

KASWE Spring Conference 2022



Caritas: A Call to Compassionate Service in Social Work March 31—April 1

Registration Now Open!

Brescia University is honored to host the spring conference of the Kentucky Association of Social Work Educators. Please join us for a virtual conference, open to both educators and students, as we explore what inspires and sustains our calling as social workers. While the language of caritas may be unfamiliar to most social workers, we know the message certainly is not. Caritas is consistent with the core values of our profession, and it speaks to our motivation and our process of providing services. Social workers are not merely fulfilling tasks; we build compassionate, ethical relationships with our clients, and we intentionally and creatively respond to the needs of others because we have their best interests in mind. This conference will feature a variety of speakers ready to share their practice experience through the lens of caritas!

The full schedule, as well as information about our speakers, can be found on the following pages.

Registration is now open through March 30. Faculty and students, please use this link to register: <https://bit.ly/SpringConf22>

The cost of the conference is \$50 for educators and free for students. Educators, please make your payment either through **Venmo @KASWE OR by check**. Checks should be made payable to KASWE and should be postmarked BEFORE the start of the conference. Please send checks to:

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NOTE: Those who need invoices can request one by emailing Daniel.Boamah@wku.edu with the names of the faculty/staff who plan to attend.

A total of **4 CEUs** are available over the two-day conference. CEUs are approved for KY social workers, and certificates will be provided via email for registrants who attend the designated session(s) and complete the corresponding evaluation form(s).

Conference Schedule

Zoom links will be sent via email to all registrants on March 30.

Thursday, March 31

10:00-12:00 pm Central	Field Consortium (Faculty Only)
1:00 pm Central	Welcome Address by Fr. Larry Hostetter, President of Brescia University
1:15 pm Central	Keynote Address: Caritas & Social Work: Meeting People Where They Are (CEU) Presenter: Elaine R. Wright, PhD Objectives: - Explore the relationship between caritas and social work - Identify practical applications of caritas for the social work profession and education
2:15 pm Central	Break
2:30 pm Central	CEU Session: Spiritus Contra Spiritum Presenter: Ray Dalton, MA, CAADC, CCS Objectives: - Define addiction, its prevalence, causes and impact - Describe Dawn Farm's approach to addiction treatment, the "DuPont Model" - Understand the importance of mutual aid and spirituality for addiction treatment
3:30 pm Central	Break
3:45 pm Central	KASWE Business Meeting (Faculty Only)

Friday, April 1

9:00 am Central	CEU Breakout Sessions (2 options)	
	A Journey to Freedom: Family Focused Treatment for Substance Use Disorder Presenter: Jennifer Hancock, LCSW Objectives: - Understand the impact of SUD on pregnant and parenting women - Learn evidence-based approaches to effectively treat SUD in a targeted population - Acquire knowledge/skills to provide compassionate care to women who have used substances during pregnancy	Social Work Advocacy for Community-Based Organizations Presenter: Brandon Harley, CSW, CCAP Objectives: - Understand what social work advocacy entails - Learn the importance of advocacy - Understand the difference between advocacy and lobbying - Learn the community impacts of advocacy through examples of success

10:00 am Central	Break	
10:15 am Central	Student Presentations (1st Session) Presentations will take place across several Zoom meeting rooms. Schedule of presentations will be included with the links to be emailed on March 30.	
11:15 am Central	Break	
11:30 am Central	CEU Breakout Sessions (2 options)	
	Immigration and Caritas Presenter: Jenifer McLuskie, LMSW, LGSW Objectives: - Understand how caritas and immigration go hand in hand - Gain a basic understanding of immigration at the U.S. Southern Border - Understand the social worker's role in Home Study and Post Release Services	Empowering Young Women: The Work of Girls Incorporated of Owensboro Presenter: Tish Correa Osborne Objectives: - Learn the mission and philosophy of Girls Inc. - Understand approaches to programming for empowerment - Understand strategies for meeting needs of students during the pandemic
12:30 pm Central	Lunch	
1:30-2:30 pm Central	Student Presentations (2nd Session)	

Meet the Presenters

Keynote Speaker: Elaine R. Wright, PhD

Dr. Elaine Wright is an Associate Professor with the Marilyn Younger Conley School of Social Work at Brescia University in Owensboro, Kentucky. For over two decades, Elaine has served in many roles in university settings including Director of Global Programs at Tulane University's School of Social Work in New Orleans, Louisiana, and both Chair and Field Director of the social work program at Avila University in Kansas City, Missouri. She currently teaches courses on caritas, human rights, poverty, and policy advocacy. Along with serving on the editorial board for the European journal *Caritas et Veritas*, Elaine has presented internationally about caritas as a practice for caring institutions and was a contributor to the book *Caring: A Passage to Heart—An Anthology of Caritas Processes Experienced*. She received her PhD and MSSW from the University of Louisville. Her bachelor's in social work is from Brescia University.

