



## **A Message from the President of the Association of Caribbean Social Work Educators**

It is a pleasure to welcome you to the Eighth Biennial Conference of Caribbean and International Social Work Educators.

Social work in the Caribbean continues to address social, political, economic and cultural problems, among them; HIV/AIDS, poverty, migration, unemployment, societal violence, domestic violence, child abuse and disaster management. Our world is changing rapidly and we need to be abreast of the changes as they affect us and those who use our services. In remarkable ways, the global changes at a technological level have made it possible for us to know more about each other, the societies in which we live, our commonalities and our differences without our having to leave our tiny corners of the Globe. As we have gathered from within the region, the Diaspora, and beyond for this event, I hope that you will find the many presentations and workshops informative and empowering. As you share your knowledge and expertise, establish connections and friendships I believe that you will find the conference another rewarding educational experience. ACSWE needs your ongoing support. Please consider subscribing to our publication, the Caribbean Journal of Social Work through which we share our ideas, research and best practices. I hope that you will sign up to become a member of ACSWE.

I would like to sincerely thank the Conference Coordinating Committee, of the Social Work Unit, The Department of Behavioural Sciences, St. Augustine Campus, University of the West Indies, the local Trinidadian and Tobagonian sponsors, the international sponsors and all other persons who have in some way worked to make this conference possible.

**Letnie F. Rock, Ph.D.** President, ACSWE.



## A Message from the Conference Chair

Colleagues,

I extend a warm welcome to you all to this premiere event, the 8<sup>th</sup> Biennial Conference of Caribbean & International Social Work Educators. I anticipate a period of dynamic discourse characterised by challenges to our ways of thinking, opposition and agreement as we chart our way through a diverse and varied programme of research papers, workshops and discussion sessions. This conference is poised to advance new understanding of the current realities with which the profession must grapple and to craft culturally relevant models to aid us in our practice. It is my wish that we achieve this in an ambience of mutuality and respect and that in the process, we have fun as well.

Welcome to our beautiful twin-island country of Trinidad and Tobago.

**Michele Sogren**

Conference Chair & Vice-President, ACSWE

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## CONFERENCE THEMES: COLOUR KEY

**PRACTICE & PROGRESS**

**INNOVATIONS IN SOCIAL WORK EDUCATION**

**HEALTH & WELLNESS I**

**HEALTH & WELLNESS II**

**CAPACITY-BUILDING & INSTITUTIONAL  
STRENGTHENING**

**DISASTERS & CRITICAL INCIDENTS**

**CONFLICT RESOLUTION:**

Appropriate Practices in Conflict Resolution  
Mediation for Caribbean Development  
Contemporary Practice Models & Application

**SPECIAL SESSIONS**

## Conference Summary

Tuesday 26	Wednesday 27	Thursday 28	Friday 29	Saturday 30
8:00 – 9:00 am - Registration				
<p>9:30-10:30 am Opening Ceremony</p> <p>Festival Ballroom</p> <p>Keynote Speaker: : Dr. Peta Anne Baker Vice President IASSW UWI, Mona, Jamaica</p>	<p>9:00 – 10:30 am Research Presentations</p> <p><b>R11 Practice &amp; Progress (Calypso Lounge)</b></p> <p><b>R12 Innovations in Social Work Education (Teak Room)</b></p> <p><b>R13 Health and Wellness II (T&amp;T North)</b></p> <p><b>R14 Health and Wellness II (San Fernando A)</b></p> <p><b>R15 Disasters and Critical Incidents (San Fernando B)</b></p>	<p>9:00 – 10:30 am Conflict Resolution Plenary Session (Calypso Ballroom)</p> <p>Feature Speaker Ms. Donna Parchment Director Dispute Resolution Foundation Jamaica</p>	<p>9.00 – 10.30 a.m. Research Presentations</p> <p><b>R24 Innovations in Social Work Education (T&amp;T North)</b></p> <p><b>R25 Health and Wellness I (San Fernando A)</b></p> <p><b>R26 Health and Wellness II (San Fernando B)</b></p>	<p>9:00 – 10:30 am Workshops – Calypso Lounge</p> <p><b>WS17 Drama/Theatre -In-Education for Social Development: Arts-In-Action's Applied Creative Arts for the Caribbean (Calypso Lounge)</b></p> <p><b>WS18 Spiritual Support Group for Survivors of Domestic Violence (San Fernando A)</b></p> <p><b>WS19 Stress: It's Worse Than You Think. Stress Management for Human Services Professionals (San Fernando B)</b></p> <p><b>WS20 Engaging Families in Substance Abuse Treatment: A Strengths-Based Approach (Board Room)</b></p>
10:30-11:00 am Refreshments	10:30-11:00 am Refreshments	10:30 – 10:45 am Refreshments	10:30-11:00 am Refreshments	10:30-11:00 am Refreshments
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12:45 – 1:45 pm Lunch	12:30-1:30 pm Lunch	12:30 – 1:30 pm Lunch	12:30 – 1:30 pm NACASSW Lunchtime Meeting (T&T North)	

