Program Overview

Wednesday – January 15, 2025

2:00 pm – 7:00 pm Registration Open *Grand Ballroom Prefunction, Level 2*

Thursday – January 16, 2025

7:30 am – 8:00 pm Registration Open *Grand Ballroom Prefunction, Level 2*

8:00 am – 12:00 pm **Research Methods Workshops** (separate fee required)

8:00 am – 12:15 pm **Special Sessions on Research Priorities & Capacity Building** (separate fee required)

12:15 pm – 1:30 pm **"Meet the Scientist" Luncheon** (separate fee required) *Grand Ballroom A, Level 2*

Welcome and Introductions: Justin Harty, PhD, Arizona State University; Fatima Mabrouk, MSW, New York University; Scholars: Mimi Abramovitz, DSW, Hunter College; Eunhye Ahn, PhD, Washington University in Saint Louis; Sheretta Butler-Barnes, PhD, Washington University in Saint Louis; Dale Maglalang, PhD, MA, MSW, MPH, New York University; Jane McPherson, PhD, MPH, LCSW, University of Georgia; Camille R. Quinn, PhD, University of Michigan-Ann Arbor; Juan Rios, DSW, Seton Hall University; David Turner, PhD, University of California, Los Angeles; Yuanjin Zhou, PhD, University of Texas at Austin

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12:30 pm – 1:30 pm Lunch On Your Own

12:30 pm – 1:30 pm **Social Policy Committee Current Events Session: Wage Equity for Social Workers and the Nonprofit Human Services Sector*** *Metropolitan Ballroom AB, Level 3*

Speakers: Janice Deguchi, Neighborhood House; Jennie Romich, PhD, University of Washington; Jennifer Turner, PhD, Institute for Women's Policy Research

1:30 pm – 3:00 pm Flash Talks / Symposia / Workshops / Roundtables / Paper Presentations / ePosters

1:30 pm – 7:30 pm Exhibits Open *Grand Ballroom CD, Level 2*

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3:15 pm – 4:45 pm **Invited Journal Editors' Workshop I: Publishing Research in Peer-Reviewed Journals: Talk with the Editors** *Aspen, Level 2*

Speakers: Todd Herrenkohl, PhD, University of Michigan-Ann Arbor; Jennifer Mosley, PhD, The University of Chicago; Darcey Merritt, PhD, The University of Chicago; Lisa Zerden, MSW, PhD, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill; Bowen McBeath, PhD, Portland State University; Margaret Gibson, PhD, University of Waterloo

3:15pm – 4:45 pm **Flash Talks / Symposia / Workshops / Roundtables / Paper Presentations / ePosters**

5:00 pm – 6:30 pm **Opening Plenary*** *Metropolitan Ballroom AB, Level 3*

Land Acknowledgment: University of Washington
Welcome and Introductions: Mary Ohmer, PhD, University of Pittsburgh, SSWR Vice President and 2025 Conference Chair
Keynote Speaker: Desmond Upton Patton, PhD, MSW, University of Pennsylvania
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Desmond Upton Patton, PhD, MSW

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6:30 pm – 7:30 pm **Opening Reception** *Grand Ballroom Foyer, Level 2*

This reception is sponsored by Silver Level Sponsor Washington University in St. Louis, Brown School of Social Work.

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7:30 pm – 9:30 pm **Student Social Hour – all students are welcome!** *Grand Ballroom A, Level 2*

Host: Fatima Mabrouk, MSW, New York University, SSWR Student Director-at-Large

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Friday – January 17, 2025

7:00 am – 8:00 am **Special Interest Group (SIG) Meetings I**

7:30 am – 4:00 pm Registration Open *Grand Ballroom Foyer, Level 2*

8:00 am– 9:30 am **Special Session: Journal of the Society for Social Work and Research (JSSWR)** *Aspen, Level 2*

Chair and Speaker: Todd I. Herrenkohl, PhD, University of Michigan-Ann Arbor, JSSWR Editor-in-Chief; Speakers: Tamara Cadet, PhD, University of Pennsylvania; Lisa de Saxe Zerden, PhD, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill; Bowen McBeath, PhD, Portland State University; G. Lawrence Farmer, PhD, Fordham University

8:00 am– 9:30 am Flash Talks / Symposia / Workshops / Roundtables / Paper Presentations / ePosters

8:00 am– 6:45 pm Exhibits Open *Grand Ballroom CD, Level 2*

9:45 am–11:15 am **RCDC Research Roots & Wings Roundtable I: Flexing your (academic) Freedom: Preparing Early Career Scholars to flourish in an anti-DEI Environment** *Aspen, Level 2*

Co-Chairs: Bernadine Waller, PhD, Columbia University; Durrell Washington, MSW, The University of Chicago; Speakers: Luis Alvarez-Hernandez, PhD, LICSW, Boston University; Charles Lea, III, PhD, MSW, University of Houston; Denise McLane-Davison, PhD, Morgan State University

11:30 am–12:30 pm **Aaron Rosen Lecture*** *Metropolitan Ballroom AB, Level 3*

Keynote Speaker: Leopoldo J. Cabassa, PhD, MSW, Washington University in St. Louis

This session is jointly sponsored by the Society for Social Work and Research (SSWR) and the Brown School of Social Work, Washington University in St. Louis.



