

Final Call: NACSW Convention 2014 in Annapolis

Last call for NACSW's 64th consecutive annual convention! We look forward to welcoming you to Annapolis, Maryland, from November 6th–9th, 2014. Focused on the theme, *"Harbor in the Storm: Beacons of Hope During Challenging Times,"* NACSW's Convention 2014 will feature over 135 workshops and poster sessions, three keynote speakers, three preconvention institutes, and rich entertainment and worship throughout. Register today for this 3+ day November event in Annapolis by going to www.nacsw.org/conv_head_text.html.

NACSW's Convention 2014 will be held at the DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel Annapolis (210 Holiday Court, Annapolis, MD). Make your reservation by midnight on October 22nd to qualify for the guest room rate of just \$119/night (this rate may be shared between up to four people). You



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can make your reservations directly with the hotel by calling 410-224-3150. Be sure to identify yourself as being with the North American Association of Christians in Social Work (NACSW). More information about accommodations, travel, local eateries and activities can be found at www.nacsw.org/Convention/Accommodations2014.htm.

In addition to keynote speakers Shane Claiborne, Sister Simone Campbell, and Jim Vanderwoerd, Convention 2014 features a number of opportunities

to enjoy Christian entertainment, music, and worship.

- The opening session on Thursday evening will feature music by the All Children's Chorus of Annapolis Chamber Singers, and the Saturday evening banquet will feature a Salvation Army Brass Ensemble.

- Friday morning will begin with devotions

led by Dr. Marleen Milner speaking on *"Gratitude as an Anchor of Hope in Challenging Times,"* and on Saturday morning, devotions will be led by Dr. Reverend Tenolian Bell, the Pastor of First Baptist Church in Herkimer, NY.

- During the convention's closing worship service on Sunday morning, Rev. Rolando Castro Salas will speak to us on *"The Social Aspect of the Gospel,"* and Dr. Kesslyn Brade Stennis will lead us in worship and song.

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NACSW's November, 2014 Audio Conference Workshop: Learning through Technology

NACSW is pleased to announce that it will be offering its next audio conference workshop entitled "Learning Through Technology: An Engaging, Practical, and User Friendly Approach" on Monday, November 24th from 1:00 pm – 2:15 pm Eastern Standard Time. This audio conference workshop will be presented by Dr. David Cecil, PhD, LCSW, chair of the Behavioral Sciences Department and professor of social work at Asbury University in Wilmore, Kentucky,



David Cecil



Stephen Baldrige

and Stephen Baldrige, PhD, LMSW, director of the undergraduate social work program at Abilene Christian University in Abilene, Texas.

Online education, mobile education, and the use of technology in general can be intimidating and expensive. Is it possible to find approachable and cost effective ways to use these tools to reach today's social workers and students? This interactive workshop

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There will be numerous opportunities for networking and student volunteering at Convention 2014 as well. There will be chapter and member interest group meetings (www.nacsw.org/Convention/GroupMeetings2014.htm) during the Friday and Saturday lunch hours, as well as informal networking during the reception and coffee breaks. Students are encouraged to volunteer at the convention in exchange for a deeply discounted registration rate. More information about student volunteering can be found at: www.nacsw.org/Convention/VolunteerNetwork2014.htm.

Finally, NACSW's Convention 2014 in Annapolis will feature more than 120 outstanding workshops and poster presentations divided among separate tracks (for example: Direct Practice - Individuals, Couples, and Families; Immigration and Acculturation; Professional Relationships, Values and Ethics; Direct Practice - Groups and

Communities, etc.). A listing of full workshop and poster session abstracts and descriptions, learning objectives, presenter biographies and other relevant information is available at <http://www.nacsw.org/Convention/Program2014.htm>.

To provide a preview of some of the quality workshops that will be offered at Convention 2014, the following represents just a sampling of some of the excellent workshop presentations that have been accepted for this year's conference:

Culturally Competent Research and Interventions within Black Churches

Kesslyn Brade Stennis, Ph.D., Kathy Purnell, Ph.D., Helen Fischle, MSW and Emory Perkins, Emory, DSW

The literature surrounding cultural competence within the African American faith community is limited. This workshop will utilize the presenters' 15-years of research experience to discuss cultural competence, historical and contemporary research in the Black Church, and lessons learned surrounding best culturally competent research practices and interventions with Black faith communities.

Couples in Conflict: A Biblically-based Approach to Problem Resolution

Janice Rasheed, Ph.D. and Mikal Rasheed Ph.D

This workshop presents a Biblically-based counseling approach with couples who are in conflict. These problems have, thus far, resisted resolution. The authors have developed an approach in which both Christian faith principles and secular couples' counseling methods are used for insight and direction in helping couples resolve problems.

