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Welcome to the Research, Policy, and Practice Student Summit!

elcome! We are excited to have you here at the Research, Policy, and Practice Student Summit. Here, you will be able to network and learn how research, practice, and policy are the very foundation of social work. You will learn from one another and from exceptional presenters who have come to share their knowledge, experience, and expertise with you—the next generation of social workers!





Halaevalu O. Vakalahi

Hillary Weaver

Together, we will explore new ways to engage and empower communities and advocate for policy changes. During this conference, you will:

- Connect with thought partners to identify strategies to decolonize social work education.
- Be exposed to research, policy, and practice that seeks to be anti-racist.
- Acknowledge our history and develop strategies to correct the false narratives and wrongdoings, as we seek to engage in anti-racist social work research, policy, and practice.

We know this conference will be intense. But we are confident that you will draw energy from one another and rise to the challenge. May this summit energize you to be the best social change agents you can be!

Halaevalu O. Vakalahi, PhD, MSW President & CEO

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Hillary Weaver, DSW

Chair, CSWE Board of Directors

ith great pleasure and enthusiasm, I extend a warm welcome to the Council on Social Work Education's first-ever Research, Policy, and Practice Student Summit!

This landmark event is a significant milestone, representing a new era of social work leadership and innovation. This student summit embodies the core of social work, uniting research, policy advocacy, and practice in an environment brimming with intellectual curiosity and a shared commitment to social justice. It is here, amidst this convergence of ideas, that we envision the birth of groundbreaking initiatives and the cultivation of future leaders who will carry forward the torch of social work.



Anthony P. Natale

Throughout this summit, you will engage with renowned scholars, esteemed professionals, and fellow students who share your unwavering dedication to effecting positive change. Together, we will explore the dynamic landscape of social work, delving into emerging trends, examining cutting-edge research, and harnessing the power of policy and practice to address our communities' complex challenges. Embrace this unique opportunity to expand your horizons, challenge the status quo, and forge lasting connections with like-minded individuals who share your passion for social justice. This summit is not merely a gathering of minds but a platform for collaboration, mentorship, and inspiration—a platform from which you can propel your aspirations to new heights.

On behalf of my colleagues on the Commission on Membership and Professional Development, I welcome you to the Research, Policy, and Practice Student Summit. May your time be filled with profound insights, meaningful connections, and the inspiration to become the torchbearers of social work leadership for generations to come.

Sincerely.

Anthony P. Natale

Anthony P. Natale, PhD, MSW

Chair, CSWE Commission on Membership and Professional Development

Schedule at a Glance

EVENT	START TIME	END TIME	LOCATION
MONDAY, JUNE 26			
Registration Open	4:00 PM	6:00 PM	Virginia Hall
SUDEALS Post-Assessment Session	5:00 PM	5:30 PM	Virginia Ballroom
Networking Dinner	5:30 PM	7:00 PM	Virginia Ballroom
Opening Plenary Session	6:30 PM	7:30 PM	Virginia Ballroom
Hill Day Preparation Session	7:30 PM	10:00 PM	Virginia Ballroom
TUESDAY, JUNE 27			
Breakfast	6:30 AM	7:45 AM	Embassy Suites Atrium
Transportation to Capitol Hill	8:00 AM	9:30 AM	WMATA Metro
Capitol Hill Photo	9:30 AM	9:45 AM	U.S. Capitol Building, East Side
Hill Day	10:00 AM	12:00 PM	Capitol Hill
Lunch	12:00 PM	1:00 PM	On your own, at Longworth Cafeteria or at Cups & Company
Hill Day Continues	1:00 PM	3:00 PM	Various
Transportation to Embassy Suites Alexandria	3:00 PM	4:00 PM	WMATA Metro
Hill Day Plenary Session: Marla Blunt-Carter	4:00 PM	5:00 PM	Virginia Ballroom
Break	5:00 PM	5:30 PM	
Transportation to Washington, DC	5:30 PM	6:15 PM	Chartered Bus
Panel Discussion: Local Policies and Contexts	6:15 PM	7:15 PM	Cafritz Hall, Washington, DC
Dinner and Exploration With the Close Up Foundation	7:15 PM	8:30 PM	U Street (African American Civil War Memorial and Museum) OR Dupont Circle (PNC Bank at NW of Circle)
Tour: Franklin Delano Roosevelt and Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorials	8:45 PM	9:30 PM	Franklin Delano Roosevelt and Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorials
Transportation to Embassy Suites Alexandria	9:45 PM	10:15 PM	Chartered Bus

