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National Association of Social Workers- SC Chapter
Spring Symposium March 21-25, 2016
## 2016 Symposium Workshop Schedule

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WK 1 Susan T. Parlier, PhD, LMSW, ACSW, MAR, Alanna Hollingsworth, MSW Candidate and Ana Hervada, BSW, MSW/MPH, **Murky Waters: Social Justice Practice within complex Environment.** Within all aspects of life, diversity is a norm in practice. Hence, as the practitioner advocates for social justice, it often feels like walking through murky waters. Facilitators describe frameworks for ethical practice and engage participants with the use of vignettes, stories, and video to examine these contexts and issues.

WK 2 Huong Nguyen, PhD, MSW and Melissa Reitmeier, PhD, LMSW and the Venerable Thich Minh Thanh (Ven. Thich), MSW Equivalent, **Holistic Self-Care & Mindfulness Techniques for Social Work Practitioners.** Self-Care is concept that is used and encouraged in social work without much discussion of its meaning and application. This workshop traces the history mindfulness techniques.

WK 3 Monique Constance-Huggins, PhD, MSW, MPIA and Helyne Federick and Tanwanda Smith, MSW Candidate, **Implications of Color-Blind Racial Attitudes for Social Work and Human Services Practice** Social workers are expected to provide culturally competent services to their clients. However, colorblind racial attitudes can affect the extent to which social workers can meet this expectation. This presentation will highlight the concept of colorblind racial attitudes and findings on social workers’ racial attitudes. Implications for working with minority populations will address.

WK 4 Julie Smithwick, LMSW, and Christina Paula Little, MSW Candidate, **Community Health Works, Leaders in the Hispanic Community** CHW are leaders in the community they live and serve, which contributed to their quick response in reaching vulnerable Latino communities after the flood. Latinos experienced several barriers in accessing relief services, CHW understood these challenges and responded by collecting monetary donations, distributing up-to-date information, and coordinating culturally relevant services with D-SNAP, FEMA, and other organizations.

WK 5 Victoria Winbush, PhD, MSSA, MPH, **The Many Faces of RESPECT: Implications for Interactions with Clients & Colleagues.** This workshop will examine the concept of “respect” from multiple perspectives. Too
often our working definition of “respect” in the social work practice and professional settings does not correspond to the working definitions held by our clients and/or colleagues.

12:15 p.m.-1:45 p.m. General Session Luncheon: Dr. Melvin Herring and Dr. Christian Friend

1:45 p.m. Break with Sponsors and Exhibitors

2:00 p.m.-3:30 p.m. Workshops

WK 6 Andrew Flaherty, MSW, PhD Candidate, Melissa Reitmeier, PhD, LMSW & Rhoda DiNovo, Building the Gamecock Recovery Initiative on U of SC Campus: Challenges and Successes to Addressing Substance Abuse. Although the U of SC does not provide any tangible recovery supports for graduate or undergraduate students, the Gamecocks Recovery Initiative aims to develop best practices, policies and peer led interventions and supports at the U of SC. These presenters will share the struggles and success of implementing this program, including survey findings.

WK 7 Candice Morgan, MSW (maybe PhD by then), The Role of Trust in the Working Alliances of People Who Live Unsheltered. Nearly 600,000 people are homeless in the United States on any given night. One-third of those people live unsheltered. This qualitative study (n=15) uses interviews with people who live unsheltered and constant comparative methods to learn about the nature of and the role of trust in the working alliances people who live unsheltered have with other people. Findings highlight that people who live unsheltered engage in alliances with strangers or acquaintances to complete a simple task, which results in the attainment of a basic item of assistance. In some alliances trust plays a role.

WK 8 Melissa Reitmeier, PhD, LMSW, Priyantha Herath, MD, PhD and Juliann Sadler, MSW Candidate, An Interprofessional Service Delivery Model for Patients with Parkinson's disease. Despite increased consideration of quality of life for patients living with Parkinson’s disease, little attention is focused on medical practices’s inclusion of social workers that would address non-motor symptom management. Panel led general informatics, patient and population outcomes for Parkinson’s disease and an innovation service delivery model will be presented.

