



The CSWE Center for Diversity and Social and Economic Justice Preconference Institute

The Radical Tradition of Teaching Human Rights: Education, Reflection, and Action

The Council on Social Work Education's (CSWE) Center for Diversity and Social and Economic Justice affirms that "to educate is the practice of freedom," as bell hooks wrote in *Teaching to Transgress* (1994).

CSWE's 2022 Educational Policies and Accreditation Standards (EPAS) affirm the role of anti-racism, diversity, equity, and inclusion (A DEI) in social work programs by its integration across the implicit and explicit curricula. In the past year alone, academic freedom and DEI faced numerous attacks by state legislatures across the US. Positioned against this context, this pre-conference institute provides the pedagogical and andragogical tools to support the centrality of A DEI in social work education.

The institute will begin with an immersive experience led by social work scholars at the National Center for Civil and Human Rights, a museum dedicated to the achievements of the civil rights movement in the US and stories from the struggles for human rights worldwide today. In the afternoon, a celebratory program at Clark Atlanta University School of Social Work will recognize 100 years of the school's history as champions of A DEI. Participants will learn the history of Clark Atlanta University, as one of the first black colleges and social work programs in the country, highlighting their extraordinary work with A DEI and the central theme of an Afrocentric perspective in social work.

The tour will also include a visit to the Martin Luther King, Jr. Center for Nonviolent Social Change ("The King Center"), a memorial and programmatic nonprofit established by Mrs. Coretta Scott King in 1968. The King Center also serves as an educational and social change institution preserving the legacy of Dr. King and ensuring positive social impact.

In addition to the heritage of Black social work education discussed during the Clark Atlanta University program, the following topics will be presented by social work scholars: anti-Blackness and the Black intellectual genealogical praxis tradition; pedagogical illustrations of the historical legacy of structural racism today as seen in immigration and family separation, teaching authentically in current times by recalling the art of black teaching during Jim Crow. Participants will gain access to educational resources to utilize in social work education settings at the baccalaureate, master's, and doctoral levels.

Learning Objectives

At the end of this institute, participants will be able to:

- Identify pedagogical and andragogical strategies as a component of antiracist social work curricula
- Cite relevant scholarly literature related to antiracist social work curricula
- Identify at least 3 assignments relevant to antiracist social work curricula

Clark Atlanta University Whitney M. Young Jr. School of Social Work

Session Title: “Find a Way or Make One: A history of Afrocentric perspective and ADEI”

Presenters: Dr. Jenny Jones and Dr. Darrin Wright

Session Title: “Anti-Blackness and the Black Intellectual Genealogical Praxis Tradition”

Presenters: Dr. Denise McLane-Davison, Dr. Colita Fairfax, Dr. Johnnie Hamilton-Mason

Room: International 4

Session Title: “The Historical Legacy of Structural Racism Today: Immigration and Family Separation”

Presenters: Dr. Mitra Naseh, Dr. Adriana Aldana

Room: International B

Session Title: “Authentic Education in Current Times: Recalling the Art of Black Teaching During Jim Crow”

Presenters: Dr. Yolanda C. Padilla

Room: International A

Center for Diversity Traveling Preconference Wednesday October 25, 2023

Itinerary		
Time	Event	Location
8:30 - 9:00 AM	Grab and Go Breakfast	International 4
9:00 - 9:30 AM	Welcome Remarks, Halaevalu F. Ofahengaue Vakalahi PhD CSWE President and CEO	International 4
9:30 AM	Board Bus, Atlanta Marriott Marquis	Motorcoach Entrance, Courtland Street
10:00 – 11:30 AM	National Center for Civil and Human Rights	100 Ivan Allen Jr Blvd NW Atlanta, GA 30313
11:45 AM	Arrive, Atlanta Student Movement	Atlanta Student Movement and Brawley Drive
11:45 -12:00 PM	Walk over (10 minutes), Atlanta University Center (AUC) Robert W. Woodruff Library	111 James P. Brawley Drive SW Atlanta, GA 30314
12:00 - 12:30 PM	Lunch	Atlanta University Center (AUC) Robert W. Woodruff Library
12:30 – 2:00 PM	Clark Atlanta University Program	Atlanta University Center (AUC) Robert W. Woodruff Library
2:00 PM	Walk over (10 minutes), Atlanta Student Movement	Atlanta Student Movement and Brawley Drive
2:15 PM	Board Bus	Atlanta Student Movement and Brawley Drive
2:15 - 3:00 PM	The King Center	449 Auburn Avenue, NE, Atlanta, GA
3:00 PM	Bus Departs, The King Center	449 Auburn Avenue, NE, Atlanta, GA
3:15 PM	Arrive, Atlanta Marriott Marquis	Motorcoach Entrance, Courtland Street
3:15 - 3:30 PM	Break	
3:30 – 4:30 PM	Breakout Sessions	
Breakout Session 1	Anti-Blackness and the Black Intellectual Genealogical Praxis Tradition	International 4
Breakout Session 2	Authentic Education in Current Times: Recalling the Art of Black Teaching During Jim Crow	International A
Breakout Session 3	The Historical Legacy of Structural Racism Today: Immigration and Family Separation	International B
4:30 - 4:45 PM	Closing Remarks	International 4