



Poster Session Descriptions

NACSW 2013 Convention

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The following presents a listing of poster presentations that will be included in NACSW's Convention 2013 with abstracts and presenters' bios. The poster sessions are sorted alphabetically by presenters' last names.

Poster Title: Church as First Responders: Equipping Laity with Community Resources

Poster Presenter(s): Darla Bailey, MSW, CSW

Poster Abstract: This workshop will examine the role laity plays in congregational ministry and how professionals can play a vital role educating them about community-based resources. A list of nationally recognized organizations will be presented and a demonstration will bring the information down to a local level. The workshop will include dialogue to implement this strategy in local congregations and community-based organizations so that members are prepared.

Presenter Bio (s): Darla Bailey is a seasoned direct-care professional with over 18 years experience. She received her Master of Social Work degree from the Carver School of Church Social Work, Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. Darla is recognized as an advocate, appreciated for her ability to bring people together to educate and affect change in the community.

Poster Title: Technology Assessments with Children and Families

Poster Presenter(s): Ellen Belluomini, LCSW

Poster Abstract: Technology is now an integrated system in the lives of families. How does technology add to the spiritual and emotional breakdown of the family system? This workshop identifies how to integrate a technology assessment in evaluations. Assessment strategies will be outlined to increase the effectiveness of evaluation. Participants will create technology ecomaps for visual understanding of family systems.

Presenter Bio (s): Ellen received her BSW from University of Wisconsin- La Crosse, and her MSW from the University of Illinois, Jane Addams School of Social Work. Currently, she is pursuing her PhD in Social Work at Walden University. She has 8 years' experience in leadership positions within nonprofit organizations and almost 20 years as a university instructor. As a therapist, Ellen has devoted 17 years working with clients to achieve their highest potential.

Poster Title: How the New identity in Christ Nurtures Social Workers' Faith and Character

Poster Presenter(s): Vanessa Hunn, Ph.D.

Poster Abstract: This presentation will outline three components: modeling, mentoring, mapping. Modeling, mentoring, and mapping is a continuum for Christian social workers. We are mentored through the Holy Spirit; we model based on the life of Jesus Christ; and we map our lives and lives of students and clients through use of the Holy Scriptures.

Presenter Bio (s): Dr. Hunn is assistant professor at Northern Kentucky University. Her research interests include empowerment of disenfranchised populations; spirituality in disenfranchised populations; and retention of college students of color. She has numerous research publications, book chapters, and several international presentations.

Poster Title: Implicit vs. Explicit Memories: Why I Believe It In My Head But Not My Heart

Poster Presenter(s): Beth Lamberson, LMSW

Poster Abstract: The Bible speaks openly and clearly of God's love and acceptance of Christians, but why is it that so many say that they believe "it" in their heads, but not their hearts? Jesus said that the "truth will make you free," but what truth? This study on the impact of implicit memories provides a neurobiological basis for why so many find it difficult to embrace the truth of the Father's love and their new role as a child of God.

Presenter Bio (s): Beth Lamberson is a therapist in the counseling ministry of Woodland Park Baptist Church. Her practice is with families and individuals, with a special focus on recovery from trauma and long-term childhood abuse. Additionally, she is a board member for Walking Worthy a Journey to Freedom and serves as group facilitator. She is a Licensed Master of Science in Social Work and a recent graduate of the University of Tennessee.

Poster Title: Transgender and Christian? What I Learned from Five Brave Individuals

Poster Presenter(s): Denise Levy, Ph.D., LCSW

Poster Abstract: This presentation will explore the therapeutic implications of the presenter's research with transgender, transsexual, and gender queer individuals with a Christian upbringing. Attendees will learn about the process by which study participants resolved conflict between gender identity and religious beliefs and discuss the implications for social workers and faith communities.

Presenter Bio (s): Dr. Denise Levy is the BSW Program Director at Appalachian State University in Boone, North Carolina. She teaches courses in cultural competency, spirituality and religion, family therapy, and field. Her research focuses on intersections of spirituality and sexuality. She is currently completing a graduate certificate in expressive arts therapy.

