

**Social Work Department
Annual Student Research Showcase
April 15, 2008 University Center**

SOCIAL JUSTICE THROUGH RESEARCH
"If you want peace, work for justice."

1:00pm **Welcome and Overview of Evaluation Process**

Valerie Radu, PhD
Social Work Department Head

SESSION 1 (1:15—2:05p)

ROOM A

Session A1 (1:15 – 2:00) *Field Research on Aging*

Joan Benefield (Field Agency: Partnership Services to the Elderly)

How VOCA intervention has empowered clients to perceive themselves as living better lives.

Jennifer Hiefner (Field Agency: Relative Caregiver Program)

Relative caregivers' quality of life and impact of the relative caregiver program.

Adam Kilgore (Field Agency: St. Barnabas)

The role of family involvement and impact on depression and life satisfaction in a long-term care facility.

ROOM B

Session B1 (1:15 – 2:00) *Field Research on Aging*

Annie Maxwell (Field Agency: Partnership Services to the Elderly)

The relationship between ADL's, mental status and services provided to clients by case managers .

Pierce Prasnik (Field Agency: Partnership Services to the Elderly)

Service Coordinators and public housing: The effectiveness of supportive services.

Amber Lawson (Field Agency: Relative Caregiver Program)

The relationship between self-reported stress levels and physical health in caregivers of relative children.

Brandy Norfleet (Field Agency: St. Barnabas)

The effect of a support group in a long-term care facility on participants' depression.

ROOM C

Session C1 (1:15 – 2:00) *Evidence-based practice annotated bibliography: Child Welfare*

Rebecca Wilson: *Domestic violence and the effects on children: A review of the research literature.*

Tamala McDuffie: *Methamphetamine and welfare of our children: A review of the research.*

Carrie O'Neal: *The effective coping skills of sexual abuse survivors: A review of the literature.*

Tasha McKinney: *The effect of conflictual divorce on children: A review of the literature.*

SESSION 2 (2:15—3:20p)

ROOM A

Session A2 (2 :05 – 2 :45) Field Research on Mental Health

Jamie Garrettson (Field Agency: Moccasin Mental Health Institute)

The relationship between the recidivism rates at mental hospitals and specific types of mental illnesses.

Misty Collins (Field Agency: Moccasin Mental Health Institute)

Relationship of access to health care and the hospitalization rate of an individual with a mental illness.

Sandra Silvels (Field Agency: Moccasin Mental Health Institute)

The barriers individuals with mental illness face in terms of community placement.

ROOM B

Session B2 (2:05 – 2:45) Field Research on School Social Work

Linda Howerton (Field Agency: Hamilton County Dept. of Education)

The perceived role of school social workers in Hamilton County Tennessee.

Cayce Grove (Field Agency: Hamilton County Dept. of Education)

The relationship between absenteeism rates and family involvement.

BREAK: 3:25—3:40pm

ROOM C

Session C2 (2:05 – 2:45) Evidence-based practice annotated bibliography

Ann Cooper: *Hospice care with the elderly: A review of the literature.*

Catherine DeFrancesca: *Depression among the elderly: A review of the outcome research.*

Heather Horton: *Transracial adoption: A review of the research literature.*

Erin Reaves: *Healthcare disparities among women: A review of the research literature.*

SESSION 3 (3:45—4:30p)

ROOM A

Session C1 (3:05 – 3:45) Field Research on Child Welfare

Kalia Caudle (Field Agency: TN Department of Children's Services)

The relationship between domestic violence and child abuse.

Tammy Howard (Field Agency: TN Department of Children's Services)

Children in the foster care system who become emancipated.

Terri Mason (Field Agency: TN Department of Children's Services)

Drop-Out: Are children in state's custody failing at graduation?

ROOM B

Session B2 (3:05 – 3:45) Field Research on Practice Effectiveness

Angela Betts (Field Agency: The Caring Place)

The effect of faith-based agencies on client satisfaction.

David Malone (Field Agency: Partnership Counseling Services)

Do the demographic characteristics of counselors have an impact on their clients' satisfaction?

Beth Simpson-Cullor (Field Agency: Partnership Counseling Services)

The relationship between clinical diagnosis and length of treatment.

Regina Dorsey (Field Agency: Four Points, Inc.)

Implications of supervised visitation programs on child adjustment and permanency.

ROOM C

Session C3 (3:05 – 3:45) Evidence-based practice annotated bibliography

Britney McKinnis

Mary Potts: *The correlation between rape and alcohol consumption on college campuses: A review of the literature.*

Ellis Leago: *Female juvenile delinquency and social support systems: A review of the research.*

Kristen Brock: *Social work and child abuse: A review of the literature.*

4:30 –4:45pm — AWARDS & CLOSING