Faith Perspectives on Building Strong Volunteer Programs

John Gavin, MSW

How does our faith impact our interest in volunteering in support of community programs? Do religious practices make us more inclined to get involved? What are the faith perspectives that drive and shape volunteerism? Drawing on a recent study and 30 years of experience in volunteerism; this workshop explores these questions and provides a practical framework for building strong volunteer programs in organizations and churches.

The Relationship between Dispositional Forgiveness and Marital Satisfaction

James Long, Ph.D. Candidate

This workshop reveals current research



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done with Christian married couples regarding the nature of the relationship between the disposition to forgive and relational satisfaction. It reveals that a desire to forgive and not simply the act of forgiving, helped couples work towards healing, better conflict resolution and, reconciliation after interpersonal transgressions.

Faith-based Support for African American Grandmothers Raising Grandchildren

Wanda Lott Collins, Ph.D.

This workshop will discuss issues confronting African American custodial grandmothers raising grandchildren and highlights the emotional pendulum, added responsibilities, and satisfaction that they experience in providing care to their grandchildren. It will discuss a faith-based support group that provided the grandparents with a supportive environment to discuss their day-to-day concerns.

The Positive Role of Spirituality in Child Well-Being

Stacey Barker, Ph.D.

Social workers are responsible to become spiritually competent in their practice with clients, who express spirituality and religion as being essential in their life situation. This presentation integrates spiritual competence, the core values of social work with the four dimensions of spirituality immanence, transcendence, universality and transformation.

As you can see, NACSW's Convention 2014 in Annapolis provides a marvelous opportunity for Christians in social work to come together and share what we have in common both in our practice and our faith. We are confident you will leave the conference both refreshed and inspired. Go to www.nacsw.org and register now to join us for Convention 2014. We look forward to seeing you in Annapolis in November!

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Being in Conversation with Other Social Work Groups

I am looking forward with a great deal of anticipation to a panel presentation NACSW will be hosting at its upcoming Convention 2014 in Annapolis in November which will feature Angelo McClain, Chief Executive Officer of NASW, Darla Coffey, President and Chief Executive Officer of CSWE, and Michael Sheridan, Treasurer and Board Member of the Society for Spirituality and Social Work. The focus of this panel presentation will be on social work associations working together to equip social workers to provide more religiously and spiritually sensitive social work practice.



Rick Chamiec-Case

This role of being in active conversation with other social work groups and associations is an increasingly important one for NACSW, one which I believe flows from our commitment to be “a vital Christian presence in social work.” From my vantage point, there appears to be an increasing number of opportunities for NACSW and NACSW members to become more dynamic conversation partners with other groups in the social work profession.

To provide a couple of examples of such opportunities, I recently interviewed two members, Allison Tan, a current NACSW Board member, and Michael Sherr, a former Board member, and asked them to share recent experiences they have had in being involved in conversations with other groups within the social work profession – in these particular examples, groups focused on LGBTQ issues.

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Conversation between Rick Chamiec-Case and Allison Tan:

Rick: Allison, can you tell the readers of *Catalyst* about an experience you recently mentioned to me in which you became a somewhat unexpected conversation partner with another group at a professional social work conference?

Allison: Sure, Rick. During a recent

conference sponsored by Bachelors Program Directors (BPD), I saw a workshop on the schedule about LGBTQ issues that indicated there would be members of NACSW presenting. As a Board member of NACSW, I was curious to find out more so I attended the workshop, which was presented by a called EFLAG (Educators and Friends of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender People). During the session, the presenters mentioned that they had reached out to NACSW to be a part of the workshop panel, but had not heard back from us. I was surprised to hear this (since I know NACSW eagerly accepts such invitations, and I had not heard about this one), so I raised my hand and introduced myself as an NACSW Board member, and said I would be glad to be a part of the conversation during this workshop. It was an interesting, lively, and I think, productive session.

What struck me most vividly, however, was that after the workshop was over, one of the workshop participants came over to me and said, “Listening to you really changed some of my perceptions about Christians” (I am pretty sure he meant this in a positive way!). This reinforced for me how important is it for NACSW to be a part of these conversations for many reasons, one of which is to work to change negative stereotypes some in the profession have about Christians in social work or about faith-based institutions.

Rick: Thanks, Allison. Can you also tell us a little about the chapter you recently wrote for a book commissioned by CSWE, and your conversations with the editors of that book during the editing process?

Allison: Several months ago, I was contacted by Adrienne Dessel from the University of Michigan to ask if I would be interested in contributing a chapter to a book commissioned by the Council of Social Work Education (CSWE) entitled, “*Conservative Christian Beliefs and Sexual Orientation in Social Work*.” In fact, Rick, Adrienne mentioned that you had given her my name as a possible contributor!

Rick: Yes, Adrienne had contacted me to ask if I could recommend social work

scholars who could write chapters for this book from a Christian perspective. I was glad to pass along your name along with several other NACSW members for her consideration. NACSW Board members Rene Drumm and Tanya Brice have also contributed chapters to this book.

