

SOCIETY FOR SPIRITUALITY & SOCIAL WORK
2022 CONFERENCE

"HOW THE SPIRIT MOVES US"

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MISSION STATEMENT

The Society for Spirituality and Social Work is a network of social workers and other helping professionals dedicated to spiritually sensitive practice and education. We seek to encourage, honor, and nurture the diverse spiritual paths, resources, and traditions that offer meaning and support to people, including ourselves. We recognize the sacred nature of our healing work. We are committed to justice and respect for those of diverse religious and non-religious spiritual identities. Our events and materials are designed to promote research, development of theory, and dissemination of innovations and best practices related to spirituality in our professions. In our gatherings, we celebrate the values of dignity, interdependence, compassion, respect, peace, justice, and connection with the divine.



The Society for Spirituality
and Social Work

GREETINGS FROM THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS



DR. KIMBERLY HARDY, BOARD PRESIDENT

Greetings from North Carolina!

Thank you so much for joining us! I am delighted to have Morgan State University's School of Social Work co-sponsor this year for two reasons: this marks the Society's first partnership with an HBCU and Morgan is my beloved alma mater!

Our conference theme, How the Spirit Moves Us, seems particularly relevant given the many tragic events we've experienced globally. From the ravages of the COVID pandemic & the war in Ukraine to the senseless loss of lives in school buildings, churches, and grocery stores, this feels like a pivotal moment for a deep exploration of spirituality and how it can help us heal.

This year's workshops will explore ways that social work & spirituality collectively address the political, racial, environmental, economic, and health disparity issues that separate us. Together we will examine the ways these global concerns are addressed through social work practice, education & scholarship.

I hope the Spirit Moves Us, inspires us, and challenges us to heal individually and collectively. - Kimberly



DR. MO CUEVAS, BOARD TREASURER

Greetings from Texas!

I am so excited that you have joined us for the Society for Spirituality in Social Work Conference this year.

Teaching in a Catholic liberal arts university, we sometimes bring up the idea of spirituality in our classrooms, but often do not address the diversity of beliefs that are included under that idea, the breath of all that it includes.

That is something I love about the Society. We embrace and want to include all aspects of spirituality in our community. We encourage a diversity of beliefs and practices so we can all learn from one another in a way that helps us to serve our clients, our students, and one another.

I am so deeply grateful that you have joined us in this quest and know that over the next few days we will all become more able to facilitate conversations with students and clients alike based on what we learn.

May the Spirit Move Us, individually and collectively.

Peace to you. Mo

GREETINGS FROM THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS



DR. REGINA TRAMMEL, BOARD SECRETARY

Greetings from Southern California!

I am thrilled you chose to join us for the Society for Spirituality in Social Work Virtual Conference this year. As a professor of social work at a Christian University and clinical social work practitioner, I have come to rely on the Society for its emphasis on how faith and non-faith traditions are integrated into our profession. The diversity of voices, and elevation of BIPOC members of our social work profession are important prerequisites for any time commitment I personally make, and the Society exceeds these expectations and more.

This year's workshop presenters are engaging on pressing issues of our day, with a serious focus on how spirituality can improve our practice, providing robust and culturally-responsive tools of healing in our communities. We have presenters who identify with, and highlight BIPOC spiritual communities. Presenters will also help us learn how spirituality enhances teaching as social work educators. As practitioners and educators in social work, we will also be educated about the relationship between ecology and spirituality, as well as spiritual intelligence in assessment. These are just a few of the presentations of many more to come! May the spirit move among and between us, uplifting us, together.

