Undergraduate Student Representative (BSW) Candidates 2024-2025 (Vote for 1)

Jamie Dupree

**Education:** Appalachian State University, BSW - Graduating 2025
**Current Employer:** Student
**NASW Experience:** none
**Endorsements:** none

**Biographical Statement:** Jamie is a current undergraduate student at Appalachian State University. She is working towards her bachelor’s degree in social work. Her passion is to change laws and policies that surround domestic violence and be a voice for battered women and children. Once she obtains her master’s degree in social work, she will attend law school so that she can advocate for battered women and children in court against their abusers. Her drive in life is to make a difference in the world. She is currently a volunteer at her local women’s shelter. She started a domestic violence group at her church called Fearlessly and Wonderfully Made, which helps women build themselves up through their faith, and she is part of a ministry building a transition house called The INN at Pamlico, for women inmates coming out of jail/prison to transition back into society. Jamie dreams of the day when women, not only within her community but worldwide, will be able to breathe easily in knowing their voices are heard and respected in not only the court system but universally.

**Platform Statement:** I am deeply honored to be a candidate for the Undergraduate Student Representative position because of my desire to make a difference in the world. I want to advocate for those who need their voices to be heard, which is what led me to NASW. Their passion is the same as mine. I have seen firsthand through NASW events how passionate the members are in also wanting to make a difference in the world by advocating for those who cannot advocate for themselves. I will make it a priority to be a voice for NASW and focus on recruiting new members. Furthermore, I will help other social work students recognize the importance of the bond between themselves and NASW and appreciate the value of how their personal growth can be enhanced. I will be dedicated to helping NASW be successful at empowering people who are persecuted, living in poverty, and who are in jeopardy.
**Trinitee Smith**

**Biographical Statement:** My name is Trinitee Smith, and I am a dedicated junior at ECSU, pursuing a major in Social Work with a minor in Criminal Justice. Hailing from Philadelphia as a first-generation college student, I deeply value education and its transformative power. Throughout my academic journey, I have embraced various leadership roles, including serving as a scholar, president, and member of the Social Work honor society, Phi Alpha. These experiences have allowed me to thrive in my endeavors while instilling in me a profound commitment to empowering individuals and promoting respect and inclusivity across diverse communities. In my pursuit of enhancing my advocacy skills, I am currently serving as a Regional Tobacco Control and Prevention Intern for Albemarle Health Services in Pasquotank County. In this role, I actively engage in initiatives aimed at combatting tobacco use and fostering public health awareness within the community. Additionally, I have been deeply involved in a grant-funded project focused on child health and wellness, where I lead engaging physical activities tailored to children aged 5 to 18 in Pasquotank County, while also facilitating group therapy sessions addressing crucial topics such as health education and self-esteem. My dedication to community service extends beyond local borders, as evidenced by my involvement as President of the Rotaract Club, a subsidiary of Rotary International, for two years. In this capacity, I have led a diverse group of over 30 students, nurturing their growth as young professionals through a blend of leadership development and fellowship opportunities. Moreover, my commitment to global citizenship was further reinforced during my Study Abroad experience in Accra, Ghana, where I volunteered at the University of Basic School for four weeks. As a teaching assistant, I provided support and guidance to children aged 4 to 8, igniting a passion for international social work and cross-cultural engagement. Looking ahead, I am driven by a desire to pursue an MSW degree and become an LCSW, with aspirations of addressing systemic issues through policy advocacy as an elected official. My ultimate goal is to shape and draft policies that prioritize the needs of marginalized communities, ensuring access to necessities and fostering livable conditions for all. My journey is not merely about personal ambitions; it is about contributing to a greater purpose of serving others and effecting positive change. As an enthusiastic learner, I am constantly seeking opportunities to channel my passion into meaningful contributions to the field. Therefore, this position holds immense significance for me, as it aligns perfectly with my values and aspirations to make a tangible difference in the lives of those around me.