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<p><b>1:45 – 3:15</b> <b>Research Presentations</b></p> <p><b>R6 Practice &amp; Progress (Calypso Lounge)</b></p> <p><b>R7 Innovations in Social Work Education (Teak Room)</b></p> <p><b>R8 Health and Wellness I (T&amp;T North)</b></p> <p><b>R9 Capacity-Building and Institutional Strengthening (San Fernando A)</b></p> <p><b>R10 Disasters and Critical Incidents (San Fernando B)</b></p>	<p><b>1:30 – 3:00 pm</b> <b>Workshops - Innovations In Social Work Education: New Challenges, New Technologies and Global Partnerships</b></p> <p><b>WS6 Calypso Lounge</b> Virtual Student Exchanges through Online Instruction</p> <p><b>WS7 Teak Room</b> Social Work Field Education in the Digital Age (Complexity and Emergence)</p> <p><b>WS8 T&amp;T North</b> Developing Functional Collaborations for International HIV/AIDS Research and Service</p> <p><b>WS9 San Fernando A</b> Diversity Training: A Multi-Disciplinary Team's Guide to Teaching</p> <p><b>WS10 San Fernando B</b> "Social Work in yuh face!!" - <i>Reflection on Action in IV Acts</i></p>	<p><b>1:45 – 3:15</b> <b>Mediation Research Presentations</b></p> <p><b>R21</b> Appropriate Practices in Conflict Resolution (T&amp;T North)</p> <p><b>R22</b> Mediation for Caribbean Development (San Fernando A)</p> <p><b>R23</b> Contemporary Practice Models and Application (San Fernando B)</p>	<p><b>1:30– 4:00 pm</b> <b>Field Trips</b></p> <p><b>1:30 – 4:00pm</b> <b>Mediation Collaboration: UWI &amp; University of Denver (San Fernando A)</b></p> <p><b>1:30 – 4:00pm</b> <b>T&amp;T Association of Social Workers (San Fernando B)</b></p>	
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The University of the West Indies  
Eighth Biennial Conference of Caribbean and International Social Work  
Educators

**MONDAY 25th JUNE**

**Pre-Conference Institute -Training Seminar (Venue: T&T Room North)**  
(Sponsored by: Howard University School of Social Work)

***ENHANCING PRACTICE - SKILL-BUILDING, INTERVENTION PLANNING &  
STRATEGIES***

Coordinator: Dr. Norma S.C. Jones, Howard University School of Social Work  
Moderator: Dr. Doris Polston, Bowie State University, Bachelor of Social Work  
Program

**8:00am - 9:00am**

**Registration**

**9:00am – 12:00pm**

**PANEL I**

*Global Health Issues:  
Living a Life of Full Engagement  
The Physical, Mental & Spiritual  
Dimensions*

**S. Tyrone Barksdale**  
Assistant to the Provost  
Howard University  
Washington, DC

This presentation will enable participants to assess their individual lifestyles and potentials in the context of better and more efficient utilization, not of time, but rather, proper energy management, which is the greatest threat to personal renewal, leadership capability, life capacity, intellectual achievement, individual fulfillment and overall engagement.

*Women of Color and Depression*

**Renee Goods**  
District of Columbia Public Schools  
Washington, DC

This presentation will address and discuss depression and include: a definition of depression, types of depression, depressive symptoms, possible causes of the illness, risk vs. protective factors, the danger of self-directed violence, as well as treatment strategies. Treatment considerations in working with Caribbean populations will also be shared.