Grace & Peace, Regina

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KEYNOTE SPEAKERS



REV. DR. CHARLES LEE-JOHNSON

*Associate Professor, California Baptist University
Chair, Department of Social Work
Director, Master of Social Work Program*

Rev. Dr. Charles Lee-Johnson was born and raised in Los Angeles, California. He is a graduate of Dorsey High School, completed his undergraduate studies at Morehouse College with a B.A. in sociology, received his Master's in Social Welfare from UCLA, and his Doctorate in Ministry from United Theological Seminary in Dayton, Ohio. Pastor Charles, received his license to preach in the African Methodist Episcopal Church, and served as the Pastor of Corona Community AME Church for nearly 13 years. Rev. Dr. Charles Lee-Johnson is one of the founders and Chair of the Social Work Department at California Baptist University, serving with great distinction in the education and preparation of the social justice warriors of tomorrow. Rev. Dr. Lee-Johnson is the CEO of National Family Life and Education Center and provides consultation services locally and nationally empowering and encouraging "at-promise" individuals, families, organizations, and communities.



DR. KIM STANSBURY

*Associate Professor, North Carolina State University
Associate Head, School of Social Work*

Dr. Stansbury's current research and practice have been focused primarily in the area of gerontology, mental health interventions with faith communities, mental health literacy, domestic violence, and gambling addiction. She is a John A. Hartford Faculty Scholar and Co-Investigator on several extramural funded grant projects. She was recently elected to the Editorial Board of the International Journal of Aging Research. Her research has been published in the Journal of Gerontological Social Work, Social Work and Mental Health, Social Work and Cultural Diversity and Social Justice, and Social Work and Addictions. She has presented on these topics nationally and internationally.

KEYNOTE SPEAKERS



DR. TERRENCE O. LEWIS

*Associate Professor, Dalhousie University
Coordinator, Bachelor of Social Work Program*

As a researcher, I have focused on the relationships between churches and marginalized populations, especially 2SLGBTQIA and African American communities. My dissertation research was on the Phenomenon of LGBT-Affirming Black Churches and Their Responses to the HIV/AIDS Crisis. My most recent research project was a narrative interview study with African American pastors who have offered an affirmative ministry. The study was funded by the 2018 Louisville Institute Project Grant for Researchers. In Canada, I have committed to serving the 2SLGBTQIA, African Nova Scotian, and African Canadian communities through clinical practice, research, and education.



DR. DIANA COHOLIC

Associate Professor, Laurentian University

Diana obtained her Ph.D. at the University of New South Wales in Sydney, Australia, and her M.S.W. degree at the University of Toronto. Diana is a practicing clinical social worker with 25+ years of experience, and she has been involved with the local chapter of the Ontario Association of Social Workers since 2005. At Laurentian University (LU), she is a core member of the research group ECHO - Evaluating Children's Health Outcomes. She is also the SSHRC Leader for LU. Diana's research investigates the effectiveness of arts-based mindfulness group work for the improvement of wellbeing and resilience particularly in marginalized children and youth.

PRE-CONFERENCE WRITING RETREAT

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Tuesday, June 7, 11:00am-4:30pm

The academic year is filled with competing demands and deadlines that require our attention and at times pushes our writing agenda to the bottom of the priority list. When we do carve out time to write, the solitary nature of it can make it hard to stay motivated and focused. The Pre-Conference Writing Retreat provides you with the opportunity to start or finish a writing project in the company of fellow writers in a virtual environment. Pick a writing project, gather your notes, and join us as we commit to a dedicated block of writing time to accomplish our goals.

During the Retreat, you will also have the opportunity to participate in the Career Development sessions: two 30-minute blocks where you will hear from a publisher about how to successfully navigate the book publishing process and a journal editor about how to turn your manuscript into a published article. There is also time to network with others!



DR. MADISON TRAMMEL

Publisher of B&H Academic and former acquisitions editor for Zondervan Reflective and Zondervan Academic. He has over 15 years of experience in writing and editing for publication. His forthcoming book, Making Headlines, will be published by Lexham Press.



DR. KIMBERLY HARDY

Editor-in-Chief of the journal Social Work in Public Health and President of the Society for Spirituality and Social Work. She is an Associate Professor at Fayetteville State University. Her research interests focus on the Black Church and diverse faith communities.

CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

DAY 1

Wednesday, June 8th

ON-DEMAND WORKSHOP - 9:00AM-10:00AM

Joining Forces: Clergy and Social Workers Support Adult Survivors of Child Sexual Abuse Post-Disclosure - Mr. Tayon R. Swafford

During this presentation, we will address and justify how clergy have traditionally responded to adult disclosures of child sexual abuse. We will discuss what is meant by and happens during the disclosure process. This presentation will also consider how clergy and social workers can collaboratively aid adult survivors of child sexual abuse, post-disclosure. In doing so, we will explore the challenges encountered during a clergy-social worker partnership. By combining expertise, clergy and social workers will confront sexual abuse and provide support to adult survivors, one disclosure at a time.

OPENING PLENARY 12:00PM-1:30PM

Welcome & Remarks - Dr. Kimberly Hardy, President, Society for Spirituality & Social Work

Welcome & Remarks - Dr Anna McPhatter, Dean, Morgan State Univ. School of Social Work

Keynote - Dr. Charles Lee-Johnson, CalBaptist University School of Social Work

Dr. Ed Canda Award & Spirit of the Society Award Presentations

LIVE WORKSHOPS 1:35PM-2:35PM

Religious Support Moderates the Long Reach of Adverse Childhood Experiences on Physical Health

Ms. Jennifer Hollenberger

Let's Get Comfortable: Centering Black Spirituality & Religion in Practice with People of African Descent

Ms. Saida Heywood, Mrs. Charmeka Lewis, & Ms. Amanda Morgan

Religion, Spirituality, and Worldview in the Practice of Social Work

Prof. Buetta Warkentin

CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

LIVE WORKSHOPS 2:40PM-3:40PM

Experiential Pedagogy & It's Role in Spirituality and Social Work Education

Dr. Hope Haslam Straughan & Rev. Dr. Michelle A. Walsh

Becoming Practitioners & Clients: How Ecosocial Work Can Teach Becoming (peaceful, equitable, kind, etc.)

Dr. Cassandra Hanrahan, Dr. Indrani Margolin, Ms. Dani Sherwood & Mr. Eric W. Crowther

Assessing a Model of Spiritual Intelligence for Social Workers

Dr. Kweisi Ausar & Mrs. Natasha Mosby

LIVE WORKSHOPS 3:45PM-4:45PM

Areas of Connection Between Ecospiritual Social Work and Buddhism

Ms. Sungsim Lee & Dr. Siddesh Mukerji

From Inwardness to Spirituality

Dr. Enric Benavent Valles

LIVE WORKSHOPS 4:50PM-5:50PM

Unhitched, but Not Alone: The Experiences of Single Individuals in the Protestant Church

Ms. Amanda McKinley

Teaching Spiritually Sensitive Social Work: A Post-Master's Program Model

Dr. Anthony Nicotera & Dr. Ed Canda

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CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

DAY 2

Thursday, June 9th

ON-DEMAND WORKSHOP - 9:00AM-10:00AM

"Spiritualities of Their Own": Gay Men Negotiate and Reconcile Self-Love, Hurt, and the Pentecostal Church - Mr. Tayon R. Swafford

In the Pentecostal church, the pinnacle of the church experience is when believers directly experience the presence and power of the Holy Spirit. For gay male Christians, this experience may neither be obtainable nor desired when their church communities force them to choose between being religious or gay. In response to the research question, "how has your church experience affected the development of your gender/sexual, religious/spiritual identities and your desire to affiliate with a church," this presentation argues that spirituality helped each participant embrace and embody all aspects of their identities once in their alternative communities. In this way, each participant experienced a new pinnacle: the freedom to love and live however they choose without condition, judgement, or fear.

