



# 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

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# Schedule for Chicago 2024 Conference

## October 3, 2024

7:45am to 8:25am	<b>Registration and Exhibitors</b>
8:30am to 9:00am	<b>Adrian L Delgado</b> <b>Latino Social Workers Organization</b> <b>Luis Duarte</b> is the <b>Executive Director of the Latin American Recruitment and Educational Services (LARES) program at the University of Illinois Chicago</b>
9:00am to 10:15am	<b>Keynote Speaker: Dr. Vincent Guilamo-Ramos</b> , 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 10:45am	<b>Networking and Exhibitor Time</b>
10:45am to 11:45am	<b>First Set of Concurrent Workshops</b>
11:45am to 1:00pm	<b>Lunch Break</b>
1:00pm to 1:15pm	<b>TBA</b>
1:15pm to 2:15pm	<b>Panel Presentation:</b> Meeting the Needs of Migrant Students in Chicago Public Schools: School Social Workers Collaborative Interventions <b>Speakers: Noe Torres, LCSW, Patricia Pagan, MSW, M.Ed., Isis Millward, LCSW,</b> (Chicago Public Schools)
2:15pm to 2:40pm	<b>Networking/Exhibitor Break</b>
2:40pm to 3:40pm	<b>2nd Set of Concurrent Workshops</b>
3:40pm to 4:00pm	<b>Networking/Exhibitor Break</b>
4:00pm to 5:00pm	<b>3rd Set of Concurrent Workshops</b>

## October 4, 2024

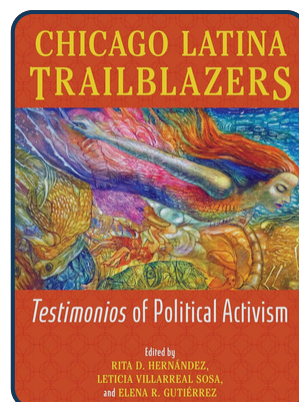
8:00am to 8:30am	<b>LSWO Welcome: Noe Torres, LCSW</b>
8:30am to 9:30am	<b>Keynote Speaker: Yvonne Castaneda, LCSW</b> , Boston College School of Social Work <b>Presentation:</b> Unmasking Impostor Syndrome to Cultivate Joy
9:30am to 10:00am	<b>Exhibitors/Networking</b>
10:00am to 11:00am	<b>First Set of Concurrent Workshops</b>
11:00am to 12:15pm	<b>Lunch on Your Own</b>
12:45am to 1:00pm	<b>TBA</b>
1:00pm to 2:00pm	<b>Lorraine Gutiérrez, PhD, University of Michigan</b> — Special Recognition <b>Presentation:</b> Looking Forward/Looking Back: A Human Rights Perspective
2:00pm to 2:30pm	<b>Exhibitors/Networking</b>
2:30pm to 3:30pm	<b>2nd Set of Concurrent Workshops</b>
3:30pm to 4:00pm	<b>Exhibitors/Networking</b>
4:00pm to 5:00pm	<b>3rd Set of Concurrent Workshops</b>

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

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



**Leticia Villarreal Sosa, PhD, LCSW**  
The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley  
School of Social Work



8:30am to 10:00am	<p><b>Speakers:</b> <b>Leticia Villarreal Sosa, PhD, LCSW</b>, The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley School of Social Work and <b>Panelists invited:</b> <b>Ada Nivia Lopez, Mary Gonzales, Marta Cerda, Aida Giachello, PhD, Luz Maria Solis, Elena Gutierrez, Carmen Velasquez</b></p> <p><b>Presentation based on New Book:</b> <i>Chicago Latina Trailblazers: Testimonios of Political Activism</i></p> <p><b>Overview:</b> Chicago Latina Trailblazers: Testimonios of Political Activism features the contributions, efforts and lessons of fourteen Latina leaders who blazed new trails in education, social work, literature, health and the law from 1940-present. Their collective stories demonstrate how their activism and contributions were rooted in the experiences of discrimination and inequity they or their family and community experienced as well as lessons learned from their parents or family members of resistance and concern for social justice</p>
10:00am to 10:30am	<b>Book Signing</b>
10:30am to 12:00pm	<p><b>Speakers:</b> <b>Adrian Delgado, LCSW</b></p> <p><b>Presentation:</b> La Familia Perspective: Commitment to Human Rights in Social Work Practice</p> <p><b>Group Discussions:</b> Small working groups will share and learn from this Conference experience. Each group will be challenged to discuss how they need to forge a plan of Human Rights in their practice and within their agencies.</p>