WK 9 Robert Hock, PhD, LISW-CP, Breanne Grace, PhD, Julia Theiszmann, MSW Candidate, and Heidi Grogger, MSW Candidate, Best Practices for Implementing Innovations in your Organization. Social Workers are often called on to plan and deliver innovation social programs in their organizations and communities. Research shows that successful program outcomes depend largely on how the program is implemented. This presentation will draw from research to describe best practices for implementing innovative programs in social work practice settings.

WK 10 NASW Assurance Services Pt. 1

3:30 p.m. Break with Sponsors and Exhibitors

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WK 11 NASW Assurance Services Pt. 2

WK 12 Elizabeth Surratt, LISW-CP, Cognitive Behavior Therapy for PTSD: The Behavioral Task Assignment. The presentation will review and highlight the rationale for the behavioral task assignment. Then,
how to apply this to typical problem areas of veterans diagnosed with PTSD. Included will be a therapeutic role play to stimulate discussion on how to overcome patient resistance with completing assignments.

WK 13 Terry Wolfer, MSW, PhD, ACSW and Sarah Andress, BA, MSW Candidate. **Positive Deviance: Discovering and Promoting Grassroots Solutions to Difficult Problems.** This presentation defines and describes “positive deviance,” and its potential application for social work innovation. A community-driven, asset-based, problem-solving approach, positive deviance uncovers the solutions of community members who succeed despite similar resource constraints and hardships and promotes adoption of these solutions among their peers in the community.

WK 14 Julie Smithwick, LMSW, Empowered Latino Leaders Engaging Their Communities through Spanish-Language Radio Soap Operas and Other Effective Outreach Tools. CHW are leaders in the community where they live and serve, which contributed to their quick response in reaching vulnerable Latino communities after the flood. Latinos experienced several barriers in accessing relief services, CHW understood these challenges and responded by collecting monetary donations, distributing up-to-date information, and coordinating culturally relevant services with D-SNAP, FEMA, and other organizations.

WK 15 Monique Constance- Huggins, PhD, MSW and Allison Gibson, PhD, MSW, MPIA, **Using Social Capital to Assist Rural Clients During a Disaster.** Natural disasters and other emergency crises can have a devastating impact on rural communities, yet their social realities are often overlooked. This presentation will describe the role of social capital in helping social workers understand and assist rural clients during a crisis situation. The experiences of clients during the great South Carolina flood will be emphasized.

5:15 p.m.  
**NASW-SC Board Meeting**

**Tuesday March 22**

8:00 a.m.  
Registration and Continental Breakfast

8:00 a.m.  
**NASW Town Hall Meeting**  
**NASW Staff and Board**
Recognizing Excellence in our Field: Social Work Awards

9:00 a.m.  
Break with Sponsors and Exhibitors

9:15 a.m.-10:45 a.m.  
**Workshops**

WK 16 Chancey D. Rich, LBSW, CDP, **Spirituality and Sexuality: Being Christian and Gay in the South.** As Social Workers it is important to understand the deeply personal and difficult journey that Christians, particularly in the South, who identify as LGBTQI have as they think about or struggle with being both Christian and LGBTQI. This is one man’s personal story.

WK 17 Carrie Draper, MSW and Ashley Page, **Child Hunger in SC: Causes and Strategies for Alleviation.** Child hunger is prevalent in SC. We will cover its causes and the work of End Child Hunger SC. Strategies social
workers can use to strengthen the food security of clients and communities will be discussed, including screening tools, Summer Food Service Program Community Eligibility, and SNAP Healthy Bucks.

