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Welcome to the 2021 NASW/Texas State Conference, “Social Workers Are Essential”!

Colleagues and friends, we are excited to welcome you to our annual conference where we will have the opportunity to engage in some of the most innovative and diverse programs we’ve ever shared! NASW/TX has curated a roster of exciting virtual sessions which will provide us up to 22 “live” CEUs and up to 42 total CEUs, by visiting webinar recordings through November! This is a great way to build our knowledge and skills, as well as a reminder of the many ways in which **Social Workers Are Essential!**

This has been a very challenging year for the profession. We have experienced high and lows in the era of COVID and with regard to the on-going social justice threats facing our communities, clients, and profession. We have lost loved ones, colleagues, friends and clients and experienced grief and loss in a multitude of ways. We are inundated with restrictive and discriminatory pieces of legislation, and we are challenged by systems which continue to marginalize individuals and communities. We have spent months, dedicating ourselves to the mission of social work, serving others to “enhance human well-being and help meet the basic human needs of all people.” We continue to honor our core values which have recently been enhanced by the revision to the NASW Code of Ethics, reminding us that, “Social workers should take measures to care for themselves professionally and personally.” We are practicing in a time when indeed, **Social Workers Are Essential!**

During our NASW/Texas State Conference, we will have live webinars which include 8 general sessions & 21 breakout sessions, in addition to convenient, on-demand viewing of recordings available through November 30, 2021, and free bonus sessions including human trafficking, supervision & telehealth. Some of those sessions include the Friday general session and Q&A, “I’m Just Tryna Talk To You And Tell My Life Through These Speakers: Why Hip Hop Is Essential For Social Work Practice”, with Founder and Executive Director of FlowStory, PLLC, Dr. Raphael Travis Jr., “Supporting & Working with Transgender People: Education and Social Justice Context for Social Workers”, presented by TENT and GSLEN Austin Board Member, Jessica Soukup, “Anti-Racist Education Censorship, White Fragility on Full Display”, by Tanya Rollins, former Child Protective Services Disproportionality Manager for the Texas Department of Family and Protective Services, sessions for clinicians, supervisors, and macro social workers, and many more, reminding us that Social Workers Are Essential! In addition, don’t miss out on the virtual exhibit hall to learn more about allied organizations and sponsors, with chances to win cool prizes, such as a Fit Bit & \$50 and \$100 Amazon gift cards!

If you are not an NASW member (yet), we encourage you to also take the time at conference to visit the Membership Page on the NASW website (www.socialworkers.org/Membership), talk with members in the bio and chat features of our virtual conference app, and learn about how becoming a member can strengthen social work leadership and advocacy efforts, both as an individual and as an organization! Join us – **YOU Are Essential!**

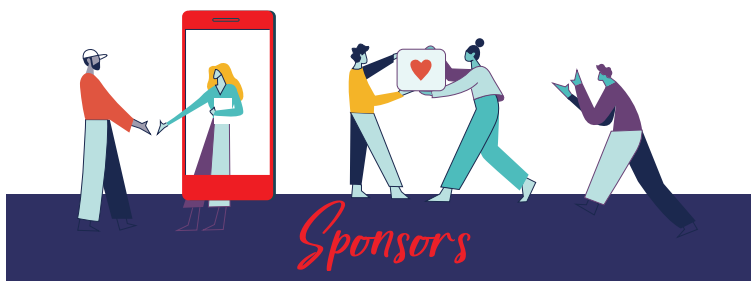
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Thank you for all you do every day – learning from you all at conference every year makes me a better professional and a better human – **WE ARE ESSENTIAL!**



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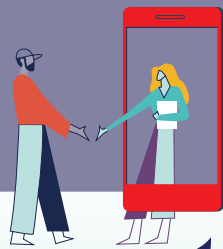
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FRIDAY, OCTOBER 22

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9:00 AM 9:45 AM	OPENING REMARKS + Social Work and Ability Inclusion: Application of the 7 Pillars (Ethics) Seth Mobillio, LCSW, Tessa Bathauer, MSW & Stacie McGee, LMSW-IPR	0.5
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9:15 AM - 9:30 AM	CLOSING REMARKS Stacie McGee, LMSW-IPR	-
9:30 AM - 11:30 AM	LGBTQ+ Allyship and Inclusion in Your Practice (Ethics) Ashley Heidebrecht, LMSW	2
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Human Trafficking: A Training for Social Workers Kimberly Gallegos, PhD, LCSW

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The Fundamentals of Disability Within and Outside of the Social Work Profession Tessa Bathauer, MSW & Nick Wings-Yanez, PhD, LMSW

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Trending Topics in Supervision: Trauma, Cultural Humility & Online Boundaries (Supervision) Dorinda N. Noble, PhD, LCSW

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Best Practices for Telehealth and Trauma Jennifer D. Street, LCSW & Kelly Breeding Bustin, LCSW

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Cultural Competence: What They Didn't Tell You and What You Should Ask Yourself Steven Hayes, LCSW

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Running for Office as a Social Worker Alison Mohr Boleware, LMSW

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BONUS SESSIONS

THURSDAY, 8:00–9:00 AM

100. Self-Care, I'll Squeeze You in Right After I Finish This Next Zoom Meeting. *Lindsey Fields, JD, LMSW.* Professional social workers experience high exposure to trauma in our clinical-community work. Our commitment to reducing or eliminating the causes of traumatic experiences, including community violence as well as loss related to the COVID-19 pandemic, make us especially vulnerable. Being empathic and compassionate has a significant emotional impact on the social worker (Figley, 2002, 2005, 2015) and going from one virtual session to another can be challenging. We acknowledge the need to care for ourselves, but do we really take the time for self-care? What does self-care even look like for a professional social worker in this virtual world? During a pandemic, how do we engage in self-care to ensure that we practice effective mental health? The workshop will extend, refresh, and revive self-care measures that embrace culture and are informed by personal narratives. We will also identify potential emotional hazards which may lead to worker distress. Self-care tools that have demonstrated evidence of healing will be practiced within the course of this presentation. (1 Ethics CEU)

