



Workshop Abstracts

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Convention 2020 Live Remote Workshop Abstracts

The following presents a preliminary listing of workshops that will be presented live remote (via Zoom) at NACSW's Convention 2020. The workshop sessions are sorted alphabetically by presenters' last names.

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Workshop Title: Faith As a Resource for Healing from a School Shooting

Workshop Presenters: Bree Alexander, PhD, LISW-CP

Workshop Abstract: Responses to school shootings nationwide have been varied. The role of faith and religion with trauma intervention in the aftermath of school shootings has been explored less than intervention and prevention strategies. An increased understanding is needed of methods by which faith can be a resource for healing from trauma after school shootings.

Workshop Title: Exploring How Persons Who Hold Difficult Differences Experience Encounters

Workshop Presenters: Morgan E. Braganza, MSW, PhD(c)

Workshop Abstract: Encountering persons holding difficult differences can be challenging, but how are such encounters actually experienced? This workshop explores the experiences of three groups of people who hold what scholars consider "contentious differences" (i.e., sexual orientation, Muslim faith, Christian faith). Implications for encounters are discussed.

Workshop Title: Spirit of Attachment: Spiritual wholeness and Adult Attachment Styles

Workshop Presenters: Dexter Freeman, DSW

Workshop Abstract: This experiential presentation will enable each participant to recognize their style of connecting with others and the extent which they acknowledge spiritual energies that enable them to experience spiritual wholeness. This presentation allows each participant to examine their divine calling to pursue attachment and spiritual completeness.

Workshop Title: Teaching Innovation: 360 Simulation Videos for the Social Work Classroom

Workshop Presenters: Michelle George, MSW, LCSW. BCD

Workshop Abstract: Social work students must be equipped with competence for successful field experiences and ethical and professional practice. Educators can effectively use simulation as a preparatory technique. Virtual Reality and 360 videos provide authentic digital experiences for practicing interventions, engaging clients, and managing affective processes.

Workshop Title: Embracing Our Role in the Political Realm

Workshop Presenters: Rachel Hagues, PhD

Workshop Abstract: In much of the rest of the world, social work is much more of a politicized profession. In the U.S., social workers have at times been more concerned with their political role. Today, social workers are often taught to be more apolitical or neutral. How should our faith inform what we do in the political realm?

Workshop Title: Congregations, Denominations, and LGBTQ+ Discernment Research Results

Workshop Presenters: Helen Harris, Ed.D, LCSW-S Gaynor Yancey DSW

Workshop Abstract: The presenters of this workshop completed 97 interviews in a multi-year funded research project exploring the question of LGBTQI+ inclusion in 20 congregations in three denominations: Baptist, Methodist, and Presbyterian. Results include recommendations for processes and social work awareness of the losses and gains that come with value dissonance.

Workshop Title: Out of the Garden

Workshop Presenters: Julia Henry McGovern, LCSW-C

Workshop Abstract: This presentation will give a concrete framework in approaching the biopsychosocial assessment and five axis diagnosis through the framework of the bible by giving examples of several individuals in the bible who suffered from similar symptoms as that of those who suffer with clinical depression, anxiety and other trauma related disorders.

Workshop Title: Coping with Stereotypes in the Academy: An Autoethnographic Exploration

Workshop Presenters: Anthony J. Hill, PhD, LCSW, CFSW, ACSW

Workshop Abstract: Studies demonstrate positive relationships between spiritual coping and overall physical health and mental health well-being. Spiritual coping can be an effective strategy for Black academicians who are confronted with negative stereotypes and historical and structural racism in the workplace.

Workshop Title: Here Am I Lord; Send me: The Courage to Raise Our Voices Against Injustice!

Workshop Presenters: Anthony Hill, Ed.D; MSW

Workshop Abstract: From a Biblical perspective, this workshop is designed to equip social workers with strategies to advocate for and implement social change for individuals impacted by detrimental social conditions. We will discuss ways to forge creative solutions to address the vast amount of anger, fear, hopelessness, and oppression that is prevalent in society.

Workshop Title: Cultivating Resilience and Respite for Social Work Student Practitioners

Workshop Presenters: Shelita Jackson, MSW, LSW Caroline Campbell MSW, LSW Leslie Gregory

Workshop Abstract: Students bring a wealth of life experiences and have negotiated challenging life circumstances prior to engaging in social work courses. This workshop will address intentional ways instructors can help students activate and grow their resilience, create tenacious coping plans, and develop zones of respite and community care in their lives

Workshop Title: The Intersection of Clinical Social Work and Religion in New England

Workshop Presenters: Denise Keane, PhD, LCSW

Workshop Abstract: New England is the most secular region in the United States. This workshop looks at the knowledge, behavior and attitude of New England's social workers towards their often unacknowledged minority population: the religious client.

Workshop Title: What's Cooking?: Postmodern Ways of Knowing in Social Work Literature

Workshop Presenters: Jeongah Kim, PhD

Workshop Abstract: The main purpose of the presentation is to (1) provide findings of the systematic review on how social work literature delineate postmodern thinking, (2)

review the Christian ways of knowing, and (3) discuss various ways of knowing that Christian social workers will be able to draw upon in social work practice.

