



## ***Poster Session Descriptions***

**NACSW Convention 2015**

***Grand Rapids, Michigan  
November 12<sup>th</sup> – November 15<sup>th</sup>, 2015***

### **Convention 2015 Poster Session Information**

*The following presents a listing of poster presentations that will be included in NACSW's Convention 2015 with abstracts and presenters' bios. The poster sessions are sorted alphabetically by presenters' last names.*

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**Poster Title:** Book Signing for Paul Adams “Social Justice Isn’t What You Think it is”

**Poster Presenter(s):** Paul Adams, DSW

**Poster Abstract:** In *Social Justice Isn’t What You Think It Is*, Michael Novak and Paul Adams seek to clarify the true meaning of social justice and to rescue it from its ideological captors. In examining figures ranging from Antonio Rosmini, Abraham Lincoln, and Hayek, to Popes Leo XIII, John Paul II, and Francis, the authors reveal that social justice is not a synonym for “progressive” government as we have come to believe. Rather, it is a virtue rooted in Catholic social teaching and developed as an alternative to the unchecked power of the state. Almost all social workers see themselves as progressives, not conservatives. Yet many of their “best practices” aim to empower families and local communities. They stress not individual or state, but the vast social space between them. Left and right surprisingly meet. In this surprising reintroduction of its original intention, social justice represents an immensely powerful virtue for nurturing personal responsibility and building the human communities that can counter the widespread surrender to an ever-growing state.

**Presenter Bio (s):** Paul Adams is Professor Emeritus of social work at the University of Hawaii. He writes on social welfare policy and professional and virtue ethics. His interests include the relation of family and informal helping to modern state systems of justice, care and control. His MSW is from the University of Sussex, UK and his doctorate from the University of California, Berkeley. His latest book, co-authored with Michael Novak is *Social Justice*.

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**Poster Title:** Life in the Fishbowl: Impact of Role Pressure on the Clergy Family

**Poster Presenter(s):** Alina Baltazar, MSW, LMSW, CFLE René Drumm Ph.D., MSW

**Poster Abstract:** Clergy families are impacted by the demands of ministers' professional practice in ways that increase the family's level of stress and affect its functioning. This poster will examine the results of a survey conducted with clergy families, who are members of a conservative evangelical religion, that measured personal challenges and levels of stress. Then there will be an exploration of the pressures identified in follow up focus groups.

**Presenter Bio (s):** Alina Baltazar, Ph.D. candidate, MSW, LMSW, ACSW, CFLE is Assistant Professor and MSW Program Director for the Department of Social Work. Ms. Baltazar is working on her Ph.D. in Human Development and Family Studies from Michigan State University. Her research areas are parental and religiosity's role in preventing youth health risk behaviors. She also practices psychotherapy part-time. Dr. Drumm completed her master's degree in social work at Michigan State University and earned her Ph.D. from Texas Woman's University. Her particular areas of interest are: domestic violence, youth substance abuse prevention, & program evaluation. She has taught at Southwestern Adventist University, Andrews University, and Southern Adventist University.

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**Poster Title:** The Challenges and Opportunities Faced by the Deaf Population in Africa

**Poster Presenter(s):** Ashley Canne, MSW

**Poster Abstract:** There is much to be gained from working with the deaf population. This workshop will examine the challenges and opportunities faced by the deaf population in Africa based on a review of the literature and the author's personal experiences of working with deaf individuals in Ethiopia.

**Presenter Bio (s):** Ashley Canne graduated from SUNY Geneseo with a Bachelor's degree in Psychology. She is currently finishing up her MSW degree at Roberts Wesleyan College. Ashley has lived in Rochester, NY her whole life with deaf parents and grew up within the deaf community. In July of 2014, she had the opportunity to go to Ethiopia with her sisters to work at a deaf school, which inspired this presentation.