THURSDAY, 9:00–9:45 AM

OR01. Welcome Announcement + The Developing Landscape of Social Work in Texas and the United States. *NASW-TX Executive Director Will Francis, LMSW.* will deliver the conference "Welcome" announcement, then provide updates on the interstate compact for social work licensure, recent developments at the licensing board and other topics pertinent to social work practice. Participants will gain a better understanding of how current issues in and outside the profession may affect their work. (.5 CEU)

THURSDAY, 10:00 –11:00 AM

I'm Just Tryna Talk To You And Tell My Life Through These Speakers: Why Hip Hop Is Essential For Social Work Practice. *Dr. Raphael Travis Jr., LCSW.* Research supports Hip Hop integrated strategies as highly engaging, effective, and meaningfully implemented across disciplines. Trends highlight increased demand for adolescent mental health services (Mojtabai and Olfson, 2020), but challenges in engaging youth and young adults of color (Moore et al., 2020), highlight the vulnerability of cultural disconnectedness in service provision. This presentation will demonstrate how to use the unique elements of Hip Hop culture to reflect upon identity and resilience in the context of trauma, to move beyond coping and survival to thriving across the life-course, and to move from receptive to more active and multimodal strategies of engagement. *This session is sponsored by Texas State University School of Social Work.* (1 CEU)

THURSDAY, 11:00 AM–12:00 PM

I'm Just Tryna Talk To You And Tell My Life Through These Speakers: Why Hip Hop Is Essential For Social Work Practice: Interactive Q&A. *Dr. Raphael Travis Jr., LCSW.* Deepen your understanding of how to

implement Hip Hop integrated strategies in your work in this interactive Q&A session. Note: This session will be limited to the first 500 attendees. If you aren't able to join us for the live session, the recording should be available later that afternoon. *This session is sponsored by Texas State University School of Social Work.* (1 CEU)

THURSDAY, 1:00–3:00 PM BREAKOUTS

103. Supporting & Working with Transgender People: Education and Social Justice Context for Social Workers. *Jessica Soukup.* Starting with basic terminology and concepts, we will move quickly to cover the systemic oppression faced by transgender kids, adults, and their families. We will review the laws both supporting and discriminating against trans people and attempt to provide a social justice context to the current social environment. Finally, we will cover best practices of working with transgender people. *This session is sponsored by Bobcat Pride Scholarship Fund.* (2 CEUs)

104. Suicidality and Marginalized Populations. *Melanie "JaeHee" Chung-Sherman, LCSW-S; Katy Perkins, LCSW-S, PLLC.* This workshop will explore some of the unique factors to consider related to suicidality and unique populations as well as equip attendees with advanced knowledge of the Key Takeaways: Attendees will gain an understanding of 1) Unique factors related to social justice, inclusion, and equity considerations with suicide risk management and mental health 2) Common myths related to suicidality and mental health 3) Basic intervention strategies related to suicide prevention and education, and 4) Prevention-based strategies and resources. (2 CEUs)

105. Creative Clinical Supervision. *Libby Kay, MSSW, LCSW-S, ACSW; Linda Openshaw, DSW, LCSW-S, ACSW.* This workshop focuses on the ongoing need to update clinical supervision and discusses the supervision process with creative with new ideas, ethical discussions and changes in the way supervision is delivered. Key takeaways: After attending the session, participants will be able to 1) Identify current challenges in clinical supervision, 2) Understand how technology and the changes due to the pandemic can improve clinical supervision and 3) Explore supervision as a creative process that can help the supervisor and supervisee grow together. (2 Supervision or Ethics CEUs)

THURSDAY, 3:30–5:30 PM BREAKOUT

108. Social Worker's Role on an Addictions Consultation Team: Promoting Long-Term Recovery from an Acute Setting. *Jennifer Erasime, LCSW-S.* This presentation will examine the social worker's role in engaging patients with a Substance Use Disorder (SUD) in treatment during an acute hospitalization, the direct linkage to outpatient care and the implications for long term recovery. Key takeaways: Participants will be able to 1) Define Addiction Consultation in an inpatient setting 2) Understand the role of social work in engaging individuals in substance use treatment 3) How the development of community partnerships can

better patient care options and 4) How the linkage from acute inpatient treatment to outpatient treatment can impact recovery in the SUD patient. (2 CEUs)

THURSDAY, 3:30–4:30 PM BREAKOUTS

106. 2021 Code of Ethics Revisions: A Deep Dive into the New Self-Care and Cultural Competency Components Video Session. *Nicole Willis, PhD, LMSW; Dr. Veronica Molina, DSW, LMSW, ACSW; Dr. Denetria Brooks-James, DSW, LMSW.* This video workshop is comprised of two parts: Part One, “The 2 New “P’s” for Ethical Self Care: Personal and Professional” and Part Two, “Cultural Competence: The Connection Between Cultural Competence and Cultural Awareness.” For over 60 years, the NASW Code of Ethics has provided standards of practice for social workers. It has gone through several revisions and its latest update now includes language specifically identifying self-care as part of a social worker’s essential professional practice and has updated the definition of cultural competence with more emphatic language that operationalizes how cultural competence is demonstrated. Part One of this presentation will provide a brief, historical overview of the NASW Code of Ethics, a discussion about the addition of self-care verbiage in the Code, and implications for self-care practice within the changes in the environments in which social workers practice. Part Two of this session will provide a brief overview of changes to NASW Code of Ethics standard 1:05 formerly “Cultural Awareness and Social Diversity”, then we will move into a discussion on how to demonstrate cultural competency through cultural awareness. *This session is sponsored by UTSA Department of Social Work.* (1 Ethics CEU)

106.5. Ethics and Therapy Dogs in Social Work. *Stacie McGee, LMSW-IPR; Perry Hutchens, BSW Student.* This interactive session introduces Animal-Assisted Therapy, discusses implementation of the Code of Ethics and the Animal Assisted Intervention International Standards of Practice, and includes discussion of potential ethical dilemmas. Key takeaways: Participants will 1) learn the three definitions associated with animal assisted therapy. 2) review the differences between therapy animals, service animals and emotional support animals. 3) recognize the Animal Assisted Therapy Intervention International Standards of Practice. 4) compare and contrast the Animal Assisted Intervention International Standards of Practice and the NASW Code of Ethics. 5) apply the Animal Assisted Intervention International Standards of Practice and the NASW Code of Ethics to at least three working animal scenarios. (1 Ethics CEU)