Tish Correa Osborne

Ms. Tish Correa Osborne is the CEO of Girls Incorporated of Owensboro-Daviess County, an organization serving hundreds of girls each year through evidence-based programming focused on empowerment, especially in the areas of education, health, and life skills. Tish has been with the organization for 39 years. As head of Girls Inc., she often teams up with the Owensboro Chamber of Commerce to highlight success stories of women leaders in the community. This includes the presentation of the annual ATHENA Award, now in its 24th year. Tish obtained her bachelor's in social work from Western Kentucky University.

Ray Dalton, MA, CAADC, CCS

Mr. Ray Dalton is the Clinical Director of Dawn Farm, a non-profit substance abuse treatment and support program in the Ann Arbor/Ypsilanti, Michigan area. With over 100 employees and 14 facilities, Dawn Farm has the mission of treating men and women who suffer from addictions without regard for their ability to pay. As Clinical Director, Ray oversees all direct service delivery, including withdrawal management, outpatient services, short and long-term residential treatment, and transitional housing. He has previously served in many leadership positions at Dawn Farm, including work as the Dawn Farm Downtown Program Coordinator, Dawn Farm's Outpatient Coordinator, and Community Corrections Program Coordinator. The latter was in partnership with the Washtenaw County Sheriff's Office. Prior to working for Dawn Farm, Ray recruited, trained, and supervised volunteer counselors to answer the suicide prevention hotline for the state of Kansas. He received his Master's degree in Counseling Psychology from the University of St. Mary and his Bachelor's degree from the University of Kansas. Ray is a MCBAP Certified Advanced Alcohol and Drug Counselor as well as a MCBAP Certified Clinical Supervisor. He also has a SATP (Sexual Addiction Treatment Provider) Certification as well. Ray is passionate about seeing people become connected or reconnected to themselves, their families, and their communities through recovery. When he is not at Dawn Farm, Ray likes spending time with family, running, and reading fiction.

Jennifer Hancock, LCSW

Ms. Jennifer Hancock is the President and CEO of Volunteers of America of Mid-States. Jennifer has served our community in many capacities during her 20 years of professional leadership in the social service field and in her 13 years advancing the mission of VOA. Under her leadership, VOA has become a nationally recognized expert in providing family-focused and results-oriented solutions for the opioid and addiction crisis. Working closely with a wide range of elected officials and community partners, the organization has earned consistent recognition for providing best of practice care in more than 40 programs in four states. The VOA provides diverse services to address veterans' needs, housing and homelessness, HIV awareness and testing, and comprehensive care for adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities. In her time as President and CEO, Jennifer has guided VOA through a period of extensive growth, more than doubling its capacity to serve women overcoming substance use disorder and their children through the nationally recognized Freedom House program.

Brandon Harley, CSW, CCAP

Mr. Brandon Harley is the Deputy Chief Executive Officer of Audubon Area Community Services and Audubon Area Community Care Clinic. He provides oversight and administrative support for all programs and operations. Brandon holds a Master of Science in Social Work degree from the University of Louisville, Kent School of Social Work, and a Bachelor of Science degree from Kentucky Wesleyan College. He is a Certified Social Worker with the Kentucky Board of Social Work and holds a Certified Community Action Professional certificate with the National Community Action Partnership. Brandon has over 20 years of experience in the development and implementation of community-based programming, government services, and nonprofit administration. Before joining Audubon Area Community Services in 2015, Brandon was the Service Region Administrator Associate for the Department for Community Based Services, Two Rivers Service Region, where he oversaw operations for child and adult protective services.

Jenifer McLuskie, LMSW, LGSW

Ms. Jenifer McLuskie is a 2018 alumna of Brescia University's MSW program. She was the recipient of the 2018 Spirit of Angela Award and was also named the 2018 Outstanding MSW Student. Prior to a career as a social worker, Jenifer was a schoolteacher for 16 years. She is currently a Program Officer at Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Services (LIRS) with responsibilities related to policy and procedure implementation. She oversees 20 supervisors and 100+ case managers who provide care for over 7000 children in Home Study and Post Release Services. Jenifer volunteers in additional programs that promote education about labor trafficking, sex trafficking, and the educational rights of immigrant, disabled, and homeless children. Jenifer has two adult daughters. She and her husband recently moved back to northern Virginia where they like to hike, bike, and camp.

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