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# Thank you!

The NASW-Oklahoma Annual Conference is the must-attend event of the year for Oklahoma social workers. The conference brings together participants from across Oklahoma and nationwide for 3 days of learning, laughter, and networking. With dynamic speakers, cutting-edge workshops, and engaging special presentations, attendees have the opportunity to earn 23 continuing education credits during the event with the goal to increase the professional growth and development of social workers across the state.

Each year, social work ethics is the most requested session. In response, we have interwoven multiple offerings dedicated to ethics in order to provide a more directed application of NASW's Code of Ethics.

This year's event will be held virtually and over a wide time period in order to allow attendees additional flexibility throughout the day and the course of the week. We will be offering 2 sessions during the morning and 2 in the afternoon on Friday March 12th and March 13th. On March 19th, there will be 2 morning and 2 afternoon sessions as well. All attendees will have special access to a 2 hour ethics CEU offered on Wednesday March 10th. Additional ethics sessions will be provided during the conference in order to meet Oklahoma minimum requirements for licensed social workers.

Your support by attending our events directly fund NASW-Oklahoma's student outreach, legislative advocacy, social work policy, and events and programs across Oklahoma.

Thank you for choosing to attend the 2021 NASW-OK 46th Annual State Conference. **We hope to see you at the 2022 NASW-OK 47th Annual State Conference in March 2022 at the Sheraton Midwest City Hotel at the Reed Conference Center!**

Sincerely

*Steven W. Pharris, LCSW, JD*

Chapter Executive, NASW Oklahoma

# Let's Talk CEUs...

NASW-OK is committed to helping social workers meet their professional development needs. This year, all of our sessions run over the course of three days in order to allow attendees with the option of choosing their pathway to obtain the necessary hours for their license.

During each session, a roll call will be taken. Attendees will type their name in the chat box. All attendees are encouraged to use the “Session Calendar” to check the sessions they have attended. All efforts will be made to process CEUs quickly, however, due to the demand, and amount of sessions, CEUs may not be distributed for seven days after completion of a session.

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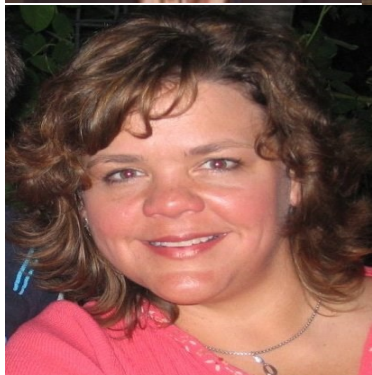
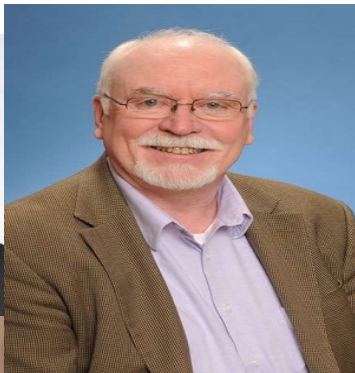
Evaluations will be sent via email after the conference. CEUs are issued only in the name of the person registered and cannot be transferred. **CEU certificates will have the Title of the Presentation, Presenter, NASW-OK Provider Number, and the length of session, and type of CEU's.** This will be your documentation for the official CEUs needed.

Due to the payment processing systems, duplicate CEUs cannot be easily issued. You can replace your CEUs by sending an email to [ceu.naswok@socialworkers.org](mailto:ceu.naswok@socialworkers.org) with your full name, name of event, the dates of attendance and a written request asking for CEU certificates due to the loss of your CEU certificates. After completion, a follow-up e-mail will be sent with the identified CEUs or asking for additional information. A small fee will be required for each CEU needing replaced.