Allison: My chapter entitled, “Understanding the Tension: Christian Practitioner Perspectives on Working with LGBT Clients” was based on some original research I conducted using NACSW members as my sampling group. This research found that for the most part, even theologically conservative Christians in social work are open to and interested in working with gay clients, and many are actively engaged in learning how to balance potential tensions between their personal beliefs and their practice in this area. Overall CSWE’s book presents a variety of perspectives on the intersection of Christian beliefs and sexual orientation issues in social work. I am glad I was able to contribute a chapter and learned a lot from my discussions with the book’s editors, including how differently we looked at some aspects of this topic. Clearly there is a great deal more that needs to be said on this issue, and many more conversations that need to take place in the months and years ahead.

Rick: Thanks, Allison, I look forward to reading your chapter!

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Conversation between Rick Chamiec-Case and Michael Sherr:

Rick: Michael, can you share with the readers of *Catalyst* some of the work you’ve been involved in with CSWE’s Spirituality and Religion Workgroup, and especially the conversations you have been a part of as one of the leaders of this workgroup?

Michael: Several years ago, you and I were involved in discussions with the former executive director of the Council on Social Education (CSWE), Julia Watkins, about bringing together scholars and educators with an interest in religion and spirituality in social work. These discussions led to development of CSWE’s Religion and Spirituality Workgroup, whose founding purpose

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was “to promote social workers’ knowledge, values, and skills for ethical and effective practice that takes into account the diverse expressions of religion and spirituality among clients and their communities” (CSWE website, 2011). This workgroup was comprised of an eclectic group which included several NACSW members, as well as representatives of a variety of other faith and spirituality traditions (Jewish, Muslim, Buddhist, etc.). Much of the group’s initial work focused on developing a webpage which functioned as a clearinghouse of online resources and curriculum materials for use by social work educators in faith-based and secular universities alike - a webpage which continues to receive hundreds of hits each month.

More recently, the new executive director of CSWE, Darla Coffey, convened a group including representation from the Religion and Spirituality workgroup, as well as the CSWE Commission on Diversity and Social & Economic Justice. Starting from the premise that faith, religion and spirituality are important dimensions in the lives of many individuals and communities that social workers serve, Darla has asked this ad hoc group to discuss how to affirm and support social work educators’ efforts to prepare students to sensitively engage clients’ religious and/or spiritual selves, while at the same time interacting with other dimensions of diversity in pursuit of social justice. Darla expressed in her charge to this group that there has been a complicated history of the place of organized religion in the lives of vulnerable and disenfranchised groups that has sometimes led to mistrust and misunderstandings between social workers of faith, and social workers who come from and/or advocate for some of these vulnerable groups (like the LGBTQ community). Yet, as Darla maintains in her charge, this history should not stop us from working together to train social workers to be sensitive to and respectful of our clients’ faith and spirituality, nor from welcoming a full diversity of social work educators and practitioners within the profession.

Rick: Michael, based on your recent

These powerful insights from Miroslav Volf (“Embracing the Other,” 2005), referred to on page 5, address how to relate to and interact with others who have different views, values, and life experiences than our own, and as such, have a great deal of potential for helping Christians in social work become more fruitful conversation partners with other groups in the social work profession.

Strategies for Engaging Openly with Others

1. Volf exhorts us to engage in the process of “inverting perspectives” – that is, focusing “not only in what we think about ourselves and about others, but also in what others think of themselves and of us” (pp. 6-7). According to Volf, engaging in inverting perspectives involves both: a) *seeing others through their own eyes*, being willing “to entertain the possibility that we may be wrong and others right in their assessment of themselves” (p. 7); and b) *seeing ourselves through their eyes* “because we often fail to see ourselves adequately, we need to learn how we are perceived by others” (p. 7).

2. Volf suggests that “Instead of considering others as my own diminishment, I have to imagine them as potential enrichment” (p. 5) – that is, as having the potential to enrich my understanding, as well as enrich who I am as a person. Further, in his seminal *Exclusion and Embrace* (1996), Volf suggests that in our interaction with others, we have to be open to “correction” as well as enrichment - that is, open to the real possibility that others who see things differently then we do might at some points help correct aspects of our thinking which are inaccurate or distorted.

3. Volf maintains that the project of seeing oneself and others from the perspective of the other is not, however, the same as agreeing with others at every point: “After I have understood how the other wishes to be understood and how the other understands me, I must exercise judgment and either agree or disagree, wholly or in part” (p. 7). Inverting perspectives does, though, allow us to engage with with respect and openness.

4. Volf reminds us that positive engagement with others is not just about arguments and settling matters of disagreement: “Even when arguments fail to bring anything like consensus or convergence, we can still cooperate in many ways” (p. 7) – cooperation that can lead to trust and respect even in the midst of disagreement.

