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Society for Social Work and Research (SSWR) 29th Annual Conference

*“Leading for Transformative Change: Aligning Social Work
Science with Policy and Practice”*

January 14 – 18, 2026
Marriott Marquis Washington DC
Washington DC

Faculty Presentations by Core Research Values

Grounded in Community

Thursday, January 15, 2026

1:30 PM-3:00 PM

Location: Marquis BR 6, ML 2 (Marriott Marquis Washington DC)

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SIG: Human-Animal-Environment Interaction

Conveners: Aviva Vincent, PhD, Cleveland State University and **Mary Rauktis, PhD, University of Pittsburgh**

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Social Infrastructure and Cognitive Functioning: The Role of Social Network

Qingqing Yin, MSW, University of Pittsburgh; Guoping Jin, MSW, University of Pittsburgh; Fengyan Tang, PhD, University of Pittsburgh

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SIG: Community and Neighborhoods

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Social Work Contributions to Psychosis & Schizophrenia-Conditions

Conveners: Shannon Blajeski, PhD, Portland State University, Lindsay A. Bornheimer, PhD, University of Michigan, Jessica Wojtalik, PhD, University of Pittsburgh, Ana Flores, PhD, New York University, Jordan DeVyllder, PhD, Fordham University, Graduate School of Social Service, Patricia Turner, MSW, Arizona State University, Shelly Ben-David, PhD, University of British Columbia Okanagan, Matthew J. Smith, PhD, MSW, LCSW, University of Michigan-Ann Arbor, **Nev Jones, PhD, University of Pittsburgh** and Lynette Studer, PhD, University of Wisconsin-Madison

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Impact of an Opioid Use Disorder Fellowship on MSW Student Knowledge

Paige Sable, MSW, University of Pittsburgh; Rachel Gartner, PhD, University of Pittsburgh; Daniel Rosen, PhD, University of Pittsburgh; Hollen Tillman, MSW, University of Pittsburgh; Rafael Engel, PhD, University of Pittsburgh

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Challenging Oppressive Systems

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Garbage in, Racial Equity out? Assessing the Utility of Racial & Identity Profiling Act (RIPA) Data for Evaluating Policing Interventions

*Liana Willis, BA, University of Missouri-Columbia; Leah Jacobs, PhD, University of Pittsburgh; Alex Fixler, MSW, University of Pittsburgh; Elsa Palumbo, Carnegie Mellon University; Christian Porter, MSW, University of Pittsburgh; James Davidson, Office of Reentry and Justice; Denise Zabkiewicz, Office of Reentry and Justice

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Measuring the Flourishing of Transitional Youth Aging out of Foster Care in the United States: A Study of Factor Structure and Invariance of the Flourishing Index

***Deborah Moon, PhD, University of Pittsburgh**; Jeessoo Jeon, PhD, University of Missouri-Kansas City; **Amanda Cruce, MSW, University of Pittsburgh**; **Jenn Lee, MSW, University of Pittsburgh**

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Critical Mental Health

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Invited Symposium III: Task Force on Safeguarding Social Work Research: A Dialogue and Strategic Response to Emerging Threats

Speakers/Presenters: Justin Harty, PhD, Arizona State University, **Mary Ohmer, PhD, MSW, MPIA, University of Pittsburgh**, Fatima Mabrouk, MSW, New York University and Cheryl Hyde, PhD, Temple University

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Reimagining Practice and Policy

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(Separate Fee Required) RMW-4: Demystifying Implementation Science: Strategies for Real-World Research and Intervention Impact

Speakers/Presenters: **Deborah Moon, PhD, University of Pittsburgh**, **Leah Jacobs, PhD, University of Pittsburgh** and Byron Powell, PhD, Brown School, Washington University in St. Louis

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Improving Health and Human Services Engagement through Art

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Marquis BR 6, ML 2 (Marriott Marquis Washington DC)

Contemporary Conceptualizations and Operationalizations of Child Well-Being: A Scoping Review of Child Well-Being Measures

Xixi Kang, MSW, MSP, New York University; ***Amanda Cruce, MSW, University of Pittsburgh**; **Deborah Moon, PhD, University of Pittsburgh**; Abigail Williams-Butler, PhD, MSW, MS, Rutgers University; Brian Spitzer, PhD, New York University; Ramesh Raghavan, PhD, MD, MBBS, New York University

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Treasury, ML 4 (Marriott Marquis Washington DC)

Centering Trauma in School Discipline: A Comparative Analysis of Traditional and Trauma-Responsive Restorative Practices