Workshop Title: Spirituality & Coping Resilience to Transcend Traumatic Stress in Practice

Workshop Presenters: Tina Maschi, PhD, LCSW, ACSW

Workshop Abstract: This presentation empowers participants to explore the role of faith and multidimensional coping resilience factors that assist individuals, families, and communities transcend trauma and stress for better health and well-being across the life span. Participants will learn strategies to use with individuals, families, and communities.

Workshop Title: Social Capital: Vital Relationships for At-risk Families

Workshop Presenters: Audrey Metzler, MA

Workshop Abstract: Many of us tap our networks regularly on behalf of our children, family members, or friends, while families at-risk or experiencing homelessness may lack such networks or perhaps have exhausted the connections they have. Learn how at-risk families benefit when they have help building or enriching their social capital.

Workshop Title: Re-Entry: Welcoming the Prodigal Ex-Felon and Family Into Community

Workshop Presenters: Suzanne Mondell Cook, LCSW, MAR

Workshop Abstract: It will provide a faith-based perspective to support ex-felons & their families. Attendees will gain insight into prison culture & "outside" cultural differences, learn release expectations, emotional & practical needs, and practical ways to support families in the process. The Biblical concept of "Jubilee" as a service umbrella will be used.

Workshop Title: Qualitative Research on Race at a Predominantly White University

Workshop Presenters: Mary Anne Poe, MSSW, MDiv Miracle Gray BSW

Workshop Abstract: This workshop explores the process and challenges of implementing a collaborative, community-based ethnographic research project on the lack of racial diversity at a predominantly White, Christian university. The presentation outlines the rationale, development, and implementation of the study and then explores findings and subsequent challenges.

Workshop Title: Integrating Faith in the Classroom using *Christianity and Social Work*, 6th Edition

Workshop Presenters: Laine Scales, PhD, MSW Michael Kelly PhD, MSW

Workshop Abstract: A panel of educators provide concrete examples to integrate Christian faith in social work classes using NACSW's reader *Christianity and Social Work: Readings on the Integration of Christian Faith and Social Work Practice*. New chapters, decision cases, and instructor's manual, align with EPAS in BSW or MSW curricula.

Workshop Title: The Community Empowerment Framework: A Benchmark for Christian Social Work

Workshop Presenters: Stephen W. Stoeffler, PhD, LSW Rigaud Joseph BSW, MSW, PhD

Workshop Abstract: This presentation showcases the Community Empowerment Framework (CEF) for understanding empowerment within Christian social work. The CEF contains nine principles with related assumptions: unit, purpose, power dynamics, needs assessment, inductive reasoning, solidarity, legacy, accountability, democracy, and identity.

Workshop Title: Neurodiversity and Social Work Practice with Autism Spectrum Disorders

Workshop Presenters: Kathleen Terry, DSW, LISW-S

Workshop Abstract: This workshop will present Neurodiversity as a new model of working with those whose brains are wired differently, such as autism. Neurodiversity is the idea that neurological differences are indeed differences and not deficits. Implications for providing culturally competent, ethical practice will be shared consistent with Christian ethics.

Workshop Title: Autism and Inclusion of Persons into Congregations

Workshop Presenters: Jeffrey Thompson, D.Min, MSW, M.Div, BA

Workshop Abstract: Children with Autism Spectrum Disorder face unique challenges navigating events and social situation. Some challenges involve inclusion and assimilation to societal institutions, including congregations. Workshop participants will learn about congregational studies on inclusion, what congregations are doing currently, and what congregational aspira

Workshop Title: African Centered and Biblical Approaches to Caregiving for the Elderly

Workshop Presenters: Claudia Thorne, Ph.D., LISW, LCSW

Workshop Abstract: This presentation will provide insights into caregiving practices from African Centered and Biblical Perspectives to inform social work micro and mezzo practice and social work education to influence the development of African centered practices to support caregivers.

Workshop Title: Social Work in Democracy: Politics and Policy to Create Social Change

Workshop Presenters: Carla Thornton, DSW, MSW, MA

Workshop Abstract: It is essential to the social work profession that we are engaged in the political process as it relates to policy development. Best practices suggest the need for a collaborative response across political systems to improve outcomes and facilitate discussions amongst political divides as it pertains to the policymaking process.

Workshop Title: Safety Planning: A Matter of Life and Death

Workshop Presenters: June Tyson, PhD, LCSW-R

Workshop Abstract: Efficient safety planning has become more necessary as the social challenges in our society have become broader. With the increase of opiate use and the challenges that arise in managing and treating this population, there have become more death and near-death episodes in this population. Because of this, social workers must be more aware of how to form effective safety plans for a culturally diverse population.

Workshop Title: Faith, Self-Care and Ethics in Today's World

Workshop Presenters: Lara Vanderhoof, DSW, LMSW

Workshop Abstract: Recognize ethical challenges in this digital age while exploring, establishing, and maintaining professional and personal boundaries in practice that is focused on developing compassion satisfaction, identifying compassion fatigue and is informed by scripture.

Workshop Title: Navigating Congregational Engagement with Social Justice Issues

Workshop Presenters: Amanda Wilson Harper, PhD, LCSW, MDiv

Workshop Abstract: This workshop will present results of a mixed-methods study that included semi-structured interviews of clergy and lay leaders assessing their conceptualization of social justice as well as a congregational survey designed to assess congregants' attitudes about addressing controversial social justice issues in mainline Protestant churches.