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Amplify Your Voice: Beyond the First 100 Days

As we near the first 100 days of the current Presidential administration, join us at the GCSW on Saturday, April 29, 2017 from 9:00 - 2:00pm to examine the big issues that have emerged and affect the populations we work with plus network, discuss, strategize and prepare to move forward.

Social workers, activists, and key community leaders including GCSW alumni Dixie Hairston, Januari Leo, Melanie Pang, Virginia Parks and Amanda Williams will be on hand to provide expert analysis. A must attend event for those looking to better understand the issues and make an impact.

MORNING BREAKOUT SESSIONS:

Immigrant and Refugee Rights: Gordon Quan, Gislaine Williams, Kerry Spare, Mirla Lopez

Healthcare as a Right: Januari Leo, Amanda Williams, Bich-May Nguyen

Human and Civil Rights: Frances Valdez, Ashton Woods, Fran Watson

Environmental Protection: Terrence Thorn, Dr. Bakeyah Nelson

LUNCHTIME KEYNOTE ADDRESS: Melanie Pang

(Free Lunch Provided for Registered Participants)

AFTERNOON SKILL BUILDING SESSIONS:

Protest with a Purpose: Grassroots Organizing: Virginia Parks, Ashton Woods, Nisha Randall

Safety and the Legal Right to Protest: Erin McClarty, Mark Humphries

Media, Messaging, and Online Organizing: Allyn West, Amy Woodall

Building Coalition; Building Consensus: Dixie Hairston, Daniel Williams

4.0 CEUs Available.

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Speaking
of SOCIAL JUSTICE

MACONDA BROWN O'CONNOR | DISTINGUISHED LECTURE

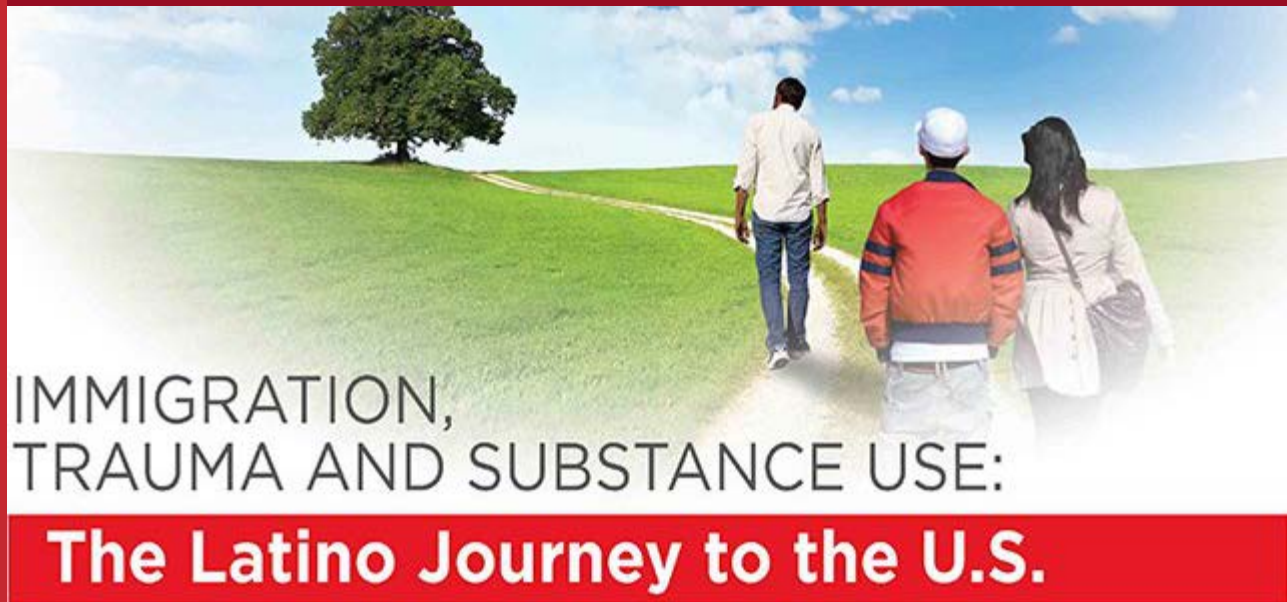
“If poverty persists in America, it is not for lack of resources.”- Matthew Desmond

We are excited to host 2017 Pulitzer Prize Winner Matthew Desmond for the inaugural Speaking

of Social Justice Maconda Brown O'Connor Distinguished Lecture Series on Wednesday, May 10 from 6:00 -8:00pm in the University Center Theater. Join us for a lecture, reception, and book signing on *Evicted: Poverty and Profit in the American City*.