**Platform Statement:** Being considered for the Undergraduate Student Representative position on the NASW-NC Board of Directors is a true honor, and I am incredibly grateful for this opportunity. If chosen, I am committed to continuing my dedication to actively participating in various enriching NASW engagement activities. Throughout my academic journey in Social Work, I have been profoundly transformed by the profession's impact on my life. I am passionate about inspiring my fellow students at ECSU to explore the diverse careers and opportunities within the field of social work. As a current elected NASW student liaison for ECSU, I have already begun fostering connections and advocating for the profession's advancement within our community. My commitment to professional growth is evident through my hands-on involvement as a member of both the Social Work Club and Phi Alpha National Social Work Honor Society. These affiliations serve as platforms where I actively contribute and learn from my peers. My reliance on NASW's resources is consistent, ranging from delving into the Code of Ethics to engaging in LCSW preparation research and staying informed on voting rights data. I firmly believe that continuous engagement with NASW and a deeper understanding of the association will enhance my expertise as a student liaison. My diverse range of fellowship experiences, with a particular focus on advocating for voting rights and social justice issues, positions me as a valuable asset not only to my peers but also to the esteemed NASW-NC Board of Directors. These experiences have afforded me a deep understanding of the complexities inherent in policymaking, an understanding honed through active participation in influential forums such as General Assembly meetings and Board of Education sessions. Here, I had the privilege of engaging directly with influential figures, including county commissioners and sheriffs, where I fearlessly shared my innovative ideas and perspectives. With a combination of empathy, skill acquisition, and proactive engagement, I am confident in my ability to make a meaningful contribution to the NASW-NC Board of Directors and the community as a whole. I am genuinely excited about the prospect of further expanding my knowledge and refining my skills through this unique opportunity, as it aligns perfectly with my dedication to continuous learning and growth as a social worker.

**Education:** Elizabeth City State University (ECSU) BSW, Anticipated May 2025  
**Current Employer:** Albemarle Regional Health Services  
**NASW Experience:** 2024-2025 Elected NASW Student Liaison  
**Endorsements:** Andre P. Stevenson, PhD, MPH, MSW
**Biographical Statement:** I was born and raised in Albemarle, a small town with a tightknit community about an hour east of Charlotte. Like many rural towns in NC, Albemarle had its fair share of challenges – discrimination, poverty, and limited resources. Yet these challenges were met by community champions: teachers, local entrepreneurs, and religious leaders, all of whom worked with neighbors and saw the abundant potential that our town possessed. It is these figures, the “helpers,” that I grew up admiring, especially the ways that they listened deeply, helped people feel seen, and could unite our community across differences. My first career, earning a PhD in history, showed me new ways to be a helper, such as mentoring students and peers. It also equipped me with the skills needed to follow in the footsteps of community champions before me: how to listen carefully and remain curious; how to combine diverse pieces of evidence into a cohesive narrative; and how to continuously reflect on my own knowledge and cultural competencies. After completing my PhD, I realized that my passion for supporting older adults in particular had been a continuous thread throughout my life. Always close with my grandma (“Oma”), some of my fondest “helper memories” showcased the impact that supporting and affirming older adults can have. I worked with United Way of Southwestern Pennsylvania to connect adults to the resources that they needed, including food resources, utilities or rent assistance, and public health guidelines. In 2022 I moved back to NC, where I served for a year with AmeriCorps, assisting older adults experiencing food insecurity in Wake County. With AmeriCorps, I collaborated with diverse stakeholders under the banner of helping older adults. Now, I am pursuing an MSW at UNC Chapel Hill to further activate my potential as a helper and to help craft a more dynamic narrative about how we age and what it means to grow older.

**Position Statement:** As the graduate student representative, I am keen on ensuring that MSW students across NC have a clear invitation to the table and that their voices are heard. Using my public speaking skills and love of networking, my goal is to bring in more diverse perspectives and wisdom from folks throughout the state. Having been both a student and a teacher, I know the importance of having meaningful connection and community outside the classroom. Moreover, as someone who has an invisible disability, a rural NC upbringing, and a PhD, I have a unique combination of research skills and lived experience. My goal is to leverage these abilities and experience to help people—older and younger, student or social worker, client or partner—and to do this work with patience, empathy, and cultural competency.
Member At Large Candidates 2024-2025 (Vote for 3)*

