



Poster Session Descriptions

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Convention 2019 Poster Session Information

The following presents a listing of poster presentations that will be included in NACSW's Convention 2019 with abstracts and presenters' bios. The poster sessions are sorted alphabetically by presenters' last names.

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Poster Title: Engaging Partnerships to Bring Clean Water to Liberia

Poster Presenter(s): Kristen Alford, PhD, MPH, MSW

Poster Abstract: As we follow Christ's model we must engage in strategies to address the needs of the vulnerable. This presentation reports findings of a 5-year multi-sectoral partnership which seeks by 2020 to distribute filters to all Liberian households who must walk more than 15 minutes to access clean drinking water.

Presenter Bio (s): Kristen Alford is an Associate Professor of Social Work at Calvin College in Grand Rapids, Michigan. She specializes in gerontology, health, and social well-being. Her current research interests are in clean water initiatives, intergenerational learning, and evaluating racial and ethnic diversity trainings in child welfare settings. She primarily teaches courses in human behavior, policy, public health, and also serves as the Social Work Field Education Coordinator. She previously worked for the New York State Department of Health in the area of chronic disease. She has a PhD in Social Work

and a MPH from Michigan State University, and a MSW from University of Albany, State University of New York.

Poster Title: Wrestling My Nineveh: A Dis-jointed Mind....vs My Heart Belongs to Nineveh

Poster Presenter(s): Wenona Andress, LCSW-Supervisor

Poster Abstract: Balancing faith, family, professional identity, culture, personal goals and other's expectations can be difficult for Christian Social Workers. We want to be passionate and competent in our work. Our hearts lead us one direction, but our paths..another route. An inventory is needed to determine real or imagined barriers, and to identify new tools.

Presenter Bio (s): Wenona Andress, LCSW-Supervisor, is Clinical Director at Stages of Recovery, Inc. She is also in Private Practice, where she provides clinical services to clients with mood disorders, chronic pain, and supervision for LCSW candidates. Wenona earned her BA from Wayland Baptist University in 1987 and her Masters in Social Work from University of Houston Graduate School of Social Work in 2005. Wenona has not presented in a conference, but has developed and presented education programming for wellness and clinical topics such as Smoking Cessation, Chronic Pain Management, Addiction Family Systems, Adoption Training, and others. Wenona has 15 years of experience in Child Welfare experience (children's Homes, foster care and adoption) and served as an Adoption Director for a Christian-non profit agency. She has nine years of experience with clients and families with Substance Use Disorders.

Poster Title: Using Virtual Reality in a Disaster Preparedness and Response Course

Poster Presenter(s): Lisa Baker, PhD

Poster Abstract: Social work is playing an ever-increasing role in the disaster field. Virtual Reality (VR) is a viable option for providing simulated home-based experiences, allowing students to build competencies in assessing and intervening with clients. This presentation discusses the implementation of VR in an online graduate Disaster Preparedness course.

Presenter Bio (s): Dr. Lisa Baker is Department Chair and Professor of Social Work at Samford University in Birmingham, AL. She has a PhD from the University of Georgia and a MSW from Florida International University. She has clinical experience with children and families in perinatal healthcare, crisis intervention and disaster mental

health. Her research interests include perinatal social work, evidence-based practice, online education and disaster preparedness and response.

Poster Title: Experiences of Families Dealing/Restoring Family Members with Substance Abuse

Poster Presenter(s): Carly Bland, BSW student Cassie Crick BSW student Destinie Emmitt Andrea Farlee, Britany Boling, Bradley Crawford, Katilyn Bryant, Lewis Morrison, Kailey Phelps, Madeline Horton, and Skylar Lanham, Candace Hansford

Poster Abstract: This presents the journey in learning elements of qualitative research and phenomenological approach within a classroom setting. BSW students conducted a qualitative research project (fifteen semi-structured interviews) over the experiences of family in relationships and restoration with family members struggling with substance abuse issues.

Presenter Bio (s): This presentation is describing a classroom qualitative research project conducted by BSW students from Campbellsville University in Campbellsville, KY. Students that are participating are: Carly Bland, Cassie Crick, Destine Emmitt, Andrea Farlee, Britany Boling, Bradley Crawford, Katilyn Bryant, Lewis Morrison, Kailey Phelps, Madeline Horton, and Skylar Lanham. Project was supervised by Dr. Candace Hansford, Professor at Campbellsville University.

