SSWR 2024 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

Engaged 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
Abolition and Anti-Carceral Approaches to Interpersonal Violence
Adolescents, Emerging Adults and Interpersonal Violence
Emergent Topics and Methodologies in VAWC
Family Violence
Immigrant/Refugee/Migration and Violence
Interpersonal Violence Prevention
Intersectionality and Interpersonal Violence
Macro Issues in Violence
Racial Justice and Interpersonal 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