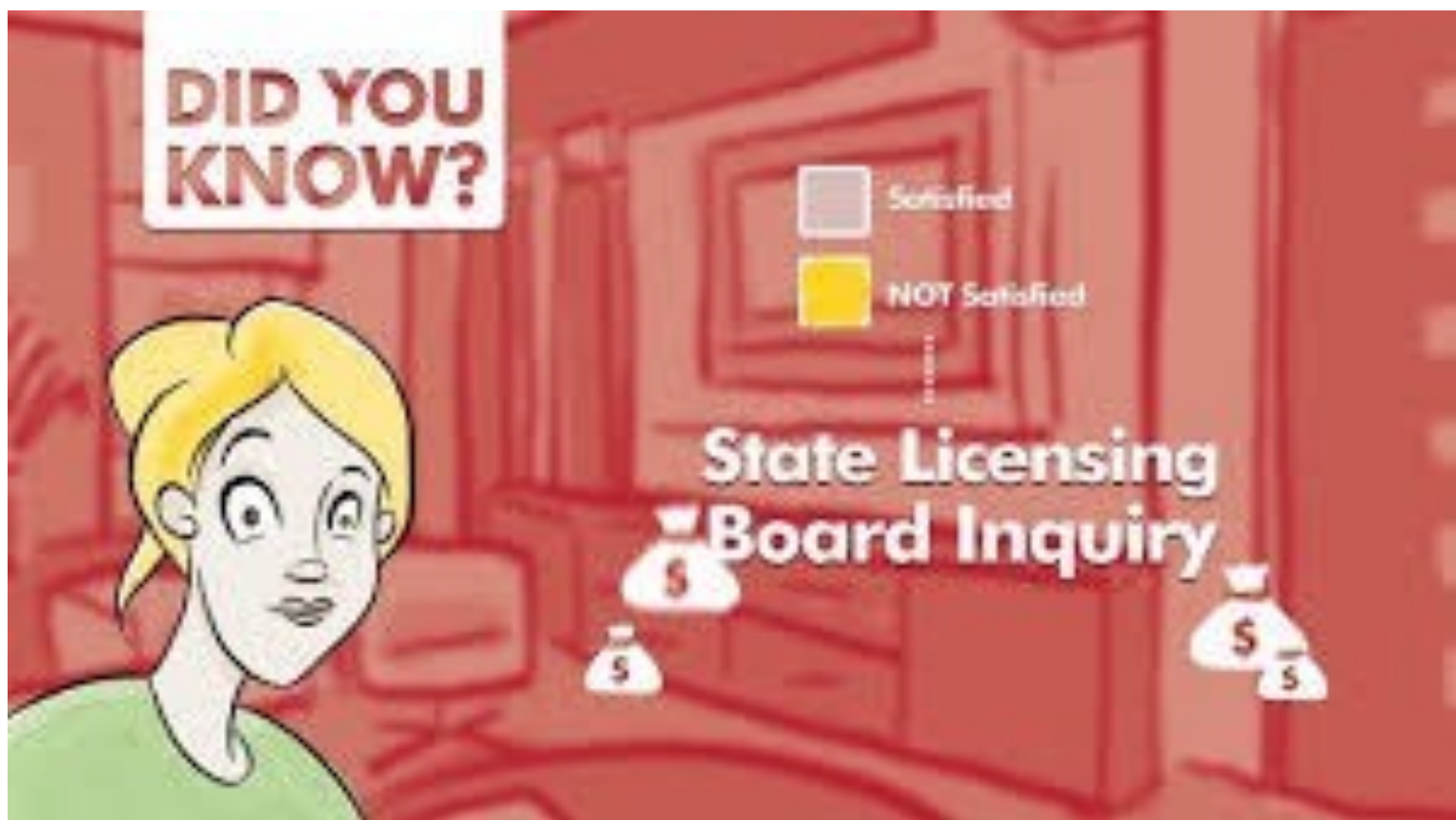




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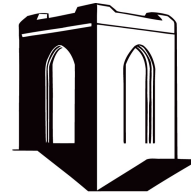
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### **Advocacy and Political Action**

Inherent to our mission, NASW-Oklahoma advocates for legislation that advances the social work profession.

### **Discounts on all CEU Programs and Licensing Test Prep Courses**

NASW-Oklahoma hosts many continuing education programs throughout the year, all at a discount to you.