5. Finally, Volf argues that Christians should welcome open, positive, reciprocal, engagement with others because we are committed to the belief that we are “not our own, but belong to the Lord,” and as such, that our “Christian identity is taken out of our own hands and placed in the hands of the divine Other, and by this it is both radically unsettled and unassailably secured” (p. 8). As such, “Christians can confidently set on a journey with . . . others and engage without fear in the give and take of relationship with others” (p. 8).

Reference - Volf, M. (2005) *Embracing the other*, Princeton Theological Review, X(2), 4-9.

experiences with CSWE’s Religion and Spirituality Workgroup and now this ad hoc group, what role(s) do you envision NACSW playing in these on-going conversations in the profession around spiritual sensitivity as well as issues of diversity?

Michael: I think the current time could represent a “next generation” for the contribution of Christians in social work to the social work profession. Other social work associations like CSWE are looking for partners to strengthen the profession’s ability to train social workers to be spiritually and religious sensitive practitioners - and to be

participants in conversations that enhance the professions’ ability to more fully embrace of the full diversity of social workers, including people of faith and faith-based institutions and organizations

Rick: Can you say more about what you mean when you say that the current time could represent a “next generation” for the contribution of Christians in social work to the profession, and how you think we could make the most of this opportunity?

Michael: What I mean is that for many years, NACSW has focused primarily on those within our own circles, within the

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Christian community. But I believe the time is ripe for NACSW to move beyond its own circles, to help break down some negative stereotypes about Christians and faith-based programs in the profession, and to develop trusting and mutual relationships with other groups, especially those that sometimes have viewed Christians with suspicion. To do this doesn't mean we have to abandon our Christian identity; we can and should remain true to who we are.

The key is that we have to do more to get to know and understand those in other groups personally, to be willing to talk together even about topics that challenge us. In a nutshell, Christians in social work need to show up and demonstrate a spirit of deep caring and compassion, wherever we are practicing social work, whatever our sphere of influence.

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These interviews with Allison and Michael raised for me the question: just how do Christians in social work enter into healthy, productive conversations with other groups in the social work profession – especially when trust might be in short supply, and when these other groups might have different views and perspectives on some issues (keeping in mind, of course, that Christians are by no means a monolithic group, and have differing views and perspectives on a wide range of issues themselves)? I'd like to conclude this column by sharing some powerful insights from Miroslav Volf, a Christian theologian who has had a great deal of influence on my thinking about how to relate to and interact with others who have different views, values, and life experiences than my own. In his article "Embracing the Other" (2005), Volf offers some suggestions that I think have enormous potential for helping us become more fruitful conversation partners with other groups in our profession. (See box on page 4.)

Hopefully this column provides just a few examples of ways in which Christians in social work are currently involved in important conversations with other groups and associations in the social work profession. The panel presentation at the upcoming NACSW convention in Annapolis I described in the first paragraph

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His Work, His Kingdom, His Time

Recently, I've wondered if I am doing "enough" as a social worker. I have felt inefficacious and

inadequate in many ways. As I have drafted this column, I've struggled to think of what to share as I pass through this dry period. When I attended the Joint World Conference on Social Work, Education, and Social Development in Melbourne, Australia, a paper presentation offered me sustenance. The presentation discussed *wicked problems*, a term that was new to me. One of the presenters noted:

The wicked problems are too large to resolve but too important not to try. They are problems that are ill defined and non-linear with no inherent logic and no clear solutions. Collectively, we need to work at transforming them into "better" problems. (C. Schmitz, personal communication, July 12, 2014)

The paper, although not explicitly articulated from a Christian perspective, brought me back to my understanding of my role as a social worker within God's kingdom. It reminded me, too, of J.R.R.

Tolkien's conception of the so-called long defeat. Tolkien noted in an oft-cited letter:

I am a Christian, and indeed a Roman

Catholic, so that I do not expect 'history' to be anything but a 'long defeat' — though it contains (and in a legend may contain more clearly and movingly) some samples or glimpses of

final victory.

As social workers, we are called to take on challenges (i.e., wicked problems) that we know we cannot solve on our own and that, indeed, we might never see solved at all in our lifetimes. But in His time and in His kingdom, God's will will be done.

I thought of the disciples and of Jesus' charge for them to go and continue His work (Matthew 28:16-20). He noted that He would be with them always. Like the disciples, we are also called to do this work that is put before us. Like the disciples, we often feel the tasks before us to be daunting.

Scripture centers us. The Bible reassures us over and over again that He is present with us, that He is leading us, and that He

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In Memoriam: Eleanor Hill

August 18, 1915 – August 2, 2014

Eleanor Hill, long standing member of NACSW, died on August 2nd, 2014. Eleanor worked with the Evangelical Child and Family Agency (EFCA), which is based in Wheaton, Illinois, for 37 years. Eleanor was a member of NACSW for decades.

