



National Latinx Social Work Conference

October 3-5, 2024



Theme:

Human Rights in Latinx Social Work Practice:
Integrating into Micro/Mezzo/Macro Social Work



Conference in Collaboration/Partnership with



Continuing Education Units provided by:
University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign SSW

Location:

University of Illinois-Chicago
750 South Halsted Street
Chicago, IL 60607

La Familia Keynote Speakers:



Dr. Vincent Guilamo-Ramos is the Executive Director of the Institute for Policy Solutions at the Johns Hopkins School of Nursing and Director of the Center for Latino Adolescent and Family Health. He is a licensed clinical social worker (LCSW) and licensed primary care and psychiatric mental health nurse practitioner with a clinical focus on the prevention and treatment of HIV and STIs among youth. Dr. Vincent's research has been supportive to our work in the frontline in social work practice.

Keynote:

Dr. Vincent Guilamo-Ramos

Yvonne Castañeda, LICSW is the director of Community-based Initiatives and a part-time faculty member at the Boston College School of Social Work. Yvonne is a trauma-focused therapist certified in EMDR. She has worked primarily with Latinx individuals, couples, and families to help them navigate relational conflict and improve overall mental and emotional health. Yvonne serves on the Board of Directors for two Boston-based non-profit organizations: North Suffolk Community Services and Doc Wayne, and she is a contributing writer for Psychology Today. She is the author of *Pork Belly Tacos with a Side of Anxiety: My Journey Through Depression, Bulimia, and Addiction* (Santa Monica Press).

We appreciate her leadership in our social work profession.



Keynote:

Yvonne Castañeda
LICSW, MSW

Go to: www.lswo2024.com for more information.

October 3, 2024

8:30am to 8:45am	Welcome Noe Torres, LCSW Latino Social Workers Organization Luis Duarte is the Executive Director of the Latin American Recruitment and Educational Services (LARES) program at the University of Illinois Chicago
8:45am to 9:15am	Adrian L Delgado, LCSW, CADC Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities, and Threats (SWOT) to the Social Work Profession
9:15am to 10:15am	Keynote Speaker: Dr. Vincent Guilamo-Ramos , Executive Director of the Institute for Policy Solutions at the Johns Hopkins School of Nursing and Director of the Center for Latino Adolescent and Family Health
10:15am to 10:35am	Networking and Exhibitor Time
10:35am to 11:35am	First Set of Concurrent Workshops
11:35am to 12:45pm	Lunch Break
12:45pm to 12:50pm	Special Announcement from Sponsor
12:50pm to 1:50pm	Panel Presentation: Schools Social Workers and Migrant Children
1:50pm to 2:20pm	Networking/Exhibitor Break
2:20pm to 3:20pm	2nd Set of Concurrent Workshops
3:20pm to 3:45pm	Networking/Exhibitor Break
3:45pm to 4:45pm	3rd Set of Concurrent Workshops

October 4, 2024

8:15am to 8:30am	LSWO Welcome
8:30am to 9:30am	Keynote Speaker: Yvonne Castaneda, LCSW , Boston College School of Social Work Presentation: Unmasking Impostor Syndrome to Cultivate Joy
9:30am to 10:00am	Exhibitors/Networking
10:00am to 11:00am	First Set of Concurrent Workshops
11:00am to 12:15pm	Lunch on Your Own
12:15pm to 12:30pm	Entertainment
12:30pm to 1:30pm	Panel: Noe Torres, LCSW , Meeting the Needs of Migrant Students in Chicago Public Schools: School Social Workers Collaborative Interventions
1:30pm to 2:00pm	Exhibitors/Networking
2:00pm to 3:00pm	2nd Set of Concurrent Workshops
3:00pm to 3:30pm	Exhibitors/Networking
3:30pm to 4:30pm	3rd Set of Concurrent Workshops

Human Rights in Latinx Social Work Practice: Past, Present, and Future

October 5, 2024 | 8:30am to 12pm

8:30am to 10:00am	<p>Speakers: Leticia Villarreal Sosa, PhD, LCSW, The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley School of Social Work and Panel Presentation based on New Book: <i>Chicago Latina Trailblazers: Testimonies of Political Activism</i></p>
10:00am to 12:00pm	<p>Speakers: Adrian Delgado, LCSW Presentation: La Familia Perspective: Commitment to Human Rights in Social Work Practice Small groups will be the focus for this part of the program. All have an opportunity to participate.</p>

Current Workshops for the 2024 Chicago Conference

(Current Listing as of 7/15/24. The LSWO reserves the right to change the educational timeline for this conference to meet the needs of their speakers.)