### **Clinical Alerts & Consultation**

For those in clinical roles, NASW-OK's Director is available to consult with members and answer questions related to insurance, licensing, and more

### **Social Work Voice Magazine**

Launched in 2020, Social Work Voice is a magazine produced by the Chapter and delivered to your mailbox four times each year. Each issue is packed with information and updates related to the Chapter's legislative advocacy and political action, member spotlights, managed care, clinical practice, and continuing education.

### **Career Services**

In addition to a Career Services article in every issue of Social Work Voice,

NASW-OK has resources available to assist members with job searching and career development. These services include cover letter and resume reviews, and individualized, one-on-one e-consultation and coaching.

### **Member-to-Member Supervision**

Helps LCSW members obtain LICSW supervision not provided at their work sites.

# Overview

Wednesday March 10, 2021

**Kick off the NASW-OK Virtual State Conference with 2.0 CEUs of Ethics. This session is open to all attendees for no additional charge.**

**9:00 AM— 11:00 AM** 2.0 CEUs  
Social Work Ethics - Responsibility to Colleagues  
What? Why? How?  
*Steven W. Pharris, MSW, JD, LCSW*

There is a lot to do about social workers responsibility to colleagues. This pre-conference workshop will discuss the *NASW Code of Ethics* statements on colleagues, apply likely situations, and dispel myths associated with one's ethical duties to our colleagues.

This session is made possible by NASW Assurance Services, Inc.

March 12, 2021

**7:30 AM — 8:00 AM**  
Sponsor's Highlights and Program Guide

**8:00 AM — 9:00 AM** 1.0 CEUs  
NASW-OK Updates  
*Dr. Deborah Johnson, LMSW*  
*Dr. Mitt Joyner, LCSW*

**9:00 AM — 9:40 AM** 1.5 CEUs  
Hashtag Me: How Wordclouds of Our Clients Shape Service Delivery  
*Dr. Anthony Natale, MSW*

**9:40 AM — 12:10 PM** 1.5 CEUs  
Adoption Competencies in Clinical Practice  
*Dr. Bonni Goodwin, LCSW*

**12:15 PM — 1:15 PM** 1.0 CEUs  
Virtual Reality: Building Awareness and Skills in Social Work Practice  
*Dr. Kylene Rehder, LCSW*  
*Jennifer Pribble, LCSW*

**1:15 PM — 2:45 PM** 1.5 CEUs  
Pandemic & Practicum for Social Work Students: Opportunities and Challenges  
*Dr. Carolyn Cox, LCSW*  
*Dr. Toni Hall, LCSW*

**2:50 PM — 4:20 PM** 1.5 CEUs  
Working with Asian Families  
*Dr. Eun-Jun Bang, MSW*

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# Social Work is in Session ...

## Saturday March 13, 2021

**8:30 AM — 9:00 AM**

Sponsor's Highlights and Program Guide

**9:00 AM — 10:30 AM**

1.5 CEUs

Clinical Billing and Ethics  
*Sydney Humphrey, LCSW*

**10:40 AM — 12:10 PM**

1.5 CEUs

Moral Injury  
*Dr. Lanny Endicott, LCSW, LMFT*

**12:15 PM — 1:15 PM**

1.0 CEUs

Undergraduates as Leaders: Preparing Social Work  
Students for Leadership and Collaboration  
Through Multidisciplinary Simulation Labs  
*Dr. Amy Ward, LCSW*

**1:20 PM — 2:50 PM**

1.5 CEUs

Compassion Fatigue and Interventions  
*Charles B. Cobble, LCSW*

**3:00 PM — 4:30 PM**

1.5 CEUs

Was Rogers Right About Empathy After All?  
*Dr. Steven Wells, LCSW*

## Friday March 19, 2021

**9:00 AM — 10:30 AM**

1.5 CEUs

Person First Language in Psychosocial Assessments  
*James L. Smith, MSW*

**10:40 AM — 12:10 PM**

1.5 CEUs

How Social Workers are Navigating Advance Care  
Planning During COVID-19  
*Dr. Tina Peterson, LMSW*