THURSDAY, 4:30–5:30 PM BREAKOUTS

107. Ethical Dilemmas When Social Workers are Essential: A Conversation among Peers. *NASW Texas Ethics Committee.* What is “deemed essential” and when does it not apply? How does the Code of Ethics guide our decisions? What is a conscience clause? We will discuss these questions, the recent Code of Ethics revisions, and more. Come join the Ethics committee for a lively discussion. (1 Ethics CEU)

107.5. Female Veterans Overcoming Military Sexual Trauma-Related PTSD. *Metari Garza, LCSW, CCM.* Female veterans are affected by military sexual trauma (MST) experiences that increase PTSD symptomology. This session will examine this long-standing crisis and educate about interventions to improve it. Key takeaways: 1) Familiarize participants with the background and demographics of female veterans 2) Learn about the correlation between MST and PTSD for female veterans, and 3) Learn about proposed intervention programs to assist female veterans. (1 CEU)

THURSDAY, 6:30–7:30 PM BREAKOUTS

109. The Misnomer of Microaggressions: Physical and Mental Health Impacts on Ethnic Youth. *Dominique McGaha.* This presentation will discuss covert racism in the form of microaggressions, outline physical and mental health impacts among ethnic youth, and seek to explore future implications for school social work. Key takeaways: Participants will be able to identify similarities and differences between physical and mental health impacts of covert racism and discrimination among ethnic groups and 2) Describe the three types of microaggressions. (1 CEU)

110. Abbreviated Grief: Death & Dying during the COVID-19 Pandemic. *Naomi L. Brown, LCSW; Ashley Bernal, LCSW.* Rituals, memorials, and funerals provide ways for those who survive a death to grieve and begin a healthy path to healing. Grief is a lonely and isolating experience in and of itself, so it’s no surprise one of the most time-tested ways of coping with the grief of losing a friend or loved one is to practice social connection, to be with other mourners. Traditions that support mourning and grieving include Jewish Shiva, Catholic Mass, New Orleans Funeral Processionals, and Black Homegoing Celebrations. Restrictions enacted to prevent the spread of COVID-19 during the pandemic prohibited people from gathering and eliminated the physical contact so important in the grieving process. Funerals were live streamed with only immediate family present upholding the six-foot rule, and condolences took place over the phone. Poor and Black Communities were over-represented in the death tolls and most impacted by the experience of abbreviated grief. Join us for this webinar to examine the competencies around treating grief, and gain tools to help clients fully process their loss, as we embrace new ways to heal. (1 Ethics CEU)

111. A Social Worker’s Guide to Eating Disorders & Body Image. *Jamie English, LCSW-S, CEDS.* An overview of eating disorders and how social workers can help prevent and treat them. Additionally, learn how the role of poor body image in our society can lead to eating disorders. Key takeaways: Attendees will gain an understanding of 1) A social worker’s role in treating and preventing eating disorders 2) How to enhance assessment skills to include eating disorders, and body image, and 3) The social justice issues involved with eating disorders and weight stigma. (1 CEU)

FRIDAY, 8:00–9:00 AM

200. Update on the Texas State Board of Social Worker Examiners and Texas Behavioral Health Executive Council. *Darrel Spinks*. Join the Texas Behavioral Health Executive Council (BHEC) Executive Director for an update on the Texas State Board of Social Worker Examiners (TSBSWE). Topics will include: licensing, staffing, enforcement, and rule making operations, as well as a potential update of the Code of Conduct's stance on discrimination based on disability, sexual orientation, gender identity and expression. Attendees will hear about how the increased budget is helping to enhance BHEC's service delivery, and have the opportunity to engage in a Q&A session following the presentation. (1 CEU)

FRIDAY, 9:00–9:45 AM

OR02. Opening Announcements + Social Work and Ability Inclusion: Application of the 7 Pillars. *NASW Texas President, Seth Mobilio, LCSW; Tessa Bathauer, MSW; Stacie McGee, LMSW-IPR*. Explore how the social work profession can incorporate the 7 Pillars of Inclusion in tandem with the NASW Code of Ethics to improve access, equality, and inclusion for those with disabilities and other marginalized identities. Key takeaways: Participants will gain the knowledge to 1) Identify why it is important to include disability in our professional discussions about social justice and the future of the social work profession 2) Support the importance of intersectionality as it pertains to disability and 3) Apply the NASW Code of Ethics to the process of creating a more accessible and inclusive working environment for those with disabilities. (.5 Ethics CEU)

FRIDAY, 10:00 AM–12:00 PM

202. The Aftermath of COVID-19: Reflections of Our Shared Trauma and Shared Resilience. *Sandra A. López, LCSW-S, ACSW, Diplomate in Clinical Social Work*. Since March 2020, globally, we have experienced profound feelings of shock, confusion, anger, fear, numbness, sadness, disillusionment, disbelief, grief, and anxiety. We have faced challenges in this pandemic in transitioning from our "normal" reality to a different way of living and being. We will reflect on the impact of COVID-19 and explore our shared trauma and shared resilience. Key takeaways: At the end of the session, participants will be able to 1) Develop an understanding of the unique impact of COVID-19 on the social work profession, our nation, and the world 2) Define and describe the contemporary constructs of shared trauma and shared resilience, and 3) Explore how these shared experiences will potentially transform the profession, our clients, and ourselves. *This session is sponsored by Angel Hands Hospice.* (2 CEUs)

FRIDAY, 1:00–3:00 PM BREAKOUTS

203. Anti-Racist Education Censorship, White Fragility on Full Display. *Tanya Rollins, MSW*. Many people believe that 2020 represented a racial awakening in this country. While this belief is debatable, what is evident is that in 2020 and 2021 White fragility has been on full display in the passage of legislation in Texas and across the nation, aimed at censoring any educational content that promotes anti-racist principles. This begs the question, as a profession, are we willing to actively advocate against

this censorship? Are we willing to advocate for mandated anti-racist curriculum in all social work programs? Or are we content with simply developing culturally sensitive social workers who are unequipped to fight for social justice? Key takeaways: Participants will 1) Be able to articulate White fragility as a manifestation of internalized racial superiority, 2) Understand the connection between White fragility and current efforts opposing anti-racist education, 3) Understand the importance of the profession actively advocating against current and future legislation, and 4) Understand importance of the developing social workers who are equipped to fight for social justice. (2 Ethics CEUs)