*Promoting Health and Wellness  
Through a Community-Based Coalition*

**Carol Hill Lowe**  
Adjunct Professor  
Howard University  
Washington, DC



This paper presents a model of a community coalition to address unmet medical needs of chronically ill children. In the year 2000, over 10,000 children between the ages of 3 to 12 years who lived in Washington, DC suffered with asthma and asthma episodes --- almost twice the national average. Furthermore, African-American and Hispanic youngsters were significantly at-risk for asthma due to poverty, hazardous urban environmental conditions (especially exposure to smoke and moisture in this region), inconsistent primary care follow-up, and the lack of community awareness about the seriousness of asthma. Many of the strategies, skills, and lessons learned in working in coalitions that promote health and wellness are transferable to other communities and health care systems and will be presented at this workshop.

*Clinical Interventions with Caribbean Students  
Transitioning to American Educational  
Institutions: Secondary and University  
(Tertiary) Levels*

**Claudia Lawrence-Webb**  
Baltimore City Public School System  
Baltimore, Maryland

This presentation will discuss and identify some of the adjustment issues of Latin/Caribbean students in public educational institutions in the U.S. at the high school and university level. Strategies will be recommended for intervening with students and their families and suggestions will be made for preparing students for educational experiences in the U.S.

**12:00 Noon – 1:30pm**

**LUNCH**

**1:30pm - 5:30pm**

**PANEL II**

*A Comprehensive Approach to  
Supporting Children's School Readiness*

**Brenda Harris**  
Project Manager, Pre-Kindergarten  
Incentive Program  
Comprehensive Services  
Washington, DC

This presentation presents an overview of the District of Columbia Pre-Kindergarten demonstration project for 375 three and four year old children in 2005-2006. The programs provide appropriate activities and learning experiences that help prepare young, high-risk children living in underserved communities for school. Strategies for intervention with this population of children will be presented, with special attention given to development of a *comprehensive team approach*. Information regarding developing partnerships with parents, schools, non profit traditional child development centers and private providers, health and medical systems will be provided. The demonstration project is based upon the idea that Comprehensive Services delivered to children and families early will increase school success. This program was designed to address the needs of all children globally and may be replicated nationally and internationally.

*African American Males' Exposure to Family  
and Community Violence: A Descriptive Study  
of Suburban Gang Membership*

**Willie E Ringold**  
Psychotherapist  
So Others Might Eat  
Washington, DC

This presentation examines the relationship between gang membership and exposure to community and family violence among suburban African American male gang members. It was hypothesized that suburban African American gang members have higher levels of exposure to direct, indirect, and family violence than non-gang members. Strategies for intervention with families and children are presented and recommendation are made for collaboration with schools, the church and other community organizations to address the phenomenon of gang membership throughout the Diaspora.

*Mental Health in the Caribbean*

**Anita Mingo**  
2<sup>nd</sup> Year MSW Student  
Howard University  
Washington, D.C.

This presentation presents the findings of a study conducted to evaluate mental health problems and treatments among 3,410 older adults age 60-102 residing in two Caribbean countries: Cuba and Barbados. The sample was predominantly female (62%), and was predominantly young-old (60-74) with 8 years or less of education. Data was employed from the SAGE (Survey on Health, Well-Being, and Aging in Latin America and the Caribbean, 2000). The analysis provides important information about the presence of mental health illness and availability of treatments in diverse cultures and health care delivery systems. Key findings suggest that the two countries are surprisingly similar in terms of demographics and major psychiatric conditions. Cuba had more reported nervous problems and lower general health compared to Barbados. This may reflect a higher degree of screening for mental health problems in Cuba. These findings describe associations but not causal relationships. This presentation will offer recommendations and practice strategies that will assist with identifying additional ways for identifying and treating those who are untreated.

*The Employee Assistance Program*

**Jennifer Turnbull**  
(EAP) Miami VA Medical Center  
Miami, FL

This presentation will provide an overview of the EAP program and offer information regarding required profession credentials, services provided and the benefits to all employees, including administration and management. Opportunities for employment will also be discussed. Special attention will be given to providing an overview of confidential EAP services and programs to assist social work employees with an array of problem situations.