Wk 18 Brooke Wymer, LISW-CP and Colleen Corbin, LMSW, Succeeding in Self Care- Overcoming Secondary Traumatic Stress. Trauma surrounds us in our daily lives and in our work with others. As social workers, we are challenged to hold the most horrendous secrets individuals possess. What would cause shock and disgust in others we take into our being and provide unconditional positive regard to our clients and a safe place for them to process their experiences. If social workers are ignoring the influences of trauma work on their overall wellness, it can cause us to perform impaired, as well as having devastating effects on our well-being. This workshop will allow attendees to learn about the gravity of secondary traumatic stress, gain self-awareness in identifying their own secondary traumatic stress responses, and possess skills in combating this very real concern in order to experience overall wellness and practice effectively and ethically.

WK 19 George Appenzeller, LISW AP and CP, LCSW, LPC, ACSW and Sarah L. Meadows, LISW-AP, Communicating Risk to Further Social Justice - Part 1. Social injustice is often the result of people and communities not comprehending the risks in their social and physical environments. Social Workers have responsibility to communicate risks to clients and the community meaningfully and comprehensively. This workshop will provide means for furthering social justice by communicating and reducing risk.

WK 20 Brent E. Cagle, Ph. D., LISW-CP, LCSW, Jesse Grainger, BSW Candidate, Working with Young Adults Who Are Homeless and Identify as LGBTQ. A qualitative study explored the experiences of young adults who are homeless and identify as LGBTQ in the Charlotte, NC area. These young people often require services that cater to their unique needs. Experiences with community-based services will be shared and recommendations for service development explored in this interactive session.

WK 21 Jim Manning, ACSW, MP, LISW-AP & CP, DCSW and Shelley L. Price, LBSW, Visiting the Emerald City: An Advocacy Tour of the Statehouse, Pt. 1 State laws impact our clients and our profession of Social Work practice. This session will be a “hands-on” experience where participants will walk to the South Carolina Statehouse and learn first-hand how they can observe the legislative process and understand how to have personal contact with their elected officials.

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WK 23 Jerome Hall, Engaging Men in preventing Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault. Workshop will provide information on current statistics on domestic and sexual assaults in South Carolina and nationally. Workshop will explore the current national interventions to expose the concerns of stopping Domestic Violence and Sexual assaults. Workshop will have interactive active to address how to engage men to join women in stopping domestic violence and sexual assaults. Small group activities on how men can hold other men accountable for stopping domestic violence and reporting out to larger group.

WK 24 David Luciano JD, MSW, Ph.D., Culturally Competent Practice with Latino Families A New Paradigm. Working with Latino families often presents significant challenges (e.g. language barriers, acculturation
issues) and feelings of mistrust towards social workers and mental health agencies. Most social workers in practice struggle with helping these families to have a healthy balance that would enable the parents or children to succeed in the economic mainstream. The purpose of this presentation is to discuss a new “Paradigm” in working with Latino families. This culturally competent model is necessary to promote the family’s emotional and psychological well-being. Latino and immigrant families often suffer from language barriers, immigration status issues, and acculturation dilemmas. Social workers need to understand a culturally competent framework that would enable these families to achieve higher functioning when immigrating to a new country or different state.

WK 25 Carmen Jimenez, MSW, LCSW, LISW-CP, LCASA, SAP and Darren Jackson, BSW, MSW Candidate, 

**Does The Traditional Family Really Exist? Looking at LGBT families and conflicts.** General society has embedded the image of the traditional family to consist of a mother, a father, a girl child and boy child, along with the occasionally family dog. This image leaves out single parents, grandparent caregivers and the LGBT family. With that in mind does the traditional family really exist? This training will look at the dynamics of LGBT families, conflicts and learn practical methods of effectively providing social work services.

WK 26 Kenneth W. Phelps, Ph.D., LMFT, **Psychological and Relational Approaches to Managing Multiple Sclerosis.** Multiple Sclerosis (MS) is a neurological disease impacting the brain and spinal cord, often resulting in vision changes, pain, fatigue, and memory problems. Patients frequently experience comorbid mood symptoms, anxious distress, and relational discord. The interplay biopsychosocial-spiritual health will be reviewed alongside evidence-based approaches for psychological and relational care.