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EVENT	START TIME	END TIME	LOCATION
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 28			
Breakfast	6:30 AM	8:15 AM	Embassy Suites Atrium
Registration Open	7:30 AM	9:00 AM	Virginia Hall
Welcome Session: Halaevalu F. O. Vakalahi	8:30 AM	9:00 AM	Virginia Ballroom
Break	9:00 AM	9:15 AM	
Concurrent Sessions: Research	9:15 AM	10:30 AM	Virginia Ballroom
Break	10:30 AM	10:45 AM	
Concurrent Sessions: Policy	10:45 AM	12:00 PM	Virginia Ballroom
Break	12:00 PM	12:15 PM	
Lunch and Learn Presentations	12:15 PM	1:15 PM	Virginia Ballroom
Break	1:15 PM	1:30 PM	
Concurrent Sessions: Practice	1:30 PM	2:45 PM	Virginia Ballroom
Break	2:45 PM	3:00 PM	
Concurrent Sessions: Grants	3:00 PM	4:15 PM	Virginia Ballroom
Break	4:15 PM	4:30 PM	
Collaborative Session: Research, Policy, Practice, and Grant Writing	4:30 PM	5:45 PM	Virginia Ballroom
Day Ends	5:45 PM		Dinner on your own
THURSDAY, JUNE 29			
Breakfast	6:30 AM	8:45 AM	Embassy Suites Atrium
Concurrent Sessions: Professionalism, Social Media, and Self-Care	9:00 AM	10:15 AM	Virginia Ballroom
Break	10:15 AM	10:30 AM	
Closing Session	10:30 AM	11:00 AM	Virginia Ballroom

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Recognizing Eid-ul-Adha

Local prayer services for attendees wishing to observe Eid-ul-Adha:

- Royal Banquet and Event Center 6355 Rolling Rd Springfield, VA 22152
- Masjid Darul Huda 6666 Commerce Street Springfield, VA 22150

Registration

The CSWE Research, Policy, and Practice Student Summit Registration Desk will be located on the first floor of the hotel, in Virginia Hall. Follow directional signage on site.

REGISTRATION HOURS

June 26 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM June 28 7:30 AM - 9:00 AM

Sessions

MONDAY, JUNE 26

WELCOME TO THE RESEARCH, POLICY, AND PRACTICE STUDENT SUMMIT

6:30 PM - 7:00 PM Virginia Ballroom



Anthony P. Natale, PhD, MSW Chair, CSWE Commission on Membership and Professional Development



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Boston College Welcome Video



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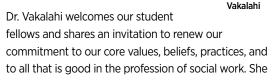
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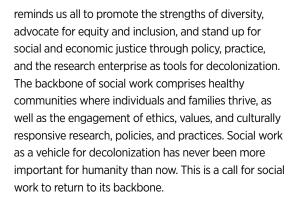
OPENING PLENARY SESSION

7:00 PM - 7:30 PM Virginia Ballroom

Halaevalu F. O. Vakalahi, PhD, MSW

Return to the Backbone: Ho'i hau i ka iwi kuamo'o ('Ōlelo No'eau #1024, Mary Kawena Pukui)





HILL DAY PREPARATION SESSION

7:30 PM - 10:00 PM Virginia Ballroom

Oscar Carballo and Andrew Herrin

Lewis-Burke Associates, LLC

Advocating for programs and policies vital to the success of social work education and the broader profession is central to CSWE's mission. CSWE Government Relations will host a town hall presentation on the importance of advocacy, provide an overview of key CSWE policy priorities related to social work education and the mental and behavioral health care workforce, discuss how CSWE interacts at the Congressional and Federal Agency levels, and share ways in which CSWE members can get involved and best practices when interacting with Congressional staff.