*Homelessness in the United States  
Virgin Islands (USVI)*

**Adelle Belle-Barry**  
University of the Virgin Islands.  
St. Thomas, VI

Each of the four inhabited islands of this demographically diverse territory has its own unique social characteristic. However, the issue of homelessness is perhaps one of the

most vexing problems that the Territory is currently experiencing. The issue of homelessness in the USVI has not been an academic one, until now, and it has not been a political focus, even in this election year. The risk factors of homelessness in the Virgin Islands consistently identified substance abuse and mental illness, and poverty as primary factors. The relationship between these conditions makes it difficult, at least, and most impossible for the homeless to obtain adequate housing. This paper focuses on the complex problem of homelessness in the USVI and the efforts to end it by 2012.

**5:00pm – 5:30pm WRAP-UP**

**Dr. Norma Jones  
Dr. Doris Polston  
Prof. Tyrone Barksdale**

## TUESDAY 26th JUNE – MAIN CONFERENCE

8:00am - 9.30 a.m.	<b>REGISTRATION</b> Venue – Foyer
9:30am – 10:30 a.m.	<b>OPENING CEREMONY - Festival Ballroom</b>  <b>Keynote Speaker:</b> Dr. Peta Anne Baker, Vice President IASSW, UWI, Mona, Jamaica  “Speaking Truth to Power”
10:30am – 11:00am	<b>REFRESHMENTS</b> Venue – Festival Ballroom
11:15am –12:45pm	<b>Research Presentations</b> (Choice of 5 themes)

### **R1 Practice & Progress (Calypso Lounge)**

1. Understanding the Context and Norms of Child-Rearing in Trinidad and Tobago  
**Julie Cooper Altman**
2. Effective Case Management Skills: Social Workers’ Recommendation For Reducing the Number of Children in Foster Care  
**Sylvester Bowie**

### **R2 Innovations in Social Work Education (Teak Room)**

1. Community-based Participatory Research and Social Work: Will the Profession Embrace this Research Model?  
**Charles E. Lewis**
2. ‘Transitional Community-Based’ Development: Lessons from the Jamaican Diaspora for Innovative Options in Education  
**Kameika Murphy & Natalie Gentles**
3. Simulated Case Conferences As Valuable Teaching Tools For Social Work Students  
**Karene-Anne J. Nathaniel de Caires**

### **R3 Health & Wellness I (T&T North)**

1. Core Female Partnerships: Survival Strategies for Women Heads of Household  
**Julia Archer**
2. Innovations in Mental Health Practice with HIV Positive Women  
**Liesl Browne Hancock**
3. Exploring African Trinidadian & Indian Trinidadian Women’s Experiences of Domestic Violence  
**Kendra Ann Pitt**

#### **R4 Health & Wellness II (San Fernando A)**

1. Breaking Barriers: An exploratory study of sex talk between maternal parents and female adolescents among low income, urban, Afro-Trinidadian families  
**Khadijah Williams-Peters: SONDAI PRESENTATION**
2. Attitude of Teachers and Students Towards Students Infected with HIV/AIDS  
**Letnie Rock & La Verne Simon**

#### **R5 Disasters & Critical Incidents (San Fernando B)**

1. Social Violence, Psychosocial Consequences and Considerations for Social Work Intervention: The Case of Guyana and Jamaica  
**Lear Mathews & Annette Mahoney**
2. "In their own words"; Art Therapy as an Intervention Tool for Caribbean Children Exposed to Violence: Case Studies of Jamaica and Trinidad  
**Claudette Crawford-Brown**
3. Post-Katrina New Orleans: Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) and the Need for Social Work/Education Interventions  
**Ira Arthell Neighbors**

12:45pm - 1:45 pm

**LUNCH**

1:45pm – 3:15pm

**Research Presentations** (Choice of 5 themes)

#### **R6 Practice & Progress (Calypso Lounge)**

1. Parenting African American Children: Ensuring Family Stability and Integrity  
**Brenda Armstrong Clarke**
2. Stopping Domestic Violence – A Cognitive Behavioural Approach  
**Cleviston Hunte & Karlene Bramwell**
3. Child-Centred Methodology: Children's Experiences of Separation through Migration: the Case of Trinidad and Tobago  
**Adele Jones**