**Isis Bey, MSW, LCSW, CCTP II, TTS**

**Education:** Master of Social Work, Current PhD Student in Public Health Services  
**Current Employer:** Harmony Health Therapeutic Services and IAB Consulting LLC  
**NASW Experience:** Current Member, Presenter  

**Biographical Statement:** Isis Bey, LCSW, CCTP II, TTS, [Momma Bey] is the founder and owner of Harmony Health Therapeutic Services, IAB Consulting LLC and an Adjunct Professor with multiple Universities. She has over 25 years of experience as a trainer and licensed mental health professional. She is Nationally Certified as an Advanced Level Complex Trauma Clinician, Gang Specialist, Parent Educator, and Tobacco Treatment Specialist. As a National trainer and Consultant, her training/consulting experience includes: Organizational Change, The Change Process, Anti-Racism, Implicit Bias, Trauma and Racial Trauma, Systematic Disparities, Holistic Wellness and more. She is a Social Worker, currently a PhD Student at UNC Charlotte Public Health Program with a focus on behavioral sciences, working to develop a research design to test the culturally responsive holistic healing model to address racial behavioral health disparities she created.

**Platform Statement:** As a first-year college and graduate student, a first year of disrupting generational trauma, a first year of not engaging in substance use and abuse, a first year of not being a partner of domestic violence, a first year of many more things, I am committed to advocating for equitable health and wellbeing for all and continuing the work of addressing disparities in our community. My approach is through building community, using a collective centered framework in working to create safer, and healthier environments for all. I truly believe, it takes a village.

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**Ceara Corry, MSW, MPA, LCSW, LISW-CP**

**Education:** Master of Social Work, UNC Chapel Hill 2019; Master of Public Administration, UNC Chapel Hill 2019; Bachelor of Social Work, UNC Charlotte 2016  
**Current Employer:** self-employed, The Naked Truth, PLLC  
**NASW Experience:** Co-Chair, Guilford Local Program Unit (present)  

**Biographical Statement:** I consider myself fortunate to have always called North Carolina home as a native of Jacksonville, a graduate of UNC Charlotte and UNC Chapel Hill, and a current resident of Greensboro. The values and principles of the social work profession aligned well with my passion for centering marginalized communities and pursuing a more just world for all, therefore the choice to enter the field was relatively simple. Healthy sexual, familial, and other intimate relationships have been my primary focus over the last decade, and this passion has led me to serve in roles including a childbirth doula, victim’s advocate, school and community-based sex educator, and a sex and relationships therapist. As the owner of The Naked Truth, PLLC, I support my clients in designing and achieving their ideal relationships, educate the community on the value of sexual health and wellness, and reinforce efforts from healthcare and other professionals.
as they care for their clients’ intimate needs. When I’m not working, I’m likely curled up with a historical fiction or thriller novel, or spending time with my fellow social worker husband, Tyrek, and our energetic furbaby, Lottie.

**Platform Statement:** I strive to make value-based decisions, and the desire to join the NASW NC Board of Directors is no exception. Three core values that guide me personally and professionally are community care and wellness, justice, and service. I believe humans live best when we are intentional in how we care for each other. As a member at large, I endeavor to support the priorities of NASW NC in caring for social workers and those who come in contact with social workers. While justice and other associated words like diversity, equity, and inclusion have become buzzwords, they still hold significance. I hope to have the opportunity to contribute to NASW NC’s advocacy efforts in ensuring access to reproductive healthcare, affirming the identity and needs of the LGBTQIA+ community, and championing anti-racism. I value pouring back into communities that have sustained me thus far on my journey. Since I can never fully repay what I have been given, I strive to pay it forward. Giving my time, talents, and resources to causes and organizations like NASW NC is part of how I live out my value of service. I aim to serve social workers by advocating for relevant causes such as the continued fight for title protection and adequate pay and recognition.