We need all Social Workers and Allies to Vote in this Presidential Election.  
Reach out to Colleagues, Friends, and Family.





## La Familia Keynote Speaker

**Professor Lorraine M. Gutiérrez**, of the University of Michigan School of Social Work

**Presentation:** Looking Forward/Looking Back: A Human Rights Perspective

is being honored for her exceptional leadership and scholarship in the field of social work. She holds the titles of Edith A Lewis Collegiate Professor Emerita of Social Work, Arthur F Thurnau Professor Emerita, Professor Emerita of Social Work at the School of Social Work, and Professor of Psychology Emerita at the College of Literature, Science, and the Arts.

## Reconnecting to My Roots: A Transformative Experience in Oaxaca

Members of the **LSWO Latinx Advisory Committee** will lead two panel presentations titled "Reconnecting to My Roots: A Transformative Experience in Oaxaca." During these presentations, the social workers will share their diverse experiences and discuss the profound impact that participating in the LSWO Oaxaca Symposium has had on their personal and professional lives. Additionally, Dr. Rey Martinez will present the outcomes of the surveys conducted during the symposium. For more information on future initiatives, contact Adriana Gonzalez Sandrolini, LCSW, CADC at [mexico@lsw.org](mailto:mexico@lsw.org)



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**LSWO Higher Education Workshops** will be provided at this conference. These workshops will be facilitated by Social Work Faculty from Accredited Schools of Social Work. Schools offer hybrid, online, and in-person educational opportunities today. The speakers will offer guidance on how to succeed in higher education.

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## Current Workshops for the 2024 Chicago Conference

