



# 35<sup>th</sup> Annual Social Work Conference



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March 4, 2016

Houston Cole Library

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## For 2015, did you know?

- As of December 2015 there have been 1,414 Social Work graduates.
- Six faculty from Sociology and Social Work received faculty research awards.
- We hosted a Poverty Simulation on the 11th floor of the library in collaboration with the Arise Citizens' Policy Project, which brought in participants from campus and community.
- Approximately 20 social work students participated in Project Homeless Connect, under the direction of Dr. Nancy Stewart, Mr. Jonathan Adams, and Ms. Robyn Snider. This activity was also covered by the Anniston Star. Project Homeless Connect (PHC) is nationwide one-day: community-wide event providing one-stop: housing, support, and quality of life resources for homeless from the community.
- The Social Work program continued its eight-year involvement with the Homeless Coalition of Northeast Alabama as volunteers in the annual Point in Time Count of the homeless in Etowah and Calhoun counties on January 21, 2015. JSU faculty and students from the Social Work program have volunteered since 2007. Twenty-eight Social Work students and three Social Work faculty (Dr. Nancy Francisco Stewart, Ms. Robyn Snider and Mr. Jonathan Adams) spread out across agencies and sites where the homeless might spend the night or seek services in Gadsden and Anniston. The Point in Time count is an annual event across the nation to identify the needs and the number of homeless individuals and families as part of the "Continuum of Care" requirements to receive federal funding from the Housing and Urban Development grants.
- The JSU student Social Work Club held a Christmas/Holiday party for the youth attending the Jacksonville Boys and Girls club (over 30 children), providing gifts (collected by students and faculty), pizza, drinks, and dessert, plus a step performance by a JSU fraternity and a visit from Santa Claus (a social work alum). We have been hosting this party annually for over 15 years.
- Students and faculty also attended Social Work Advocacy Day at the capital in Montgomery, AL, to learn about how the Alabama legislature functions and to meet with representatives and to observe the legislature in action AND to share this experience with social work students and practitioners from all over the state.
- On October 23, 2015, the Social Work program sponsored a live stream of the NASW 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Forum that was open to the community at no charge.
- On December 4, 2015, the Social Work program co-hosted with NASW-AL a symposium on Human Trafficking.

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## **Silent Auction and Exhibit Hall – Room 1101 A&B**



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# Conference Schedule

7:30 - 8:30	Registration - Room 1101-C / Continental Breakfast - Room 1102		
8:30 - 8:45	Welcome / Social Work Update Room 1103 A & B		
8:45 - 10:00	<b>Plenary Session One - Drug Courts</b>		
	<b>Judge Laura Brown Phillips, District Judge</b>		
	Room 1103 A & B		
10:00 - 10:15	Break		
10:15 - 11:30	<b>Plenary Session Two - The Journey to Equality and the Challenge Today</b>		
	<b>Barbara Shores</b>		
	Room 1103 A & B		
11:30 - 1:00	Lunch On Your Own		
	<b>Room 1101-C</b>	<b>Room 1103-C</b>	<b>Room 1103 A &amp; B</b>
1:00 - 2:00	<b>Alabama State Budget Woes</b>	<b>Motivational Interviewing for Healthcare Workers</b>	<b>Ethics of Supervision*</b>
	<b>Gundlach</b>	<b>Trask</b>	<b>Riley</b>
2:10 - 3:10	<b>Docudrama on Alzheimer's</b>	<b>Unless someone like you cares a whole awful lot, nothing is going to get better. It's not. - Dr. Suess, The Lorax</b>	<b>Social Work Ethics and Social Media: Professional Use Of Selfie*</b>
	<b>Roberts, George, Roberts, and Nelms-Griffin</b>	<b>Cox and Amberson</b>	<b>Whorton</b>
3:10 - 3:30	Break		
3:30 - 4:30	<b>Autism Overview and JSU Center for Autism Studies Information Sharing</b>	<b>What's Up With This Obamacare Thing??</b>	<b>Answering the Three W's of Ethical Leadership*</b>
	<b>Wheat</b>	<b>Hope, Mason, Floyd</b>	<b>Creech</b>

Continuing Education forms will be mailed, after the conference, to the email address listed on your conference registration.

\* The sessions marked with an asterisk will be counted as Ethics CE's.