WK 27 Jim Manning, ACSW, MP, LISW-AP & CP, DCSW and Shelley L. Price, LBSW, **Visiting the Emerald City: An Advocacy Tour of the Statehouse, Pt. 1** State laws impact our clients and our profession of Social Work practice. This session will be a “hands-on” experience where participants will walk to the South Carolina Statehouse and learn first-hand how they can observe the legislative process and understand how to have personal contact with their elected officials.

12:30 p.m. **LUNCH ON YOUR OWN:** Check out our wonderful downtown restaurants!

2:00 p.m.-3:30 p.m. **Workshops**

WK 28 Gabrialle Taylor, LMSW, CASAC, SIFI, **High School: The New Gateway to Prison.** Following an incident involving a student and SRO at a high school, we must address the manner in which educators and school staffs are trained to deal with students. This training will assess the effectiveness of the custody and control frameworks in the school system versus educate and enrich.

WK 29 Lashonda Hughes, MSW, LSW, **Integrated Social Work Practices for Working with African American Families.** This workshop will discuss important implications for using integrated social work practices to improve permanency planning for African American children.

WK 30 Nikki Wooten, PhD, LISW-CP, Chelsey K. Benton, MSW Candidate 2016 and Christina Roberson, LISW-CP, **Interventions for Veterans and Caregivers Experiencing Depression, Grief and Bereavement.** This presentation describes evidence-based and psychosocial interventions to treat depression among older veterans and grief, bereavement, and loss for veteran caregivers. Implication for clinical practice with military, veterans and their families will be discussed as well as ethical considerations for clinical practice in Departments of Defense and Veterans Affairs.
WK 31 Vilissa Keosha Thompson, LMSW, MSW, #WOCwD Matter! Social Work’s Role in Empowering WoC with Disabilities. Having triple jeopardy status is the experience disabled women for color (WoC) endure in America. The “invisibility cloak” disabled WoC wear affects their ability to successfully achieve their educational, vocational, social, and financial goals, and the intersectional obstacles encountered due to their three identity statuses. It is critical for social workers to not only understand the stumbling blocks that impede the progress of disabled WoC, but also how to become effective allies and practitioners when working with and advocating on the behalf of this population.

WK 32 Dr. Aidyn Iachini, Brooke Barr, Mariah Bowen, and Hannah Vaughn, Using Data Informed Processes to Support Strengthening School Social Work Interventions. This presentation will describe how a districtwide needs assessment was conducted to identify unmet student mental health needs. We will then share a data-driven decision-making approach used to select an intervention to meet these needs, along with the evaluation strategy developed to ensure the effectiveness of the intervention.

3:45 p.m.-5:15 p.m. General Session: Domestic Violence in SC

6:00 p.m. Social Hour/ PARTY to Celebrate Social Work Month Hotel Suite

Wednesday, March 23

8:00 a.m. Breakfast Session: Legislative Issues in South Carolina
Invited Panelists:
Moderator:

9:00 a.m. Break with Sponsors and Exhibitors

9:15 a.m.-10:45 a.m. Workshops

WK 33 Terri Browne, PhD, MSW, Rosland Powell, Eric Clark, and Rebecca Christopher, Healthcare and Homelessness: Social Work Ideas for Inter-professional Service Improvement. This presentation will explore the beneficence of street medicine through the examination of the homeless population, the impact of social work integrative collaboration and the potential implementation of street medicine. This proposal establishes recommendations while emphasizing the potential for change within the community.

WK 34 Stephanie Clone, MSW and Aliza Petiwala, MSW/MPH Candidate 2016
Additional Authors: Dana DeHart, PhD, Kristen Seay, MSW; Aidyn Iachini, PhD., MSW, LSW; & Teri Browne, PhD., MSW, NSW-C, Increasing Access to Substance Use Treatment in a Jail Setting. Spartanburg County Alcohol and Drug Abuse Commission (SADAC), in partnership with Spartanburg County jail, has been successful in implementing Screening Brief and Referral to Treatment (SBIRT) within the jail system. This presentation will use SADAC’s SBIRT program as a case study for securing treatment for this vulnerable population.

