

# SSWR 2023 Conference Clusters and Topics

## 1. Adolescent and Youth Development (ADOL)

Adolescent Violence/Delinquency/Homelessness  
Adolescent Sexual Health/Reproduction  
Adolescent Health  
Adolescent Substance Use and Abuse  
School and Out of School Time Experiences among Youth  
Youth Development  
Early Adolescent Development  
Adolescent Mental Disorders and Mental Health and Wellbeing  
Transition Age Youth/Emerging Adulthood  
Adolescents – Special Populations (Minority/Indigenous Youth)

## 2. Aging Services and Gerontology (A&G)

Long Term and Palliative Care  
Caregiving for Older Adults  
Productive Aging  
Housing  
Mental Health  
Social Networks & Supports  
Diverse Elders  
Elder Abuse  
Health Promotion and Disease Prevention  
Intergenerational Relationships/Grandparenting  
Case Management  
Economic Well-being  
Technology

## 3. American Indian, Alaska Native, Native Hawaiian and Global Indigenous Populations (Indigenous Cluster)

Environmental health, justice, sustainability, and disaster response  
Historical trauma and intergenerational trauma  
Trauma, discrimination, interpersonal and family violence, and injury prevention  
Social, Cultural, and historical determinants of health  
Resiliency, identity, and well-being  
Spirituality and traditional healing and health practices  
Decolonizing and Indigenist methodologies  
Community/Tribally Based Participatory Research  
Communities and place-based/settings-based interventions  
Tribal sovereignty and Indigenous policy  
American Indian Health Care, indigenous health and health inequities  
American Indian child welfare, indigenous family and child wellbeing  
Chronic diseases: Diabetes, obesity, HIV, cancer  
Mental health and Suicide prevention  
Alcohol, tobacco, and substance use, abuse prevention and treatment  
Social services  
Criminal and juvenile justice

#### **4. Asian and Asian-Pacific Islander-Focused Research (AAPIFR)**

Social services access and utilization  
Health and mental health  
Identity  
Disability  
Violence  
Immigration  
Civic participation  
Substance use and prevention  
Neighborhood/community  
Policy  
Prejudice/discrimination  
Other issues pertaining to the population  
Culture, parenting, and childrearing  
Acculturation and enculturation

#### **5. Black and African Diaspora Focused-Research (BADFR)**

Social services access and utilization  
Health and mental health  
Identity  
Disability  
Violence  
Immigration  
Civic participation  
Substance use and prevention  
Neighborhood/community  
Policy  
Prejudice/discrimination  
Other issues pertaining to the population

#### **6. Child Welfare (CW)**

Kinship/Foster Care/Adoption  
Safety/Maltreatment/Neglect/Abuse  
Child Welfare Services, Systems, and Workforce  
Permanency/Post-Permanency  
Prevention and Intervention  
Family Preservation

#### **7. Communities and Neighborhoods (C&N)**

Community organizing/mobilization and collective action  
Civic Engagement and participation  
Community based participatory research  
Community level intervention research  
Community capacity building (assets and social capital)  
Community/neighborhood development and sustainability (including environmental justice issues)  
Government/state impact on communities  
Neighborhood indicators/effects and community health/well-being

## **8. Crime and Criminal Justice (C&CJ)**

Criminal Justice System  
Delinquency and Offending  
Juvenile Justice Administration  
Law and Policy  
Re-entry  
Promoting Smart Decarceration  
Re-Entry and Criminal Desistance  
Abolition

## **9. Disability (D)**

Access, Universal Design, Usability, and Assistive Technology  
Caregiving and Caregiving Supports  
Definitions, Measurement, Frameworks and Disability  
Disability Research Methodology  
Disability across the Lifespan  
Disability Policy, Programs and Services  
Disability, Quality of Life and Health/Mental Health Outcomes  
Discrimination and Disparities  
Diversity and Disability  
Inclusion, Community Participation

## **10. Gender (G)**

Gender: Women's/Men's Issues  
Gender: Bias/Gaps/Disparities  
Sex Work  
Gender Discrimination  
Intersection of Race, Class, and Gender  
Reproductive Health  
Public Policy and Gender  
Health and Gender  
Gender and Family  
Masculinity  
Feminism

## **11. Health (H)**

Public health and infection diseases (HIV/AIDS, Covid-19)  
Social, structural, and political determinants of health  
Health care and medical social work  
Health policy  
Health equity

## **12. Inequality, Poverty, and Social Welfare Policy (IP&SWP)**

Causes and correlates of inequality and poverty  
Consequences of inequality and poverty  
TANF, SNAP, Medicaid, and other social welfare programs  
Homelessness and Housing

### **13. International Social Work & Global Issues (ISW&GI)**

Global issues and international social work  
International Development (economic, human and social  
Comparative studies, policy and practice  
Human rights-based approaches and human rights violations  
Human security, conflict, peace and reconstruction  
International migration  
International Development (economic, social, and political)

### **14. Immigrants and Refugees (I&R)**

Immigrant adaptation  
Immigration policy and enforcement  
Forced migration and internal displacement  
Refugee resettlement policies and practice  
Legal status and citizenship  
Immigrant health and mental health

### **15. LatinX Focused-Research (LXFR)**

Social services access and utilization  
Health and mental health  
Identity  
Disability  
Violence  
Immigration  
Civic participation  
Substance use and prevention  
Neighborhood/community  
Policy  
Prejudice/discrimination  
Other issues pertaining to the population