## Plenary Session I

### Drug Courts

This session will discuss the types of drug courts, the components and effectiveness of drug courts, and the role of the social worker.

Judge Laura Brown Phillips has served as the district court judge in the 7<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit since 2004. Prior to this appointment, Judge Phillips served as the assistant district attorney, supervisor of the family violence trial division and victim's service officer. Judge Phillips holds a Bachelor's Degree in Political Science and a law degree from the Birmingham School of Law. In 2007, she was awarded the NASW Public Official of the Year. Judge Phillips is also on the advisory board for the Calhoun County Humane Society.

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## Plenary Session II

### The Journey to Equality and the Challenge Today

This session will examine the pursuit of Equality and Civil Rights as told by Ms. Shores according to her own experiences and those significant to this movement.

Barbara Shores was born in Birmingham, AL to Arthur and Theodora Shores. Her father was a Civil Rights attorney who worked toward the integration of public schools and universities in Alabama. Ms. Shores served for over 26 years as the Executive Director for the Jefferson County Office of Senior Citizens Services and held numerous other positions in social work, both in Alabama and in Illinois. Since retirement, Ms. Shores has established and facilitates a cancer survivor support group. She is a graduate of Talladega College with her BA and the University of Illinois with her MSW.

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## Breakout Session Information

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### *Alabama State Budget Woes*

Carol Gundlach – Arise Citizens’ Policy Project

This session will describe the current funding crisis in the Alabama General Fund and Education Trust Fund budgets, the impact of the crisis on human services in Alabama, the underlying cause of the problem, and the possible solutions.

Ms. Gundlach previously worked as executive director of the Alabama Coalition against Domestic Violence and as state coordinator of the Alabama Coalition against Hunger. She has an MSW and has taught social work policy and community organization at Auburn University and the University of Alabama.

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### *Motivational Interviewing*

Jacqueline Trask – JSU Social Work Program

This session is for healthcare workers who spend time encouraging patients to consider changing their healthcare behaviors. Social Workers can use Motivational Interviewing when time is limited and long term results are necessary.

Dr. Trask joined the Sociology and Social Work department at JSU in fall 2014 and is a wonderful addition to the department. She received her Ph.D. from the University of Alabama, her MSW from Clark Atlanta University, and her BSW from JSU. Dr. Trask research focus is in healthcare with a focus on improving the mortality rates for individuals diagnosed with End Stage Renal Disease.

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### *Ethics of Supervision*

Noreen W. Riley

This session will discuss the ethical concerns regarding providing supervision, what is included in the NASW Code of Ethics regarding supervision, tailoring a supervisory plan to meet the specific needs of the social worker, and preparation for the licensure examination.

Ms. Riley currently provides supervision for social work licensure. Prior to retiring, she was a social worker at Marshall Medical Centers (Home Health / Best Start Maternity Program) for 17 years. In addition, she worked for Hospice of NE Alabama and DHR.

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### *Social Work Facts*

- Today, social work is one of the fastest growing professions in the United States, with more than 600,000 people employed in the field
- Social workers are the largest group of mental health care providers in the United States, helping people overcome depression, anxiety, substance abuse and other disorders so they can lead more fulfilling lives.
- The U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs employs more than 12,000 professional social workers.
- After earthquakes, floods and other disasters social workers are on the front lines, helping survivors get needed services and handle stress and anxiety.



## Breakout Session Information

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### *Autism Overview and JSU Center for Autism Studies Information Sharing*

Valerie Wheat – College of Education, JSU

This session will cover current statistics and information relating to Autism Spectrum Disorder. We will discuss behavioral characteristics and an overview of research-based strategies. We will also discuss the plans for the JSU Center for Autism Studies that is currently being established.

Ms. Wheat has worked in the field of Special Education for over 25 years. She has also worked as a classroom teacher, resource specialist, behavioral specialist, and is currently an instructor in the CLD Collaborative / SPE program in the College of Education at Jacksonville State University.

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*Unless someone like you cares a whole awful lot, nothing is going to get better. It's not. – Dr. Seuss, The Lorax*

Becky Cox and Mindi Amberson – Calhoun County School System

This session will cover the program in Calhoun County schools for utilizing social workers to assist with student assessments and linking families with community partners. You will see how social workers are able to look at the whole family to ensure student success.