(Current Listing as of 9/30/24. 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	<b>Iris Cardenas, PhD</b> , University of Baltimore, Maryland, <b>Tina Jiwatram-Negan, PhD</b> , Arizona State University, & <b>Cynthia Frago Rizo</b> , University of North Carolina
Stories of Advocacy and Staying Power Para La Gente inside Child Welfare	<b>Carla Torres, MSW</b> , <b>Anna Perez, MSW</b> , & <b>Rebecca Perez Ochoa, MA</b> (Santa Clara County, Dept. of Children/Family Services)
Envisioning Post-Pandemic Recovery for Latinx Migrant Youth	<b>Yesenia Perez, LCSW, LCADC, CCS</b> , Catholic Charities & <b>Ansirys Alviz, LCSW &amp; Doctoral student</b> , Private practice, Transparent Healing Psychotherapy LLC
Preparing Bilingual/Bicultural Social Workers	<b>Dra. Maribel Lopez, Ed.D</b> , Loyola University, <b>Reyna Rivera, MSW, LCSW</b> , New Mexico Highlands University, & <b>Francisco Lozornio, DSW</b> , DePaul University Social Work
El Respeto Al Derecho Ajeno [A Conseguir Una Doctorado] Es La Paz. Respect for The Rights of Others [To Get A PhD] is Peace	<b>Nicolaus Espitia, PhD</b> , Oakland University, <b>Mónica Gutiérrez, PhD</b> , University of Denver - GSSW, <b>Amanda D. Rodriguez-Newhall, MSW, PhD</b> , California State Polytechnic University, & <b>Keren M. Escobar, PhD</b> , Oakland University
Social Work in Healthcare: Advancing the Right to Health for Hispanic Immigrants	<b>Eden Hernández Robles, PhD, MSW</b> , <b>Leslie Salazar-Hinojosa, LMSW</b> , & <b>Javier Segovia, LCSW-S</b> (Our Lady of the Lake University School of Social Work)
Best Practices to Support and Empower Latinx Families with Disabilities	<b>Mary Kay Heldman, LISW</b> & <b>James Callahan, MSW, LSW</b> , Shirley Ryan Ability Lab
The Right to Language Access: Servicing our Spanish-speaking Community	<b>Vania Buck, MSW</b> , University of Washington SSW (PhD student)
Capturing Narratives, Inspiring Change: Photovoice in Social Work Research	<b>Angela Clavijo, LMSW</b> , Lamar University
Equipping Social Workers: A Comprehensive Understanding of HIV/AIDS & Patient-Centered Care	<b>Javier Segovia, LCSW-S</b> , U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs & <b>Leslie Hinajosa, LMSW</b> , West Texas A&M University
Using Historic Memory to Defend Current Human Rights and Promote Social Justice	<b>Michael Berghoef, PhD</b> , Ferris State University & <b>Cruz Morales</b> , University of El Salvador, Committee in Solidarity with the People of El Salvador (CISPES)
La Cultura Cura: Bridging Cultures and Strengthening School Communities	<b>Charo Mendoza, LCSW</b> , Highland Park High School & <b>Luisa Espinosa-Lara</b> , Certified Positive Discipline Family Educator
Empowering Latinx in Perinatal Social Work via Decolonized, Historical, Individualized Approaches	<b>Gloria Arroyo Sugg, LCSW</b> & <b>Xavier Ramirez, LCSW</b> (PhD Students at University of Illinois-Champaign) AOK Networks – Early Childhood Development and Beckman Institute for Advanced Science and Technology
Reunidos: Integrating Culturally Relevant Practices Through Peer Support	<b>Roberto Godinez, LCSW</b> , University of Wisconsin Health in Madison, WI
What are the aspirations and experiences of Latine students? Findings & Implications from a Cross-Sectional Study	<b>Marjorie Colindres, Bilingual LCSW, Ph.D. Candidate</b> , Loyola University SSW, <b>Sarah Kaja, Ph.D.</b> , University of Minnesota-Dept. of Pediatrics, & <b>Hana-May Eadeh, Ph.D.</b> , Fellow at the University of Minnesota