#### **R7 Innovations in Social Work Education (Teak Room)**

1. Rethinking Social Work Education: Expanding the Social Mission  
**Audrey Enid Benn**
2. An Innovative Educational Collaborative Project to Increase Racial/Ethnic Diversity in Mental Health Careers  
**Vonda Smith-Hill & Shirley Newton-Guest**
3. Overcoming Barriers to Educational Access: A case study of a social work cohort/intensive program for Indigenous students  
**Judy Shepherd**

**R8 Health & Wellness I (T&T North)**

1. Understanding Alzheimer's & Dementia  
**Hamima Shabazz**
2. The Effects of Neighbourhood Context on Depressive Symptoms among Minority Adolescents living in Public Housing Developments  
**Von Nebbitt**

**R9 Capacity-Building & Institutional Strengthening (San Fernando A)**

1. Historical Development of Social Work in Saint Lucia - Contributions and Challenges  
**Clementia Eugene**
2. Community Benefits of a Multi-Purpose Regional Complex: A Case Study of the Black Rock Community in Tobago  
**Veronica Williams-Dalrymple**
3. Critical Reflections on a Workplace Training Project in Trinidad and Tobago  
**Akua Benjamin**

**R10 Disasters and Critical Incidents (San Fernando B)**

1. Critical Incident Stress Management: An MSW Program Designed to Address Issues of Secondary Traumatization Among Disaster Workers  
**Norma SC Jones**
2. In the Aftermath of a Disaster: Stress, Trauma and Coping  
**Bernadette Marson**
3. Perspectives of Disasters and Critical Incidents: Implications for Counseling and Innovative Practice.  
**Jake Johnson**

**3:15pm – 3:30pm**

**BREAK**

**3:30pm – 5:00pm**

**Workshops (Choice of five topics)**

**WS1 Practice & Progress (Calypso Lounge)**

Rap to Tap Performance Camp Interactive Workshop  
**Queenii Ruth Summers Burgess Payne**

**WS2 Innovations in Social Work Education (Teak Room)**

Global Group Work Cross-National and Cross-Cultural Examination of Essential Elements of Social Group Work  
**Karen Ring & Charles Corbin**

**WS3 Disasters & Critical Incidents (T&T North)**

Curtain Call: Interweaving Psycho-social Processes and Theatre-in-Education Processes in addressing Issues of Trauma in Social Work Practice  
**Jennifer Holder Dolly**

**WS4 Capacity-Building & Institutional Strengthening (San Fernando A)**

Legislative Advocacy on Behalf of Immigrant Children

**Joyce Hamilton Henry**

**WS5 Health & Wellness I (San Fernando B)**

"Development as Freedom" (Amartya Sen) - Development and Freedom for PLWHA: Implications for Social Work Training

**Sharon Williams-Gooding: SONDAI PRESENTATION**

## WEDNESDAY 27<sup>th</sup> JUNE

9:00am – 10:30am

### Research Presentations (Choice of 5 themes)

#### **R11 Practice & Progress (Calypso Lounge)**

1. Addressing Involuntary Return Migration through Multi-Modal Community Interventions  
**Maria T. Gomes** (presented by representative)
2. Domestic Violence Interventions in Rural Communities: A consideration of culturally appropriate assistance in contexts where women can't, won't and shouldn't have to leave  
**Judy Shepherd**
3. Social Work with West Indian Immigrants in the Diaspora: Socio-cultural Realities of Care  
**Carol Ann Daniel, Amandia Speaks-Lewis & Joycelette Brown**

#### **R12 Innovations in Social Work Education (Teak Room)**

1. A Win-Win Solution: Combining Distance Learning with Social Gerontology in the MSW Curriculum  
**Sandra Edmonds Crewe**
2. Working Together - working creatively with service users and carers in Higher Education  
**Chris Stogdon & Ruth Neville**
3. Violence and the Social Worker in Jamaica: Training and Policy Implications  
**Lincoln Williams**

