



North American Association of Christians in Social Work

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Final Call: NACSW Convention 2017 in Charlotte!

If you haven't already, it's time to [register](#) for NACSW's 67th consecutive annual convention! We look forward to welcoming you to Charlotte, NC from November 2nd – 5th, 2017. Focused on the theme, "Advocating for Peace, Justice, & Reconciliation," NACSW's Convention 2017 will feature over 125 [workshops](#) and poster sessions, three keynote [speakers](#), three pre-convention institutes, and rich entertainment and worship throughout. Register today for this 3+ day November event in Charlotte you just won't want to miss!

The convention hotel is the Crowne Plaza Charlotte Executive Park, located at 5700 West Park Drive, Charlotte, North Carolina 28217. Make your reservation by Wednesday, October 18th to qualify for the guest room rate of just \$129/night (this rate may be shared between up to four people). You can make your reservations directly with the hotel by calling toll free 866-380-0612, or by making your reservation [online](#). Be sure to identify yourself as being with the North American Association of Christians in Social Work (NACSW).

There will also be numerous opportunities for networking and student volunteering at Convention 2017 including chapter and member interest group meetings during the Friday and Saturday lunch breaks, 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: <http://www.nacsw.org/annual-convention/student-volunteer-opportunities/>.

NACSW's Convention 2017 in Cincinnati will feature more than 125 outstanding workshops and poster presentations divided among separate tracks (for example: Direct Practice - Individuals,

Couples, and Families; Faith and Justice; Professional Relationships, Values and Ethics; Direct Practice - Groups and Communities, Forgiveness, etc.). These workshops are chosen through a blind peer-review process, and selected presentations reflect the diversity of scholarship, knowledge, and creativity found among NACSW members and friends from around North America and beyond. A full listing of workshop abstracts and descriptions, learning objectives, presenter biographies and other relevant information is posted on NACSW's website at: <http://www.nacsw.org/Convention/Abstracts2017.pdf>.

To provide a preview of some of the quality workshops that will be offered at Convention 2017, the following represents just a sampling of some of the excellent workshop presentations that have been accepted for this year's conference:

Opioid Use in Pregnancy: An Evidence-based Approach

Cayce Watson, MSSW; April Mallory MSW

Social workers face multiple barriers when working with pregnant opioid users. This workshop will use a case example to illustrate these challenges. Opioid use in pregnancy, current evidence-based treatments, and NAS will be discussed. Interventions at both the clinical and policy-based levels of practice will be explored.

Good Grief: The Power of Groups in Bereavement

Rhonda Hudson, Ph.D.

This presentation will identify, with practice examples, appropriate and inappropriate helping behaviors individuals use when experiencing grief, describe the relationship between personal attitudes and experiences and one's effectiveness in recovering from the loss of a loved one, and describe the characteristics of complicated grieving process.

Social Work Goes to Hollywood: Using Movies to Teach Clinical Concepts

Bob Zylstra, Ed.D.

The images and emotions portrayed in popular movies can be used very effectively to teach as well as entertain. This presentation will examine clips from Hollywood movies portraying mental health issues for the purpose of teaching associated clinical concepts and skills.

Disrupt and Rebuild: Reporting from World Meeting of Popular Movements

Linda Plitt Donaldson, Ph.D.

This workshop will introduce participants to the World Meeting of Popular Movements, a series of annual meetings convened by Pope Francis, starting in 2014, to bring together grassroots leaders around the issues of land, labor, and lodging. This workshop will report on the history of the World Meetings and the outcomes of the 2017 World Meeting.

Blessing of Adoption: The Story Continues

Helen Harris, Ed.D.; Jennifer Hale, MSN; Beth Oldham, LMSW; Caitlyn Powell

In this revisiting of a 2013 NACSW workshop, the adoption narrative is explored through interactive presentation from birth mother and the child she raised and adoptive mother and the child she raised. The narrative is enhanced with shared grand parenting with the birth of the next generation.

Moral Injury and Soul Repair

Harry Quiett, M.Div.

Moral Injury is a relatively new term describing severe trauma in active military and veterans. It is a step beyond PTSD and is recognized as a spiritual crisis. Thus it has a deep theological root as well as social dimension.

We look forward to seeing you in Charlotte, NC from Nov 2 – 5!

Peace,

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