Program	Presenters
Cultivating Safety and Healing: Advancing Culturally Responsive Care for Latina Survivors of Intimate Partner Violence	Iris Cardenas, PhD , University of Baltimore, Maryland Tina Jiwatram-Negan, PhD , Arizona State University Cynthia Frago Rizo , University of North Carolina
Stories of Advocacy and Staying Power Para La Gente inside Child Welfare	Carla Torres, MSW, Anna Perez, MSW, and Rebecca Perez Ochoa, MA (Santa Clara County, Dept. of Children/Family Services)
Envisioning Post-Pandemic Recovery for Latinx Migrant Youth	Yesenia Perez, LCSW, LCADC, CCS , Catholic Charities Ansirys Alviz, LCSW and Doctoral student , Private practice, Transparent Healing Psychotherapy LLC
Preparing Bilingual/Bicultural Social Workers	Dra. Maribel Lopez, Ed.D , Loyola University Reyna Rivera, MSW, LCSW , New Mexico Highlands University
El Respeto Al Derecho Ajeno [A Conseguir Una Doctorado] Es La Paz. Respect for The Rights of Others [To Get A PhD] is Peace	Nicolaus Espitia, PhD , Oakland University Mónica Gutiérrez, PhD , University of Denver - GSSW Amanda D. Rodriguez-Newhall, MSW, PhD , California State Polytechnic University Keren M. Escobar, PhD , Oakland University
Social Work in Healthcare: Advancing the Right to Health for Hispanic Immigrants	Eden Hernández Robles, PhD, MSW, Leslie Salazar-Hinojosa, LMSW, and Javier Segovia, LCSW-S (Our Lady of the Lake University School of Social Work)
Best Practices to Support and Empower Latinx Families with Disabilities	Mary Kay Heldman, LISW and James Callahan, MSW, LSW , Shirley Ryan Ability Lab
The Right to Language Access: Servicing our Spanish-speaking Community	Vania Buck, MSW , University of Washington SSW (PhD student)
Capturing Narratives, Inspiring Change: Photovoice in Social Work Research	Angela Clavijo, LMSW , Lamar University

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Equipping Social Workers: A Comprehensive Understanding of HIV/AIDS & Patient-Centered Care	Javier Segovia, LCSW-S , U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs Leslie Hinajosa, LMSW , West Texas A&M University
Using Historic Memory to Defend Current Human Rights and Promote Social Justice	Michael Berghoef, PhD , Ferris State University School of Social Work and Cruz Morales
La Cultura Cura: Bridging Cultures and Strengthening School Communities	Charo Mendoza, LCSW , Highland Park High School
Empowering Latinx in Perinatal Social Work via Decolonized, Historical, Individualized Approaches	Gloria Arroyo Sugg, LCSW and Xavier Ramirez, LCSW (PhD Students at University of Illinois-Champaign) AOK Networks – Early Childhood Development and Beckman Institute for Advanced Science and Technology
Luchando Junt@s: A Call to Action - Leveraging Support Groups for Community Healing	Cheryl Aguilar, LCSW , Hope Center for Wellness and PhD Student at Smith College
Reunidos: Integrating Culturally Relevant Practices Through Peer Support	Roberto Godinez, LCSW , University of Wisconsin Health in Madison, WI
Equity in Action: Strategies for Social Work Students Leading Voter Registration Drives	Maria Emilia Ramirez, JD/MSSW , Kent School of Social Work and Family Practice Krisiti Lohmeier, PhD , St. Ambrose University SSW Dimitrie Moise , Vot-ER
Child-Centered Play Therapy: Human Rights, Latino Community, Cultural Competence	Zulmarie Hernandez, EdD, LMSW, CPL and Paul Fericelli, LMSW, PhD Candidate , Inter American University of Puerto Rico
El Sol Sale para Todxs: ASW Latinx/BIPOC Fellowship Program in Integrated Behavioral Health Setting	Jhoana Sarabia, LCSW and W. Giselle Zepeda, LCSW , Marin Community Clinics in California
Exploring the Intersection of Human Rights, with Latine/x Gender Expansive Youth: M3	Roberto Robles, LCCSW, DSW , Kaiser Permanente and Family Court Mediator
Language Access is Social Justice: Multilingual Spaces in Human Services	Carmen Monico, PhD and Alice Williamson Jones, MSW
The Social Workers Role in Addressing Mental Health Issues among Undocumented Latino Immigrants – Dr Michael Alicea	Dr Michael Alicea , Barry University School of Social Work
Reconnecting to My Roots: A Transformative Experience in Oaxaca	Adriana Gonzalez Sandrolini, LCSW and Matilde Torres, LCSW LSWO Latinx Advisory Committee
Interpersonal Violence Prevention and Intervention Programs for Immigrant Latinas: A Systematic Review.	Catherine Luz Marrs Fuchsel, PhD, LICSW, LCSW , University of St. Thomas School of Social Work

Reconnecting to My Roots: A Transformative Experience in Oaxaca

The Latino Social Workers Organization had a Symposium in Spring 2024 in Oaxaca, Mexico. This was in collaboration with New Mexico Highlands University School of Social Work and UNAM-Mexico. The outcome of this educational program was a grand success. From a Human Rights perspective, social workers need to have a global perspective. Therefore, we will have 2 workshops focused on the outcomes of this initiative and plans for the future.

