?

Poster Presenter(s): Kristin Hossink

Poster Abstract: This poster explores student responses to community-based learning in the BSW research course, including perceptions of satisfaction, learning gains, and application to social work practice. The presentation will also explore benefits and challenges of using this experiential, community-based learning approach from the perspective of students, agency staff, and teaching faculty.

Presenter Bio (s): Ms. Hossink is a third year student at Calvin College double majoring in social work and psychology. Following graduation she plans to get her MSW and go into clinical work. Ms. Hossink has served as a statistics lab assistant and research assistant for two years.

Poster Title: Developmental Effects and Implications of Childhood Poverty

Poster Presenter(s): Allison Lauritsen, MSW student Katie Hicks BSSW student

Poster Abstract: As poverty continues to impact children, the effects of poverty on development become more prominent and pressing. How can we competently practice within the culture of poverty that many clients and students come from? This presentation will offer research findings on the effects of poverty on child development and strategies to combat those effects.

Presenter Bio (s): Allison is a student working on master's degrees in social work and public health. She works closely with a child advocacy center in Omaha and enjoys research, program evaluation, and direct practice with children.

Katie Hicks is a recent graduate of the Grace Abbott School of Social Work in Omaha, Nebraska. Her areas of interest include: children, poverty, and juvenile justice.

Poster Title: Clinical Implications in Working with Biracial teens

Poster Presenter(s): Kristen Nugent, PhD, LCSW

Poster Abstract: This poster/presentation will feature the clinical implications in working with teens who are biracial. Presentation features specific practice interventions for social workers who are working directly in the area of micro social work. Creating a positive self concept through specific interventions are explored in working with teens who are biracial. The importance of church, family, and community employing a multicultural setting are needed.

Presenter Bio (s): Dr. Kristen Nugent is a tenured professor at Longwood University. She is a practice professor in the area of Social Work. In addition, she teaches courses in the area of global social work and addictions. Dr. Nugent has a private practice specializing in the area of addictions. She uses a holistic model in working with many women. In addition, she has contributed research in the area of eating disorders, addictions, wellness, and teens.

Poster Title: A Research for The Congregation-based Respite Care Service

Poster Presenter(s): Jee Hoon Park, MSW, M.Th Terry Wolfer MSW, PhD

Poster Abstract: Religious congregations are important voluntary associations in local communities. For the growing number of older adults with dementia and their caregivers, congregation-based respite services provide numerous benefits. This study explored one model of congregation-based respite care service. The results highlight the strengths of congregational respite care as a voluntary service.

Presenter Bio (s): Jee Hoon Park is a PhD student at the College of Social Work at the Ohio State University. He has received multiple master's degrees in Social Ethics (a specialized field of Moral Theology), Social Welfare from South Korea, and Master of Social Work from US.

Terry A. Wolfer, MSW (1984, Ohio State), PhD (1995, Chicago), is a Professor in the College of Social Work at the University of South Carolina (Columbia).

Poster Title: Using Fiction Literature to Enhance Empathy Skills: Primary Findings

Poster Presenter(s): Michael Sherr, PhD, LCSW Brian Beise

Poster Abstract: With a quasi-experimental design, assigning a novel to social work students and administering an empathy scale survey, this study examines the following research question: Does introducing fictional literature as a method of pedagogy enhance student development of the empathy skills needed for competent social work practice?

Presenter Bio (s): Michael E. Sherr, PhD, LCSW, is a nationally recognized educator and scholar with more than 50 publications on several areas of scholarship including faith and practice, volunteerism, practice with at-risk youth, and evidence-based practice. He is editor-in-chief of the Journal of Adolescent and Family Health, and co-edits the CSWE Religion and Spirituality Clearinghouse.

Poster Title: Evaluating the Effectiveness of a Training Curriculum for IPV

Poster Presenter(s): David Skiff, Ph.D Andrew Irish

Poster Abstract: The goal of this study is to evaluate the effectiveness of a comprehensive, evidence-base, intimate partner violence training curriculum. The sample is comprised of 47 junior social work students registered for the Family Social Work Practice course from 2011-2013.