Evicted is a timely and relevant work that gives a powerful voice to issues we are facing as a society. Last year, it was selected as the inaugural GCSW Summer Social Justice Read where our community of students, faculty, staff, alumni, and friends are invited to read together and explore issues in keeping with our College's vision of achieving social, racial, economic, and political justice, local to global. *Evicted*, and future Social Justice Summer Reads are selected to heighten our sense of awareness and spark the conversations necessary to achieve real and lasting change.

[To RSVP for the lecture, please visit this page.](#)



IMMIGRATION, TRAUMA AND SUBSTANCE USE: **The Latino Journey to the U.S.**

The GCSW is co-sponsoring a two-day symposium on The Latino Journey to the U.S. at the University of Houston May 23 and 24. With a focus on Latino trauma and substance use, the conference will provide participants with knowledge and skills to engage with and treat Hispanic/Latino clients whose presenting problems are at the intersection of substance abuse, mental health, and immigration.

[REGISTER](#) and learn more about the symposium here.

Student Achievement

On April 13, 2017, Ph.D. student **Maurya Glaude** successfully defended her dissertation, *Continuing Care Utilization Among Adolescents with Substance Use Disorders*. She has accepted a job offer from



Tulane University as an Assistant Professor, beginning August 2017. Congratulations, Dr. Glaude!

MSW student and Austin Legislative Intern **Tyler Anderson** has been named Presidential Management Fellow. Chosen from a pool of over 6,370 applicants, Tyler will work as a Program Analyst at the United States Department of Agriculture - Food Nutrition Service in Child Nutrition Programs in Alexandria, Virginia following the conclusion of the Texas Legislative session where she is working as an Austin Legislative Program intern. Congratulations!



Social Work Distance Education Conference

GCSW faculty and staff made quite the splash at the annual Social Work Distance Education Conference in San Antonio. Field Director **Jamie Parker** and Field Coordinator **Nivisha Shah** presented, to a full house, the step-by-step process of mapping field placement sites using ArcGIS, and discussed the emerging benefits such as efficient distance matching, and the understanding of where placements are clustered and where they are needed.

Online MSW Program Director, and Clinical Professor, **Ginger Lucas** presented *Student Voices: Evaluating and Improving Social Work Distance Learning Courses* along with faculty from UT Austin. The presentation included a virtual student panel featuring the GCSW's MSW online students. Oscar Perez, a current online student participated in the live panel alongside MSW students from UT Austin and Columbia.

As we approach the end of the inaugural year of the GCSW's Online program, our faculty and staff are deeply engaged in creating the best experience for MSW students. Kudos!

Pictured left to right: Ginger Lucas, Jamie Parker, and Nivisha Shah



Faculty In the News



"Never give up...act, act, act." -Jody Williams

Jody Williams, Nobel Laureate and Sam and Cele Keeper Endowed Professor in Peace and Social Justice at the GCSW, shared reflections from a lifetime of activism as she was honored with the Global Peacemaker Award in Detroit this month. Kudos! [READ more.](#)

CONTINUING EDUCATION

Upcoming Courses

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| Friday, May 19, 2017: Intermediate/Clinical Level Exam Prep - Part I | 6 CEUs |
| Friday, June 2, 2017: Intermediate/Clinical Level Exam Prep - Part II | 6 CEUs |
| Friday, July 21, 2017: HIPAA and the Privacy Act: Our Role | 3 Ethics CEUs |
| Friday, July 28, 2017: A Recipe for Creating a Private Counseling Practice | 3 CEUs |

[REGISTER](#) and [get course descriptions here.](#)

Alumni News

Lillian Aguirre Ortiz, (MSW '07) will be one of the presenters in a Strengthening The Micro-Macro Bridge: A Webinar Series. The series aims to help social work practitioners understand how to integrate policy into social work practice and cultivate an agency culture for policy conscious practice. Kudos to Lillian for her leadership on this important topic to the social work profession! [REGISTER here](#).



Barbie Brashear (MSW '16) is an author on "Houston Pilots Coordinated Entry for Survivors of Intimate Partner Violence, an article published on the website of the United States Interagency Council on Homelessness. The article shares details of two pilot projects to test the effectiveness of coordinated access among our domestic violence service providers using an assessment tool for connecting victims to the housing and services they need. Congratulations,

Barbie for publishing on this important topic! [READ more](#).



Community Events

May 5: [NonProfit Leadership Collaborative - Harness the Power of Your Authentic Voice: Leading Through Uncertainty](#)

May 19-22: [Somatic Experiencing: Beginning I and Group Case Consult](#)

Jun 9-11: [American Psychoanalytic Association: 106th Annual Meeting](#)

Visit the [Community Events page on our website](#) for details on the events listed here as well as information on how to submit your event.

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