Dr. Rey Martinez will share the preliminary outcomes from the survey which was shared with attendees. The LSWO Latinx Advisory Committee led this initiative. Adriana Gonzalez Sandrolini, LCSW can be contacted for more information regarding this initiative at mexico@lsw.org

Exhibitors for the Chicago Conference 2024

(Exhibitor Space and Sponsorships are still available, go to www.lsw2024.com)

**Loyola University of Chicago
School of Social Work**

**Smith College School for
Social Work**

**Rutgers University
School of Social Work**

**Indiana University
School of Social Work**

**Latinx
Therapy**

**County of
Santa Clara**

**The Arc of
Illinois**

**Riveredge
Hospital**

**Southwest Key
Programs**

**Dominican University
SSW**

**Jack, Joseph and Morton Mandel
School of Applied Social Sciences**

**Centro Castillo for Personal
and Family Wellbeing**

**Northeast DuPage and Family
Services of Illinois**

**Erikson
Institute**

**Healthcare
Alternative Systems**

**Jane Addams College of
Social Work**

**University of North Carolina
School of Social Work**

**Ohio State University
College of Social Work**

**University of Illinois –
Urbana/Champaign SSW**

**Crown Family School of Social
Work, Policy, and Practice**

**HealthWest
(Michigan)**

**Walla Walla University
School of Social Work**

**Latinx Advisory Committee
of the LSWO**

**Ada S McKinley Community
Services Inc**

**Lutheran Child and Family
Services of Illinois**

**University of Houston
School of Social Work**

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Frequently Asked Concerns

- **Lunch:** University of Illinois has eateries available and cafeteria. For those willing to Uber, the Taylor Street and Halsted Street have eateries.
- **Bring a water bottle:** There are places on campus to fill your water bottles.
- **WIFI:** The Conference center will provide the User/PW information upon arrival.
- **Handouts:** Speakers have been asked to provide their Slides to post on the website. The Handouts will be posted by September 15, 2024.
- **University Parking** is available across the street from the Conference Center. (\$15.00 a day)
- **Registration:** Please arrive between 7:45am and 8:15am on your first day to the conference. Morning program starts at 8:30am.
- **Travel and Accommodations:** Go to www.lswo2024.com — listed are hotels which many of our attendees have selected in the past. We have 2 airports: Midway and O'Hare, and you can access a CTA train to take you to downtown Chicago.

Key Highlights for this 2024 Conference

- **LSWO Higher Education workshops** will be part of this conference. We have been providing these workshops for anyone interested in returning to school for a BSW, DSW, PhD, Fellowships, and Certifications. For each workshop, we will have 2 or 3 faculty from Schools of Social Work who will share their experience in higher education.
- **A Plenary Session will focus Meeting the Needs of Migrant Students in Chicago Public Schools: School Social Workers Collaborative Interventions**
Noé Torres, AM, MDiv, MEd, LCSW, PEL has practiced school social work with the Chicago Public Schools across a variety of settings. He is part the Latino Social Workers Organization leadership team. He is passionate about equity & social justice issues. He practices within a trauma informed framework and consults on program development, supervision, and clinical service delivery across a variety of settings. Noé Torres will lead a panel of School Social Workers.
- **LSWO Social Work Guide of Organizations and Allies:** In 2024, social workers have many opportunities to join and participate in Ally social work associations, like the LSWO. Social workers no longer need to join the one mainstream social work organization for all their needs.
- **La Familia Perspective** will return to the 2024 Conference. Over 20 years ago, the LSWO developed the La Familia Perspective which integrates the Code of Ethics and Cultural Competency Standards and Indicators of the profession. This module will focus on the Licensure Exam, Social Work Licensure Compact, Protect Your License (PYL) Campaign. Social Workers will need to monitor more closely their State Legislatures and the social workers who sit on licensure boards/committees, etc. We will share the State of Illinois experience.
- **Exhibitors and Sponsors:** One of the key strengths of our conferences is the participation of Schools of Social Work and Community Assets, who will have representatives. Since COVID-19, many agencies and schools have integrated in-person, hybrid, and online approaches. So, you can be in Seattle, Washington, and attend a Social Work online program in the Midwest, East Coast, or West Coast. Also, agencies are seeking bilingual and culturally responsive employees and/or students for internships.