204. Personality and Personality Disorders: Implications for Clinical Practice. *Joel L. Carr, PhD, LCSW-S, LPC*. There is much evidence that maladaptive personality styles and personality disorders can be treated effectively. Personality and personality disorders in clinical practice are examined in this presentation. Assessment, identification, and applications in clinical practice are covered. Helpful resources are also provided for continued study beyond the presentation. (2 CEUs)

205. SPEAK: Promoting Social Policy Education, Advocacy and Knowledge. *Richard Hoefer, PhD, NASW Social Work Pioneer*. Social work policy advocacy can be improved. We will discuss the Civic Engagement Model and the SPEAK (Social Policy Education, Advocacy, and Knowledge) program, a theory-based approach to increase civic engagement. (2 CEUs)

FRIDAY, 3:30–5:30 PM BREAKOUTS

206. Police Social Work: A Social Work and Criminal Justice Collaboration to Address Mental Health. *Catherine Hawkins, PhD, MSSW, LCSW; Rick Morley, PhD, MS*. Presenters will discuss a collaborative project at a large Texas public university, addressing the need for police social workers to divert mental health, non-violent offenses from the criminal justice system. Key takeaways: Attendees will be able to: 1) Explain the need for police social work as an essential field of practice to promote social justice through diverting non-violent offenses around mental health and related behavioral crises from involving law enforcement and 2) Engage social work practitioners around how police social work can positively impact vulnerable populations receiving community-based mental health services. (2 Ethics CEUs)

207. Is it PTSD, Moral Injury, Anxiety, or Depression? The Need to Diagnose Correctly. *Jeremy Lynn, LCSW*. As a provider determines diagnosis for the client, there are many options to choose from. Many of them overlap, and seem very similar. Should a provider "Stack" diagnoses to cover every symptom, or just pick an "umbrella" diagnosis? This discussion will: 1) Provide the basics of similarities and differences of some mental health diagnoses, 2) Discuss the ethical concerns for not properly diagnosing a client and 3) Look at how misdiagnosing can lead to a client not improving while under your care. (2 Ethics CEUs)

208. The Challenge of Practicing through COVID & How to Manage Your Risk. *Yvonne M. Chase, PhD, LCSW, ACSW; Elizabeth (Betsy) Cauble, PhD, MSW.* We will discuss social work practice before, during, and after COVID. You'll learn to identify the differences in providing services during each period and what you should modify to comply with social work ethics, state licensure board regulations, local mandates, and HIPAA regulations. Key takeaways: After this session, participants will learn how to: 1) Identify the inherent risk management challenges facing their practice 2) Complete a risk assessment of their practice 3) Follow the profession's Code of Ethics to recognize protocols and strategies that can reduce the potentiality of claims and lawsuits and 4) Adopt practices that create greater safety for the client and the practitioner. *This session is sponsored by the NASW Risk Retention Group and NASW Assurance Services, Inc. (2 Ethics CEUs)*

FRIDAY, 6:30–7:30 PM BREAKOUTS

209. Just Because We're Magic, Doesn't Mean We're Not Real. *Kiva Harper, LCSW-S.* Black girl magic. Strong black woman. Resilient. While all true, the magic that comes with being a black woman comes with a great responsibility. Let's unpack the Superwoman Schema. Join us to learn the origin of the Superwoman Schema, apply new concepts to social work practice in various settings, and explore Black Feminist Theory and it's role in social work. (1 CEU)

210. Faith-Based Organizations: Tapping into Untapped Resources. *Hope Shelton, MPA.* Involving faith-based partners is challenging but rewarding when you know how to get in the door, meet them where they are, and build a collaboration that enhances services for clients. Key takeaways: Participants will 1) learn how to locate potential faith-based partners 2) identify strategies to effectively engage these partners and 3) analyze how to expand participation incrementally into more involved campaigns. (1 CEU)

211. How to Motivate Parents to Show Up and Cooperate in Trauma Treatment. *Scott Sells, PhD, MSW, LCSW, LMFT.* Engaging parents in trauma treatment should begin with the first phone call. Unfortunately, this call is usually only used to set up the initial intake. This workshop presents a 7-question script that uses strength-based questions to quickly build rapport between the therapist and client, before the first session. Learn how this technique will allow both your parents and children to experience what is called a "soft start-up" and enter trauma treatment with increased show rates at 70% or higher, with greater readiness to change. You'll hear excerpts from actual calls to enable you to replicate the delivery and immediately use this Family Systems Trauma (FST) Model Motivational Phone Call the next day at work! (1 CEU)

212. Reproductive Health Conversations Under SB 8. Join Government Relations Director, Alison Mohr Boleware, LMSW, and Executive Director, Will Francis, LMSW, as they discuss what SB 8, the abortion restrictions bill, means for social workers and their clients. We'll discuss the policy changes that impact reproductive health in Texas, and how you can support your clients in this ever-changing landscape. This will be an open forum focused on creating safe and supportive spaces for reproductive health conversations.

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SATURDAY, 8:15–9:15 AM

300. Well, That Just Happened: Social Work Takeaways from the Texas Legislative Session. *Alison Mohr Boleware, LMSW.* Hear from the NASW-TX Government Relations Director on everything that did (and did not) happen during the 87th Texas Legislative Session and special sessions, including social worker-led legislative work and social justice movements. (1 CEU)

SATURDAY, 9:15–9:30 AM

OR03. Closing Remarks by NASW-TX Conference Planning Committee Chair, Stacie McGee, LMSW-IPR

SATURDAY, 9:30–11:30 AM

302. LGBTQ+ Allyship and Inclusion in Your Practice. *Ashley Heidebrecht, LMSW.* This training will guide participants through LGBTQ+ terms and social concepts, and help dissect norms and biases, to assist participants in analyzing their own professional mindset and space in a manner which drives and encourages inclusion and affirmation of the LGBTQ+ community. Key takeaways: After this session, participants will: 1) Develop a general understanding of the LGBTQ+ community and terminology 2) Identify the differences between sex, gender, gender identity and expression 3) Develop an understanding of the relationship between stereotypes, bias, and discrimination 4) Identify social/health disparities within the LGBTQ+ community, and 5) Develop knowledge regarding best practices in creating an inclusive space. (2 Ethics CEUs)

