



**DEPARTMENT
OF SOCIAL WORK**

SOUTHEASTERN SOCIAL WORK CONFERENCE

Conference Day 1 Thursday March 26, 2026 Welcome & Keynote in the University Center (UC) Annex (notated as “The Annex” on the campus map)		
Time	Topic/Presentation Title/Speaker(s)	Contact Hours
8:30-8:45	Registration & Breakfast	NA
8:45-8:55	Welcome: Dr. Summer Woodside, Chair, Department of Social Work	NA
8:55-9:00	Introduction of Keynote Speaker: Ms. Janiya McCollum, MSW Candidate & UNCP Department of Social Work Intern	NA
9:00-10:00	Keynote Session: Policy is Practice: Social Workers Shaping Carolina’s Future Jovita Lee Miller, EdD, MPA, PgD	1
10:00 - 10:15	UNCP Department of Social Work Legacy of Leadership Award Presentation	NA
10:15 - 10:30	Break and Transition to Breakout Sessions	NA

10:30 - 11:15	Block 1 Concurrent Sessions		
	Presentation Title/ Speaker(s)	Room	Contact Hours
	Using the Information-Motivation-Behavioral Skills Model to Examine Urban-Rural Differences in STI Testing: The Role of Information Search Walter L. Ellis, PhD, MSW	Annex	.75 ethics
	Problematic Sexual Behavior–Cognitive Behavioral Therapy (PSB-CBT): Meeting the Needs of Rural Youth and Families Stephanie Edwards, MSW, LCSW-A	UC* Room 213	.75
	How Substance Use Disorders Exacerbate Trauma in Low-Income Women in Rural Communities: Pathways, Challenges, and Intervention Implications BreeAnna Joy Johnson, MSW Student	Annex Room 203	.75
11:15 - 11:30	Break and Transition to Block 2 Concurrent Sessions		

*UC= University Center, next door to the UC Annex

11:30 - 12:15	Block 2 Concurrent Sessions		
	Presentation Title/Speaker(s)	Room	Contact Hours
	Understanding and Addressing Spiritual Trauma in Social Work Practice Frederick H. Stephens, LCSW, LISW-CP & Zavery McDougald, MSW, LCSW-A	Annex Room 203	.75 ethics
	Aligning Services With Need: Visualizing Opioid Overdose Risk and Treatment Access in Rural North Carolina Yale Kodwo-Nyameazea, PhD, MSW	Annex	.75
	Rebuilding Trust and Accelerating Recovery: A Trauma-Informed Integrated Care Pathway Using Accelerated Resolution Therapy (ART) Bonnie Russo, LCSW, QS & Ashley Buckner, LCSW, MCAP, ICADC, CSW-G	UC Room 208	.75
	Seeds of Liberation: Land-Based Healing in Rural Social Work Practice Keara Ndhlovu, DSW	UC Room 213	.75

12:15pm – 1:30 pm Lunch in the University Center Dining Room	Exhibitor Hall in the University Center Mall Area Lunch in the Chavis Student Center Dining Room Block 3 Concurrent Sessions begin at 1:30 pm OPTIMISE-affiliated trainees, alumni, and field supervisors are invited to a networking lunch in the Chancellor's Dining Room
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1:30 - 2:15	Block 3 Concurrent Sessions		
Presentation Title/Speaker (s)		Room	Contact Hours
The Tiger's Table: Strengthening Food Security and Community through Social Work at Benedict College Dr. Kennard DuBose, DSW, LMSW, LAC & Felix Weston, Ph.D., MSW		Annex	.75 ethics
The Workforce is Here: Addressing the needs of NC social workers through the Public Service Leadership Program (PSLP) Sarah Reives-Houston, PhD		UC Room 208	.75
Co-Creating Rural Practice: Community-Engaged, Anti-Oppressive Social Work Briana Carr, MSW, LCSW & Tiffany Lane, PhD, MSW		UC Room 213	.75
Navigating the Transfer Journey: Rural Community College Students' Experiences in the UNCW HST-BSW Program Megan S. Bolden, EdD, MSW		Annex Room 203	.75
2:15 - 2:30	Break and Transition to Block 4 Concurrent Sessions		