OPENING PLENARY 12:00PM-1:30PM

Remarks - Dr. Kimberly Hardy, President, Society for Spirituality & Social Work

Keynote - Dr. Kim Stansbury, NC State School of Social Work

Performance: Jacobed, Spoken Word Artist

LIVE WORKSHOPS 1:35PM-2:35PM

The Color of Faith: Balancing Religious and Professional Identity

Dr. Ebony Lang, Dr. Natalee Oliver, Dr. Nathalie P. Jones, & Dr. Lindsey Marek

Exploring the Lived Experiences of Spiritual Distress for Women of Evangelical Christian Backgrounds

Ms. Emma De Vynck

The Discovery of the "Self" Using Psychosynthesis Psychotherapy

Dr. Terry S. Audate

CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

LIVE WORKSHOPS 2:40PM-3:40PM

Male Guardianship and Saudi Muslim Women

Dr. Wafa Alhajri & Dr. Khadija Khaja

Spirituality as a Strengths-Based and Culturally Responsive Approach to Social Work Practice

Dr. Diana Franco & Dr. Maribel Lopez

Social Workers Using Spiritual Interventions for Healing and Wholeness

Mr. Pious Malliar Bellian & Mr. Tayon R. Swafford

LIVE WORKSHOPS 3:45PM-4:45PM

Elevating a Non-White Integrative Worldview of Social Work and Spirituality

Dr. Cassandra McKay-Jackson, Dr. Florence Kimondo, & Ms. Patiya Freely

Sharing Children's Perspective on Spirituality

Dr. Heather Boynton, Dr. Indrani Margolin, & Ms. Emma De Vynck

LIVE WORKSHOPS 4:50PM-5:50PM

Older African Americans: Is the Black Church Meeting Their Needs During the COVID-19 Pandemic?

Dr. Robert Cosby

Building Cultural Humility as a Spiritually Motivated Framework in Social Work Classrooms

Mr. Pious Malliar Bellian

Our Illusion of Separateness: Spiritually Sensitive Social Work Pedagogy and Practice in an Age of Disconnection

Dr. Anthony Nicotera

CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

DAY 3

Friday, June 10th

OPENING PLENARY 12:00PM-1:30PM

Remarks - Dr. Kimberly Hardy, President, Society for Spirituality & Social Work

Remarks - Dr. Cassandra Hanrahan, President, Canadian Society for Spirituality & Social Work

Keynote - Dr. Terrence O. Lewis, Dalhousie University & Dr. Diana Coholic, Laurentian University

Performance: Black Assets, Singer & Songwriter

LIVE WORKSHOPS 1:35PM-2:35PM

Bullying Experiences of Muslims in Schools, Colleges, and Universities

Dr. Khadija Khaja & Dr. Wafa Alhajri

Spiritually Oriented Social Work Practice: The Divine Art of Assessment

Rev. Dr. Sha'Leda Mirra

Supervising Social Work Staff at the Intersection of Anti-Oppressive Social Work Practice and Self-Care

Ms. Lois Stepney

LIVE WORKSHOPS 2:40PM-3:40PM

Don't Just Give Me That Old-Time Religion: The Intersection of Religion and Mental Well-Being Amongst African American Women

Rev. Dr. Christine Y. Wiley

Faith-Based Community Health Clinics: Decreasing Mental Health Disparities in the Hispanic Community

Ms. Viridiana Sigala

Dispelling Myths: The Christian Church and Mental Health - A Collaboration of Theology and Therapy

Dr. Michelle R. Ratcliff

CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

LIVE WORKSHOPS 3:45PM-4:45PM

Spiritual Legacies & Counternarratives: Sources Used by Black Women to Navigate Inequality to Resilience

Dr. Laurelle C. Warner

Unexpected Connections: The Role of Allied Health Professionals in Supporting Unmet Spiritual Care Needs

Ms. Claire McMenemy

LIVE WORKSHOPS 4:50PM-5:50PM

Mending the Wounds of a Bruised Body: A Sociotheological Imagining of Religious Violence Against Black LGBTQ Folks

Ms. Indhira Udofia

How the Spirit Moves in Social Work Education: Infusing Learning Resources for Spiritually Sensitive Social Work Practice

Dr. Frank Baskind

Healing Us Together (HUT): A Trauma Responsive & Healing-Centered Community Conversational Approach

Dr. Kevin Daniels

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PRESENTER PROFILES

DAY ONE PRESENTERS

Ms. Jennifer Hollenberger, MSW, LCSW

Ms. Hollenberger is an Assistant Professor of social work at Grove City College and a PhD candidate at Baylor University. Her current research focuses on pregnancy options counseling.