***Bianca De Bellis, MSW, M.Ed, University of Pittsburgh**, James Huguley, Ed.D, University of Pittsburgh, Rachel Vaughn-Coaxum, PhD, University of Pittsburgh, Monica Henderson, MPH, University of Pittsburgh

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Measuring the Flourishing of Transitional Youth Aging out of Foster Care in the United States: A Study of Factor Structure and Invariance of the Flourishing Index

***Deborah Moon, PhD, University of Pittsburgh**; Jeessoo Jeon, PhD, University of Missouri-Kansas City; **Amanda Cruce, MSW, University of Pittsburgh**; Jenn Lee, MSW, University of Pittsburgh

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Independence BR B, ML 4 (Marriott Marquis Washington DC)

Centering Blackness in Latinidad: A QuantCrit Analysis of Street Race, Skin Color, and Discrimination As Predictors of Psychological Distress Among U.S. Afrolatinx/e Adults

Organizer: Karen Kolivoski, PhD, MSW, Georgetown University

***Victor Figuereo, PhD, LCSW, University of Pittsburgh**, Max Vicente, MSW, University of Pittsburgh, Daniel Labrousse, BA, University of Pittsburgh, Dennis Espejo, BA, University of Pennsylvania, **Latrice Shannon, MSW, University of Pittsburgh**

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7:00 AM-8:00 AM

Independence BR G, ML 4 (Marriott Marquis Washington DC)

Critical Mental Health

Conveners: **Nev Jones, PhD, University of Pittsburgh**, Jeff Ciak, MSW, Virginia Commonwealth University, Sarah Porter, MHS, MSW, University of Washington and **Shannon Pagdon, BA, University of Pittsburgh**

7:00 AM-8:00 AM

Independence BR C, ML 4 (Marriott Marquis Washington DC)

SIG: Political Social Work

Conveners: Suzanne Pritzker, PhD, University of Pittsburgh and Jason Plummer, PhD, California State University, Long Beach

7:00 AM-8:00 AM

Independence BR F, ML 4 (Marriott Marquis Washington DC)

SIG: Human-Animal-Environment Interaction

Conveners: Aviva Vincent, PhD, Cleveland State University and **Mary Rauktis, PhD, University of Pittsburgh**

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Liberty BR K, ML 4 (Marriott Marquis Washington DC)

Research and Advocacy on Human Flourishing and Well-Being

Conveners: Jeessoo Jeon, MSW, Case Western Reserve University, **Deborah Moon, PhD, University of Pittsburgh**, Ramesh Raghavan, PhD, MD, MBBS, New York University, **Ron Idoko, MPA, University of Pittsburgh**, **Shaun M. Eack, PhD, University of Pittsburgh**, **Amanda Cruce, MSW, University of Pittsburgh**, Xixi Kang, MSW, MSP, New York University, **Hyunjin Lee, MSW, University of Pittsburgh**, **Ruijie Ma, MSW, University of Pittsburgh** and Brian Spitzer, PhD, New York University

8:00 AM-9:30 AM

Marquis BR 6, ML 2 (Marriott Marquis Washington DC)

Social Infrastructure and Cognitive Functioning: The Role of Social Network

Qingqing Yin, MSW, University of Pittsburgh; Guoping Jin, MSW, University of Pittsburgh; Fengyan Tang, PhD, University of Pittsburgh

9:45 –11:15 AM

Liberty BR N, ML 4 (Marriott Marquis Washington DC)

Preliminary Results of a Cognitive Enhancement Therapy Protocol for Persistent Negative Symptoms in Schizophrenia Spectrum Disorders

***Samuel Murphy, MSW, University of Pittsburgh; Shaun Eack, PhD, University of Pittsburgh**

12:30 PM-1:30 PM

Marquis BR 9, ML 2 (Marriott Marquis Washington DC)

Social Work Contributions to Psychosis & Schizophrenia-Conditions

Organizer: Karen Kolivoski, PhD, MSW, Georgetown University

Conveners: Shannon Blajeski, PhD, Portland State University, Lindsay A. Bornheimer, PhD, University of Michigan, Jessica Wojtalik, PhD, University of Pittsburgh, Ana Flores, PhD, New York University, Jordan DeVyllder, PhD, Fordham University, Graduate School of Social Service, Patricia Turner, MSW, Arizona State University, Shelly Ben-David, PhD, University of British Columbia Okanagan, Matthew J. Smith, PhD, MSW, LCSW, University of Michigan-Ann Arbor, **Nev Jones, PhD, University of Pittsburgh** and Lynette Studer, PhD, University of Wisconsin-Madison

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Independence BR D/E, ML 4 (Marriott Marquis Washington DC)