Scot Wilson, Emily Gibson, Kevin Gomes, Sante Mastriana, and Daniel Hastings

Close Up Foundation

Get ready for Tuesday with the Close Up Foundation. Participants will gain a deeper understanding of the three roles of Congress: legislating, overseeing the implementation of government programs, and determining funding levels. In three rounds, participants will select from different stations to learn about proposed legislation, program funding and other initiatives, or ongoing oversight investigations. Participants will collaborate with those attending the same Congressional meetings to learn about their Senator or Representative, to develop priorities, and to craft statements and questions. They will also assign roles for the meeting.

TUESDAY, JUNE 27

HILL DAY PHOTO

9:30 AM - 9:45 AM U.S. Capitol Building, East Side



HILL DAY

10:00 AM - 12:00 PM Capitol Hill, Washington, DC

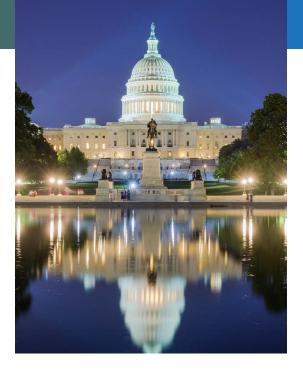
Visit Capitol Hill, meet with legislative staff, and better understand the correlations between social work research, policy, and practice within the political sphere.

HILL DAY CONTINUES

1:00 PM -3:00 PM Washington, DC

There's lots to explore on Capitol Hill and the National Mall. Attendees can choose from the following:

- National Museum of the American Indian:
 Welcome to a Native Place (1:30 PM, Potomac Atrium) and Self-Guided Tour
- The Library of Congress: Self-Guided Tour (1:30 PM) and Main Reading Room Visit (2:00 PM).
 Must join ticketed group from CSWE.
- Explore on your own!



HILL DAY PLENARY SESSION

4:00 PM - 5:30 PM Virginia Ballroom

Marla Blunt-Carter, MSW

Rutgers University



Marla Blunt-Carter

Professor Marla Blunt-Carter will speak to the challenges the social work profession has encountered because of its inability to emphasize the importance of centering Indigenous knowledge, voices, and experiences in social work education. She will focus on the necessity of inclusive and community-centered learning models and approaches that challenge institutional biases, and inspire action towards transforming social work education.

PANEL DISCUSSION: LOCAL POLICIES AND CONTEXTS

6:15 PM - 7:15 PM Cafritz Hall, Washington, DC

Panelists From Close Up Foundation, So Others Might Eat, and DC Central Kitchen

Examine the intersection of community-serving organizations, local policy, and social work by engaging with representatives from organizations that combat the effects of homelessness, hunger, and substance use disorders.

DINNER AND EXPLORATION WITH THE CLOSE UP FOUNDATION

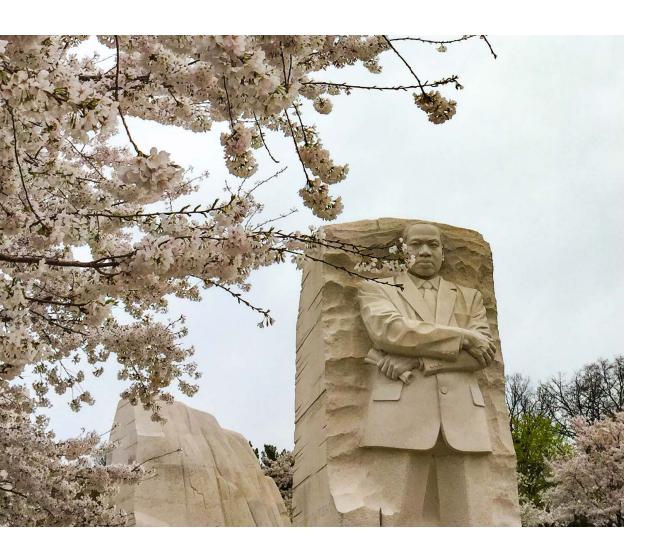
7:15 PM - 8:30 PM *Washington, DC*

During visits to one of two DC neighborhoods— U Street or Dupont Circle—participants will consider the ways in which the built environment, economy, and social context of a community can impact issues that social workers face.