Ms. Saida Heywood, LCSW

Ms. Heywood is a member of a collaborative care team evaluating collaborative care models for integrating buprenorphine treatment in primary care for patients with opioid use disorders and mental health conditions. She also provides education and consultation to Muslims in her community.

Mrs. Charmeika Lewis, LCSW-C

Mrs. Lewis is a transformational speaker and faith based mental health practitioner. She is currently a doctoral student pursuing a PhD in social work with a research interest in post-traumatic growth in African American women of faith. She has more than 15 years of ministry leadership experience.

Ms. Amanda Morgan, LCSW-C

Ms. Morgan is a Field Director with 20 years social work experience. She is a doctoral student in social work with research interests in liberating African-descended people, dismantling the child welfare system, and decolonizing social work pedagogy. She is a priestess in Esin Orisa Ibile (Traditional Yoruba Religion).

Professor Buetta Warkentin

Prof. Warkentin is an Associate Professor of Social Work at Booth University College in Canada. She holds degrees in both theology and social work. She is on the Board of Directors of the Manitoba College of Social Workers, and the Canadian Society for Spirituality and Social Work. Her research interests include spirituality and religion in social work practice.

Dr. Hope Haslam Straughan, MSW, ACSW

Hope Haslam Straughan's graduate education led to a Certificate in Theology and the MSW degree. Her research interests include spirituality, justice-based social work, child welfare, transracial adoption, foster care and adoption. She views the learning process as a journey, partnered between faculty and students, requiring creativity, responsiveness, and knowledge/skill/value expertise.

PRESENTER PROFILES

DAY ONE PRESENTERS (CONTINUED)

Rev. Dr. Michelle Walsh, LICSW

*Rev. Dr. Walsh is a Lecturer at the BU School of Social Work, holds a Ph.D. in practical theology, is ordained as a Unitarian Universalist community minister, and the author of *Violent Trauma, Culture and Power*. See www.revmichellewalsh.com for more information on these and her on-line private practice.*

Dr. Cassandra Hanrahan

Dr. Hanrahan is an Associate Professor and researcher at Dalhousie University School of Social Work in Nova Scotia, Canada. Cassandra's research on human animal interactions and animal informed social work urges us to reconceptualize the purpose and practice of social work today, broadening the circle of compassion and incorporating sustainability as a core value. By raising awareness of anthropocentrism, human privilege, and the prescient critique of humanism in social work, Cassandra advocates new ontologies of being and becoming. Over the past decade, she has taught several undergraduate and graduate independent studies on spirituality and social work. Cassandra is President of the Canadian Association for Spirituality and Social Work.

Dr. Indrani Margolin

Dr. Margolin is an Associate Professor in social work at University of Northern British Columbia. Her background is in youth and family counseling. Her research and teaching interests include spirituality, ancient meditations and visualizations, posttraumatic growth, girls' and women's bodyself wellness, mentorship, and arts-based research and practice methods. She is part of the graduate faculty in Women's and Gender Studies and on the Northern FIRE (Feminist Institute for Research & Evaluation) leadership team at UNBC. Dr. Indrani also serves on the Canadian Society for Spirituality and Social Work Board.

Ms. Dani Sherwood

Dani (she/they) holds a Bachelor of Arts Honours Psychology degree from the University of Manitoba and is currently pursuing a Master of Social Work Degree at the Dalhousie University School of Social Work in Nova Scotia, Canada. Dani's research interests include eco-social work, spirituality, and decolonizing and indigenizing social work.