Dave Lundberg, a longtime colleague and friend of Eleanor, offered these words:

Eleanor was a mentor to many young Christian social workers during her

long and distinguished career at ECFA. She held NACSW and the profession of social work in high esteem. Even as Eleanor grew older (she lived to

be almost 100 years old), she never lost her interest in other ECFA colleagues, past and present. She was an inspiration and role model for what it means to serve and live as a Christian in social work. We all have benefited from her example. She made us all look good. But we could never look as good as she looked. Peace to her memory.



Eleanor Hill

Newest Trainings Added to NACSW's Online Continuing Education Program

NACSW is pleased to announce that since the last issue of Catalyst, we have added several new trainings to our online continuing education program at www.nacsw.org/CEU.

New trainings recently added include the following:

Creating a Compassionate Organization through Servant Leadership

Hugh Drouin; video-based training; 2.0 CEUs

There is much loneliness and isolation today in organizations. We have forgotten how to connect more meaningfully with each other at work. The creation of deeper relationships at work leads to stronger emotional and spiritual health for its members. Through music, story, the principles of Servant Leadership, and other healing principles, this workshop emphasizes the importance of creating a climate of nurture and compassion in an organization.

Increasing Congregational Competency in Missional Practices

Patty Villarreal; video-based training; 1.0 CEU

This workshop examines how use of self as a Latina social worker congregant in a dominant Anglo congregation introduced church leadership to a self-awareness of paternalistic ministry methods and assisted in discovering and developing healthy holistic practices in church and community engagement. Participants learn about best-practice methods that can be used in introducing client self-determination and cultural competency while exploring ways to influence their own congregational settings by engaging different ethnic members within their home church.

Imago Dei and Family Therapy: A Communications Framework

Mikal and Janice Rasheed; video-based training; 1.0 CEU

This workshop presents the communications model of family therapy and its potential of being integrated into a Christian world view. The concept "Imago Dei" will be presented as the integrating concept between a Christian world view and communications theory.



Patty Villarreal



Frank Raymond



Intimate Partner Violence and Cultural Competence: Considering the African American Church

Kesslyn Brade Stennis, Helen Fischle, and Kathy G. Purnell, Ph.D., MSW; video-based training, 1.25 CEUs.

Intimate partner violence exists in all communities, regardless of ethnic background, socio-economic status, age, sexual orientation, gender, etc. While there is a growing body of knowledge, more needs to be known about the presence and impact of intimate partner violence in African American communities, and more specifically, in African American communities of faith. This presentation explores the concept of cultural competence as it relates to domestic violence and intimate partner violence in African American faith communities.

Engaging Colleges and Universities in Hunger Work

Andy Hogue; video-based training; 1.0 CEU

College students and college faculty can be great allies in the fight against

hunger and food insecurity. Built into the mission of most colleges and universities is a commitment to the common good, and through such things as research, public service, and activism, students and faculty have capital to lend if effective partnerships are established. This session will offer several practical models for engaging colleges and universities in the hunger work.

Maxims for Management: Manifesting Christian Principles as Supervisors, Managers and Administrators

Frank Raymond; audio-based training; 1.25 CEU

Managers at all levels in human service organization, both secular and church-related, must be able to apply appropriate administrative principles in carrying out their roles. Managers who are Christians should strive to make sure the administrative principles they employ reflect the values of their faith. This workshop will identify a number of "maxims for management," or fundamental administrative principles that embody Christian values, and can guide the day-to-day performance of human service managers at all levels.

Online continuing education through NACSW offers easy, "on-demand" access to a wide array of high quality training options sensitive to the thoughtful integration of faith and practice accessible via computer or mobile device. All trainings included in this program provide CEUs accredited by the Association of Social Work Boards.

NACSW's online continuing education program offers high-quality trainings in several different formats including video-based trainings, audio-based trainings, text-based trainings and virtual study groups, a more interactive approach to small group, online continuing education.

On-line trainings cost between \$15-\$20 per CEU hour. Members of NACSW with receive a 20% discount on all courses, and additional discounts are available for alumni of program partners (<http://www.nacsw.org/CEUPartners.htm>) as well.

For a full catalog listing, go to: www.nacsw.org/CEU!

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presents an evidence-based, motivating approach to engaging the valuable tools of online and mobile education. It simultaneously attends to issues of motivation (willingness and self efficacy) and technological training. This webinar describes ways to utilize technology that people are already using as well as pushing into new and effective tools that will people learn and retain information at higher levels.

David Cecil, PhD, LCSW is a professor of social work in the Asbury University MSW Program and chair of the Behavioral Sciences Department. His private practice, David P. Cecil, PhD, LCSW Individual and Family Counseling, is located in Wilmore, Kentucky. He specializes in individual and family counseling that includes areas of depression, anxiety, substance dependence, and relational difficulty. He has published and presented nationally and internationally on topics of cognitive-behavioral modalities, motivational interviewing, program and practice evaluation, teaching practice models, and technology use. He served as Board President for the North American Association of Christians in Social Work (2009-2011) and currently serves as president-elect on the Kentucky Society for Clinical Social work Board of Directors.