Dr. Quincy Dinnerson, DSW, LMSW, ACSW, QMHP-C, CFSW

**Education:** Doctor of Social Work 2018 - University of St. Thomas, St. Paul, MN; Master of Social Work (MSW) with Honors 2009 - University of Illinois at Urbana Champaign, Urbana-Champaign, IL

**Current Employer:** Associate Professor/Director in the Joint Master's Social Work (JMSW) Program of the North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University (N.C. A&T SU) and University of North Carolina at Greensboro (UNCG)

**NASW Experience:** NASW Legal Defense Fund - Vice President

**Biographical Statement:** Dr. Dinnerson earned a Bachelor of Social Work degree from North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University, Master of Social Work degree from the University of Illinois, Urbana – Champaign, Additionally, Doctor of Social Work degree from the University of St. Thomas - St. Catherine University. His research agenda centers on African-American men in social work, social work curriculum and instruction, school social work, mental health, and Historical Black Colleges and Universities. Dr. Dinnerson is a member of the National Association of Social Workers, Council on Social Work Education, and Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity Incorporated just to name a few. His social work practice experience includes school social work, mental health, social work administration, program planning and community-based advocacy. In the academy, he has taught across the social work curriculum in-person, online, and hybrid social work programs. Dr. Dinnerson embraces the motto, “To achieve in every field of human endeavor.”

**Platform Statement:** As a member of the North Carolina Chapter of the National Association of Social Workers, Dr. Dinnerson remains committed to the mission and vision set forth. He seeks a position as member at large, as he remains incredibly humbled to network and develop relationships with like-minded social work professionals throughout the state of North Carolina! Joining NASW-NC has allowed him to connect to social workers in North Carolina and to contribute to the advocacy work in advancing the profession within the state of North Carolina. He remains empowered and appreciative as NASW-NC engages society and publicly supports issues that impact marginalized communities. He is committed towards moving forward to strengthen our membership while remaining at the forefront of social change and advocacy.
Bianca Hodge, MSW, LCSWA

**Biographical Statement:** Bianca Hodge, a Licensed Clinical Social Work Associate and North Carolina native, brings over eleven years of experience providing supportive services to adults, youth, and families facing emotional distress, homelessness, and persistent mental illness. Bianca’s leadership and commitment to Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion principles are deeply ingrained in her work. With a Bachelor of Social Work from Fayetteville State University and a Master of Social Work from the University of Denver, Bianca has dedicated her life and career to social work. As the owner, CEO, and co-founder of Becoming Infinitely Phenomenal (BIP), a community-based nonprofit organization offering trauma-focused support across all 100 counties of North Carolina, Bianca demonstrates and embodies the principles of service, dignity, worth of the person, and the importance of human relationships. In her role as CEO, she leverages her expertise to make a positive impact on individuals and families in need. Bianca exemplifies the principles of diversity, equity, and inclusion in all aspects of her work. Her active involvement in the NASW-NC Continuing Education Committee, membership in the City of Raleigh’s Citizen Leadership Academy, and graduation from the City of Raleigh Neighborhood program highlight her commitment to community engagement. Bianca actively seeks managerial and clinical opportunities to address policies affecting the health and safety of the community she serves, showcasing her dedication to making a difference at both the individual and systemic levels.

**Platform Statement:** I am honored to be a candidate for a Member-At-Large position with the NASW-NC. As a master’s level and licensed clinical social worker, I am dedicated to advocating against inequalities and serving as an agent of change for our communities. I aim to partner with other community leaders to uplift social work values and principles, identifying and addressing systemic inequities that impact personal outcomes. Through my commitment to the social work profession and diverse personal encounters, I strive to collect a variety of knowledge, perspectives, and experiences to unify communities while honoring differences.

**Education:** Master of Social Work Degree: MSW, University of Denver; Bachelor of Social Work Degree: BSW, Fayetteville State University

**Current Employer:** The Children’s Hope Alliance

**NASW Experience:** NASW-NC Continuing Education Committee Member
Tacarra Ingram, LCSW

| Education: | Fayetteville State University, Fayetteville, NC, Master of Social Work (MSW) |
| Current Employer: | Durham VA Medical Center |
| NASW Experience: | Membership Committee |