WK 35 Emma Schmitt, Master of Health Science and Tonia Cassaday, MSW, LCSW, LISW-CP, Family Engagement Services- A Collaboration with SC DSS. The South Carolina Department of Social Services now contracts with National Youth Advocate Program for the provision of integrated family engagement services. This presentation is intended to share this collaborative initiative, to detail the array of services offered, and to solicit feedback.

WK 36 Shirley Mc Clerklin-Motley, MSW, ABD, DMSTM: Preliminary Findings of SWK Knowledge, Skills, and Training Needs. Domestic minor sex trafficking is modern-day slavery of children who are the most
vulnerable members of society. Knowledge and understanding of this issue, and how best to serve victims, remain fairly limited. The workshop will address preliminary findings of research conducted with SC social workers in this area.

WK 37 Chaunceese Greene, MSW Candidate, Cassidy Jones, MSW Candidate, Hillary Kierspe, MSW Candidate, Makayla Robinson, MSW Candidate and Mary Woods, MSW, LISW-CP, **Gaming Addiction among Children and Adolescents.** The following proposal researched addictive gaming behaviors and its correlations with childhood with childhood ADHD, ODD, Depression and Anxiety. The study surveyed children and adolescents at a mental health agency ranging in ages of 9-16.

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WK 38 Dennis Potter, LMSW, CAADC, ICCS, FAAETS, **Bearing Bad Tidings: Delivering a Difficult Message.** No matter where it happens, or what the bad news is, the challenge for many in mental health positions is to notify the next of kin, extended family or employees of the traumatic event that has led to serious injury, a life threatening state, or the death of a loved one. This workshop explores the key ingredients for fulfilling this important responsibility in an appropriate, psychologically helpful and compassionate manner that provides the necessary supportive components.

WK 39 Shirley D. Furtick, LISW AP/CP, LMFT, Rebecca H. Barnette, LISW CP, VJO; Carolyn Golson, LISW CP, Lead HCHV Intake SW, and Margaret Battle, LISW CP, HCRV, **A Second Chance for Homeless and Justice Involved Veterans.** Many Veterans who served our country struggle with mental illnesses, substance abuse, emotional and physical traumas upon returning home. These wounds lead to homelessness and involvement in the criminal justice system. The Department of Veterans Affairs mandated programs to give these Veterans a second chance. Goals are to assist Veterans toward healthy and productive lives.

WK 40 Suzanne Sutphin, PhD, Michael Goldstein, MA and Lashonda Hughes, MSW, **Measuring Transfer of Learning in Child Welfare Basic Training.** This workshop will discuss the evaluation methods used in child welfare basic training by researchers at the University of South Carolina. The evaluation was recently revised to capture transfer of learning. Evaluation data is used to improve trainings and assess the preparedness of trainees for their position.

WK 41 Micheal Herring, PhD, LMSW, **Elementary School-Based Mental Health Services for African American Parents in South Carolina.** Historically, African Americans have faced barriers when interacting with systems in American society to include the mental health system. African American parents can face challenges when attempting to obtain services for their children. Gaining insight into their experiences can support changes to enhance the delivery of services to this population.

WK 42 Natasha Simeon, LISW-CP and Billie Lawrence-Wiggins, LCSW, **VA Medical Foster Home Program: Increasing Options for Long Term Care of Veterans.** The Medical Foster Home (MFH) program is an alternative to nursing home placement. Care is provided in a personal home for selected Veterans with serious chronic disabling conditions, who are no longer able to safely live independently. These Veterans prefer a non-institutional care setting and want to remain in their communities.

**12:30-1:30 p.m.** Lunch Plenary: Extreme Social Work: The Flood and its Aftermath

**1:30 p.m.** Closing Session: Panel Discussion

**2:30 p.m.** Conference Adjourns: See you next year!
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