Mr. Eric W. Crowther, MSW, RSW

Mr. Crowther, Diplomate, Academy of Cognitive & Behavioural Therapies, has been practicing individual, family and group therapy since 1985. Eric is currently a social worker in a children's mental health centre in northeastern Ontario, and has a private practice where he specializes in forgiveness therapy.

PRESENTER PROFILES

DAY ONE PRESENTERS (CONTINUED)

Dr. Kweisi Ausar

Dr. Ausar is an Associate Professor at the University of Nevada Las Vegas. Dr. Ausar is focused on spirituality in the workplace and spiritual cultivation.

Mrs. Natasha Mosby, LCSW

Mrs. Mosby is the Integrated Healthcare Program Coordinator and Lecturer at the UNLV School of Social Work, she is pursuing her Ph.D. in Psychology.

Ms. Sungsim Lee

Ms. Lee is a Ph.D. Candidate at the Loyola University Chicago. She earned her MSW from UPenn and MA from the Won Institute in PA. Her research interests include spirituality, religion, and health for older adults and developing spiritually based social service practices to enhance human potentials and social justice.

Dr. Siddhesh Mukerji

Dr. Mukerji is an Assistant Professor at the University of Vermont. His scholarship focuses on socially engaged Buddhism and environmental social work. He researches how Buddhist thinker-activists have conceptualized and responded to social and environmental problems. He is committed to studying and teaching methods with which social workers may expand their role in responding to the global ecological crisis.

Dr. Enric Benavent Valles

Dr. is a Professor at the Faculty of Social Education Pere Tarrés at Ramon Llull University in Barcelona (Spain). Member of the GIAS research group. Researcher on spirituality and social work. Author of the book "Educación social y espiritualidad" and of several articles and book chapters on this subject.

Ms. Amanda McKinley

Ms. McKinley is a full-time Ph.D. student at the Indiana University School of Social Work. She has 13 years' experience in various settings as a clinical social worker and currently teaches at Ball State University and Indiana University Indianapolis. She has research interests in how loneliness affects whole-person health.

Dr. Anthony Nicotera, JD, DSW, LSW

Dr. Nicotera teaches at Seton Hall University and directs NYU's Post-Master's Program in Spirituality and Social Work. He helps lead the Fellowship of Reconciliation. He has been teaching for 20 years. He worked with Thich Nhat Hanh and Mother Teresa, and has published on spirituality, social justice, and social work.

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DAY ONE PRESENTERS (CONTINUED)

Dr. Ed Canda, MSW, MA

Dr. Canda is Professor Emeritus and Coordinator of the Spiritual Diversity Initiative at the University of Kansas. He is an award-winning leader innovator, educator, and scholar in spiritually sensitive social work with hundreds of publications. He founded SSSW, and received lifetime achievement and leadership awards from CSWE and SSSW respectively.

DAY TWO PRESENTERS

Rev. Dr. Ebony Lang

Rev. Dr. Lang is a licensed social worker and ordained Baptist minister in the state of Texas. She is the BSW Program Director and Associate Professor at Tarleton State University. Her research areas include professional competency and community organizing.

Dr. Natalee Oliver

Dr. Oliver is a licensed clinical social worker in the state of Texas as well as a gerontologist. She is a full-time professor at Tarleton State University and adjunct professor at McLennan Community College. Her research interests include aging and Alzheimer's disease, caregiver stress, and adult mental health.

Dr. Nathalie P. Jones

Jones has a Masters of Social Work from Barry University in Miami, FL. She is an Associate Professor at Tarleton State University. Her research interest includes healthy relationships, healthy aging and the use of tech in social work practice and education

Ms. Emma De Vynck

Ms. De Vynck is a MSW thesis student and research assistant at the University of Calgary pursuing research on the lived experiences of spiritual distress for women of evangelical Christian backgrounds. She hopes to add to the conversation on spirituality in social work and allied professions. Her work experience is in mental health, and she hopes to continue applying spiritually-informed learning to her professional endeavours.