Biographical Statement: A native of Oriental, North Carolina, Tacarra Ingram has always been passionate about helping others. She is a proud graduate of Fayetteville State University as both an undergraduate and Master of Social Work student. Tacarra is a Licensed Clinical Social Worker actively licensed in North Carolina, South Carolina, and Virginia. She is currently working with Veterans as an employee of the Department of Veteran Affairs. In addition to her role with the VA, Tacarra is a Medical Social Worker with WakeMed Hospital, and serves as a mentor and Clinical Supervisor for entry level social workers and Clinical Social Workers. Tacarra also has extensive experience as a School Social Worker, Social Worker for the Blind, and Mental Health Therapist. As a champion for serving, Tacarra is a North Carolina Notary Public, and runs a 501c3 non-profit organization with her husband, serving Montgomery County, NC. Tacarra is a proud member of Fayetteville State University’s Raleigh-Wake Alumni Chapter, Knightdale-Wake Forest Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., and a charter member of the VA Chapter of the National Association of Black Social Workers. In her free time, she enjoys reading, playing volleyball, being outdoors, traveling, trying new restaurants and recipes, and spending time with family and friends.

Platform Statement: Tacarra’s goal is to support NASW-NC members in advocating for policies that address systemic inequalities that negatively impact all populations served. With over 16 years of Social Work experience, Tacarra embodies the qualities necessary to serve in any capacity. Tacarra brings a wealth of experience and knowledge to the table as she has consistently demonstrated a commitment to uplifting the community through advocacy, education, and empowerment. Tacarra is dedicated to NASW-NC’s mission to stand at the forefront of social change and tackling systemic issues head-on. Her platform is built on the pillars of increasing membership efforts, increasing visibility of NASW-NC as an authority of support for Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion, and a support for all Social Workers.
Danika Mills, MSW, LCSW, MPS, LCAT, CCM

**Biographical Statement:** Danika is a clinically trained digital and public health leader with over 20 years of experience who leads Behavioral Health Delivery at Bamboo Health and is the founder of Mission Catalyst Consulting LLC, a firm that helps nonprofits, government, and digital health companies navigate innovations in healthcare delivery. Notable clients include the American Heart Association, Ounce of Care, and Galileo. Her focus is on reducing health disparities and improving health outcomes through innovative and evidence-based interventions. She is a part-time therapist, specializing in women’s health and wellness, and a part-time clinical supervisor for social workers advancing towards full licensure. Danika's passion for social impact and health equity drives her work as a leader in various national and regional initiatives and organizations including HRSA and CMS-led programs. She has led and supported the planning and implementation of large-scale projects in population health, care management, Medicaid redesign, reproductive health, mental and behavioral health, and social care. She is a national subject matter expert and has published work on school-based support and using EBTs like Critical Time Intervention. She holds two master's degrees in social work and art therapy and is a licensed clinical social worker, licensed creative arts therapist, and certified case manager. She leverages her multidisciplinary skills and credentials to create holistic and human-centered solutions for health and social care challenges.

**Platform Statement:** I am honored to be selected as a candidate for the NASW-NC Board of Directors and I am committed to advancing the profession of social work as well as promoting the well-being of social workers and the communities they serve. My platform is built on the following key pillars:

- **Professional Development and Support:** Holding an active license in clinical social work, I have had the privilege of serving clients and providing supervision to LCSWAs. I will continue to advocate for resources and initiatives that support the ongoing professional development of social workers, including training opportunities, mentorship programs, and access to supervision and licensure support.
- **Advocacy and Social Justice:** I've been actively involved in advocacy efforts spanning reproductive health and justice, Medicaid expansion, school-based mental health, rural health, social determinants of health, and mental and behavioral health across North Carolina. I continue to champion social justice issues and advocate for policies that address systemic inequalities and promote equity in access to healthcare, social services, and resources, particularly in reproductive health.
- **Integration of Technology and Innovation:** With over a decade in digital health, I recognize the growing importance of technology in the field of social work, and I will promote initiatives that integrate technology and innovation to enhance service delivery, improve outcomes, and expand access to care, while also ensuring ethical and equitable use of technology.
- **Collaboration and Partnerships:** I participate in many opportunities for cross-sector partnerships as an alumna of Leadership North Carolina, a participant in Health Tech Nerds and Therapists in Tech, and I will foster collaboration and partnerships across sectors to address complex social challenges and leverage resources and expertise to improve outcomes for individuals, families, and communities. I will work to strengthen partnerships with government agencies, healthcare providers, community organizations, and other stakeholders to advance our shared goals of social justice and well-being.