**1:00 PM — 2:30 PM**

1.5 CEUs

Growing Up and Out: Helping Traumatized Youth  
Become Successful  
*Amber Jewell, LMSW*

**2:45 PM — 4:15 PM**

1.5 CEUs

Assessment & Treatment Planning: Suicide  
Intervention  
*Phelicia Glass, LCSW*

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Dr. Eun-Jun Bang, MSW

Northeastern State University Social Work  
Department Chair & Professor

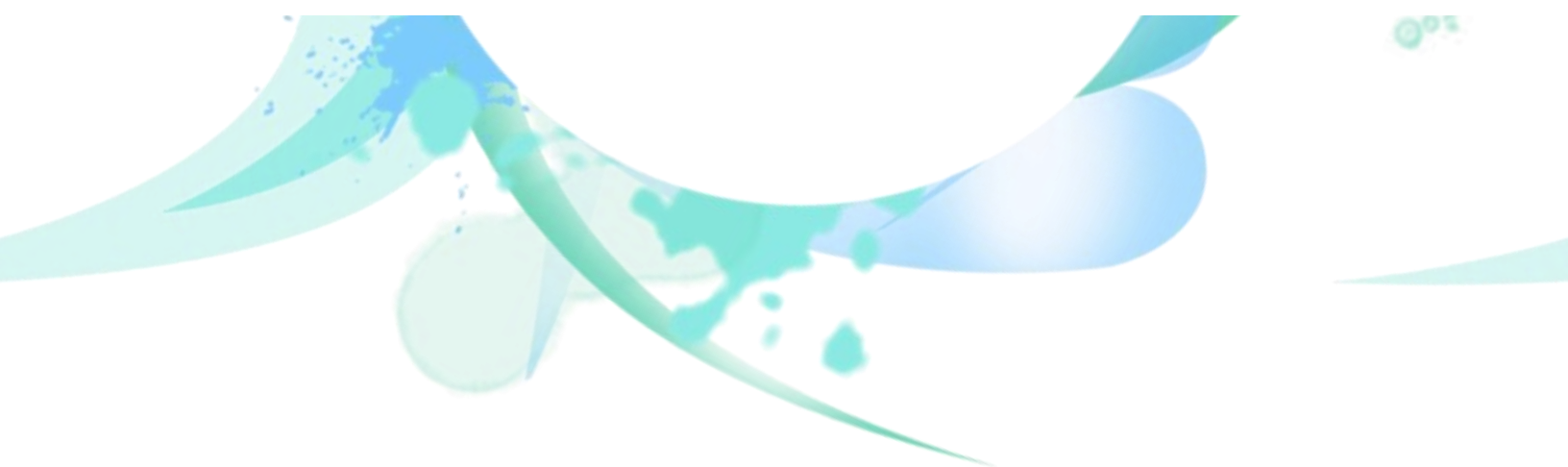
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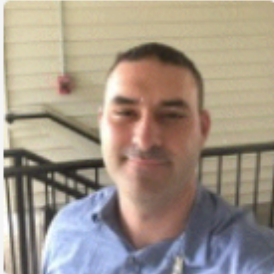
## About Dr. Eun-Jun

Dr. Eun-Jun Bang is a professor of social work and the Social Work Department Chair at Northeastern State University and he has been a full time faculty since 2009. Dr. Bang has an MSW from George Warren Brown and has four years of social work practice experience prior to becoming a social work educator. His research focus is on Domestic Violence, Stress, International Students' Mental Health, and Adoption.





# Speaker Bios and Info...



Charles Cobble, MSSW, LCSW

Licensed Clinical Social Worker  
Tennessee Valley Health Care System

## About Charles

Charles B. Cobble is a Licensed Clinical Social Worker (LCSW) and Board Certified Diplomate with 5 years of experience working with a diverse and complex population. Charles graduated from University of Tennessee Knoxville with a MSSW and a Certificate in Gerontology. Charles currently works as a Homeless Social Worker for the Department of Veterans Affairs and serves as a First Lieutenant with the Tennessee Army National Guard as a Behavioral Health Officer meeting the complex needs of over 1500 soldiers and recently returned from a deployment in Kuwait. Charles is also an adjunct faculty member at Tennessee Technological University where he teaches Social Work courses and provides consultation on the Social Work academic structure.