Poster Title: A Savvy System to include Spirituality in Substance Use Disorder Treatment

Poster Presenter(s): Melinda Love, AAS, CRADC, MARS, SQP-R, CCGC

Poster Abstract: Many people participate in mental health services for one reason while substance abuse/alcoholism/compulsive gambling may be the true root cause/need for services. Spirituality has been a corner stone of the substance abuse self-help community and there is a professional and clinical manner to incorporate this attribute into treatment.

Presenter Bio (s): Ms. Love is a certified Substance Abuse Counselor with a degree in human services, and several state of Missouri credentials. She is currently employed by a St Louis, MO area Methadone clinic. She has nine years of experience with niche experience with male clients on probation/parole. She has been a past presenter for NASW-Missouri Chapter.

Poster Title: From Fear to Faith: Helping Clients Move from Natural to Supernatural

Poster Presenter(s): Corey Mettler, MA, LLPC

Poster Abstract: There are ever increasing reasons to be fearful in a world full of transition and tragedy. There will always be a need for sharing the one hope that is certain. Direct care providers and pastors can help those struggling with natural, logical fears to consider their options: Remain in a cycle of fear which results in life-inhibiting behavior or enter into a cycle of faith which exalts our nature into greater Christlikeness.

Presenter Bio (s): Corey has worked in social services for 11 years. He is trained in behavior modification by Boy's Town USA and worked as a direct care giver for children prior to his work at Bethany Christian Services in Residential Treatment for Juvenile Sex

Offenders. He has served as Group Facilitator for Plan A for Abstinence, a program to help parenting teens discover their God-given value and now works with families walking through the adoption process.

Poster Title: Inn Possible--Combining Hospitality Training and Transitional Shelter

Poster Presenter(s): Mark Miller, M.A. Biblical Counseling

Poster Abstract: Transitional shelters provide improved housing status and stability for singles and families. Hotel Louisville is providing a transitional shelter experience which incorporates on-the-job and on-site training experience in the hospitality industry while also providing transitional services to residents. Program directors would like to see this unique model replicated in other cities.

Presenter Bio (s): Mark Miller has worked at Wayside Christian Mission for over 6 years, starting as an intern through a seminary. Mark holds a Masters in Biblical Counseling.

Poster Title: Operation Bundle Up: Connecting Social Justice to Community Service

Poster Presenter(s): Bobbye Roberts, MSW, LCSW Anna Peterson Joseph Buzzetta

Poster Abstract: A community service learning project is an instrumental and innovative tool to engage social work students in macro level practice, while integrating faith and learning. This workshop will demonstrate the application of a model designed to meet the needs of the homeless, yet which can be applied to any social problem one may seek to address.

Presenter Bio (s): Bobbye Roberts is Assistant Professor of Social Work and Field Placement Coordinator at Louisiana College. She is a Licensed Clinical Social Worker, with 17 years of mental health experience prior to full-time teaching appointment. Bobbye is a member of NACSW. She volunteers for the Cenla Homeless Coalition and Mercy Ministries, as well as her local church. Bobbye is married to her husband Kevin of 21 years and has 3 boys ages 15, 13, and 4. Anna Peterson is a senior Social Work major and honor student at Louisiana College in Pineville, La. She is an active member of her local church as well as being active in campus activities. Following graduation in the Spring of 2014, she plans to attend graduate school to obtain her MSW and one day work with children in the school environment. Joseph Buzzetta is a senior at Louisiana College with a double major in Social Work and Communication Arts. He is a youth minister at his local church and is active in multiple college activities including Debate and Student Government Association. Following graduation in Spring 2014, Joseph plans to attend graduate school to obtain his MSW and is interested in using his social work degree and skills to help abused children.

Poster Title: The Effectiveness of Recovering Counselors in the Treatment of SUDs

Poster Presenter(s): Brian Roland, PhD, MSW, BA

Poster Abstract: This study attempted to better understand the effectiveness of recovering counselors on client treatment outcomes. This study utilized multiple regression and found that clients who had a recovering counselor scored significantly higher on the Working Alliance Inventory (WAI) compared to clients who did not have a recovering counselor.