2:30 - 3:15	Block 4 Concurrent Sessions		
Presentation Title/Speaker(s)		Room	Contact Hours
SUPERvision: Building New Social Workers into Competent and Ethical Practitioners Shannon Cousineau, DSW, LCSW		Annex	.75 ethics
From Crisis to Compassion: Transforming Mental Health & Substance Use Crisis Calls Kristen Hunt, MSW, LCSW-A & Kirby Jones, LCMHC-A		UC Room 213	.75
Game-Based Learning to Building Awareness of Food Insecurity Erica Campbell, PhD, MSW		UC Room 208	.75
Field Without Borders: Innovations in Preparing Social Work Students for Rural Communities Monique Holsey-Hyman, EdD, MSW, LCSW-R, Christopher Solomon, MSW, CSWM, Yolanda Massey-McCullough, MSW		Annex Room 203	.75
3:15 - 3:30	Break and Transition to Closing Speaker		

Block 5 Plenary Speaker & Closing		
Time	Topic/Presentation Title/Speaker(s)	Contact Hours
3:30-3:40 pm	Gold Sponsor Presentations Latasha Murray, Robeson Health Care Corporation & Cecelia Peers, Trillium	NA
3:40-3:45 pm	Introduction of Plenary Speaker: Ms. Emily Allen, MSW Candidate & Graduate Assistant	NA
3:45-4:45 pm	Plenary Session: Effects of Tap Water Quality on Public Health in North Carolina Jacqueline MacDonald Gibson, PhD	1
4:45-4:55 pm	Door Prizes & Closing	NA

Conference Day 2 Friday March 27th in the UC Annex		
Time	Topic/Presentation Title/Speaker(s)	Contact Hours
8:30-8:45am	Registration & Breakfast	NA
8:45-9:00am	Welcome and Department Programs Dr. Denise Presnell, BSW Program Director & Dr. Shannon Cousineau, MSW Program Director	NA
9:00-10:00am	Community-Driven Solutions: Applying Social Work Ethics Through a Community-Based Participatory Research Model for Opioid Settlement Strategic Planning in Rural North Carolina Summer Woodside, PhD, MBA, LCSW, LISW-CP, Jacqueline Davis, PhD, MPH, Jordan Dew, MSW & Megan Smith, MSW	1 ethics
10:00 - 10:10 Break	Break	
10:10- 11:10	Building Multi-Sector Coalitions to Address the Opioid Crisis in Rural Communities: Lessons from the Robeson RCORP Consortium: An Ethical Framework for Collaborative Practice Summer Woodside, PhD, MBA, LCSW, LISW-CP, Jacqueline Davis, PhD, MPH, Bart Grimes, MS, LCSA, CCS, Valerie Comrie, MA & Pascale Dimery, MSW, LCSW-A	1 ethics
11:10 - 11:20	10 minute break and transition to the panel	NA
11:20 - 11:50	Panel: Lived Experience and Community Response Moderator: Frederick Stephens, LCSW, LISW-CP Panelists: Benjamin Cox, Brian Hunt, Billy McLean, Veronica Stackhouse	.5
12:00-12:15	Closing Presentation Herbert L. Richardson Sr., District Court Judge (Retired)	.25
12:15 - 12:30	Awards: Site Supervisor of the Year & Site Agency of the Year; Sponsor Recognitions MaNina McNeill, DSW; Joe Davis, MSW, LCSW	NA
12:30- 2:00	Door Prizes & Networking Lunch	NA

The **Department of Social Work Advisory Board Meeting**
will take place in the University Center Annex from 12:30-2:00pm, lunch provided.

Total Maximum Contact Hours for March 26th: 5 (up to 3 Ethics)
Total Maximum Contact Hours for March 27th: 2.75 (up to 2 Ethics)
Total Maximum Contact Hours for Both Days: 7.75 (up to 5 Ethics)