Dr. Terry S. Audate, LCSW-R

Dr. Audate is an adjunct lecturer at NYU Silver School of Social Work. She is also an adjunct lecturer at New York City College of Technology in the Human Services department. Her studies focus on a concentration in Spirituality and Clinical Social Work and is the owner of Autesh Therapy Services in Queens, New York.

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DAY TWO PRESENTERS (CONTINUED)

Dr. Wafa Alhajri

Dr. Alhajri is an assistant professor at St. Ambrose University. Her research revolves around the Muslim community, Muslim women empowerment, and marginalized groups.

Dr. Khadija Khaja

Dr. Khaja is an Associate Professor of Social Work at IUPUI. Dr. Khaja primary teaching, research, and service interests are related to Muslim communities, Islamophobia, using spirituality in community development initiatives, bullying of Muslim students, and White Nationalism's impact on religious communities.

Dr. Diana Franco

Dr. Franco serves as Clinical Assistant Professor at Loyola University Chicago, School of Social Work. She graduated with a Master's in Social Work from Columbia University and with a DSW from the New York University Silver School of Social Work. Dr. Franco's work delves into trauma and migration.

Dr. Maribel Lopez

Dr. Lopez earned an Ed. D, from National Louis University in Chicago. Doctoral studies; Latinas in Higher Education. She received her Master's degree in Social work at University of Illinois at Chicago. Dr. Lopez is engaged in community education on women empowerment, early childhood education, substance abuse and domestic violence.

Mr. Pious Malliar Bellian

Pious Malliar Bellian is a second year Ph.D. student at Indiana University School of Social Work. His research intersects spirituality, spiritual diversity, and holistic wellness.

Mr. Tayon Swafford

Tayon R. Swafford is a second year Ph.D. student at Indiana University School of Social Work. His research intersects identity development, religion, spirituality, and trauma.

Dr. Cassandra McKay-Jackson

Dr. McKay-Jackson is an Associate professor and Director of the MSW program at Erikson Institute- Graduate School in Child Development. Her scholarship foci are on critical race theory and transformational social emotional learning, as well as the development and analysis of school related interventions, which encourage youth social responsibility and resilience.

PRESENTER PROFILES

DAY TWO PRESENTERS (CONTINUED)

Dr. Florence Kimondo

Dr. Kimondo is an Assistant professor at Erikson Institute in the Master of Social Work program. Her previous clinical work and research have been with immigrant and refugee African children and families. She is a Kenyan immigrant and interested in topics on spirituality, immigration, and Africans in the diaspora.

Ms. Patiya Freely

Ms. Freely is a 3rd-year PhD social work student at Loyola University, and alumnus of Jane Addams College of Social Work. She has worked 15+ years in various capacities to enhance outcomes of vulnerable urban youth. Patiya's dissertation research is focused on factors that impact Black youth violence work in Chicago.

Dr. Heather Boynton

*Dr. Boynton, Assistant Professor University of Calgary, is Vice President of the Canadian Society for Spirituality and Social Work, an Alberta Children's Hospital Research Institute Member, and certified in Reiki and Feng Shui. She co-edited *Trauma, spirituality and posttraumatic growth in clinical social work practice*, which was released in 2020.*

Dr. Indrani Margolin

Dr. Indrani is an Associate Professor of social work at the University of Northern British Columbia. Her research and teaching interests include: Consciousness & Mahavakyam Meditation, Holistic Therapeutic Practice, Girls' and Women's Wellness, and Arts-based Research. Dr. Indrani serves on the Northern Feminist Institute for Research & Evaluation Leadership Team and the Canadian Society for Spirituality & Social Work.

Ms. Emma De Vynck

Emma is a MSW student at the University of Calgary pursuing research on experiences of spiritual distress for women of evangelical Christian backgrounds. She hopes to add to the conversation on spirituality in social work through this work.