# Speaker Bios and Info...



Dr. Carolyn Cox, MSW, LCSW

Northeastern State University Social Work  
Department Director of Field Education

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## About Dr. Carolyn

Dr. Carolyn Cox earned a BSW from the Northeastern State University program in May 2001 and then completed an MSW (clinical concentration) at the University of Oklahoma in 2002. In 2005, she completed supervision, obtained a License in Clinical Social Work (LCSW) for the state of Oklahoma, and maintains her license to date. She began her academic career in 2004 as an adjunct instructor for the NSU Social Work program and then became a full-time instructor, serving as the BSW program's field director from August 2006 to May 2018. Now, Dr. Cox is an assistant professor and is the MSW field director.

# Speaker Bios and Info...



Dr. Lanny Endicott, D.Min., MSSW,  
LCSW, LMFT

Retired, Director of ORU Social Work

## About Dr. Lanny

With a lengthy and distinguished career in higher education, Dr. Lanny Endicott has dedicated his professional life to social work. He was the Director of the Social Work Program at Oral Roberts University (ORU) for over 47 years. Dr. Endicott continues to be involved in social work education both at ORU and abroad (Russia). His interests besides education include: community planning and development, social services (particularly South Peoria in Tulsa, Oklahoma), workshops in compassion fatigue and burnout, community services for military veterans including soul repair, child welfare (both in Oklahoma and Russia), and family. Lanny has earned a Doctorate of Ministry from the Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary and a Master of Social Work from the University of Missouri, Columbia. He is affiliated with NASW, NACSW; the Community Service Council of Greater Tulsa; the South Peoria Neighborhood Connection Foundation Inc; the South Tulsa Community House and social work in Russia. Recognized by those in the field for his work, Dr. Endicott was awarded Social Worker of the Year in Oklahoma by NASW-OK in 2003. As well as being a Licensed Clinical Social Worker he is a Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist where he lives in Tulsa, Oklahoma. In conjunction with his professional interests, Dr. Endicott is a keen runner, having been Head of Cross Country and Track Coach at ORU. Ever a leader, he launched the cross country program at ORU in 1976. Their best season was in 1984 when ORU finished 11th in the NCAA National Cross Country Championships.



# Speaker Bios and Info...



Phelica A. Glass, LSCSW, GCCAC,  
FAAGC, CSOTP

Private Practice

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## About Phelica A.

Phelica Glass is a Licensed Specialist Clinical Social Worker with a successful psychotherapy practice in Topeka, KS. Graduate of Washburn University with a bachelor's in Behavioral Sciences. Graduate of Tulane University of New Orleans with a Masters in Clinical Social Work and certification of Gerontology. Through further education Phelica has attained certification in Child And Adolescent Grief Counseling, Sex Offender Treatment , Ecotherapy and Anger Management.

# Speaker Bios and Info...



Dr. Bonni Goodwin, MSW, PhD, LCSW

OU Anne & Henry Zarrow School of Social Work  
Center for Child Welfare Training & Simulation  
Program Manager

OU School of Social Work Center for Child Welfare

## About Dr. Bonni

Dr. Bonni Goodwin, a recent recipient of the NASW-Oklahoma Emerging Leader in Social Work award, studied Family and Human Services at John Brown University, received her MSW at Washburn University and now holds a position in the Center for Child Welfare Training and Simulation at the University of Oklahoma. She completed her PhD in social work at Baylor University. Goodwin will focus on assessing and enriching the entire post-adoption response across the state while contributing her own research to benefit the children, families and professionals involved. Dr. Goodwin is working with ODHS leadership to explore needs, lead research and evaluation efforts to find possible solutions and change the face of how post-adoption is done at all levels with a goal for the partnership to develop a network of adoption-competent resources statewide who are identified as knowledgeable and effective in responding to the needs of children and families.