Poster Title: The False Dichotomy Between the Sacred and the Secular

Poster Presenter(s): Selene Boyd, MSW Student Jonathan Monteverdi MSW Student

Poster Abstract: The perceived antagonism between Christianity and atheism has prevented the exploration of how to enhance educational outcomes to improve social work practice. This presentation intends to prepare students to explore what an alliance between Christians and atheists in the classroom would look like and the benefits of a potential alliance.

Presenter Bio (s): Selene Boyd is a Masters of Social Work student at Azusa Pacific University with a focus in clinical practice. She has a special interest in religious integration in practice and increasing competency through the educational setting, stemming from her non-religious background. Her interest in research was developed during her time at UC Davis, where she had the privilege of working with talented professors on psychological research studies. In her free time, Selene spends time getting fluffy therapy from her dog, Copper. Jonathan Monteverdi is a Masters of Social Work student at Azusa Pacific University with a concentration in clinical practice. Jonathan

completed his BA Degree of Sociology at Azusa Pacific University and has worked to integrate Christian perspective in all classes taken, which reinvigorated his passion for Christ in all aspects of life. This has given him a unique perspective in the disciplines he studies as well as providing unique perspectives in the integration of Christian worldview with social work practice. In his free time, Jonathan enjoys debating therapeutic approaches and theories with his wife, who is an MFT.

Poster Title: Theater as Narrative Therapy: Painful Stories Can Bring Healing and Hope

Poster Presenter(s): Angela Dennison, LMSW, PhD Candidate

Poster Abstract: Learn how community theater can be viewed as therapeutic for a community; especially for cast members. Apply the practice of narrative therapy to communities for healing. Hear how this has happened in a small rural context with a Civil Rights Era story told through present-day community theater. Faith is infused in the play as written and performed.

Presenter Bio (s): Angela Dennison, Department Head/Assistant Professor of Social Work MSW, Carver School of Church Social Work, 1993; MDiv Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, 1992; Licensed Master Social Worker. Presented various workshops on community ministry and teaching practices. Experience in direct practice and program administration for programs serving homeless persons; affordable housing development and management; congregational engagement with communities; and most recently social work education in a faith-based institution.

Poster Title: Macro Practice: Group Skills and GIS Within a Community Based Project.

Poster Presenter(s): Bertha DeJesus, DSW; MSW

Poster Abstract: This poster presentation will include summary findings from a community environmental scan, with group skill building, lessons for replication and community building. Potential macro intervention strategies will be presented. Practical examples and illustrations will be presented.

Presenter Bio (s): Dr. Bertha Saldana De Jesus is an Assistant Professor in the School of Social work at Millersville University. She has 20 years of social work practice experience in the areas of Child Welfare, Behavioral Health, and Hospice. Dr. Saldana De Jesus also has served in field education as a field coordinator, Liaison and Field Instructor. Dr. Saldana De Jesus has earned a bachelor's degree in Social Work with a minor in Spanish from Shippensburg University, a Master's Degree in Social Work from

Widener University, and Doctor of Social Work, Education and Leadership degree from Millersville University. Her research interest includes Field Education, adult and youth development, and Latino Issues. She currently serves as a board member for GATE House INC, Lancaster, PA, Board Vice President of Stayinschoolcorp, board member for The Mix, Lancaster, PA, and as a committee member of the Teenage Girls Empowerment Summit, Dr. Saldana De Jesus holds memberships in NASW, NACSW, IASWG, and Social Work Network

Poster Title: Critical Self-Reflection: An Essential Practice for Social Work Students

Poster Presenter(s): Joshua Englefield, MSSA, LISW

Poster Abstract: This workshop will empower Social Work Educators to teach critical self-reflection skills to their BSW and MSW students. We will explore Scholarly Personal Narrative (SPN) as a method of thinking and writing in a critically self-reflective manner. Educators will be equipped to use the SPN method individually and to teach SPN to their students.