Stephen Baldrige, PhD, MSSW has researched, taught, and implemented the use of mobile learning consistently over the past few years in his courses. In his work with the first-ever Mobile Learning Initiative on a college campus, he has established some of the current best practices for social media and mobile learning both in and out of the

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provides yet one more. I would love to hear from other members about the kinds of conversations you are having and have been a part of in your work and spheres of influence!

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classroom. His research, presentations, and publications include areas surrounding mobile learning, remote teaching, and using social media to create learning communities. As director of the undergraduate social work program at Abilene Christian University, Stephen has incorporated a number of students not only in his mobile learning research, but also in several publications and presentations at national/international conferences.

Audio conferences have been designed so that any person or group can participate simply by calling a telephone number provided by NACSW from any telephone in the US or Canada. In addition, interested participants may simultaneously log into these session via their computers to follow the presenter's PowerPoint presentation on-line, see the presenter on screen, and engage in interactive chat during the session. After you register for this session, NACSW will send via email the conference phone number as well

as instructions on how to log into this session.

For additional information (including workshop description and learning objectives), and/or to register on-line, you can go to NACSW's website at <http://www.nacsw.org>, or you can contact the NACSW office tollfree at 888-426-4712 to register on the phone.

Current NACSW members and staff working for NACSW organizational members may participate in this audio conference and earn CEUs at no cost. Friends of NACSW may participate in this session for just \$26 (or \$16 for fulltime students), or in groups for \$79. Participants are eligible to earn 1.25 continuing education contact hours approved by the Association of Social Work Boards (also at no cost for NACSW members) by receiving a score of 80% or better on a short twelve-question quiz based on the material covered in the conference.



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For Such a Time as This

NACSW-CA Conference on February 28, 2014

In the land of sunshine, surf, and stardom, Christians in social work faithfully serve those who are behind the scenes. Serving the Lord and their fellow human beings, California's NACSW members are forming a state chapter, ready to grow the Christian social work presence in California. On February 28, 2014, social workers from all over the State of California joined together for a one-day conference in San Diego entitled: "For Such a Time as This: Advocating Social Justice."

The conference's keynote speaker was Rev. Andy Bales of the Union Rescue Mission, the largest Rescue Mission in the United States. He brought messages of hope, of compassion and treating all people with dignity as children of God. Various workshop presentations throughout the day focused on topics such as homelessness, starting an immigration ministry, the one-hour activist, starting a non-profit organization, bridging the gap between church and service, the persecuted church, providing free medical services in partnership with churches, and much more. The conference concluded



with a second keynote presentation by Mr. Lesford Duncan, an advocate and "noisemaker" for those who are unheard and unseen by society, especially abused, exploited and neglected children. Mr. Duncan spoke on the issue of human trafficking in southern California - educating and encouraging participants in the fight against treating people as commodities.

The Annual NACSW-CA Conference was co-sponsored by Point Loma Nazarene University's Social Work Department. Although the weather was anything but the typical sunny California day, 56 participants attended the conference. One participant said, "I'm not a social worker but am interested in doing more for those around me.

I not only enjoyed the conference, but appreciated meeting Christians who care about others. I'm looking forward to being around everyone more!" Students, professionals from other fields, educators, and various vendor groups were among the participants this year. We even had one participant come from Illinois!

Each quarter various geographic cell groups in California meet together for fellowship, to learn, and to discuss the integration of faith and practice. As a result of the conference, 4 new cell groups are forming in the State. The Cali chapter is growing! We held our first State Elections this July, which is one of the final steps toward forming a formal NACSW state chapter.

The theme of our conference, "For Such a Time as This," also applies to our forming chapter. For such a time as this we are called to collaborate, encourage and strengthen each other. The friendships and bonds of "family" continue to deepen. Many expressed gratitude that they were able to connect with others as they had been feeling isolated and alone. The

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Announcing NACSW's Emerging Leaders Initiative at Convention 2014

We are pleased to announce that this year's conference will include a number of opportunities and activities for our youngest members and attendees. Through a new initiative called the "Emerging Leaders Initiative," NACSW will begin making a conscious and concerted effort to engage and meet the unique needs of our students, young professionals (less than 2 years of experience) and young scholars (under age 35). If you fall into one of these categories, the 2014 conference in Annapolis is the perfect opportunity for you to connect with other Emerging Leaders like yourself.