Ms. Cox has over 23 years' experience in the social service field including ten years with DHR. For the past thirteen years, she has worked for the Calhoun County School System as the Title I Parent Involvement Specialist and the Homeless Liaison for grades kindergarten through 6<sup>th</sup>. Ms. Cox received her BSW from JSU.

Ms. Amberson is currently the guidance counselor at Wellborn Elementary School and a counselor at Garrett Counseling. She received her BSW and Master's Degree and Ed. S in Community Agency Counseling from JSU. She has a professional background in child welfare, family counseling, and serving individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

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*Social Work Ethics and Social Media: Professional Use of Selfie*

Kim Whorton – JSU Social Work Department

This session will discuss the ethical considerations for social work and human service professionals when using social media.

Ms Whorton is an instructor for the JSU Social Work department for 19 years. Prior to JSU, Ms. Whorton worked at Bryce Hospital on a specialized treatment unit for young patients diagnosed with schizophrenia. She also served as a Medicaid treatment plan reviewer for CED Mental Health Center. Ms. Whorton received her BSW from JSU and her MSW from the University of Alabama.

## Breakout Session Information

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### *Docudrama on Alzheimer's*

Karrie Roberts, Gina George, Tim Roberts, Angela Nelms-Griffin  
MSW Students, Troy University

This session will include a skit of someone displaying symptoms of Alzheimer's. We take you through the stages and demonstrate family and personal struggles.

All of the above MSW students above are currently pursuing their MSW at Troy University. Ms. Roberts, Ms. George, and Mr. Roberts all received their BSW from JSU. Ms. Nelms-Griffin received her BSW, MS, and LMFT from Auburn University.

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### *What's Up with This Obamacare Thing??*

Julie Hope, Valerie Mason, and Lori Floyd – The Right Place

This session will examine the challenges/successes of the second year of open enrollment for health care coverage under the Affordable Care Act, as well as, ideas/tips to successfully navigate the road to healthcare coverage for your clients/consumers.

Ms. Hope is a lifelong Calhoun County resident who has worked in the local not-for-profit arena for over 30 years. Currently she is working for The Right Place in Anniston as an Insurance Navigator for the Enroll AL Project.

Ms. Mason has been with The Right Place since 2012 and with Health Services Center prior to 2012. She is a graduate of JSU with a BS in Business Administration and Management.

Ms. Floyd has been with The Right Place since 2014 and was previously employed with Health Services Center. She is also the TMS Coordinator at the TMS Wellness Institute.

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### *Answering the Three W's of Ethical Leadership*

Sean C. Creech – East Alabama Regional Planning and Development Commission (EARPDC)

This session will review how to adapt and evolve with the industry and more importantly how to cultivate a positive, productive, and ethical workplace with engaged employees.

Mr. Creech is currently serving as the Project Director and Lead Case Manager for the Medicaid Waiver Programs in the Department of Aging and Disability Services at EARPDC. Prior to joining EARPDC, he was the Service Social Worker with DHR for six years. Mr. Creech received his BSW from JSU and in 2014 received his MSW from the University of New England.

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### **Local Eateries**

DQ Grill & Chill Restaurant – 411 Pelham Road North, Jacksonville, AL 36265

Effina's Tuscan Grill - 501 Pelham Rd North, Jacksonville, AL 36265

Struts of Jacksonville - 500 Forney Ave Northwest, Jacksonville, AL 36265

Cooter Brown's Rib Shack - 8464 AL-204, Jacksonville, AL 36265

Yamato Steak House of Japan - 105 Mountain St Northwest, Jacksonville, AL 36265

Jefferson's – 407 Pelham Road North, Jacksonville, AL 36265

The Rocket – 1508 Pelham Road South, Jacksonville, AL 36265

Baja California Grill - 1555 Pelham Rd South, # A, Jacksonville, AL 36265

Jack's – 602 Pelham Road South, Jacksonville, AL 36265

Bojangles' - 1061 J.D. and L. Drive Southwest, Jacksonville, AL 36265

Sonic Drive-In - 1120 Pelham Rd South, Jacksonville, AL 36265

Jack Hopper Café, JSU, 700 Pelham Road North, Jacksonville, AL 36265

Quiznos - 505 Pelham Rd North, Suite A, Jacksonville, AL 36265

Subway – 1625 Pelham Road South, Jacksonville, AL 36265

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