Dr. Robert Cosby

Dr. Cosby serves as Associate Professor at the Howard University School of Social Work (HUSSW). He has worked in Health and Human Services for over twenty years. In addition to his teaching and research he serves as the Assistant Dean of Administration, and Director of the HU Multidisciplinary Gerontology Center at HUSSW.

PRESENTER PROFILES

DAY THREE PRESENTERS

Rev. Dr. Sha'Leda Mirra

Rev. Dr. Mirra is an Assistant Professor of Social Work at Saint Leo University and senior pastor of Union African Methodist Episcopal Church in Florida. Dr. Mirra specializes in educating social workers along with clergy and partitioners on the importance integrating spirituality and mental wellness.

Ms. Lois Stepney, MSW, LISW-S

Ms. Stepney has over 25 years in the field as a practicing, clinical social worker, and social administrator. Lois is a current second year doctoral student at The Ohio State University in the College of Social Work. Her research interests includes social work pedagogy, and wellness.

Rev. Dr. Christine Y. Wiley

Rev. Dr. Wiley is pastor Emerita of Covenant Baptist UCC in Washington DC. She has been a significant leader for justice and serves as an adjunct professor at Howard University School of Social Work teaching in the M.Div./MSW program. She is the director of Pastoral Clinical Services, a counseling and consultation center.

Ms. Viridiana Sigala, LCSW-S

Ms. Sigala is a Board Approved Supervisor and a Certified Family Trauma Professional (CFTP). She graduated from The University of Texas at El Paso in 2015 with a master's degree in Social Work, with a clinical and medical social work concentration. She is a second year PhD Social Work Student and her dissertation will focus on Mental Health Utilization Among Hispanics. Ms. Sigala works full-time at a Native American reservation in El Paso, TX as the Mental Health Coordinator.

Dr. Michelle R. Ratcliff

Dr. Ratcliff is a Licensed Social Worker in Pennsylvania. She is a goal oriented, trauma focused clinician and educator with many years of social work experience serving families. Dr. Ratcliff is an Assistant Professor at Delaware State University where she teaches in the Social work department.

Dr. Laurellé C. Warner

Dr. Warner is the MSW program director for Walla Walla University School of Social Work & Sociology. She is also the associate director for Walla Walla University Donald Blake Center for the Study of Race, Ethnicity and Culture. Dr. Warner has extensive teaching and clinical practice experiences.

PRESENTER PROFILES

DAY THREE PRESENTERS (CONTINUED)

Ms. Claire McMenemy, MSW

Ms. McMenemy is a health social worker in a complex and palliative care unit at a Canadian hospital. She is currently completing a PhD in Social Work and is an active member of the United Church of Canada.

Ms. Indhira Udofia

Indhira is a theologically Spiritual Practitioner and therapist. Presently, Indhira is a doctoral candidate in the Joint PhD Program of Social Work at North Carolina A&T University and the University of North Carolina (UNC)-Greensboro, studying the impact of religious violence in the Black Church on Black Millennials and Generation Z/Zoomers.

Dr. Frank Baskind

Dr. Baskind is Dean Emeritus and professor in the School of Social Work at Virginia Commonwealth University has served as President of CSWE and Chairperson of the Commission on Accreditation. He teaches courses in macro practice, spirituality and social work practice, and has served as a liaison and field instructor.

Dr. Kevin Daniels

Dr. Daniels is a native inner city Baltimorean and currently a tenured Professor at Morgan State University, School of Social Work, teaching across undergraduate and graduate programs (i.e. BSW, MSW, Ph.D). He specializes in clinical practice, critical thinking, and community Urban populations. He developed and serves as Chair of the curriculum for Spirituality and Religion and Helping Traditions (Clinical and Critical Thinking) across the entire university. Dr. Daniels is also a 2022 Dr. Ed Canda Award recipient.

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