Leopoldo J. Cabassa, PhD, MSW

12:45 pm– 1:45 pm Lunch On Your Own

12:30 pm– 1:30 pm **Special Interest Group (SIG) Meetings II**

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2:00 pm – 3:30 pm **Invited Symposium I:** *Metropolitan Ballroom AB, Level 3*
On the Ground with Community Partners and Researchers:
Challenges and Lessons Learned from Violence Prevention Research*
Chair and Moderator: Mary Ohmer, PhD, MPIA, University of Pittsburgh, SSWR Vice President and 2025 Conference Chair; Moderator: Cheryl Hyde, PhD, Temple University; Speakers: Tyrone Morris, MSW, Committed Community Mentors; Katiana Foizen, MSW, Philadelphia ReCAST; Jason Beery, PhD, University of Pittsburgh; Cecelia Ware, Infinite Lifestyle Solutions
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2:00 pm – 3:30 pm Flash Talks / Symposia / Workshops / Roundtables / Paper Presentations / ePosters

3:45 pm – 5:15 pm **Brief and Brilliant Session*** *Metropolitan Ballroom AB, Level 3*
"I dream a world..."
Organizers and Moderators: Shannon Sliva, PhD, University of Denver; Caroline Sharkey, PhD, University at Albany; Presenters: Venera Bekteshi, PhD, University of Oklahoma; Jennifer M. Gómez, PhD, Boston University; Michelle Ridley, LMSW, University of Kansas; Lianne Urada, PhD, San Diego State University
This session is sponsored by Friends Level Sponsor University of Denver, Graduate School of Social Work.

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3:45 pm – 5:15 pm **Invited Journal Editors' Workshop II: Forum on Publishing Qualitative Research** *Willow A, Level 2*
Chair: Jane Gilgun, PhD, University of Minnesota-Twin Cities; Speakers: Mery Diaz, PhD, New York City College of Technology; Margaret Gibson, PhD, University of Waterloo; Robert Hawkins, PhD, North Carolina State University; Sharvari Karandikar, PhD, The Ohio State University; Lisette Piedra, PhD, LCSW, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign; Susan Robbins, PhD, University of Houston; Cristina Wilson, PhD, University of Connecticut

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Strengthening Social Impact through Collaborative Research

3:45 pm – 5:15 pm	**Special Symposium: "Whose facts matter!? – Part Two: Epistemic justice & professional values in faculty recruitment, promotion, tenure, and merit processes"** Convenor: Ramona Denby-Brinson, PhD, MSW, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill Moderator: Gina M. Samuels, PhD, The University of Chicago. Speakers: Darcey Merritt, PhD, The University of Chicago; Michele Munson, PhD, New York University; Marci A. Ybarra, PhD, University of Wisconsin–Madison; David R. Hodge, PhD, Arizona State University; Philip Hong, PhD, University of Georgia	*Aspen, Level 2*
3:45 pm – 5:15 pm	Flash Talks / Symposia / Workshops / Roundtables / Paper Presentations / ePosters	
5:30 pm – 7:00 pm	Flash Talks / Symposia / Workshops / Roundtables / Paper Presentations / ePosters	

Saturday – January 18, 2025

7:00 am – 8:00 am	**Special Interest Group (SIG) Meetings III**	
8:00 am – 2:00 pm	Registration Open	*Grand Ballroom Prefunction, Level 2*
8:00 am – 9:30 am	Flash Talks / Symposia / Workshops / Roundtables / Paper Presentations / ePosters	
8:00 am –12:00 pm	Exhibits Open	*Grand Ballroom CD, Level 2*
9:45 am–11:15 am	Flash Talks / Symposia / Workshops / Roundtables / Paper Presentations / ePosters	
9:45 am–11:15 am	**Invited Symposium II: Funding Collaborative Community Partnered Research: A Discussion with Funders and Researchers*** Moderator: Sara Goodkind, PhD, University of Pittsburgh; Speakers: Andrea Robles, PhD, AmeriCorps; Christopher T. Allen, PhD, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC); Joyce Dieterly, MPH, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC); Mary Ohmer, PhD, University of Pittsburgh; Jason Beery, PhD, Equitable and Just Greater Pittsburgh; Liz Miller, PhD, University of Pittsburgh This session is sponsored by Gold Sponsor Boston University, School of Social Work.	*Metropolitan Ballroom AB, Level 3*