Presenter Bio (s): Joshua Englefield MSSA, LISW Assistant Professor of Social Work and Sociology at Sinclair Community College Licensed Independent Social Worker in Ohio. Doctoral Candidate at the University of St. Thomas, St. Paul MN, Doctor of Social Work, expected graduation date is May 2021. Case Western Reserve University, Cleveland, OH, Master of Science in Social Administration, 2010. Franciscan University of Steubenville, Bachelor of Arts, Theology, 2006. Presentations: Crisis Care, Pastoral Care, Mental Health Stigma, Free market and Christianity. Professional Experience: Instructor/Coordinator of Field Education at Franciscan University, Clinical Social Worker Private Practice, School Based Social Worker, Community Based Mental Health Youth and Young Adult Minister

Poster Title: Resilience, Strength, and Forgiveness

Poster Presenter(s): Nkechi Green-Azuka, LMSW

Poster Abstract: We will define resilience, strength and forgiveness based on research social work values. Part of this presentation will address issues of revenge, hurt, trauma, and not limited to abuse and neglect.

Presenter Bio (s): Nkechi Green , Adjunct Professor - Sinclair Community College. Masters, Social Work, PHD candidate, License Social Worker. I presented at a

workshop, titled "Effects of Domestic Abuse and Breaking the Myth in the Christian Community" with NACSW in 2009, during my tenure at Nyack College, NY.

Poster Title: Utilizing Technology to Maintain Field Placement Agencies

Poster Presenter(s): Kalon Moody, MSW

Poster Abstract: This session addresses the ongoing need to maintain viable field placement options for online students enrolled in a faith based institution. This session will present a specific model that incorporates technology into this process. This session will also incorporate how to incorporate spirituality to students and practicum agencies.

Presenter Bio (s): Kalon Moody is the MSW Field Director at Campbellsville University, Carver School of Social Work. She earned her BSW from Campbellsville University in 1997 and her MSW from University of Louisville in 2004. Kalon was employed with Cabinet For Health & Family Services for 20 years. During her time at the Cabinet she was an investigative worker, office supervisor, and spent the last 5 years as a consultant. During her time as a consultant she trained social workers statewide on human trafficking, policy implementation, and various other best practice methods.

Poster Title: On Demand Spiritual Care with Congestive Heart Failure Patients

Poster Presenter(s): Beth Muehlhausen, Ph.D., M.Div., LCSW, BCC

Poster Abstract: Healthcare is moving beyond the acute care setting of the hospital to meet the physical, psychological and spiritual needs of patients in outpatient settings including clinics or their homes. A mix methods research study was conducted to explore religious/spiritual struggles and tele-chaplaincy with patients diagnosed with congestive heart failure.

Presenter Bio (s): Beth Muehlhausen, Staff Chaplain/Researcher. Ph.D. in S.W. 2010 (I.U.-Indianapolis); M.Div. 2005 (Christian Theological Seminary-Indianapolis); MSW 1990 (I.U.-Indianapolis) Licenses - LCSW (lapsed) BCC - Board Certified Chaplain – Assoc. of Professional Chaplains. Ordained minister with Christian Church Disciples of Christ. Dr. Muehlhausen has been a chaplain with Ascension Health for the past seven years. She has lead several research projects, currently splitting her time as a staff chaplain for St. Vincent Hospital in Indianapolis and working as a spiritual care researcher for Ascension Health. She has presented her research at the North American Association for Christians in Social Work, Association for Professional Chaplains (APC)

and Transforming Chaplaincy. She has lead webinars on spiritual care research for Ascension Health and National Assoc. of Catholic Chaplains (NACC).

Poster Title: PLI: A Biblical Approach to the Access to Justice Crisis

Poster Presenter(s): Chlece Neal, JD,MSW,M.Sw.E

Poster Abstract: The Preventative Law Initiative is a tool to prevent or mitigate negative involvement with family courts through a group seminar and an interactive role-playing game that combines inquiry-based learning, legal knowledge, cognitive restructuring and Socratic dialogue in the context of biblical worldview for adult and youth populations.

Presenter Bio (s): Chlece N. Neal, Executive Director/Supervising Attorney/Social Work Supervisor. JD, MSW, M.Sw.E Loyola University Chicago 2013 and 2018. Illinois Law License. Prior experience as a presenter "Preventative Law Clinics Law Student Leaders Access to Justice Summit February 2019" Loyola University 11th Annual Interdisciplinary Graduate Research Symposium, April 2018 "Using Online Learning to Improve Outcomes for Self-Represented Non-Attorney Litigants" 5th Annual Access to Justice Conference, April 2018 "Preventative Law as A Tool for Access to Justice." Previous professional experiences: Loyola University Chicago School of Law Center for the Human Rights of Children "Chicago Advocate Legal, LLC" Justice Entrepreneurs Project Safer Foundation, PACE Institute-Cook County Jail Legal Assistance Foundation, Cook County Public Guardian's Office Jessie Brown Veterans Medical Center.