At the conference, you can expect:

- A presentation in the opening session introducing the Emerging Leaders Initiative

- Access to NACSW Board Members committed to young Christian social workers, ready to meet and dialogue with you in the Exhibit Area

- Social events planned just for you! These events are casual opportunities for networking and fellowship with others as well as venues for providing feedback to and asking questions of NACSW Board Members

Why is NACSW's Board committed to this Emerging Leaders Initiative? For more than sixty years NACSW has been wrestling with what it means to equip its members to integrate Christian faith and professional social work practice. NACSW's Emerging Leaders Initiative seeks to identify and nurture leaders among the next generation of practitioners

and academics as they take up this task. Rooted in the belief that intergenerational interaction is Biblical (Psalm 145: 4) and that the youngest among us can and should contribute greatly (1 Timothy 4:12), NACSW is working diligently to engage, meet the unique needs of, and thoughtfully integrate its youngest members into the field of social work and the Christian presence we provide.

If you are interested in learning more about NACSW's Emerging Leaders Initiative, please send an email to: emergingleaders@nacsw.org. We look forward to hearing from you!

*Allison Tan, Joe Kuilema, Samantha Taylor
NACSW Emerging Leaders
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CALL FOR PAPERS

Social Work & Christianity 2015 Graduate Student Paper Award

The North American Association of Christians in Social Work is pleased to announce the creation of the annual Graduate Student Paper Award, with the winning paper to be published in *Social Work & Christianity* and the author to receive an Award Honorarium of \$500.

The purpose of this Award is to encourage and recognize excellence in scholarly work by a graduate student on issues related to the integration of Christian faith and professional social work practice and other professional concerns that have relevance to Christianity.

We are issuing a call for proposals from current MSW and PhD students regarding projects for which they would like to submit papers in consideration for this Award.

Proposals must be submitted by January 31, 2015. The Student Paper Award Committee of the editorial board will review proposals and encourage authors of proposals that show significant promise of meeting the award criteria to submit completed manuscripts by July 31, 2015. Completed manuscripts will be anonymously reviewed by the Student Paper Award Committee and the Award decision and notification will be made by September 15, 2015. The winning paper will be published in the Spring 2016 issue of *Social Work & Christianity*. Strong papers that do not win the award will be considered for possible publication in subsequent regular issues of the journal.

Proposals should provide a concise overview of a paper and its relationship to the ethical integration of Christian faith and competent professional social work practice and scholarship. They should include a clear explanation of the proposed topic or research question, the

methodology used to address the question, and the intended contribution to social work scholarship and practice. Proposals should be no longer than 400-600 words and should be submitted by email attachment to David Sherwood, Editor, *Social Work & Christianity*, david@sherwoodstreet.com.

Criteria by which completed manuscripts will be evaluated are:

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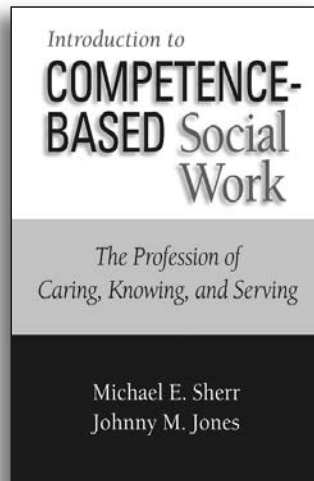
conference accomplished its goal: to bring together Christians in social work to educate and encourage. We look forward to our next conference, already in the planning stages for June in 2015!

Suzanne Mondell
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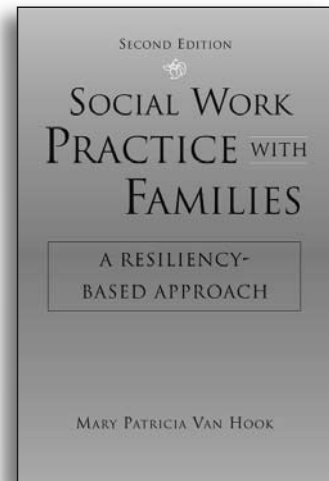
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Teaching Diverse Students as Social Work Ministry

There is a great deal of excellent information available about teaching, perhaps as much about teaching as ministry. In addition, as Christians in social work, we often think of social work as ministry. Lately I've often found myself thinking more and more about teaching as a unique ministry within social work practice.



Jacqueline Dyer

The way I connect with my students comes from my training and experience as a social worker refined over the years. As a result I regularly examine my students' backgrounds and contexts that affect their performance. Often I find that my students are culturally and ethnically different from the dominant culture. The greater the cultural differences, the greater the impact on the student (especially for students who are recent immigrants or non-native English speakers).

There are those students who have lived in the United States for years but have stayed primarily within their ethnic group of origin. These students find it a challenge to write academic papers in standard American English. I have discovered at these times that my call to minister blends with being a social worker who teaches. The work I do with my students is at once wholly ministry, wholly about teaching, and yet is also wholly social work practice. In this column I want to share how this perspective shapes my work in the context of teaching ethno-cultural and linguistic minorities—predominantly students of color.

