

NEW BEGINNINGS

SOCIETY FOR SPIRITUALITY AND SOCIAL WORK CONFERENCE | MAY 28–30, 2020 | COLUMBUS, OHIO

Call for Papers/Proposals

The “New Beginnings” conference, co-sponsored by The Ohio State University College of Social Work, marks the return of the **Society for Spirituality and Social Work**. Its resurgence comes at a time when the global community is experiencing division and discord that assault the values undergirding social work and spirituality. From religious violence in synagogues and mosques, to the dispiriting confinement of immigrant children and their families, to the ongoing issues of reproductive justice, racism and poverty—now is the time to discuss the role that spirituality and social work can play in tackling these issues.

This conference will bring together scholars, practitioners and students from various disciplines for an exciting and informative exchange of scholarship and ideas related to spirituality in research, professional education, social work practice and policy/social action. Sessions will run from 60 to 120 minutes and formats include:

- Scholarly paper presentations (60 minutes)
- Panel discussions (60 minutes)
- E-poster presentations (60 minutes)
- Roundtable discussions (60 minutes)
- Experiential workshops (60 or 120 minutes)

Submissions are invited on diverse topics related to the conference theme focusing on ways to introduce new beginnings and spiritual interventions to issues facing the field. The deadline for abstract submissions is **January 15, 2020** with notifications sent out no later than **March 15, 2020**.

Submissions will undergo a double-blind, peer-review and must include the following information:

1. Title of the presentation
2. Presentation format (paper, panel, e-poster, roundtable, workshop)
3. Three learning objectives
4. Proposed session length (60 or 120 minutes)
5. An abstract describing the topic or planned workshop activity (limit 1500 characters/300 words)

Submissions must include the name, title, contact information (institution, address, phone and email) and a 50-word biography of each presenter.

[Click here to upload your submission.](#)

Conference registration information can be found at spiritualityandsocialwork.org.

For questions, please contact **Dr. Kimberly Hardy** at spiritualityandsocialwork@gmail.com.

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