Poster Title: Client Preferences for Integrating Religion/Spirituality: A National Survey

Poster Presenter(s): Holly Oxhandler, PhD, LMSW

Poster Abstract: This workshop describes the results of a national survey of current mental health clients' preferences for integrating their religion/spirituality into treatment and the degree to which they perceive their religion/spirituality and mental health as being relevant to one another. Implications for social work practice/education will be discussed.

Presenter Bio (s): Dr. Holly Oxhandler is the Associate Dean for Research & Faculty Development at Baylor University's Diana Garland School of Social Work. She received her MSW and PhD from the University of Houston in 2014. Her research focuses on the ethical and effective integration of clients' religion/spirituality in mental health treatment, and she is the cohost of the weekly podcast, CXMH: Christianity and Mental Health.

Poster Title: Investigating Risk-Taking Behaviors among African American women.

Poster Presenter(s): Emory Perkins, DSW, LCSW, ACSW, LMFT Salicia Blackwell
Michelle D'Rozario

Poster Abstract: This quantitative explanatory study is designed to investigate the risk-taking behavior in the form of sexual practices associated with the HIV positive status among African-American women.

Presenter Bio (s): Emory L. Perkins. Tenured Assistant Professor at Bowie State University. Earned a Doctor of Social Work degree from Howard University, 2016. Licensed as a clinical social worker, licensed marriage and family therapist. I have present at NACSW conference in the past. I have worked in direct service and management for more than 25 years. Ms. Blackwell is a student at Bowie State University, majoring in psychology. She is entering her senior year and plans to obtain a Phd. in psychology. Ms. D'Rarzarrio is a social work student at Bowie State University. She plans to obtain her master of social work degree in the future.

Poster Title: SNAP on College Campuses: Christian Universities' Responses to Hunger

Poster Presenter(s): Shannon Que, BSSW

Poster Abstract: This project is research comprised of the impact of Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits on faith-based college campuses. Christian/faith-based institutions would greatly benefit from increasing or promoting infrastructure or policies in place to aid student welfare.

Presenter Bio (s): Shannon Que is Social Work major (BSSW '19) at Abilene Christian University with minors in Global Studies, Public Administration, and Bible. Shannon has been an intern for the International Rescue Committee and Iglesia de Cristo en Desamparados in Costa Rica and is a current intern at the Regional Victim Crisis Center. Shannon is also the Executive Director of Reach, an after school ministry based at an at-risk apartment complex. Shannon is the recipient of the Center for Public Justice research award, a national award focusing on issues related to social justice on college campuses.

Poster Title: Simulation in Social Work: A Tool for the Development of Faith Integration

Poster Presenter(s): Jean Roberson, MSW, LICSW, ABD

Poster Abstract: This presentation will examine simulation as a teaching strategy for the integration of faith in social work students and beginning practitioners. Participants will explore leveraging learning styles to develop simulations that require experimentation and reflection on the processes of faith integration in social work practice.

Presenter Bio (s): Jean Roberson serves as Instructor and Director of Field Education for the Master of Social Work (MSW) degree program at Samford University in Birmingham, AL. She holds a Masters of Social Work degree and a Certificate in Theology from the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, KY, and is a Licensed Certified Social Worker (LICSW) in the state of Alabama. Roberson is currently a Doctorate of Social Work (DSW) candidate at the University of St. Thomas/St. Catherine's University, anticipating graduation in May 2019. Roberson has spent 16 years in social work practice with the majority of her career in a faith-based context. Prior to her work at Samford University, Roberson served as Adult Division Director and Ministry Consultant for National Woman's Missionary Union, overseeing the publication of church-based curriculums and international social and mission efforts.

Poster Title: Promoting Mental Health and Social Support Among Women Living with HIV

Poster Presenter(s): Ratonia Runnels, PhD

Poster Abstract: Peers living with HIV/AIDS play a significant role in engaging HIV positive individuals in care and treatment. Developing effective strategies for community mental health promotion that strengthen spiritual connections for women living with HIV can ultimately improve mental health outcomes for this underserved population.