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Equity in Action: Strategies for Social Work Students Leading Voter Registration Drives	<b>Maria Emilia Ramirez, JD/MSSW</b> , Kent School of Social Work and Family Practice, <b>Krisiti Lohmeier, PhD</b> , St. Ambrose University SSW, & <b>Dimitrie Moise</b> , Vot-ER
Child-Centered Play Therapy: Human Rights, Latino Community, Cultural Competence	<b>Zulmarie Hernandez, EdD, LMSW, CPL</b> & <b>Paul Fericelli, LMSW, PhD Candidate</b> , Inter American University of Puerto Rico
El Sol Sale para Todxs: ASW Latinx/BIPOC Fellowship Program in Integrated Behavioral Health Setting	<b>Jhoana Sarabia, LCSW</b> & <b>W. Giselle Zepeda, LCSW</b> , Marin Community Clinics in California
Exploring the Intersection of Human Rights, with Latine/x Gender Expansive Youth: M3	<b>Roberto Robles, LCCSW, DSW</b> , Kaiser Permanente and Family Court Mediator
Language Access is Social Justice: Multilingual Spaces in Human Services	<b>Alice W Jones, MSW</b> , Doctoral Student and Graduate Research Assistant & <b>Dr. Carmen Monico, PhD</b> , North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University (NCAT)
The Social Workers Role in Addressing Mental Health Issues among Undocumented Latino Immigrants – Dr Michael Alicea	<b>Dr Michael Alicea</b> , Barry University School of Social Work
Reconnecting to My Roots: A Transformative Experience in Oaxaca	<b>Adriana Gonzalez Sandrolini, LCSW, CADC</b> , <b>Mayra Soto-Gonzalez, LCSW</b> , LSWO Latinx Advisory Committee & <b>Rey C. Martinez, LCSW, PhD</b> , New Mexico Highlands University, <b>Matilde Torres, LCSW</b> , Cook County Health, <b>Eva Reynoso, LCSW</b> , CalmA Therapeutic Services, LLC, <b>Mayra Salgado, LSW</b> , Roosevelt University, & <b>Yeni Salgado</b> , Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Illinois
Interpersonal Violence Prevention and Intervention Programs for Immigrant Latinas: A Systematic Review.	<b>Catherine Luz Marrs Fuchsel, PhD, LICSW, LCSW</b> , University of St. Thomas School of Social Work
"Al Son que me Toquen" A mini-documentary Using research to humanize the migrant refugee experience in Chicago	<b>Dr. Francisco J. Lozornio, DSW</b> , Erikson Institute & <b>Kt McClure, MSW Student</b> , Loyola University
La Familia Perspective: Protect Your License (PYL) and Social Work Licensure Compact (SWLC)	<b>Adrian L Delgado, LCSW</b> , Latino Social Workers Organization
Snapshot: Integration of Strategies throughout the Lifespan of Latinx Families	<b>Jesse Munoz, LCSW</b> , Practitioner at Dr. Ledvora and Associates
LSWO Higher Education Workshops	<b>Leticia Villarreal Sosa, PhD</b> , <b>Catherine Luz Marrs Fuchsel, PhD, LICSW, LCSW</b> , <b>Rey Martinez, PhD</b> , <b>Dr. Michael Alicea</b> , <b>Nicolaus Espitia, Ph.D.</b> , <b>Dra. Maribel Lopez, Ed.D.</b> , <b>Mónica Gutiérrez, PhD</b> , <b>Iris Cardenas, PhD.</b> , <b>Michael Berghoef, PhD</b> , <b>Dr. Carmen Monico, PhD</b> , etc. (2 or 3 faculty will provide this workshop)
Latine International Social Work Collaborations: Guatemalan Gender Equity and Indigenous Human Rights	<b>Ansirys Alviz, LCSW &amp; Doctoral student</b> , Private practice, Transparent Healing Psychotherapy LLC

## Poster Sessions

Title	Student
Healing Through Art: The Role of Expressive Arts in Supporting Immigrant Mental Health	<b>Jessica Lopez Guerrero, MSW student</b> , George Mason University
Embracing Cultural Diversity: Importance of Bilingual and Bicultural Practice in Addressing Migrant Needs and Policy	<b>April C. Williams &amp; Evelia M. Zavala, MSW students</b> , Loyola University of Chicago SSW
The Intersection of Cultural Identity, Family, Education, and Mental Health Among Mexican American Adolescents	<b>Ashley Macias, MSW student</b> , California State University, Chico

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# **Exhibitors for the Chicago Conference 2024**

Visit all the exhibitors who will share their job and internship opportunities,  
BSW, MSW, PhD, DSW degree programs in person.

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

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of Social Work**

**Indiana University  
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**Latinx  
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**County of Santa  
Clara**

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Hospital**

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Family Wellbeing**

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**Illinois Department of Human Services**

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**Therapy Vibes Chicago**

**Lewis University Social Work  
(St. Augustine College)**

**Aurora University School of Social Work**

**Erikson  
Institute**

**Healthcare Alternative  
Systems**

**Jane Addams College of  
Social Work**

**University of North Carolina  
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**Ohio State University College  
of Social Work**

**University of Illinois –  
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Policy, and Practice**

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(Michigan)**

**Walla Walla University  
School of Social Work**

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**Ada S McKinley Community  
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**Lutheran Child and Family  
Services of Illinois**

**University of Houston  
School of Social Work**

**Chapin Hall**

**Arden Shore Child and Family Services**

**University of Michigan School of Social Work**

**Case Western Reserve University  
(Jack, Joseph and Morton Mandel School of  
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## Latinx Advisory Group

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## Frequently Asked Concerns

- **Lunch:** University of Illinois has eateries on the first and 2nd floors. 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 8:00am on your first day to the conference. Morning program starts at 8:30am.
- **Travel and Accommodations:** Go to [www.lswo2024.com](http://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.

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