

## Conference Highlights

The SSWR Annual Conference offers a scientific program that reflects a broad range of research interests, featuring studies in child welfare, aging, mental health, welfare reform, substance abuse, HIV/AIDS, organizations and management, poverty and social policy, research and design measurement, and more. Annual conference events and activities include:

Presidential plenary and awards presentation, invited symposia, and over 500 symposia, workshop, roundtable, paper, and poster presentations.

Research methods workshops designed to enhance methods expertise and grant-writing skills and special sessions on research priorities and capacity building that target cutting-edge topics vital to contemporary social work research.

Program and networking events especially for doctoral students. Opportunities for student volunteers are also available.

Over 40 exhibitors including universities, publishers, non-profit organizations, foundations, and government agencies

Earn up to 28.5 hours of Continuing Education Units (CEU) (additional fee)

30+ special interest groups convene (all welcome)

Job Seekers Registry

Due to the large number of presentations at the conference, only a small sample of the workshops, roundtables, symposia, and papers are highlighted below.

#### Workshops

- Journal Editor's Forum I: Scholarship to Advance Practice and Shape Public Policy
- Journal Editor's Forum II: Publishing Qualitative Research
- Social Network Analysis for SW Research
- Combining Efficacy Research and Epidemiology Traditions
- Item Response Theory and Its Use in DIF Studies
- GLM for Spatial Data in R
- Endogeneity and Approaches to Correction in Program Evaluation
- Correction of Rater Effects in Longitudinal Research
- Phenomenological Approaches to Research on Sensitive Topics
- Conducting latent Class Analysis with M Plus
- Introduction to ARIMA and Harmonic Regression Time Series Analysis

#### Roundtables

- Building Capacity for Child Welfare Research
- Enhancing Psychosocial Care in NursingHomes
- Social Innovation
- Conceptual, Contextual and Ethical Issues in Phenomenological Research
- Disciplining the Poor: Neoliberal Paternalism and the Persistent Power of Race
- Distinguishing Disability from Aging in Social Science Research
- Examining Beliefs, Barriers, Policies, and Evaluation Procedures in International Social Work

#### Symposia

- Research Design & Measurement; Ethnographic Methods to Study the Interface of Policy, Administration and Clinical SW Practice; Longitudinal Person-Centered Analyses to Estimate Intervention Effects in Controlled Trials
- Work, Family & Family Policy: Workforce Development; Child Care Issues in Policy, Quality and Use; Military Couples and Families
- Sexual Orientation: Health Disparities among LGBT Older Adults; Risk, Identity and Engagement among Sexual Minority Youth
- Poverty & Social Policy: Homelessness and Housing; Randomized Experiments to Increase Human Capital
- Child Welfare: Linking with Population Level Data; Engaging Fathers; Development of Community Alternatives
- Organization & Management: Medicaid Expansion in Health and Social Services; Organizational Decision-Making in Long- Term Foster Care
- Mental Health: Family Context of Early Childhood Mental Health Problems; Psychosocial Correlates of Postpartum Depression
- Social Work Practice: Community Coalition Building; Ethnics

#### Papers

- Mental Health: Social Work View of Clinical Diagnosis; Randomized Control Trials of Interventions; New Models of Case Management
- Child Welfare: Decision-Making Process; Multi-Level Effect of Community and Neighborhood; Aging Out and Emerging Adulthood
- Crime & Criminal Justice: Women in Prison; Partner Violence; Victimization and Crime
- Poverty & Social Policy: Neighborhood Risks; Global Poverty; Housing Instability and Unconventional Homelessness
- Health & Disabilities: Cultural Barriers; Disparities in Global Context; Multilevel Stigma; Military Families
- International SW & Global Issues: Human Rights; Governmental and Community Programs in Developing Countries; Child Maltreatment
- Aging Services & Gerontology: The Role of Religion; Volunteerism; Underutilization of Services among Minority Elderly

- Gender & Ethnicity: Acculturation; Immigrant Ethos; Father Nurturance among African American Families
- Substance Misuse & Addictive Behaviors: Treatment Effects; Trauma; Premature Termination; Drug Resistance Strategies
- Organization & Management; Community Engagement; Implementation Strategies; Organizational Environment
- Adolescent & Youth Development: Leadership, Transition to Adulthood; Homeless Youth and Social Networks