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**Poster Title:** Implementing Trauma-Informed Care with Human Trafficking Survivors

**Poster Presenter(s):** Kathryn "Ryn" Farmer, MSW Kirsten Stopher LSW

**Poster Abstract:** Human Trafficking impacts people of every age, gender, gender identity, race, religion, and income level. This workshop will explore factors that increase an individual's vulnerability for being trafficked. Additionally, it will also address the complex trauma that is associated with the issue and how to provide trauma-informed care to survivors of human trafficking.

**Presenter Bio (s):** Kathryn "Ryn" Farmer received a Bachelor degree in Social Work from Taylor University in Indiana and her Master of Social Work degree from Baylor University in Waco, Texas. She currently serves as the Director of Rape Crisis and Anti-Human Trafficking Programs at Crime Victim Services in Lima, Ohio. Previously, she was a Community Organizer for Waco Community Development in Waco, Texas. Kirsten is a graduate of Bluffton University and is now a Licensed Social Worker. After graduating from university in 2012, Kirsten moved to Esteville, France to live and work in a homeless shelter for a year through Brethren Volunteer Service. Through Crime Victim Services, Kirsten is a Sexual Assault and Human Trafficking Victim Advocate as well as co-facilitator of the Northwest Ohio Rescue and Restore Coalition.

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**Poster Title:** Ready, Set, Lead.

**Poster Presenter(s):** Melissa Henley, MSW, LGSW   Jamie Alexander   Dana Boddie

**Poster Abstract:** Social Work students are well equipped for generalist practice, however they are ill prepared for leadership in professional social work associations. This presentation will discuss the purpose and value of student membership in professional social work organizations and emphasize the role of social work educators in preparing students for leadership.

**Presenter Bio (s):** Melissa E. Henley, MSW, LGSW is the Director of Field Education and professor at Washington Adventist University. She is a member of several professional associations in addition to NACSW and is passionate about her students seeking membership in a professional association. Jamie Alexander is a second year BSW student who demonstrates leadership in the classroom. She is a member of the social work club and though she is not in a leadership position currently, she is considering leadership in the future. Dana Boddie is a third year BSW student. She is the secretary of the social work club and has attended a professional workshop for student leaders. Dana understands the need for students to develop skills for leadership in preparation for professional membership.

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**Poster Title:** Biologic Support for Clinical Self-Disclosure

**Poster Presenter(s):** Denise Keane, LCSW

**Poster Abstract:** The use of self-disclosure by clinical social workers has been a controversial issue. Advancements in neuroscience that provide information regarding the essence of the therapeutic alliance are also applicable in supporting the use of clinical self-disclosure as a tool giving enhanced strength to the alliance.

**Presenter Bio (s):** Denise Keane, LCSW, is the Clinical Director of Perception Programs, Inc., a behavioral health agency based in Willimantic, CT. She has expertise in the treatment of persons with co-occurring disorders, criminal thinking patterns, and trauma. Currently a doctoral student at the University of Connecticut focused on integrating a service user's religious beliefs into treatment, she is also Adjunct Faculty at Eastern CT State University.

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**Poster Title:** A Study on Influence of Personality Theory and Alcoholic Personalities

**Poster Presenter(s):** Jongsun Kim, Ph.D

**Poster Abstract:** As increased awareness of the problem in alcoholism, there has been attempted various efforts to identify the cause of alcoholism for its treatment and rehabilitation. Based on these studies, personality type approach has been applied in treatment and rehabilitation of alcoholics. The researcher, however, raised a doubt about whether the type of personality is caused to be alcoholic or the type of personality.

**Presenter Bio (s):** Jongsun Kim is a professor of the Salvation Army Graduate University for Officer Training teaching social welfare subjects holding two Ph.Ds in management and social welfare. A senior researcher of the Korea Social Problems and Culture Institute and a columnist for YP press.

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**Poster Title:** Comprehensive Community Support Program for Older Adults

**Poster Presenter(s):** Seongjun Lee, MSW, PhD    Jee Hoon Park, MSW

**Poster Abstract:** In this globally aging world, aging-related problems are occurring from multi-dimensions such as financial drain, elderly abuse, increasing level of depression, and elderly suicide. By using structural equation modeling, this study suggests an ideal model of community-based interventions to prevent their challenges based on the results from analyzing paths among diverse aging issues in South Korea.