I have found in working with some students, especially recent immigrants, that they can be devastated by having to navigate a new country and culture, and master the nuances of English well enough to write excellent papers. This is not to say that I do not have immigrant students who excel academically despite having

to do so in a non-native medium. This discussion is about when the dissonance does occur, for whatever reasons. The students not only have to think (here read as doing on-going translation of any new input) in a new language, but also have to critically and logically state their arguments and conclusions. Imagine doing all this in a non-native context. What sometimes results are semi-coherent papers with gaping holes in the logical flow of argument, written in what appears to be poor English. The irony is that the writers of such papers are often quite educated and accomplished in their native environments. The stress and strain I've observed in such students is tremendous. These students do not try to make excuses for their deficits and the teachers who fail to recognize the ethno-cultural-linguistic misalignments can unintentionally leave the student feeling deficient. Students often describe themselves as 'stupid' and 'incompetent'. The struggle damages their self-esteem and is demoralizing.

The interesting thing about these dynamics is that I've seen them manifest in non-English speaking students and in African American students alike. With the struggling African American students, the writing often reflects a difference in syntax, similar to what I find among students who are non-native English speakers. The reasons could be due to ethnic differences and may include missing or incomplete cultural markers, or background, access/exposure, or fluency gaps not found in those members of the dominant culture. While a detailed discussion about the reasons for this phenomenon is beyond the scope of this brief article, it is one I've observed repeatedly in students from non-dominant cultures who struggle academically.

My commitment to ministry compels me to reach out to those wounded by the above-mentioned dissonance with the

“agape” love generated by my personal relationship with the Lord. I teach students to find a way to focus so they can demonstrate the ability within. My social work training moves me to support students as they develop the strength and efficacy needed to overcome the constant challenge to become students in a foreign land. I also guide the students to develop strategies that reduce the anxiety caused by this entire process. Here are some of the strategies that I have suggested:

- Don't try to think in the new language when generating ideas for your papers/tests/projects.

- Use a recording device to speak out your ideas so you don't lose them while you are trying to translate; do this in your native language if you are an ESL student.

- Develop a multi-layered process for completing your papers/projects by first creating initial drafts that contain your best ideas, then expand those ideas and, as needed, translate them into English.

- Seek feedback on your projects before finalizing.

- Remind yourself always that it takes a courageous genius to do what you are doing in a strange land among even stranger people, and that progress comes by the grace of God.

Those social workers who also teach may have already gone through their own examinations of what it means to hold teaching as your focal ministry area as Christian social workers. You may have generated similar approaches to helping students who struggle. Though I am at the beginning stages, this article shares my understanding about what it means to me to practice teaching as a social work ministry and how my practice of this ministry integrates working with diverse struggling students.

— Jacqueline Dyer, PhD, MSW, LICSW

Special Double Issue of *Social Work and Christianity*

Just a quick reminder that the issue of *Social Work & Christianity (SWC)* published in June, 2014 as *SWC* Volume 41, Number 2 and 3 counts as both the Summer and Fall issues for this year. Focused on “Virtues and Character in Social Work Practice,” this special double issue of *SWC* is approximately double the length of a regular issue of *SWC*. The next issue of *Social Work and Christianity* that will be published after this special double issue will be *SWC* Volume 41, Number 4, due to be published in December, 2014.

Announcing a New Book Review Editor for *SWC*

NACSW is pleased to announce that James R. Vanderwoerd, Ph.D., assumed the responsibilities of Book Review Editor for *Social Work & Christianity* on July 1, 2014. Jim is Professor of Social Work and Director of Faculty Mentoring at Redeemer University College, Ancaster, Ontario, Canada.

We want to express our deep appreciation and thanks to Terry Wolfer, Ph.D., for his 15 years of outstanding service and Book Review Editor. Terry is Professor of Social Work at the College of Social Work, University of South Carolina, Columbia, SC. Terry was the successor of Alan Keith-Lucas in this role. We have been richly blessed by Terry's thoughtful, careful work and look forward to the strong leadership James will bring.

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- Reviews should include an overview of the book's main points, especially those pertaining to Christians in social work.
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- Reviews should adhere to general guidelines for formatting and writing described in the general Instructions for Authors.

If you are interested in reviewing books or receiving books to be reviewed, contact Jim Vanderwoerd at jwoerd@redeemer.ca.

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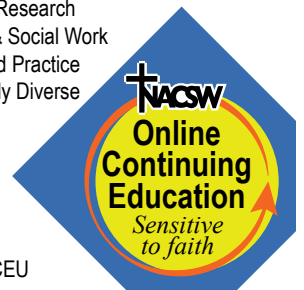
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is calling us on this path (e.g., Genesis 28:15, Joshua 1:9, Isaiah 41:10, Hebrews 13:5). In Jesus, we know that God is not only present with us, but that it is only through Him and through reliance on Him that we can do the work He has put before us. My prayer for us this fall is that we can give ourselves over to God's work, striving to transform wicked problems into better problems as part of the long defeat.

— Samantha Vo with Quyen Vo

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