SATURDAY, 12:30–2:30 PM BREAKOUTS

304. Agesim: The Last Publicly-Condoned Form of Discrimination. *Pat Gleason-Wynn, PhD, LCSW, RN.* Ageism, discrimination based on age, has been called the last publicly-condoned form of discrimination. Older people have been consistently marginalized across various domains from employment to health care treatment, recreation and housing. However, in general, ageism isn't recognized as a problem. This lack of public recognition perpetuates ageism and makes it difficult to reduce the discrimination. Ageism is a justice issue. Our social work core values of social justice and dignity and worth of the person are prevalent in confronting ageism and bringing about social change. As professionals, we must be aware of our implicit biases. Don't miss this presentation which not only highlights this silent "-ism" but explores actions needed to change personal and societal views toward aging. Key takeaways: Attendees will 1) Define ageism and explore ageist-related comments and microaggressions, 2) Learn of the negative impact of ageism on the physical and mental health and well-being of individuals 3) Examine the ethical responsibility of social workers to fight against ageism, and advocate for social justice for all older adults and 4) Explore the re-framing in communication and behavior needed to change the societal view of growing older in the United States. (2 Ethics CEU)

305. Social Work Practice in Immigration: Supporting Immigrant Communities within an Unjust Immigration System. *Laurie Heffron, PhD, LMSW; Ana Vidina Hernández, MSSW, MA.* This session will provide information and theoretical frameworks to understand and work with those facing an unjust immigrant system and to better meet mental health needs of immigrant communities. Specific topics will include: deportation, detention, human trafficking, contemporary barriers to social services and supports, and immigrant justice-related advocacy and activism. Key takeaways: Attendees will be prepared to 1) Identify and apply theoretical frameworks and intervention strategies to diverse contexts of social work practice, 2) Identify and apply theoretical frameworks and intervention strategies to diverse immigrant populations and 3) consider ethical considerations and dilemmas in working with immigrant communities. (2 CEUs)

306. Taking Care of Our Caregivers. *Paige Kotlarich, LCSW.* This presentation will examine the role of the caregiver with chronic disease patients and discuss ways social workers can assist caregivers during the COVID-19 pandemic and beyond. Key takeaways: Attendees will learn to 1) Define the term, "caregiver", 2) Discuss the importance of a caregiver's role with patients with chronic illness, 3) Identify the burdens a caregiver may face, and 4) Identify and discuss ways in which to offer mental health support to caregivers. *This session is sponsored by Chefs for Seniors.* (2 Ethics CEUs)



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VL01. Human Trafficking: A Training for Social Workers. *Kimberly Gallegos, PhD, LCSW.* This training is designed to provide social workers with a solid understanding of this social (in)justice issue while emphasizing the reasons that the education and training that social workers possess make them ideally suited to assist victims and survivors. The training covers a variety of topics including key definitions and concepts, common venues, risk factors, and means of recruitment for both labor and sex trafficking, as well as information and tools to assist in victim identification and assessment using a trauma-informed lens. Guidance on reporting, state and national resources, and next steps that social workers can consider taking are also provided. (1 CEU) *Note, this course is an HHS-Approved Human Trafficking Training Course for Health Care Practitioners.

VL02. The Fundamentals of Disability Within and Outside of the Social Work Profession. *Tessa Bathauer, MSW; Nick Winges-Yanez, PhD, LMSW.* Explore the foundational components of disabilities and inclusion how to improve accessibility within and outside of the social work profession. You will gain general knowledge of disability history and how it impacts the disabled experience today, as well as basic frameworks for better understanding disabilities within our society. (1 CEU)

VL03. Trending Topics in Supervision: Trauma, Cultural Humility & Online Boundaries. *Dorinda N. Noble, PhD, LCSW.* In this video course, Dr. Noble will explore the nature of trauma and determine how trauma can affect the supervisory relationship and progress of supervision. Stages of a professional's development will be discussed and you'll learn the skill of motivational interviewing as a strategy to manage trauma and to encourage change. The core components of cultural humility in supervision will be examined, including addressing the fluidity of culture and developing strategies to address social inequities that affect cultural groups. In addition to gaining the skills to distinguish between ethnicity, culture, and race in supervision and practice, you'll learn how the SIFT method of determining when learning materials about ethnicity and culture are truthful and how to find more responsible sources of information. Dr. Noble will compare the benefits and risks of online supervision, such as ensuring confidentiality, avoiding boundary concerns, and addressing cultural differences about online interaction and teach you how to develop ways of structuring online supervision such that both supervisor and supervisee are comfortable with the process. Information on the latest ethical guidelines about online work through ASWB, NASW, and CSWE will be shared. (3 Supervision CEUs)

VL04. Best Practices for Telehealth and Trauma. *Jennifer D. Street, LCSW; Kelly Breeding Bustin, LCSW.* This workshop focuses on equipping clinicians to safely practice trauma therapy via a telehealth platform. From safety planning to technology considerations, participants will learn strategies for ensuring safe and ethical delivery of trauma care in a virtual setting. Clinicians will also learn about therapeutic techniques which lend themselves to telehealth delivery, such as Accelerated Resolution Therapy (ART ®), Cognitive Processing Therapy (CPT), Reconsolidation of Traumatic Memories (RTM), and others. After completing this course, participants will be able to 1) Define the components of HIPAA compliant telehealth 2) Establish appropriate safety considerations for using telehealth with trauma 3) Identify gaps in knowledge essential to the ethical treatment of trauma via telehealth and 4) Learn how Accelerated Resolution Therapy (ART ®) and other trauma focused techniques can be utilized safely in a telehealth setting. (1.5 CEUs)

VL05. Cultural Competence: What They Didn't Tell You and What You Should Ask Yourself. *Steven Hayes, LCSW.* Participants will be asked to consider topics of white privilege, manifest destiny and political correctness gone awry. Together, we will explore ethical dilemmas that can emerge when the focus of change is placed on the minority group, instead of the group with privilege that has systematically created barriers and challenges. In this session we use a critical lens to examine ethics of current approaches to this social problem. (.5 CEU)

VL06. Running for Office as a Social Worker. *Alison Mohr Boleware, LMSW.* Social work ethics include "social and political action". Hear from three social workers and NASW members who take action to the next level by running for office. Reggie Harris shares how his social work background led him to run for Cincinnati City Council and why being social worker makes him uniquely tuned into community issues. Then we hear from Ali Ramos and Audrey Spanko on their experiences as social workers running at the local and state-level, respectively. Ali speaks to how social work skills helped her tune in to constituent concerns about local policy dilemmas and how she combatted stereotypes about local government. Audrey shared her perspective on how important community building and networking is for running for office and how social workers across the state helped connect and support her during her run for state senate. Attendees will leave encouraged to support social workers for office and better understand how running for office as a social worker is a great example of our ethical call to social and political action.



