

## Convention 2010 in Raleigh-Durham, November 11-14

Focused on the theme, “Celebrating our Past and Shaping our Future,” NACSW’S 2010 Convention in Raleigh-Durham, NC, November 11-14, will feature more than 100 workshops and poster presentations divided among the following tracks: Direct Practice, Faith of the Social Worker, Community Organizing and Development, Social Work Education, Administration and Policy, and Faith and Children and Family Services.

The Planning Committee is pleased to announce several exciting pre-convention institute speakers. The three pre-convention institutes planned for Thursday, November 11, 2010 will provide all attendees with tools for effective social work practice while enhancing a faithful pursuit of excellence.

**David Gibson, MSW,** and **Helen Harris, MSW,** will present on “**Back to the Future: The Application of Wisdom from Alan Keith-Lucas to Child Welfare Practice Today.**” This pre-convention institute will address the major dilemmas in child welfare and residential services today while focusing on the application of visionary and time honored principles and wisdom of Dr. Alan Keith-Lucas.

David Gibson is the Vice President for Community Services for Presbyterian Children’s Homes and Services, Austin, Texas overseeing 22 social workers in

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

Helen 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.



Helen Harris



David Gibson

**Allison Tan, MSSA,** will present on “**A Focus on HIV/AIDS – Where are we now? And what are Christian social workers doing?**” This pre-convention institute will provide opportunities to discuss the challenges of HIV and AIDS and look in-depth at a few current research projects being spearheaded by Christians in social work. Attendees will identify “hot topics”, wrestle with issues and challenges, and begin to brainstorm a new, more committed HIV research agenda for NACSW members and

the field at large. This pre-convention is a great place for Christian social workers with any level of interest and/or experience in the field of HIV/AIDS.

Allison Tan’s professional career has been exclusively in the field of HIV, first as the supervisor of HIV services at a community health center on Chicago’s west side, then as a consultant to the implementation of medical case management for the

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## NACSW’S NEW FREE MONTHLY PODCAST SERVICE!

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Podcasts that have been featured in this free monthly podcast service since January include:

- January, 2010 Podcast: “Following Jesus in Social Work: Learning from Anabaptist Practice and Theology,” which was a recording of Dr. Terry Wolfer’s keynote presentation on October 30th at NACSW’s Convention 2009 in Indianapolis, Indiana
- February, 2010 Podcast: “Using Spiritually Modified Cognitive Behavioral Therapy in Practice: An Evidence-based Perspective,” which was a recording of Dr. David Hodge’s April, 2009 audio conference workshop
- March, 2010 Podcast: “Spiritual Self-Assessment as an Integral Component of Social Work Education,” which continued on page 2



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AIDS Foundation of Chicago, and now as an HIV program services researcher. She also serves as a consultant for The Marin Foundation, a non-profit organization fostering better relationships between the faith community and the LGBT population. Allison is currently completing her dissertation in the doctoral program at Loyola University – Chicago.

**Jonathan Wilson-Hartgrove** will present on “**New Monasticism and the Resurrection of American Christianity.**”

In this pre-convention institute Jonathan will describe a new monastic movement present in the church, telling stories of hope beneath the radar in forgotten places. He will share a historical perspective on the new monastic movement and what is happening in these communities today. Through this presentation attendees will explore how practices of new monastic communities inform Christianity in the 21st century and how new monasticism can be a distinct form of Christian social engagement.

Jonathan Wilson-Hartgrove is an author, new monastic, and speaker. A native of North Carolina, he is a graduate of Eastern University and Duke Divinity School.

Jonathan is an Associate Minister at the historically black St. John Baptist Church and is engaged in peacemaking and reconciliation efforts in Durham, N.C.

The Rutba House where Jonathan lives with his family and other friends, is a new monastic community that prays, eats, and lives together, welcoming neighbors and the homeless. Jonathan directs the School for Conversion ([newmonasticism.org](http://newmonasticism.org)), an alternative seminary that hosts courses around the country. He is author of sev-



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eral books, including *New Monasticism: What It Has To Say To Today's Church* (Brazos) and *God's Economy: Redefining the Health and Wealth Gospel* (Zondervan).

We are confident that the workshops and institutes at this year's convention will contribute greatly to your faithful pursuit of excellence while enriching your Christian social work practice. Please plan to join us for these institutes at NACSW's 2010 convention. Visit NACSW's website at [www.nacsw.org](http://www.nacsw.org) for more information, to register, or for opportunities to sponsor an event, advertise or exhibit at the conference.

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was a recording of Dr. Stacey Barker's presentation during a Social Work Educator's Member Interest Group Conference Call on January 15, 2009

• April, 2010 Podcast: "The Vocation of the Christian Social Worker in a Time of Social (In)security," a recording

of Dr. Martin Marty's keynote presentation on October 23rd at NACSW's Convention 2003 in Louisville, KY

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