Invited Symposium III: Task Force on Safeguarding Social Work Research: A Dialogue and Strategic Response to Emerging Threats

Speakers/Presenters: Justin Harty, PhD, Arizona State University, **Mary Ohmer, PhD, MSW, MPA, University of Pittsburgh**, Fatima Mabrouk, MSW, New York University and Cheryl Hyde, PhD, Temple University

Sunday, January 18, 2026

8:00 AM – 9:30 AM

Congress, ML 4 (Marriott Marquis Washington DC)

Renew Your Mind: A Culturally Tailored, Spiritually Integrated, and Cognitive Behavioral Therapy (CBT) Based Mental Health Training for Black Faith Leaders

Jonathon Counts, D. Min, LMSW, Senior Pastor, Spottswood AME Zion Church, CT, ***Toya Jones, EDD, University of Pittsburgh**, William Glaze, PhD, Pastor, Bethany Baptist Church, PA

8:00 AM – 9:30 AM

Marquis BR 6, ML 2 (Marriott Marquis Washington DC)

Coercion in Mobile Crisis: An Exploratory Factor Analysis of Eight Interventions

***Kathryn Luk, LGSW, MSW, University of Pittsburgh**, Leah Jacobs, PhD, University of Pittsburgh

8:00 AM – 9:30 AM

Congress, ML 4 (Marriott Marquis Washington DC)

The Congregational Healers United to Restore Community Health (CHURCH) Project: A Community-Partnered Participatory Research with Black Faith Leaders to Improve African American Mental Health

Symposium Organizer: Deborah Moon, PhD, University of Pittsburgh

Discussant: John Wallace, PhD, University of Pittsburgh

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Unleashing the Power of Collective Efficacy through Community Organizing: Results from Three Community Studies

Symposium Organizer: Mary Ohmer, PhD, MSW, MPA, University of Pittsburgh

Discussant: Mary Ohmer, PhD, MSW, MPA, University of Pittsburgh

9:45 – 11:15 AM

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Intergenerational Exchange and Collective Efficacy: A Reciprocal Relationship for Strengthening Communities

***Leah Jacobs, PhD, University of Pittsburgh**, Jayani Velsamy, University of Pittsburgh, Mary Ohmer, PhD, MSW, MPA, University of Pittsburgh, Alex Neumann, University of Pittsburgh, Jason Beery, PhD, University of Pittsburgh, Donnell Pearl, University of Pittsburgh, Elizabeth Miller, MD, PhD, University of Pittsburgh

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Marquis BR 6, ML 2 (Marriott Marquis Washington DC)

Impact of an Opioid Use Disorder Fellowship on MSW Student Knowledge

Paige Sable, MSW, University of Pittsburgh; Rachel Gartner, PhD, University of Pittsburgh; Daniel Rosen, PhD, University of Pittsburgh; Hollen Tillman, MSW, University of Pittsburgh; Rafael Engel, PhD, University of Pittsburgh

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Supreme Court, ML 4 (Marriott Marquis Washington DC)

Studying Political Participation in a Time of Turmoil and Vulnerability

Organizer: Emily Beebe, BS, University of Houston

Speakers/Presenters: Jesse Hartley, MSW, University of Houston, **Suzanne Pritzker, PhD, University of Pittsburgh**, Shannon Lane, PhD, University of Connecticut, Jason Plummer, PhD, California State University, Long Beach and Elisa Kawam, PhD, Arizona State University

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Marquis BR 13, ML 2 (Marriott Marquis Washington DC)

Co-Producing Policy Solutions: Community-Engaged Research in Industry Standards Boards

*Kess Ballentine, PhD, MSW, MA, Wayne State University; **Hollen Tillman**, MSW, University of Pittsburgh; Yaminette Diaz-Linhart, PhD, Massachusetts Institute of Technology; **Jeffrey Shook**, PhD, University of Pittsburgh

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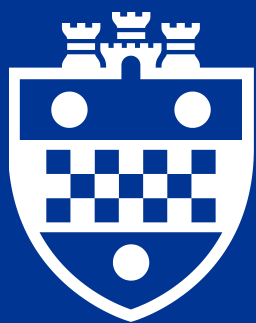
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Unionization in Healthcare: Examining Working Conditions and Worker Outcomes in Hospital Settings

*Jihee Woo, PhD, MSW, University of Minnesota-Twin Cities; **Hollen Tillman**, MSW, University of Pittsburgh; Houa Vang, MSW, University of Minnesota-Twin Cities; **Jeffrey Shook**, PhD, JD, University of Pittsburgh; **Sara Goodkind**, PhD, University of Pittsburgh

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