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THERESA P. SECREST, LCSW LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

Terry has been an integral and valuable member of Texas Rio Grande Legal Aid (TRLA) since 2003. As the leading provider of free legal aid in Texas and the second largest legal aid in the country, TRLA serves nearly 25,000 people annually. TRLA serves the largest geographic area of any legal aid in the U.S, covering some of the poorest counties in the nation. At TRLA Terry has been a trailblazer in integrating the power of social work to the delivery of legal services. Terry was one of the first, if not the first social worker, to be a part of a legal services organization in the state of Texas. Through Terry, countless TRLA attorneys learned to be trauma-informed, and victim centered in creating their legal strategies, they learned to safety plan with survivors throughout the duration of their client's legal cases, and to collect for them life-changing Crime Victim's Compensation.

Terry has trained many generations of law students to conduct legal intakes for survivors and to identify those cases with high lethality indicators. The need to have a social worker assisting our TRLA lawyers when working with survivors of gender-based violence, quickly surpassed the superhuman abilities of our one and only beloved social worker. Hence, under Terry's leadership and vision, the TRLA social

work team was created. Under Terry's management TRLA now has a team of 7 social workers to cover our 68 county-wide service area. The delivery of legal services that focuses on the individual as a whole person and not the legal issue, creates long lasting and impactful results for individuals. This approach of delivering legal services hand in hand with a social worker, has been the basis of many of the victim-related grant awards received by TRLA.

In particular, the Legal Aid for Survivors of Sexual Assault (LASSA) grant of the Texas Access to Justice Foundation, which allowed us to add two specialized social workers to our team. Based on TRLA's successful approach and Terry's social work team, the two other LSC funded legal aid providers in Texas now also have social workers on their teams. Terry had been working with Legal Aid of Central Texas (LACT) since 1998. TRLA and LACT merged in 2003 and continued operating as TRLA. Terry collaborated with management of the other legal aid organizations to assist them in creating their own social work program, thereby impacting the delivery and quality of legal representation to indigent victims of violence across the state. TRLA remains unique in the number of social workers employed by a Texas legal aid agency and in how the team is integrated into the practice of family law.

Terry is passionate and fiercely committed to the ethical standards of NASW (National Association of Social Workers), in her professional and personal life. As a role model, Terry's commitment to serving survivors with compassion every day elevates the TRLA social work team and her brand of client support and crisis intervention has served so many low-income Texans.

Terry is not afraid to do what is right, to challenge what is wrong, to praise what is good and to uplift when necessary. She is one of the most loyal and loving friends you can find. Throughout her career, Terry has been an active member of the community. Her involvement with the Travis County SARRT, Travis County Domestic Violence Task Force, and suicide prevention organizations, demonstrates her endless drive and voice for the people she cares so much for. She also has been a part of the NASW Ethics Committee when she brought her expertise to cases from throughout the state. That voice helps bring awareness to the people in the community who she meets.

Terry has worked closely with the Office of Attorney General Crime Victims' Program for many years. She has built a close working relationship with their office that they know the TRLA Social Work Team is always willing to help them in time of need. For example, during the El Paso Mass Shooting in 2019 she made sure TRLA social workers were there to assist the victims' and their families. It took the coordinating of countless meetings and travel, but TRLA social workers were able to assist and work with all the families affected by that crime. This goes to show Terry's involvement not only in her community but throughout the state of Texas. We can think of no better more deserving and qualified human/friend/mentor/advocate/social worker, to receive this year's NASW Lifetime Achievement Award.

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SANDRA ORTA-STARK, LMSW SOCIAL WORKER OF THE YEAR

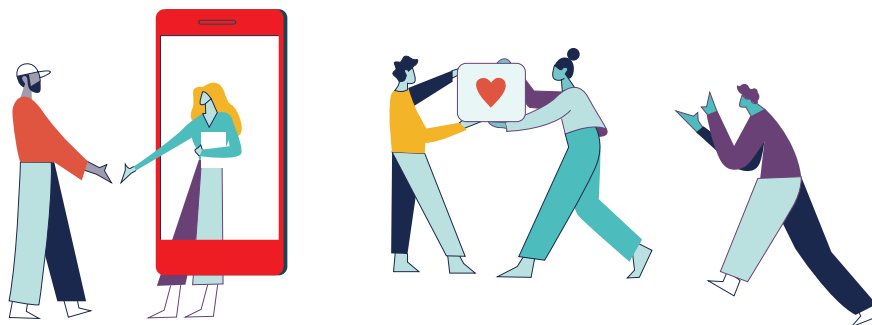
Sandra Orta-Stark, MSSW is currently the Title IV-E Program Coordinator for the School of Social Work at the University of Texas Rio Grande Valley (UTRGV). She is also an instructor for the child welfare courses for the Title IV-E program and provides adjunct and field liaison support when needed. She earned a bachelor's in social work in 2003 and a Master of Science in Social Work in 2008 from the University of Texas Pan-American. Prior to working with UTRGV, her social work experience focused on child welfare as she worked for Child Protective Services for 11 years. Initially working as an investigative worker, Sandra was on the front lines advocating for the most vulnerable. At a time when the department had some of its highest abuse reports and turnover rates, Sandra was steadfast and committed to the mission of assisting children in need. Her years as an investigator were remarkable, she managed her workload, achieved the highest rank as an investigator, mentored new workers, and was entrusted with complex high-profile cases.