**Education:** MSW Hunter College School of Social Work, City University of New York; MPS, Pratt Institute; LCSW, North Carolina; LCAT New York; Certified Case Manager.

**Current Employer:** Director of Behavioral Health Delivery, Bamboo Health; Founder, Mission Catalyst Consulting; Therapist, Grow Therapy.

**NASW Experience:** NASW Member since 2011; 2023 NASW-NC Fall Conference Presenter on Health Tech Social Work; 2023 NASW-NYC 8th Annual Social Work in the City Conference Presenter.
MaryCaroline Gibson, MSW, LCSW

**Education:** UNC Charlotte - MSW (2020), Appalachian State University - B.S. Psychology (2016).

**Current Employer:** McNeil Family Counseling

**NASW Experience:** MSW Student Liaison - 2019-2020

**Biographical Statement:** I am an MSW, LCSW, and Certified Trauma Professional, currently working as a Clinical Psychotherapist. I have specific experience and interest in working in politics, policy, and equality - having served in numerous roles throughout education as well as volunteering in my community in these content areas. My strengths include organization, leadership, and being open minded. I am looking for an opportunity to pursue my areas of interest as they pertain to public and professional issues, as well as contribute more to the NASW - as they played a strong role in my education as a Graduate student serving as a liaison for my program.

Jeannie Kerr, MSW

**Education:** ECU School of Social Work, MSW 1995 Meredith College, BA, 1989

**Current Employer:** District Mental health Coordinator at Nash County Public Schools


**Biographical Statement:** Jeannie Kerr has been a member of NASW for 28 years and has served as graduate student representative, Treasurer, Vice President, and finance committee member. She graduated from Meredith College and received her MSW from East Carolina University. As a Licensed Clinical Social Worker, she has worked for ECU’s TEDI BEAR Children’s Advocacy Center; taught as an adjunct faculty with Nash and Edgecombe Community Colleges and East Carolina University; served as the mental health counselor for Wesleyan College; maintained a private mental health practice; and is currently the Mental Health Coordinator for Nash County Public Schools. Jeannie is a North Central Co-Coordinator for the State Mental Health Initiative and a Community Action Board member for the Twin Counties Partnership for Healthier Communities. She is dedicated both professionally and socially to the social work profession.

**Platform Statement:** As a long-time member of NASW, I strongly support the professionalism, values, and ethics represented and promoted through the work of the organization. More than ever, I feel that social workers must advocate, support, and be a voice for equality and for those who are not able to be heard. I am passionate about mental health and about meeting the needs of the whole person especially in light of the pandemic. As a delegate for the NC Chapter, I will support public and professional initiatives that promote equality and are aligned with the priorities established by the NC Chapter.
Kendra King, MSW, LCSWA, LCAS-A, PRT, PBTT, CST-C

**Biographical Statement:** I completed my Undergraduate degree in 2011 and my Graduate degree in 2017 while experiencing life that inevitably shaped my career personally as well as professionally. I have over 14yrs of acquired knowledge within the mental health and substance use field that eventually led me to specialize in my passion for helping others who struggle with Sex & Porn Addiction. I recently started my private practice that provides services to those with needs in that area or people who just want to feel seen and heard.

**Platform Statement:** It would be an honor to continue representing the NC Chapter members in this capacity. The 4yrs of experience I gained as a general member and co-chair of the Mecklenburg County Juvenile Crime Prevention Council helped expand my ability to effectively advocate for underserved populations. I'm currently completing the requirements to become a member of the Mecklenburg County Aging Council which will further my efforts to fulfill the responsibilities of being a change agent for the community.

Karen Koch, MSW, LCSW

**Education:** Bachelor of Arts in Psychology from the University of Maryland Baltimore County; Master of Social Work from University of Maryland Baltimore, Mental Health Concentration. Certificate in Non-profit Management from Duke University.