Presenter Bio (s): David Skiff currently serves the Department of Social Work as Chair and as the BSW Program Director at Roberts Wesleyan College. He serves as a member

of the Laboratory of Violence and Victimization (LIVV) at the University of Rochester under the direction of Dr. Catherine Cerulli.

Andrew is currently a menatla health concentration student in his MSW program. He is also serving as a volunteer research assistant.

Poster Title: Dual Interests, Dual Degrees: Social Work & Theological Education

Poster Presenter(s): Rebecca Smith, MSW/MDiv Candidate

Poster Abstract: Integrating faith and spirituality into social work curriculum is essential to prepare students for working in the field. This presentation provides an overview of dual masters programs that combine social work and theological education.

Understandings of courses/coursework, curriculum and ethical field application of these studies will be surveyed.

Presenter Bio (s): Rebecca Smith is a third year graduate student at Boston University School of Social Work and Boston University School of Theology. She is obtaining an MSW in Clinical Social Work and an MDiv with an emphasis on Pastoral Ministry. Rebecca is a locally licensed minister in the Church of the Nazarene and a current social work intern at Massachusetts General Hospital. She is passionate about combining spirituality and social work!

Poster Title: My Brain is a Freight Train: A Personal Account of Living with Adult ADHD

Poster Presenter(s): Todd Stanfield, Ph.D., MSW

Poster Abstract: Living with ADHD as an adult can be very painful and has a ripple effect in all areas of the individual's life. Learning more about their experience, can help us empathize with, and effectively walk alongside, our clients, colleagues, and students.

Presenter Bio (s): Dr. Stanfield is a Professor in the School of Social Work at Union University, where he has served since 2007. He has worked as a public child welfare worker, a children's psychotherapist, a grant writer, a program evaluator, and was the director of a community mental health center in rural Alabama. Prior to coming to Union, he taught for 7 years at the University of North Alabama.

Poster Title: When My Client is Also My Brother

Poster Presenter(s): Luis Torres, Ph.D. Kirby Peterson Glendy Lara

Poster Abstract: Practitioners in parish settings must think critically about potentially conflicting values. Motivation to work in faith-based settings; boundaries; personal disclosures; and balancing help and confidentiality in tight-knit communities; are all important considerations in faith-based settings. This paper discusses these issues as experienced by social work interns in parish field placements.

Presenter Bio (s): Luis R. Torres, Ph.D., is an Assistant Professor in the Graduate College of Social Work at The University of Houston. His research agenda focuses on co-occurring mental health, substance use and medical disorders in Hispanics, and on family-strengthening efforts in Hispanic communities. He has multiple grant-funded projects in both lines of research. Dr. Torres has helped start two faith-based social work field placements.

Kirby Peterson is a graduate student at the University of Houston's Graduate College of Social Work. Kirby received his Bachelor's degree in Spanish from Appalachian State University in Boone, North Carolina, and hopes to find a career serving the vulnerable among the Hispanic population in the US. His first internship as a social work graduate student was with the Parishioner Assistance Ministry at St. Thomas More Catholic Church.

Glendy Lara is a graduate student at the University of Houston's Graduate College of Social Work. Glendy received a Bachelor's degree in Psychology from Sam Houston State University. She hopes to work with Hispanic communities to help increase children's graduation rate in schools. Glendy is an intern with the Parishioner Assistance Ministry at St. Thomas More Catholic Church in Southwest Houston.

Poster Title: A Model for Rehabilitation: The Black Church and the Juvenile Sex Offender

Poster Presenter(s): Victoria Venable, PhD, LISW-S

Poster Abstract: The Black church provides an ideal starting point in identifying effective strategies for working with African American juvenile sexual offenders and their families. This paper uses a framework based upon the natural lay helper model to discuss strategies for collaborations with the Black church.

Presenter Bio (s): Victoria M. Venable is an Assistant Professor in the Department of Social Work at Salisbury University in Maryland. She received her PhD from The Ohio State University and her research interests focus on the influence of ecological variables on the rehabilitation of juvenile sex offenders. Dr. Venable is an independently licensed

clinical social worker in Ohio and has spent several years working with juvenile sex offenders and their families.