Presenter Bio (s): Ratonia C. Runnels is Assistant Professor and Director of Field Education in the Social Work program at Texas Woman's University. Dr. Runnels is also founder of TrinityVision Consulting, and of Get Lifted!, a peer-led inspirational support network and intervention for women living with HIV. Prior to entering academia, Dr. Runnels worked to promote healthy living and encourage positive lifestyle choices among women and girls, and served the community as an outreach worker, counselor, case manager, educator/trainer, and advocate in the fields of HIV/AIDS and substance abuse prevention. Dr. Runnels has served as a consultant for community-based, national, and governmental organizations. She has published on topics such as spirituality, mental health services, faith-based mental health programs, and disproportionality in social service delivery systems.

Poster Title: The Two-Generation Approach to Child Poverty; it Works!

Poster Presenter(s): Eric Saunders, MSW, LCSW

Poster Abstract: In our 50 plus years of a national war on poverty and over \$20 Trillion spent, the sad result is that our national problem of poverty is as great as it has ever been. A new approach called the Two-Generation Approach offers a timeless solution: to change the problem you must work with the entire family.

Presenter Bio (s): My name is Eric Saunders. I serve as executive director of New Hope Ministries, a Christian social service agency in south central Pennsylvania. I have a bachelor's in communication from The Master's College, an MSW from Indiana University, and am a Licensed Clinical Social Worker. I have six or seven years presenting workshops on topics relating to community needs and poverty alleviation. I currently serve on the board of NACSW.

Poster Title: Russell and the Handshake: Greeting in the Classroom

Poster Presenter(s): Aaron Smith, MTS, MA, PhD (cand.), RP

Poster Abstract: One of the most common social practices involves greeting one another, yet there is little literature exploring this practice in higher education. This workshop reflects on several stories of handshakes, and in so doing explores the experience and impact of greeting, a recommended approach to greeting, and implications for Christian educators.

Presenter Bio (s): Aaron Smith is an Assistant Professor and Program Director of Counselling Studies & Human Services at Emmanuel Bible College, an Instructor in the School of Social Work at Renison University College at the University of Waterloo, and has taught courses related to clinical practice at Wilfrid Laurier University and Briercrest College & Seminary. Aaron is a PhD candidate in the Faculty of Social Work at Wilfrid Laurier University, where his research focuses on relational engagement and explores how Christian spirituality and therapeutic relationships impact therapists' relationships with clients. Aaron is also a certified Compassion Fatigue Specialist and Registered Psychotherapist in the Province of Ontario, and has worked in a number of settings providing mental health, domestic violence, and individual, couple, and family therapy.

Poster Title: Chinese International Students' Spirituality in the Cross-cultural Context

Poster Presenter(s): Tian Tian, PhD, MSW

Poster Abstract: This presentation will discuss Chinese International Students'(CIS) exploration of spirituality in the cross-cultural context, the issues and barriers encountered during this process, and various contributing factors, to promote understanding and service ideas to advance CIS's spiritual and global well-being.

Presenter Bio (s): The presenter, Tian Tian, is an Assistant Professor in social work at Carthage College in Kenosha, Wisconsin. Tian earned her PhD of social work from the University of Utah in 2015. Her research has been focusing on developmental issues of emerging adults, especially those with health or social challenges. She participated in several studies on the independence and spirituality issues of emerging adult cancer survivors. Since 2013 she has been studying the developmental issues of Chinese college students, including autonomy, career development, and spirituality. She presented her research in major conferences of social work and higher education. From 2018 she started to center her study on the Chinese international students' spirituality and its relationship to their cross-cultural experience.

Poster Title: The Impact of Technology on Non-Traditional Social Work Students

Poster Presenter(s): LaSonya Townsend, MSW, DSW

Poster Abstract: Social work education programs are adjusting their educational delivery platforms in order to stay current. However, technological advancements are impacting non-traditional social work students differently than traditional students.

Presenter Bio (s): Dr. LaSonya Townsend is an Assistant Professor of Social Work at Johnson C. Smith University. Dr. Townsend earned a Doctor of Social Work from Capella University; a Master of Social Work from the University of North Carolina at Charlotte; and Bachelor of Social Work from North Carolina State University. Dr. Townsend conducted a workshop presentation during the 2017 National Convention.