TOUR OF FRANKLIN DELANO ROOSEVELT AND MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. MEMORIALS

8:45 PM - 9:45 PM Washington, DC

At the Franklin Delano Roosevelt Memorial, participants will discuss the role of government in responding to economic and health crises and the impact of such responses on social cohesion, public health, and other issues with which social workers contend. At the Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial, participants will consider the demands of justice as it relates to both race and poverty through an examination of King's words and the Poor People's Campaign.



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WEDNESDAY, JUNE 28

OPENING SESSION

8:30 AM - 9:00 AM Virginia Ballroom

Halaevalu F. O. Vakalahi, PhD, MSW

Connecting to the Vision of CSWE



Halaevalu F. O. Vakalahi

CONCURRENT SESSIONS: RESEARCH

9:15 AM - 10:30 AM Virginia Ballroom

RESEARCH, MENTAL HEALTH, AND SUBSTANCE USE

Craig T. Dearfield, PhD

George Washington University

Dearfield will discuss his current research on tobacco. cannabis, and alcohol, and associated mental health correlates. The session will begin with a discussion of social scientific and social epidemiology theory and frameworks. The research presented will primarily come from the presenter's work evaluating the impact of the Department of Housing and Urban Development's smoke-free rule in public housing on residents' tobacco and cannabis use and other mental health outcomes and health behaviors. The presenter will also tie in other key findings from the field related to tobacco, cannabis, and alcohol to contextualize these findings. The session will conclude with a discussion of recent topics in substance use and mental health research and methodological considerations when conducting substance use and mental health research.

DATA SCIENCES AND RELEVANT RESEARCH MODALITIES

Jonathan Alschech, PhD, PhD

Smith College

How do we decolonize social work data science? What should a properly decolonized social work data science look like? Rather than merely applying data science tools to social work research and practice, a decolonized data science meaningfully incorporates social work values and transformative epistemologies to do data justice. The presentation will interrogate the racist and ableist origins of modern statistics and reflect on what it means to truly confront these legacies and practice social work data science without replicating these oppressive effects. Discussing paradigms such as Indigenous statistics and feminist data science, we will outline the principles and practices of a decolonized quantitative analysis and its promise for promoting social justice and repairing the harms of racism and colonial subjugation, exploitation, and dispossession. Cautioning against the recolonizing potentials of emerging computational intelligent tools like AI and data-driven systems, this presentation will make the case for a decolonized social work data science, outlining some of its main principles and methods.

DATA ANALYSIS: EXPLORING QUALITATIVE, QUANTITATIVE, AND MIXED METHODS RESEARCH

Samantha Rivera Joseph, PhD, MPH, and Latasha Forteau, MSW

City of Philadelphia, Office of Children and Families

This session offers a specialized lens on data analysis within the context of Philadelphia's child welfare agency. It recognizes the unique challenges and considerations faced by these agencies when analyzing data related to child well-being, safety, and permanency. The session highlights the importance of qualitative data analysis in capturing the nuanced experiences and narratives of children and families involved in the child welfare system. It also delves into quantitative analysis, emphasizing the significance of using statistical methods to measure outcomes, identify trends, and inform evidence-based decision-making within child welfare programs. The presentation also explores the integration of mixed methods research, showcasing how the combination of qualitative and quantitative approaches can yield valuable insights into the complex factors influencing child welfare outcomes. Attendees will gain practical knowledge and strategies to enhance their data analysis practices in the specific context of child welfare, ultimately aiming to improve the well-being and outcomes of vulnerable children and families.