**Current Employer:** Eastern Area Health Education Center (EAHEC)

**NASW Experience:** NASW Member since 1986; NASW-NC Greenville LPU co-chair or chair since 2002; NASW-NC Board of Directors, Coastal District Representative 2002-2005; NASW-NC Board of Directors, Vice President, 2005-2007; NASW-NC Board of Directors, President, 2007-2008; NASW-NC Finance Committee, 2007-2012; NASW-NC Continuing Education Peer Review Board, 2009-present.

**Biographical Statement:** I am the Director of Mental Health Education at the Eastern Area Health Education Center (EAHEC) in Greenville, North Carolina. Eastern AHEC provides continuing professional development for health care professionals in 23 counties in rural eastern NC. I am a Licensed Clinical Social Worker with over 30 years of experience working in behavioral health and addiction treatment settings and continuing education. I completed the Pitt-Greenville Chamber of Commerce Leadership Institute in 2019. I have received several awards including the ECU School of Social Work Distinguished Service Award in 2021. I am a member of the ECU School of Social Work Advisory Board and co-chair of the Pitt Partners for Health Mental Health Action Team.
Platform Statement: Being a member of NASW for 38 years has given me the opportunity to serve the profession and its members in a variety of ways. From being a NASW-NC Coastal District Representative to NASW-NC Board President, it has been a joy and privilege to serve the social workers of North Carolina. Being the Greenville Local Program Unit co-chair and sitting on the continuing education peer review board has kept me involved on a local and statewide level. Being a NASW-NC Delegate is a critical role that requires a thoughtful, knowledgeable, and committed individual to review, discuss, and vote on policy statements, positions, and priorities. If elected to serve in this role, I will be actively involved in discussions and decision making on your behalf. I will diligently review all the necessary information to make informed decisions. I will work with the NASW-NC Board of Directors and NASW-NC staff to make sure that our priorities and positions are fully represented. I appreciate the opportunity to serve all the social workers of North Carolina as a Delegate.

Steve Marson, MSW, ACSW, PhD

Education: Ph.D. Sociology (NCSU) Minor: Social Work (UNC-CH), 1991; MSW The Ohio State University, 1976; BA Ohio Dominican University, 1974 Double Major: Social Welfare and Sociology; Minor Psychology

Current Employer: Retired Professor Emeritus, UNCP

NASW Experience: NASW National - National Ethics Committee, 2014-20; Task Force Chair, Technology and Social Work, Summer 1998; Competence Certification Commission, 1991-93; ACBSW Examination Review Committee, Chair, 1991-93; School Social Work Examination Committee, 1992-93; Technology Committee, 1995-97. NASW NC Chapter - Delegate Assembly, 2018-2023; Chapter Vice President, 1997-99; Chapter Board of Directors, 1994-96; Executive Committee, 1997-99; Continuing Education Committee, Member 1995-97; Technology Advisory Panel, Chair 1995; Conference Planning Committee, Co-Chair 1994-95; Awards Committee, Chair, 1997-99; Member, 1999-2001; Nominations Committee, Member, 1999-2001; Legislative Committee, Member 2008; Social Worker of the Year, 2005; Author of NASW’s Elder Suicide: Durkheim’s Vision, 2019

Biographical Statement: Stephen M. Marson attended Ohio Dominican University (BA), The Ohio State University (MSW) and North Carolina State University (Ph.D. – Sociology) with a minor in Social Work from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. He is the founder and editor of The International Journal of Social Work Values and Ethics. In addition, the author of NASW’s Elder Suicide: Durkheim’s Vision, three other books and numerous articles. He has been a faculty member in the Social Work Department and the Sociology & Criminal Justice Department. After 40 years, he retired from his professorship at the University of North Carolina at Pembroke.