#### **R13 Health & Wellness I (T&T North)**

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1. Factors which Contribute to Non- Adherence to ARV among children age 12 to 16 years: A Case Study from Durban South Africa  
**Maud Mthembu**
2. Group Work at a Paediatric Special Clinic in Trinidad – A Social Work Method for Treatment  
**Bernadette Cyrus**
3. Social Support among Women in Trinidad and Tobago who are HIV Positive  
**Debra Joseph**



#### **R14 Health & Wellness II (San Fernando A)**

1. Males Involvement in Sexual and Reproductive Health Issues in Guyana  
**Derek Fields**
2. Emergency Contraception: An Important Option for Women in the Caribbean  
**Tamarah Moss-Knight**
3. Coping with an emerging non-normative gender and sexual identity within the Jamaican context: Case Study of One Male Adolescent  
**Valerie Thompson-Ebanks & Lita Allen**

#### **R15 Disasters & Critical Incidents (San Fernando B)**

1. Space, Psychological Process and Natural Disasters: Studies in Resilience from Grenada  
**Jennifer Holder Dolly**
2. The Role of Spirituality in Coping with Natural Disasters in the Caribbean  
**Karen Ring & Sharen Carmichael**
3. The Social Worker-Going the Extra Mile  
**Maureen Little**

**10:30am – 11:00am Break**

**11:00am – 12:30pm Research Presentations (Choice of five themes)**

#### **R16 Practice & Progress (Calypso Lounge)**

1. College Students' Use of Counselling: Comparison between Jamaican-Americans and Jamaican-West Indians  
**Trisha Baboolal**
2. The concept of intermittent male absence and male offshore oil/gas workers in Trinidad and Tobago and the psychosocial impacts of these absences on the male-female relationship  
**Ralph Le Gendre**
3. Capturing Concerns: The Experiences of Black Male Social Work Students' at Historically Black Colleges and Universities in the US and Barbados  
**Errol Bolden, Isiah Marshall & Jomo Phillips**

#### **R17 Innovations in Social Work Education (Teak Room)**

1. The local-global dialectic: decolonizing the pedagogy and practice of international social work  
**Narda Razack**
2. A Comparison of International and American Students with Respect to Emotional Distress and Adjustment to College within a Counseling Centre Population  
**Danielle Hadeed**

3. Impact of Multiple Oppressions on the Mental Health of Sexual Minorities in the Caribbean and African Diaspora: Social Work Education, Practice, Policy and Research Considerations  
**Kamilah Majied & Tamarah Moss-Knight**

#### **R18 Health & Wellness I (T&T North)**

1. The Changing Mental Health Needs of the African Caribbean Community: Innovative practice in response to the mental health needs of African Caribbean older people in the United Kingdom.  
**Susan Kennedy**
2. "Satan's trying to take you and God's trying to save you": A Qualitative Study Examining Beliefs about Depression and Spirituality among Religious Women of Colour  
**Virletta C Bryant & Vondelear Smith-Hill**
3. Exploring the work stress phenomenon among social work practitioners in Trinidad and Tobago  
**Lionel Remy**

#### **R19 Health & Wellness II (San Fernando A)**

1. Enabling Hope: A Practitioners' Code of Ethics for Working with Persons Living With HIV/AIDS  
**April Bernard**
2. Impact of Substance Abuse and its Associated Risks on the Lives of Female Commercial Sex Workers from Downtown Georgetown  
**Monica Miller**

#### **R20 Capacity-Building & Institutional Strengthening (San Fernando B)**

1. Poverty Reduction and Social Work in the Caribbean  
**Rawle Andrew Small**
2. The Role of NGOs and Micro-Credit for Development  
**Rebecca Leela Thomas**
3. Facing The Challenges Of Human Capital Development: A Justification For Career Development Education In Schools  
**Gail Joseph-Alleyne**

**12:30pm – 1:30pm**

**LUNCH**

1:30pm – 3:00pm

Workshops (Choice of five topics)

**INNOVATIONS IN SOCIAL WORK EDUCATION: New Challenges, New Technologies and Global Partnerships**

**WS6 Calypso Lounge**

Virtual Student Exchanges through Online Instruction

**Patricia Lager, Craig Stanley & Michele Sogren**

**WS7 Teak Room**

Social Work Field Education in the Digital Age (Complexity and Emergence)

