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Convention 2010 Abstracts to Whet Your Appetite

Focused on the theme, “Celebrating Our Past and Shaping Our Future,” NACSW’s Convention 2010 in Durham, North

Carolina (November 11-14, 2010) will feature more than 100 outstanding workshops and poster presentations divided amount eight tracks, including:

- Administration and Policy
- Community Organizing and Development
- Direct Practice
- Faith and Children and Family Services
- Faith of the Social Worker
- Research
- Social Work Education, and
- Student Focus

Workshops and poster presentations were selected through a blind peer-review process. The selected presentations reflect the diversity of scholarship, knowledge, and creativity found among

NACSW members and friends from around North America and beyond. We would like to thank workshop track chairs David Turner (administration and policy track), Jason Pittman (community organizing and development track), Rebecca Coleman (direct practice track), Ken Smith (faith and children and family services track), Julia Pizzuto-Pomaco (faith of the social worker track), Nancy Wintering (research track), Ed Kuhlmann, and David Sherwood (social work education track).

On pages six and seven of this issue of *Catalyst* you will find a listing of the workshops that will appear in the program for

Convention 2010. A listing of all workshop and poster session abstracts are posted on NACSW’s website (www.nacsw.org). Please mark your calendars now and plan to attend NACSW’s Convention 2010 in Durham from November 11-14! We look forward to seeing you there!

To provide a preview of some of the quality workshops that will be offered at the 2010 Convention in Durham in November, this section features several abstracts of workshop presentations that have been accepted for the Convention.

Faith-Based Advocacy for Social Change: Reclaiming Advocacy and Re-

framing Faith

Jon Singletary, M.Div., MSW, Ph.D.

This workshop encourages professional involvement in public policy advocacy from a faith-based perspective. It highlights the work of organizations engaged in advocacy efforts seeking long-term social change, specifically faith-based advocacy organizations in three states (Texas, California, and Virginia) that influence state-based policies promoting social justice.

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NACSW’S SEPTEMBER AUDIO CONFERENCE WORKSHOP

NACSW is pleased to announce that it will be offering its next audio conference workshop entitled “Back to the Future: The Application from Alan

Keith-Lucas to Child Welfare Practice Today” on Monday, September 27th from 1:00 pm – 2:15 pm Eastern Daylight Savings Time.

This audio conference workshop will be presented by Helen Wilson Harris with Baylor University in Waco, Texas, and David Gibson with Presbyterian Children’s Home in Austin, TX.

The audio conference workshop focuses on the application of visionary and time honored principles and wisdom of Dr. Alan Keith-Lucas. Some of the principles covered during this session will include deeply valuing children, seeking and supporting strengths in parents, working toward resilience and permanency planning, and connecting reality, empathy, and support to professional helping in child welfare practice today.

Helen Wilson Harris is a Senior Lecturer in the School of Social Work at Baylor University. Harris has more than 30 years of practice experience with eight years of experience in a faith-based child welfare agency. David Gibson is the Vice President for Community Services for Presbyterian Children’s Homes and Services, Austin, Texas overseeing 22 social workers in 17



Helen Harris

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CALL FOR MODULES

NACSW seeks modules for an upcoming resource book designed to help social work faculty ethically integrate faith and spirituality into the social work curriculum. Modules are educational units delivered as part of a social work course.

Submissions will be peer-reviewed by at least two members of NACSW's Curriculum Module Steering Committee. Authors should submit modules using the template posted at www.nacsw.org/Module.htm. Faculty using various approaches for integrating faith and spirituality in their courses may submit submissions to Dr. Michael E. Sherr (michael_sherr@baylor.edu), chair of the Curriculum Module Steering Committee.



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Community Stakeholders' Response to Expansion of Program to Provide Shelter and Hospitality to Homeless Men

Rhonda Hudson, Ph.D., Lisa Peoples, BS, Mary Anne Poe, M.Div., MSSW

This workshop will describe the community solidarity gained by Room in the Inn (RITI), an innovative and creative faith-based program to provide shelter and hospitality to homeless men, and engage participants in thinking about how to maintain that solidarity as RITI considers expansion from being church-to community based emergency shelter.

The Body of Christ: Working with the Church to Improve the Stigma of Mental Health

Jonathan Hartsell, MSW

This workshop will explore the historical and contemporary perspectives of the Church regarding mental health. With community mental health approaches, are mental health professionals reaching this part of our community? We'll look at some practical ways to engage our churches in helping with the mental health needs of the

congregation and community.

Congregational Social Work

Diana Garland, MSSW, Ph.D.

This presentation will describe how congregations compare to other practice settings. I will report on a qualitative research project that involved in-depth interviews with 50 congregational social workers, and their responses to questions about their roles, daily activities, challenges, understanding of the relationship of social work and ministry, and ethical possibilities and challenges.

Using Supervision to Facilitate the Integration of Spirituality in Social Work Practice

Jerry Jo Gilham, Ph.D.

The integration of spirituality in social work practice is increasingly common. Many social work programs are offering courses focusing on this integration, however little training is offered for supervisors who must facilitate and support the process. We will discuss supervision and the role of the supervisor in the integration of spirituality in practice.

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Texas and Louisiana cities. He has directed programs in emergency care, foster, group, and residential treatment services, adoption, and transitional living.

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. 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 by phone.

Current NACSW members and all staff working for NACSW organizational members may participate in this audio conference at **no cost**. Participants are also 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 ten-question quiz based on the material covered in the conference.

We hope you are able to join us on September 27th for this important audio conference workshop – we encourage you to register today!



David Gibson

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