### **16. Mental Health (MH)**

Depression  
Serious Mental Illness  
Mental Health Treatment and Services  
Co-morbidity  
Systems of Care  
Trauma Exposure  
Trauma-Informed Care  
Psychiatric Epidemiology  
Prevention and Resilience  
Psychiatric/Psychotropic Medications

## **17. Military Service Members, Veterans and Their Families (MSVF)**

Combat and deployment trauma and stressors  
Military sexual trauma (MST)  
The military family and community  
Risk-taking behaviors within the military  
Veteran suicides and homelessness  
Military leadership  
Military policy and programs  
Sexual orientation and military service  
Women in the military

## **18. Organizations & Management (O&M)**

Organizational Behavior, Adaptation, and Change  
Management Science and Leadership Studies  
Interorganizational and Intraorganizational Collaboration and Networks  
Implementation Science- Evaluation, Diffusion and Sustainment of Policies and Program Practices  
Social Entrepreneurship and Innovation  
Workforce Diversity, Inclusion and Well being  
Funding, Contracting, and Accountability  
Advocacy

## **19. Race and Ethnicity (R&E)**

Racial Policies, Issues, and Gaps  
Anti-Racism  
Racial and Ethnic Discrimination  
Ethnic Minority Groups  
Ethnic Minority Wellbeing  
CBPR with Ethnic Minorities

## **20. Research Design and Measurement (RD&M)**

Intervention Research  
Measurement/Psychometrics  
Community-Based Participatory Research  
Qualitative Research  
Biobehavioral/Translational Science  
Quantitative Research  
Implementation Research  
Social Epidemiology  
Secondary Data Analysis  
Mixed Methods  
Systematic Reviews

## **21. Research on Social Work Education (RSWE)**

Evaluation Research  
Educational Outcomes  
Scholarship of Teaching and Learning

## **22. School Social Work (SSW)**

Education, Behavior, and Mental Health Services and Practices  
School Climate and Culture Conducive to Student Learning and Teaching Excellence  
Access to School-based and Community-based Resources  
Macro Educational Policy and Advocacy

## **23. Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity (SO&GI)**

Health and Well-being  
Policy and Practice  
Research Innovations  
Discrimination and Bias  
Intersectionality  
Other LGBTQ Issues

## **24. Social Work Practice (SWP)**

Evidence Based Practice  
Ethical Issues  
Cultural Competence  
Practice Innovations  
Intervention Research  
Macro Practice  
Direct Practice  
Policy Practice  
Workforce Development

## **25. Substance Misuse and Addictive Behaviors (SM&AB)**

Substances: Alcohol, Tobacco, Prescription and Other Drugs  
Non-Substance Addictive Behaviors: Gambling, Sex, Technology, and Others  
Substance Misuse and Addictive Behaviors over the Life Course  
Intervention: Prevention, Treatment, Services, and Recovery  
Epidemiology and Etiology  
Addictive Behaviors and Co-Occurring Problems  
Substance Misuse and Addictive Behaviors Policy  
Assessment, Measurement, and Research Methods  
Family, Workplace, and Community

## **26. Sustainable Development, Urbanization, and Environmental Justice (SDU&E)**

Climate change, extreme weather events, and natural disasters

Urbanization

Environmental justice

Urban-rural livelihoods

Food security

Water, sanitation, and hygiene

Environmental and zoonotic diseases and pandemics and One Health

Sustainable development and environmental sustainability

Disaster risk reduction, preparedness, and response

Environmentally induced migration and displaced populations

Community adaptation, resilience, and capacity building

Socio-environmental interventions

Spatial methods and analytics

## **27. Violence against Women and Children (VAWC)**

Children Exposed to Violence

Human Trafficking

Intimate Partner Violence

Sexual Violence

Dating Violence

Intersections of Violence & Trauma

Power, Control, and Inequality-based Violence

## **28. Work and Work-Life Policies and Programs (WWLP&P)**

Jobs, employment – including unemployment and underemployment and job quality

Work/life, work/family, worker health, well-being, and performance

Workplace-based interventions

Occupational social work, employee assistance, occupational health and safety

Labor and management, unions

Job training and placement

Work and gender, child care, breastfeeding in the workplace, fathers' parental leave

Workplace policies and programs (e.g. family leave, labor standards, workplace diversity and equality)

## **Research Methods/Types**

Community Based Participatory Research

Descriptive

Experimental

Quasi Experimental

Longitudinal

Program Evaluation

Survey

Systematic Review/Meta-Analysis

Psychometric Instrumentation Study

Qualitative Methods - Case Study

Qualitative Methods - Ethnography Theory

Qualitative Methods - Grounded Theory  
Qualitative Methods - Narrative  
Qualitative Methods - Phenomenological  
Qualitative Methods - Other  
Quantitative Methods – Linear and Generalized Linear Models  
Quantitative Methods – Bayesian Method  
Quantitative Methods – Event History Analysis  
Quantitative Methods – Structural Equation Modeling  
Quantitative Methods – Multilevel Modeling  
Quantitative Methods – Time Series (including Single Subject Design)  
Quantitative Methods – Causality Modeling  
Quantitative Methods – Big Data/Machine Learning  
Quantitative Methods – Spatial Statistics  
Quantitative Methods – Other  
Mixed Methods