She received the Worker of the Year award by the local child advocacy center and was sponsored to attend the Crimes Against Children Conference, an honor bestowed to few. She later became one of the first Family Group Decision Making Coordinators, which focused on a new strategy to working with families and communities promoting family resiliency, childhood abuse and neglect prevention, and family preservation. Sandra believes in giving back to social work practice. While working at CPS, she also volunteered to be a field instructor for many students interning at CPS.

She continued this work after leaving CPS, contributing a positive image for the social work profession. Her other volunteer work includes serving as the Sub-committee marketing chair and then appointed to Marketing Chair for the NASW Texas planning conference committee. This was a two-year commitment in which she was able to meet financial goals. Under her leadership as the Marketing Chair on the second year, the planning committee was able to set forth the first ever virtual conference for the NASW/Texas even during COVID -19 uncertainties.

Her passion for social work education has continued in the work she currently does as the Title IV-E Coordinator. Sandra provides oversight of the IV-E stipend project partnered with DFPS, manages the applications, and helps identify students who will later be eligible for direct employment with child protective services. She has greatly enjoyed this work as it has kept her connected to being an advocate for the prevention of abuse and neglect and children. Sandra's compassion for helping others extends beyond the Title IV-E program. Sandra enjoys working with others on projects that support the community. She has been invited to support and lead the development impactful conferences that serve the community, social workers, and students. Sandra is a model of social work excellence. One of her favorite quotes is, "It's not about how much you do, but how much love you put into what you do that counts" by Mother Teresa. Her devotion and dedication to social work practice is extraordinary and unmatched.

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JESSICA RILEY **SOCIAL WORK STUDENT OF THE YEAR**

Jessica Riley obtained her BSW from St. Edward's University. She was the Cochair of the College Student Commission for the City of Austin, representing the school. She contributed her time, knowledge, and skills to the Children's Defense Fund, writing a grant proposal to the Dell Foundation. In addition, she completed a two-semester field internship with NASW where she was instrumental in coordinating student forums, maintaining race and gender equity at the top of NASW's agenda, and planning for advocacy day at the Texas Legislature in March.

Jessica's advocacy skills are impressive. In October 2020, the Behavioral Health Executive Council (BHEC), the board that regulates licensed social workers in Texas, approved a rule change to remove protections against discrimination of the LGBTQ+ community and people with disabilities from the social work code of conduct. Recognizing this rule change as blatantly against the Code of Ethics for the profession, Jessica joined hundreds of licensed professionals for a public comment period that was ultimately successful in reversing BHEC's harmful decision. Jessica persisted during a long BHEC meeting and gave very compelling testimony in opposition of BHEC's decision to allow such

discriminatory conduct. She was one of very few students to testify that day, and perhaps the only undergraduate student.

As a BSW student intern working at the NASW Texas Chapter Office, she created a community for student NASW members across the state which resulted in the national office backing her to expand this group to other Chapters nationally. This program, called MyNASW Student Community, will be a valuable resource to students, as they begin their careers. Since graduating, Jessica has been doing community organizing and college chapter support as the Austin Fellow for IGNITE, a national nonprofit which provides young women with the training and resources they need to be future political leaders. No doubt, Jess is off to a great start and will certainly be an asset to our profession!

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SENATOR JOSÉ MENÉNDEZ **PUBLIC ELECTED OFFICIAL OF THE YEAR**

State Senator José Menéndez is Texas State Senator serving District 26 since 2015. The son of immigrants, José Menéndez grew up working at his family's small business located in San Antonio's West Side. During his term in office, Menéndez passed over 200 bills that benefited children, seniors, veterans, and San Antonio families. One of the bills, David's Law, empowers students, parents, schools, and law enforcement to combat and prevent cyberbullying.

Senator Menéndez is also a strong advocate for job growth, community, and business development. Along with his successful legislation, Senator Menéndez has secured millions of dollars for advancements in education, healthcare, parks, and additional funding developments, including \$17 million for the Alamo Colleges. Senator Menéndez began his public service career in 1997 when he was elected to the San Antonio City Council District 6 office, representing the city's West Side. He was then elected to serve as State Representative for House District 124 in 2000. He was later entrusted with an appointment to the powerful Appropriations Committee where he secured millions of dollars for various

crucial San Antonio initiatives. In his final session serving in the House, Menéndez was appointed Chairman of the House Committee on Defense and Veterans' Affairs where he secured one of the state's largest mental health programs for Veterans.

Senator Menéndez has distinguished himself as a commonsense problem solver, able to work with colleagues on all sides to serve the needs of Texas families. His cooperation with Speaker of the House Joe Straus was legendary. He has continued to remain committed to improving the state's public education system, utilities, and energy infrastructure, as well as housing and economic development. Senator Menéndez received the esteemed "Texas Municipal League Legislator of the Year Award" in 2017 which honored his outstanding efforts to empower Texans to make decisions affecting their local communities.

Senator Menendez's actions and legislative support upholds social work values, policies, and principles and we congratulate him on this award.

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DR. KAZIQUE J. PRINCE **PUBLIC CITIZEN OF THE YEAR**

As founder and chief executive officer, Dr. Kazique J. Prince (pronounced ka-ZEE-kay) is based in Austin, Texas, providing executive consultation and coaching services focused on cultural competency for individuals, teams, and organizations. Dr. Prince also serves as the senior policy advisor and education coordinator for City of Austin Mayor Steve Adler. In the Mayor's office, education, equitable economic development, and public safety are under his portfolio as well as efforts to develop, plan, and executive strategies to dismantle institutional racism and systemic inequities, promote equity and inclusion, and meet strategic goals within the Mayor's agenda.

In October 2020, Dr. Prince helped launch the Central Texas Collective for Racial Equity as the Interim Executive Director, a nonprofit association to support, in part, the ongoing efforts continued through the Mayor's Task Force on Institutional Racism and Systemic Inequities focused on education, health and wellness, finance and banking, real estate and housing, and criminal and civil justice. He's also writes and produces Equity Turned Up, a blog and podcast

reflecting on a variety of equity and inclusion topics. Throughout his career, Dr. Prince carved out a reputation as a dynamic and comprehensive communicator and trusted adviser. Governed by a focused vision for the future and fueled by a passion to make a difference in the new global economy, he has considerable experience in the areas of Project & Program Management, Diversity & Inclusion Management, and Cross-functional Leadership Development. He also owns a powerful understanding of people and what motivates them, drawing upon unique skill sets to sell, counsel, and encourage others towards meaningful, lasting change. He collaborates with clients working on managing cultural differences by trailblazing through opposition, spearheading forward-thinking, cutting-edge initiatives and programs while successfully uniting team members behind common goals.