Presenter Bio (s): Brian D. Roland is an Assistant Professor at Nyack College in New York City. Brian specializes in the area of addiction and has more than 8 years counseling experience helping those struggling with addiction and mental illness. Brian has taught college courses in Addiction and Mental Illness (Dual Disorders), Research Methodology, Clinical Evaluation, Intro to Psychology, and Abnormal Psychology.

Poster Title: Beyond Prayer and Devotion: Rethinking IFL in the Social Work Intro Course

Poster Presenters: Michael Sherr, PhD, LCSW Johnny Jones PhD

Poster Abstract: The presentation reexamines the purpose of the social work introduction course to align with preparing students for competent practice. Combining the use of case-based learning and contemplative reflection methods, instructors can "flip" the classroom into an action-based lab to help students explore if social work may be their vocation.

Presenter Bio (s): Michael Sherr is the Social Work Department Head at UTC. He is a nationally recognized educator and scholar. He currently serves as a Commissioner on the Commission for Education Policy for CSWE, co-editor of the CSWE Religion and Spirituality Clearinghouse, and Associate editor of the Journal Social Work and Christianity

Johnny M. Jones, Ph.D. is an Assistant Professor at the Baylor University School of Social Work. His Ph.D. is from Florida State University and his scholarly interests include: the role of faith-based agencies in child welfare; implementation research; community-engaged and derived research; and, the organization and management of human services.

Poster Title: An Epic Movement of Advocacy in South Dakota: Social Work at its Best

Poster Presenter(s): Elizabeth Talbot, Ph.D.

Poster Abstract: Without an MSW program in South Dakota the profession of social work was dying out. Describes how social workers used a reinvestment grant to launch an epic advocacy movement, hire a lobbyist, and educate Regents and Legislators about professional social work, and the contribution of social work in communities. Discusses the details of this historic and epic victory that resulted in the establishment of an MSW program at the flag ship university.

Presenter Bio (s): Dr. Talbot received her Ph.D. from Loyola University and has taught graduate social work education for 13 years. As an administrator she has been the primary author of two new MSW programs. She has over 30 years of practice experience working with children and families. She has an expertise in child welfare and human trafficking, and has presented and published broadly in both areas.

Poster Title: Surviving vs. Thriving: A Discipleship Approach to Economic Justice

Poster Presenter(s): Michael Wright PhD, LAPSW

Poster Abstract: I'm surviving, but I am trying to thrive. This session explores the journey of a nontraditional, single mother, and college student who challenges her financial habits and integration of faith in practice. The cognitive, psychological, and behavioral challenges of work with low-income individuals will be discussed. Implications for financial social work and economic justice will be presented along with a step-by- step process.

Presenter Bio (s): Michael is currently Associate Professor of Social Work at Tennessee State University in Nashville, TN. He leads the research sequence in the social work program, and chairs its committee charged with curriculum renewal and program assessment. A former MSW program director, Wright has taught a diverse population of students at both the baccalaureate and master degree levels.

Poster Title: Wholistic Stress Management: Healing for the Mind, Body and Spirit

Poster Presenter(s): Ra Kabeer, Ph.D.

Poster Abstract: The wholistic stress management techniques have been used over centuries to deal with adverse physiological and psychological stress. These techniques can help people deal with daily life obstacles and be prepared to overcome and neutralize life challenges and changes. Stress is no respect of age, sex or race. Knowing the proper balance of stress for your body and how to develop a wellness lifestyle is crucial for healthier living.

Presenter Bio (s): Ra Kabeer is a certified practitioner in wholistic healing modalities; such as acupuncture, massage therapy, reflexology, Tai Chi and Qi-Gong (chee-kung). Dr. Ra is a minister, motivational speaker, educational trainer and wholistic health

consultant. Dr. Ra holds a B.A. in theater drama from Brooklyn College, a M.S. in Divinity from Holmes College of Religious Science, A Ph.D. in metaphysics from the University of Metaphysics. Dr. Ra holds certifications in Anger Management, Stress Management, Conflict Management, Behavioral Modification, Reflexology, Auricular Acupuncture, meditation, massage therapy and is a Qigong (chi-Kong) master healer. Dr. Ra has worked with incarcerated institutions and substance abuse facilities for over 15 years, teaching adults life skills management techniques.