**Joseph A Nunn, Anthony Winckowski & Judith Caldwell**

**WS8 T&T North**

Developing Functional Collaborations for International HIV/AIDS Research and Service

**Neil Abell, Scott Edward Rutledge, Jacqueline Padmore & Theresa McCann**

**WS9 San Fernando A**

Diversity Training: A Multi-Disciplinary Team's Guide to Teaching

**Herman L DeBose**

**WS10 San Fernando B**

"Social Work in yuh face!!" - *Reflection on Action in IV Acts*

**Karene Nathaniel de Caires & Social Work Students**

3:00pm – 3:30pm

Break

3:30pm – 5:00pm

**ASSOCIATION OF CARIBBEAN SOCIAL WORK EDUCATORS'  
BIENNIAL GENERAL MEETING  
(San Fernando A and San Fernando B)**

**THURSDAY 28<sup>th</sup> JUNE**

**SPECIAL THEMATIC FOCUS: CONFLICT RESOLUTION**

**Collaboration between the University of the West Indies and the University of Denver**

9:00am – 10:30am      **Conflict Resolution – Plenary Session (Calypso Lounge)**

Welcome Address:

**Dr. Hamid Ghany, Dean Faculty of Social Sciences, UWI, St. Augustine**

Impact of UWI Programmes in the Caribbean

**Dr. Linda Hadeed, Lecturer & Co-coordinator, Mediation Studies, Department of Behavioural Sciences, UWI, St. Augustine**

Integration of Mediation into the Criminal Justice System in Trinidad and Tobago

**Mr. Ricky Rahim, Attorney at Law**

Feature Speaker:

**Ms. Donna Parchment, Director, Dispute Resolution Foundation, Jamaica**

Reactions & Comments

**Dr. Adele Jones, Lecturer & Coordinator MSW Programme, Social Work Unit, Department of Behavioural Sciences, UWI, St. Augustine**

10:30am – 10:45am

**Break**

11:00am – 12:30am

**Panel Presentation**

1. Introduction of formal and informal mediation models  
**University of Denver**
2. Carnival: fete or conflict?  
**Michele Sogren, the University of the West Indies**  
**Ruth Parsons, University of Denver**
3. Preferences for third party interventions: A study on Trinidad  
**Linda Hadeed, the University of the West Indies**  
**Mary Jane Collier, the University of New Mexico**

Discussion & Questions

12:30pm – 1:30pm

**Lunch**

1:45pm – 3:15pm

**Mediation Research Presentations**  
(Choice of three themes)

**R21 Appropriate Practices in Conflict Resolution (T&T North)**

1. Restitution – A Precursor to Restoration  
**Dianne Marshall-Holdip**
2. Promoting Mediation for Anger Management- A Case Study  
**Kenneth Niles**
3. The Role of Culture in Mediation  
**Tom Kalpatoo**

**R22 Mediation for Caribbean Development (San Fernando A)**

1. Calypso- A Sociolinguistic Process In Managing Conflict  
**Everard Phillips**
2. Mediation in the Caribbean: Trinidad and Tobago: The case for Citizen Participation in Home Grown Models and Systems  
**Tom Kalpatoo**
3. Exploring the Social Policy Initiatives within CSME in Respect to Mediation as a Policy Initiation via Employment  
**Kenneth Niles**

**R23 Contemporary Practice Models and Application (San Fernando B)**

1. Challenging Chronic School Violence through Prevention Strategies  
**Tom Kalpatoo**
2. Constructing and Evaluating a Restorative Village  
**Catherine Ali**
3. Restorative Justice: A Proactive Approach to Resolving Youth Crime  
**Gail Joseph-Alleyne**

3:15pm – 3:30pm

**Break**

3:30pm – 5:00pm

**Workshops (choice of three)**

**W11 Calypso Lounge**

Andragogy and the art of teaching conflict resolution  
**Denise Pearson**

**W12 San Fernando A**

Advocacy Skills Workshop  
**Peta Anne Baker**

**W13 San Fernando B**

Restoring Voices – Theatre as a Healing Process (Caribbean Social Problems, Restorative Justice and Education)  
**Wayne & Loris Lee-Sing**