Dr. Prince served on the Austin ISD's Budget Stabilization and School Renaming Task Forces. He also served as the project manager for the Mayor's Task Force on Institutional Racism & Systemic Inequities, City of Austin's Equity Action Team, Greater Austin Community Schools Coalition, and Executive Taskforce Committee for the Austin Area My Brother's Keeper White House Initiative. He previously had appointments as the Advisory Council Chair to the Austin's African American Cultural Heritage District, Education Committee Co-Chair for the Greater Austin Black Chamber of Commerce, and member of the Texas Diversity Council's Central Texas Advisory Council, NAACP, and the Austin Area Urban League. His hobbies include playing tennis, blogging, kickboxing, listening to live music, and urban gardening. He received his Ph.D. in Counseling Psychology at The University of Georgia at Athens, Ed.S. in Counseling Psychology at Georgia State University, Ed.M. in Counseling Psychology at Rutgers University, and B.S. in Psychology from the Benjamin Banneker Honors College at Prairie View A&M University. He is also a Board-Certified Diplomat in African Centered/Black Psychology through The Association of Black Psychologists and certified administrator of the Intercultural Development Inventory through IDI, LLC. Father of two adult children and supports various other activities in the Austin area.

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ELIZABETH TROVALL **MEDIA AWARD**

Elizabeth Trovall covers immigration and workers rights in Houston and across Texas and is considered an expert in her field on these issues. She has broken multiple stories about conditions inside ICE detention facilities, including leading statewide and national coverage of a mumps outbreak among detainees. Elizabeth also drove coverage of voting rights issues in Houston during the 2020 election and continues to highlight stories of inequities and injustice among New American populations.

Trovall's work has been featured on NPR's Morning Edition and All Things Considered, Marketplace, Here and Now, Latino USA, Texas Standard and Only A Game. She graduated from University of Missouri's Reynolds Institute of Journalism, where she reported for the local public radio station KBIA.

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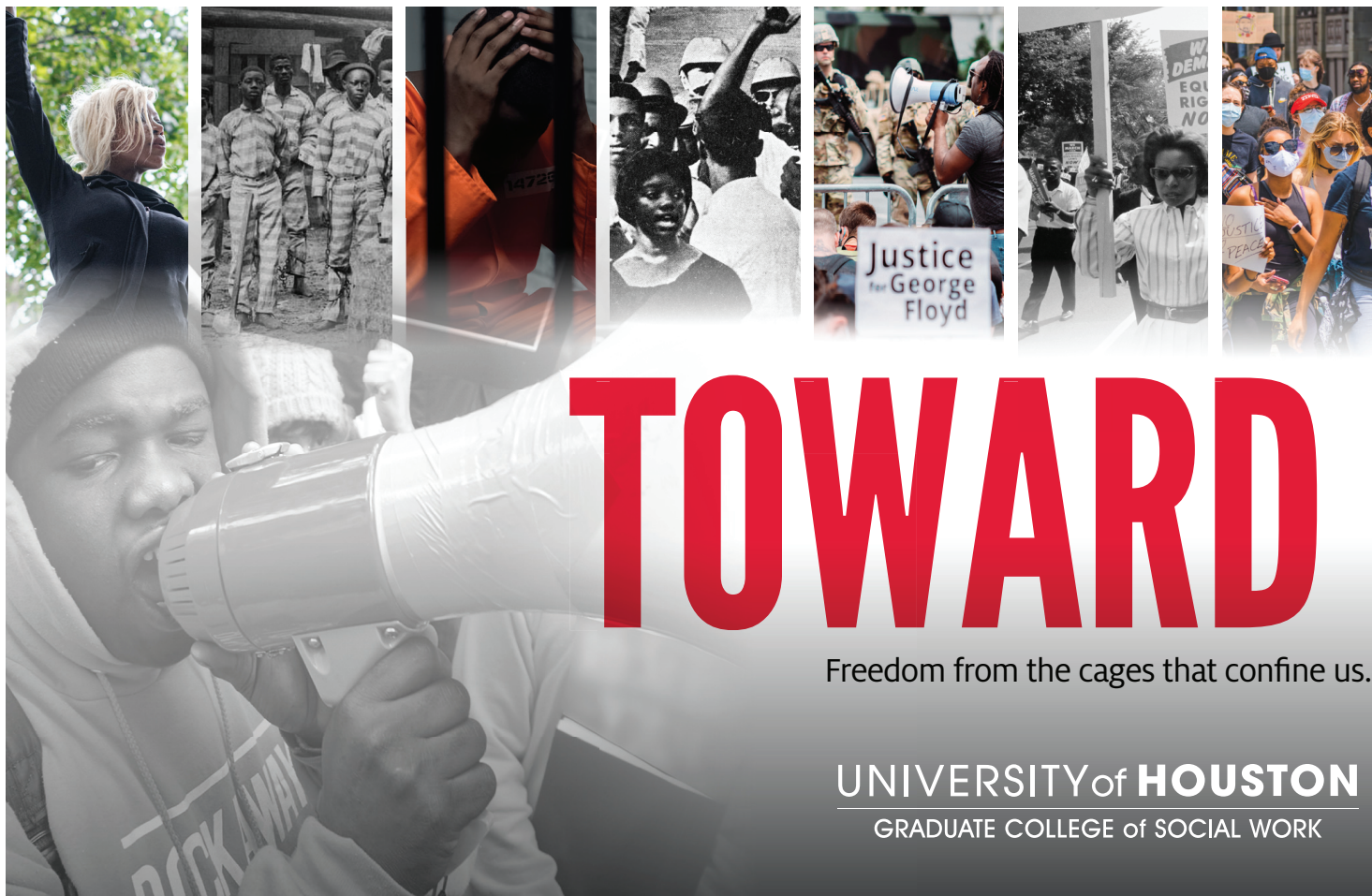


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