CONCURRENT SESSIONS: POLICY

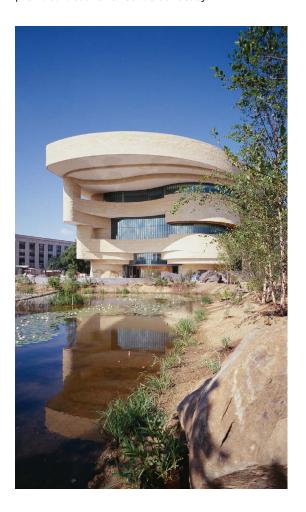
10:45 AM - 12:00 PM Virginia Ballroom

LEGISLATIVE ADVOCACY

Charles Lewis, PhD, MSW

Congressional Research Institute for Social Work and Policy

Social workers must be engaged in legislative arenas on all levels of government because that is where much of social policy is decided. There are a variety of roles social workers can play in legislative settings. The most common role is as an advocate for vulnerable populations or for critical issues like mental health and child welfare. This workshop examines some of the roles social workers play and provides ideas for effective advocacy.



BEST PRACTICES AND PLATFORMS FOR ADVOCACY

Marla Blunt-Carter, MSW

Rutgers University

Dive into the dynamic world of social work advocacy and explore best practices that can empower social work students to make a meaningful difference. Recognizing the growing importance of advocacy in effecting social change, this session aims to equip aspiring social workers with the knowledge and tools they need to amplify their voices and advocate for clients, communities, and issues affecting marginalized populations.

LUNCH AND LEARN PRESENTATIONS

12:15 PM - 1:15 PM Virginia Ballroom

CONCURRENT SESSIONS: PRACTICE

1:30 PM - 2:45 PM Virginia Ballroom

FINANCIAL SOCIAL WORK: WHAT IT IS, WHY YOU NEED IT, AND CULTURAL AND INTERNATIONAL IMPLICATIONS

Karla J. Shackley McCarthy, LMSW, FSW

The Ohio State University

Financial social work is a social work specialty focused on the emotional and behavioral components of finance and promoting financial capability and asset building. This interactive presentation introduces financial social work and the exclusive language of money, and also explores the emotions and behaviors that influence a person's relationship with money. We will examine how individual differences affect access to financial institutions and vehicles to generate generational wealth. We will also discuss cultural implications and a proposed international inclusion of financial social work in Kenyan social work education curriculum.

CONTEMPORARY PRACTICE ISSUES IN MENTAL HEALTH IN BIPOC COMMUNITIES

Artesia Fryar, LCSW

Rutgers University

Fryar discusses barriers and challenges she has experienced as a BIPOC therapist as well as stigmas faced by the mental health community. Attendees will also discuss the lack of access and resources that BIPOC individuals and communities face, the myths and truths of mental illness in the BIPOC community, and potential solutions and ways to overcome challenges. We will cover how to raise awareness.

FUNDRAISING SKILLS FOR SOCIAL WORKERS AND SOCIAL WORK ORGANIZATIONS

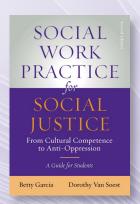
Patricia Welch Saleeby, PhD, MSSA

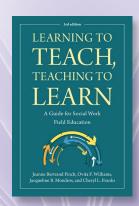
Bradley University

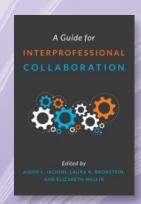
Fundraisers serve as important revenue streams for non-profit agencies, schools, hospitals, and community-based organizations. Although effective fundraising is essential for these organizations, most social work programs do not offer specific training on fundraising. This session will help prepare social work participants with these valuable skills to increase their marketability for employment and to enhance their value in the workplace. Insights and lessons will be shared from the presenter's experiences with fundraising content in and out of the classroom. Examples will be incorporated into the session from an elective social work course dedicated to fundraising as well as a number of successful fundraisers coordinated by the presenter.