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11:30 am–12:30 pm **Annual Social Policy Forum*** *Metropolitan Ballroom AB, Level 3*

Moderator: David J. Pate, Jr., PhD, University of Wisconsin-Madison
Keynote Speaker: David Sanders, PhD, Casey Family Programs
This session is sponsored by Platinum Sponsor University of Georgia, School of Social Work.


David Sanders, PhD

12:30 pm– 1:30 pm Lunch On Your Own

12:30 pm– 1:30 pm **Special Interest Group (SIG) Meetings IV**

12:30 pm– 1:45 pm **Student Session and Luncheon: Palestine, Free Speech and DEI Bans: Social Work's Response to Silencing Tactics, Genocide, and Systemic Injustice*** *Grand Ballroom A, Level 2*

Panelists: Sireen Irsheid, PhD, The University of Chicago; Amie Thurber, PhD, Portland State University; Adam McCormick, PhD, University of Texas at El Paso; Brianna Suslovic, MSW, The University of Chicago; Aneelah Afzali, American Muslim Empowerment Network
This session is sponsored by Gold Level Sponsor The University of Texas at Austin, Steve Hicks School of Social Work.

12:45 pm– 1:45 pm **Grand Challenges for Social Work Roundtable: Leveraging the Social Impact of the Grand Challenges for Social Work: A Framework for Collaborative and Community Engaged Research** *Aspen, Level 2*

Speakers: Schnavia Hatcher, PhD, University of Alabama; Carrie Pettus, PhD, Justice System Partners; Michael Spencer, PhD, University of Washington

2:00 pm– 3:00 pm **Presidential Plenary** *Metropolitan Ballroom AB, Level 3*

Welcome and Introductions: Ramona Denby-Brinson, PhD, MSW, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, SSWR President
Keynote Speaker: Isabel Wilkerson
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Isabel Wilkerson

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Strengthening Social Impact through Collaborative Research

3:15 pm – 3:45 pm **Fellows and Awards Presentations*** *Metropolitan Ballroom AB, Level 3*
Presenters: Ramona Denby-Brinson, PhD, MSW, SSWR President; Joan Blakey, PhD, University of Minnesota-Twin Cities, SSWR Awards Committee Chair

4:00 pm – 5:30 pm **Invited Symposium III: Strengthening Social Work Science and Collaboration Amid Anti-DEI and Anti-Democratic Initiatives*** *Metropolitan Ballroom AB, Level 3*
Moderator: Justin Harty, PhD, Arizona State University. Speakers: Mimi Abramovitz, DSW, Hunter College; Kyaien O. Conner, PhD, University of Pittsburgh; Lenna Nepomnyaschy, PhD, Rutgers University
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4:00 pm – 5:30 pm **RCDC Research Roots & Wings Roundtable II: Upholding Academic Freedom in Social Work Research in the Context of Diversity-Related Challenges** *Aspen, Level 2*
Co-Chairs: Mo Yee Lee, PhD, The Ohio State University; Fatima Mabrouk, MSW, New York University. Moderator: Mo Yee Lee, PhD, The Ohio State University. Speakers: Mimi Chapman, PhD, The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill; Robert Eschmann, PhD, Boston University; Kirk Foster, PhD, The University of Texas at Arlington; Fatima Mabrouk, MSW, New York University
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4:00 pm – 5:30 pm Flash Talks / Symposia / Workshops / Roundtables / Paper Presentations / ePosters

5:45 pm – 6:15 pm **Membership Business Meeting*** *Metropolitan Ballroom AB, Level 3*
Chair: Ramona Denby-Brinson, PhD, MSW, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, SSWR President
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6:15 pm – 7:15 pm **President's Reception** *Grand Ballroom A, Level 2*

Sunday – January 19, 2025

7:45 am – 11:00 am Registration Open *Grand Ballroom Foyer, Level 2*

8:00 am – 9:30 am Symposia / Workshops / Roundtables / Paper Presentations /ePosters

9:45 am – 11:15 am Symposia / Workshops / Roundtables / Paper Presentations /ePosters

11:30 am – 1:00 pm Symposia / Workshops / Roundtables / Paper Presentations /ePosters

1:00 pm Conference Ends

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