Platform Statement: I have been a member of NASW since 1975. I would like to see the area of social work research bolstered. I published an editorial addressing the lack of research practice within MSW education. For example, few MSW programs offer students the option to do a master’s thesis. If a social worker is not associated with a university or other research facility, there is no requirement for an outside examination regarding harm to research subjects. I am proposing that social work research that is not under the auspices of a research facility be required to submit to an Institutional Review Board (IRB) assessment. No other professional organization has such an ethical requirement. I believe that NASW should embrace a leadership role in this arena.
Sonyia Richardson, PhD, MSW, LCSW

**Biographical Statement:** Dr. Sonyia Richardson is an Assistant Professor in the School of Social Work and Director of the Race and Social Equity Research Academy at the University of North Carolina at Charlotte. In her research lab, she aims to identify and remove barriers to mental health treatment for racially minoritized populations and eliminate resulting disparities through mixed-methods, community-engaged research. In addition to her work within academia, Dr. Richardson is engaged with local, state, and national initiatives. As a respected scholar in the field of social work, she was appointed to the Andrea Harris Social, Economic, Environmental, and Health Equity Task Force by North Carolina Governor Roy Cooper in 2020. In her second appointed term, she serves as Director of the Wellness Outcomes subcommittee. Locally, Dr. Richardson is the founder and owner of Another Level Counseling and Consultation in Charlotte, North Carolina. For over 16 years, the agency has been instrumental in providing counseling services, facilitating corporate and community wellness workshops, and providing consultation services internationally to corporations.

**Platform Statement:** If selected as a Board Delegate for the NASW-NC Chapter, I will continue to serve social workers in our state by providing input and feedback regarding organizational policies, program priorities, ethics, and developing stances on public and professional issues. I will ensure that decisions are made in the best interest of our social work workforce. I am an advocate for our profession and ensuring inclusive and equitable policies and practices. I would be honored to serve again in this role.

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Jason Scianno, LCSW, LCAS

**Biographical Statement:** After a lengthy history across three industries, working with people and personalities I find myself today helping others find peace in mindfulness and purpose.

**Platform Statement:** I would be honored to serve as a Delegate for the North Carolina Chapter of NASW and share the voice and contributions of our membership.
Beth Vogler, MSW, PhD

**Biographical Statement:** Beth Vogler, MSW, PhD, is the Social Work Program Director at Mars Hill University. She earned her MSW from St. Louis University and her PhD from Union Institute and University. Beth's work in the inner-city of St. Louis for her MSW internship was pivotal in teaching her about social justice, which continues to be a passion for her today. This work led to her interest in health disparities which formed her doctoral research focus on end-of-life care and African Americans.

**Platform Statement:** Beth’s involvement with NASW-NC goes back to 1995 when she attended a meeting hosted by Kelly Spangler on resurrecting the Asheville Local Program Unit. Since that time, Beth has served in various roles with the Asheville LPU and is the current Chair. She is serving her second term on the NASW-NC Board and was a Delegate in the last two Delegate Assemblies. Additionally, she serves on the board for the Mediation Center in Asheville. She wants to give a big shoutout of gratitude to the NASW-NC staff for all of their good work. We are fortunate to have such dedicated and amazing chapter staff supporting our work and profession.

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Ashley Witherspoon, MSW, LCSW

**Biographical Statement:** Ashley is a North Carolina native who received her Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice from North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University and Master of Social Work from the University of South Carolina-Columbia. Ashley gained clinical experience early in her career working with children, adolescents, and families who endured mental health challenges, physical/emotional abuse, and neglect. Ashley has worked in various settings within the state and federal sector providing inpatient psychiatric treatment, in home therapeutic services, and interdisciplinary medical care. Ashley is the Founder of Hand Made Dreams, a mental health platform dedicated to bringing mental health awareness to everyday spaces. She served as a mental health expert for WRAL-TV, an NBC - affiliated television station, providing therapeutic strategies for families during the Covid-19 Public Health Crisis and has contributed to various local and national publication platforms, including the national and digital media publication Youth Today, Artwork Archive and the American Alliance of Museums.

**Platform Statement:** If selected as a NASW-NC Delegate Representative, I will continue to uphold the core values of the Social Work profession by dedicating my expertise to the collective body for the purpose of establishing policy and contributing to program priorities in the best interest of my
colleagues and the community in which we serve. I look forward to joining the efforts to explore innovative ideas and the significant contributions made by social workers to enhance awareness of the profession.