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CONCURRENT SESSIONS: GRANTS

3:00 PM - 4:15 PM Virginia Ballroom

GRANTS AND COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS: PERSPECTIVES OF GRANT-SEEKERS AND GRANTMAKERS

Patiya Freely, MSW

Loyola University

Community-based organizations often seek grant funding to sustain themselves. While both sides acknowledge the power dynamic of grantmakers over grantees, more discussion is needed about actively dismantling this power imbalance. In the grantmaking process, one approach is to use trust-based and participatory methods. This presentation explores grantmakers' and grantees' perspectives on the decision-making process, as well as how trust is defined and operationalized in the grantmaking environment.

USING ADVOCACY TO CREATE FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

Ruth White, MSSA

National Center for Housing and Child Welfare

Advocacy is central to the social work profession, including advocacy for legislation that provides crucial funding to communities and programs. This session will outline how social workers can advocate for funding on behalf of and with communities, and detail the crucial intervention points in the legislative process. The session will also detail the successful implementation of the Foster Youth to Independence Initiative, a HUD housing assistance program aimed at eliminating homelessness for youth aged 18–24 who are transitioning from foster care.



COLLABORATIVE SESSION: RESEARCH, POLICY, PRACTICE, AND GRANT WRITING: PULLING IT ALL TOGETHER WITH COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS

4:30 PM - 5:45 PM Virginia Ballroom

Jon Gilgoff, LCSW-C, Erika Shook, Sofia Quinn, Tiffinee Scott, and Julvette Price

Innovations in Recovery Through Infrastructure
Support (IRIS)

The IRIS team will facilitate a session on the importance of community partnerships and the intersection of research, policy, and practice.

Presenters will highlight the "Peers That Count:

A Peer Recovery Census to Determine How Many Are We, What Do We Contribute, and What Do We Need" program as an example of the fusion of research, policy, practice, and grant writing with community partnerships. The session will conclude with brainstorming action steps that participants can take in their own communities.

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THURSDAY, JUNE 29

CONCURRENT SESSIONS: PROFESSIONALISM, SOCIAL MEDIA, AND SELF-CARE

9:00 AM - 10:15 AM Virginia Ballroom

VALUE-BASED PROFESSIONALISM AND SELF-CARE: PERSPECTIVES FROM A SOCIAL WORK PRACTITIONER, EDUCATOR, AND PhD CANDIDATE

Karla J. Shockley McCarthy, LMSW, FSW

The Ohio State University

Social work is a profession that can ask a lot of practitioners and provide a lot of satisfaction. It can be demanding and requires balancing work and personal life. How do you take care of yourself when the work needs go beyond work (and school) hours? This is true as a student and as a professional. How do you make self-care not just another demand on your time? How do you balance all your competing demands and maintain your well-being? My secret is to understand my values, how they situate in the social work profession, and how I need to be my own client. This interactive presentation encourages you to investigate your value system, explore personalized self-care, and identify what is means to be a social work professional.

SELF-CARE AS A PRACTICE AND A POLICY

Melissa Buckley, PhD, LMSW

Coppin State University

The idea of self-care sounds good until your to-do list guilts you into working harder. Research tells us that high levels of stress and anxiety persist when well-being and psychological distress are positioned at opposite ends of a unidimensional mental health spectrum. To manage stress and anxiety, we need balance. Self-care as a policy and practice allows individuals to manage their stressors not as a psychopathology but rather as a matter of well-being.

CONFRONTING ANTI-BLACK RACISM

DuWayne Battle, PhD, MSW

Rutgers University

This presentation will focus on the importance of social workers engaging in research, policy, and practice initiatives that are specifically intended to confront anti-Black racism. Participants will be encouraged to use the Liberatory Consciousness Framework through the application of the knowledge, values, and skills of awareness, analysis, action, accountability, and allyship to engage in racial justice. Participants will also be challenged to think about specific ways, both micro and macro, they can work to eliminate anti-Black racism.