Poster Title: A Family Therapy Support Group for University Students

Poster Presenter(s): Donna Washburn, MSW, LCSW

Poster Abstract: University students arrive on campus with complex and dynamic family situations. Within this context, this presentation will explore how a social work professor moves out of the classroom and back into the clinical world of group therapy. Current issues in student mental health will be explored and an intervention model of therapeutic support groups will be illustrated.

Presenter Bio (s): Donna Washburn is a Licensed Clinical Social Worker in the state of Missouri. Additionally, she is enrolled in a PhD program, in clinical work and supervision. She teaches at Evangel University in the Social Work Program and is the Field Coordinator for the program. Her professional experiences and interests have centered around therapeutic work with individuals experiencing abuse and neglect issues, and those battling substance abuse.

Poster Title: Welcome Home

Poster Presenter(s): Barbara Williams, Rev.

Poster Abstract: JSCF ministry services the ex-offender and the homeless; we believe that if each person reaches one individual the world will be in divine order.
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Presenter Bio (s): Service-focused case management professional and program coordinator with a strong commitment to serving the needs of veterans and ex-offender, including homeless and special-needs populations. Skilled in building community support, key coalitions and strategic interagency partnerships.

Poster Title: Serving Older Adults with Alzheimer's Disease: The Role of Spirituality

Poster Presenter(s): Stacey Williams, BSW candidate Ashely Ann Parker MSW candidate

Poster Abstract: This presentation explores the implementation of spirituality in serving patients with Alzheimer's Disease since one out of eight older adults is afflicted with this disease and 80 percent of patients with Alzheimer's Disease express the importance of spirituality in their life.

Presenter Bio (s): I am a BSW student at Saint Louis University in St. Louis, Missouri. Gerontology is my passion and I have worked to tailor my generalist practice coursework to focus on gerontology, which is the primary reason for my participation in the NACSW conference. This will be my second presentation, the first in March at the National Council of Black Studies conference where I presented my research on whether race affects the way we age. I am an alumna of Saint Louis University's MSW program and my field of interest is mental health.

Poster Title: Bibliotherapy with Children Experiencing Parental Loss

Poster Presenter(s): Elizabeth Wilson, PhD Abi McFerron MSW Jamie Blurton, BSW Tabitha Moore BSW

Poster Abstract: Bibliotherapy is an effective intervention tool which can help children experiencing parental loss. Participants will learn about grief and specific issues related to children in experiencing death of parents, divorce, adoption, foster care, and substance abuse situations. After learning bibliotherapy techniques, participants will have the opportunity to practice bibliotherapy skills by reading children's books in small groups.

Presenter Bio (s): Beth Wilson is an LCSW and social work professor at Union University. Prior to her academic appointments, her social work experiences include clinical work with persons with mental illnesses, substance abuse, and senior citizens. She graduated from Philadelphia Biblical University with a BS-Bible and BSW; University of Wisconsin with a MSW; and The University of Tennessee with a Ph.D.

Poster Title: Family Sustainability: Introducing the NewWeekend

Poster Presenter(s): Taunya Wright, RN Michael Wright PhD, LAPSW

Poster Abstract: Learn an intervention that caters to the needs of today's busy families. The NewWeekend is an intervention that focuses on creativity and discipline resulting in a weekly rehearsal of togetherness and confidence for leadership. The renewal during the weekend provides a strong foundation for each new week. The session will train attendees in the method so that they can train other families.

Presenter Bio (s): Taunya Wright resides in Nashville, TN. She is a registered nurse, an author, wife, and a mother to three children. As a nurse, she has an interest in illness

prevention and health literacy, and she is working to develop content in these areas. She is currently working to finish a novel titled "End-Time Saga." Taunya enjoys writing and reading in a few different genres, but mainly mystery, drama, and medical thrillers.

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