11:00 – 4:00pm

**FIELD TRIPS AVAILABLE TO DELEGATES NOT ATTENDING  
THE CONFLICT RESOLUTION DAY**

## FRIDAY 29<sup>th</sup> JUNE

9:00am – 10:30am. **Research Presentations (Choice of three themes)**

### **R24 Innovations in Social Work Education (T&T North)**

1. Exploring options For Collaboration between Caribbean and Canadian Social Work Educators to Advance International Social Work Teaching, Research and Practice  
**Dixon Sookraj & Pete Hutchinson**
2. Translating Knowledge for Child Welfare Practice Internationally  
**Julie Cooper Altman, Gem Joy Barrett, Jenise Brown, Luvella Clark-Idusogie, Yaminah McClendon, Tanya Ruiz, Chenelle Skepple, Latarsha Thomas**
3. A Developmental Approach to Internationalization in Social Work Education  
**Joretha Bourjolly & Mary Mazzola**
4. University Partnerships and Collaboration in Improving Early Childhood Development in the Caribbean  
**Aldene Shillingford**

### **R25 Health & Wellness I (San Fernando A)** **Sondai Panel 2**

- 1 Intersectionality, Children's Rights and HIV: The Case of Street Children in Trinidad and Tobago  
**Adele Jones**
- 2 Accessing HIV Treatment: The challenges facing Disabled People in Trinidad  
**Priya Maharaj**
- 3 Lessons from South Africa - A Comparative study of the Role of The Social Worker in ARV Rollout in Trinidad and South Africa  
**Tracie Rogers**

### **R26 Health & Wellness II (San Fernando B)**

1. National trends in HIV Risk Behaviour among African American Females  
**Llewelyn J. Cornelius**
2. Converging Epidemics: Intimate Partner Abuse, Drug Abuse and HIV Risk Behaviours among Women Receiving Emergency Care  
**Linda Hadeed**
3. A Model Programme for Increasing Treatment access for African American Women who use crack cocaine and are at risk for contracting HIV  
**Samuel Okpaku**

10:30am – 11:00am

**Break**

11:00am – 12:30pm

**Workshops (Choice of three topics)**

**WS14 Discussion Session (Calypso Lounge)**

Disabled People Speak About Research

**Innette Cambridge, Jacqueline Huggins & George Daniel**

**WS15 Disasters & Critical Incidents (San Fernando A)**

Exploring Children's Perceptions of Natural Disasters (Hurricanes) and the Use of Drama-in-Education Techniques to Increase Resilience: A Study of Children in Grenada

**Lorita Joseph**

**WS16 Innovations in Social Work Education (San Fernando B)**

Educating a Challenged Student Population for the Social Work Profession

**Dorothy Osgood & Marjorie Hammock**

12:30pm – 1:30pm

**Lunch**

12.30 - 1.30p.m.

**NACASSW Lunchtime Meeting (T&T North)**

1.30 - 4.00 p.m.

**FIELD TRIPS**

1.30 – 4.00 p.m.

**Professional Meetings:**

**San Fernando A** (Mediation Collaboration: UWI & University of Denver)

**San Fernando B** (Trinidad and Tobago Association of Social Workers)

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## SATURDAY 30<sup>th</sup> JUNE

9:00am – 10:30am    **Workshops** – (choice of three)

### **WS17 (Calypso Lounge)**

Drama/Theatre-In-Education for Social Development: Arts-In-Action's Applied Creative Arts for the Caribbean

**Brendon LaCaille**

### **WS18 (San Fernando A) Capacity Building**

Spiritual Support Group for Survivors of Domestic Violence

**George Jacinto & Barbara Turnage**

### **WS19 (San Fernando B)**

Stress: It's worse than You Think: Stress Management for Human Services Professionals

**Bernadette Marson**

### **WS20 (Board Room)**

Engaging Families in Substance Abuse Treatment: A Strengths-Based Systemic Approach

**Jomo Phillips & Janelle Chase-Mayers**

10.45 – 12.30 p.m.

### **CLOSING CEREMONY (Calypso Lounge)**

Chair:                      **President of ACSWE**

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