**Presenter Bio (s):** Seongjin Lee is an adjunct professor at Changwon National University in South Korea.

Jee Hoon Park is a PhD student at the College of Social Work at the Ohio State University. His research interests are community long-term care, developing community health promoting programs for older adults, hospice care services, and Adult Day Services. He has received multiple degrees in Social Ethics, Social Welfare, and Master of Social Work that broadly stretch from history, logic, and philosophy to psychology.

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**Poster Title:** Learning Ways of Learning: A Pilot Study

**Poster Presenter(s):** Quenton L. Nichols, PhD

**Poster Abstract:** Studies of student learning have shown that students' conceptions of learning are strongly correlated with their approaches to study as well as their professor's approach to assisting in the learning process. This workshop examines the results of a pilot study utilizing three different learning modalities (relational learning, traditional instructional teaching and relational traditional learning, Christ Centered) over a period of two semesters.

**Presenter Bio (s):** Dr. Nichols is Assistant Professor of Social Work at Fayetteville State University. He enjoys teaching and direct practice and is also Pastor of Counseling at a multicultural people friendly mega church.

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**Poster Title:** Stereotype Threat and Likelihood of Going to College

**Poster Presenter(s):** Ali Prus, MSSW

**Poster Abstract:** This study explores the relationship between stereotype threat and likelihood of going to college. Data was collected from West Texas high school students, and variables were tested that, based on the literature, suggest a correlation with college attendance. Several were found to be significantly correlated to stereotype threat.

**Presenter Bio (s):** Ali Prus graduated in May 2014 with her bachelor's degree in social work from Cornerstone University in Grand Rapids. Following graduation, she continued onto graduate school at Abilene Christian University in Abilene, Texas where she graduated with her MSSW with an emphasis in research, in May 2015.

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**Poster Title:** The Heart-Broken Spirit: Reclaiming Faith with Foster Care Children.

**Poster Presenter(s):** Marian Swindell, Ph.D., MSW

**Poster Abstract:** The purpose of this workshop is to share stories of children in foster care regarding their faith and their perceptions of God, Angels, and their spirit.

**Presenter Bio (s):** Dr. Swindell is a member of Central United Methodist Church in Meridian, MS and is the mother of two beautiful sons.

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**Poster Title:** Faith-based Volunteers: Developmental Considerations

**Poster Presenter(s):** Alice Walters, LMSW, MATS

**Poster Abstract:** Faith-based organizations are a common volunteer setting in America, but volunteer management skills may be lacking in these locations. Life span issues affect successful recruitment, supervision, and engagement of faith-based volunteers. This poster integrates theory with research on volunteerism, religion, and life stage contributions to improve faith-based volunteer management.

**Presenter Bio (s):** Alice Walters, LMSW, MATS has over twenty-five years' experience in social work. She has an MSW from the University of Michigan, MATS from Liberty Theological Seminary, and is a doctoral student at Walden University. She works as a non-profit consultant in fund development, marketing, social media, and grant writing. She is a frequent national conference presenter on non-profit evaluation, faith-based research, and higher education.

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**Poster Title:** Tools for Financial Counseling with a Faith-Based Initiative

**Poster Presenter(s):** Flora Williams, Ph.D.

**Poster Abstract:** New models of perceived economic security and new definitions of financial freedom are developed with applications for social workers. Tools of counseling are identified. Crisis inScriptural teachings for resource management are shown. Evidence is documented that committed Christians applying faith-based behavior will have expanded resources, greater perceived income adequacy, more righteousness, better self-control, and other desirable outcomes

**Presenter Bio (s):** Rev. Dr. Flora Williams is a minister who preaches, writes books and poetry, does chaplaincy work, is church musician, and is ordained minister in the Church of the Brethren. She taught and did research at Purdue University for 32 years and directed a teaching clinic while there for 25 years, serving people from all socioeconomic levels with financial crises and planning issues. She presents programs to groups with disability issues.

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