# Speaker Bios and Info...



Dr. Toni Hail, LCSW, Ph.D.

Northeastern State University Social Work  
Department Associate Professor

Northeastern State University Department of Social  
Work



<https://academics.nsuok.edu/socialwork/FacultyStaff/DrToniHail.a>

## About Dr. Toni

Dr. Toni Hail is an assistant professor of social work at Northeastern State University and a faculty member of the department since 2009. She is a member of the Chickasaw Nation. She became a Licensed Clinical Social Worker in the state of Oklahoma in 2005 with 6 years post graduate clinical experience in working with at-risk youth and families prior to teaching. Dr. Hail served as the curriculum coordinator for the NCWWI Child Welfare Specialization program since 2010 and is also the faculty sponsor for the Northeastern State University Student Social Work Association. She is a member of the leadership team with Risforthursday at Oklahoma State University. This grassroots initiative targets foster care alumni in effort to support and facilitate optimal outcomes for this population on college campuses across the state. Her research interests are college students formerly in foster care and working with Native American families in the child welfare system. In addition to teaching, Dr. Hail continues to do clinical work, clinical supervision and engage in research.



# Speaker Bios and Info...



Sydney Humphrey, MSW, LCSW, RPT-S, Certified ADSAC Assessor

CEO, Kaleidoscope Behavior Solutions, LLC  
NASW-OK Board of Directors

<https://www.kaleidoscopebs.com/about>

## About Sydney

Sydney is an experienced Licensed Clinical Social Worker with a demonstrated history of working in the mental health care industry. Skilled in Nonprofit Organizations, Grief Counseling, Mindfulness, Crisis Intervention, and Family Therapy. Strong community and social services professional with a Master of Social Work (MSW) focused in Social Work from Texas A&M University-Commerce.

# Speaker Bios and Info...



Dr. Deborah Johnson, MSW, LMSW

NASW-Oklahoma President

NASW-Oklahoma



## About Dr. Deborah

Deborah Johnson, Ph.D., MSW, LMSW is the President of NASW-Oklahoma. In addition, she serves at the President-Elect of the NASW National Council of Chapter Presidents, a member of the Oklahoma State Board of Licensed Social Workers, and a member of the Oklahoma State Maternal Mortality Review Committee. Deborah practices at Kaleidoscope Behavioral Solutions in McAlester, Oklahoma. Her clinical focus on children and adolescents. She is an MSW graduate of University of Oklahoma and graduated from Iowa State University with her Ph.D. in Psychology. She has held board positions on the Mental Health Association of Collier County, the American Association of University Women (AAUW) of Collier County, and several other boards in Florida and Oklahoma over her career. She has been a featured speaker at workshops, professional meetings and been featured on radio and TV programs.

# Speaker Bios and Info...



Mildred "Mit" C. Joyner, DPS, MSW, LCSW

NASW President

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## About Mildred "Mit" C.

Mildred "Mit" C. Joyner, DPS, MSW, BSW, LCSW is President of the National Association of Social Workers (NASW) that has 55 chapters throughout the United States and its territories. Joyner also serves as President of the North America Region of the International Federation of Social Workers (IFSW), which includes Canada and the United States and is a member of IFSW's Executive Committee. She serves on the boards of the NASW Foundation and the NASW Assurance Services, Inc. Her other board service included a community bank, DNBFIRST, where she was the first female and only African American to serve in this capacity and the Chester County Food Bank. Professor Joyner received a BSW from Central State University in Wilberforce, Ohio, and her MSW in planning, policy and administration from Howard University, School of Social Work, in Washington, DC. Joyner's professional career as a social worker began at Chester County Children, Youth, and Families as a protective service worker. After graduate school, she became the first department head and legal liaison of the child abuse unit at Chester County Children, Youth, and Families.

# Speaker Bios and Info...



Ms. Allison Mason, LCSW, NBCCH

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## About Ms. Allison

Ms. Allison Mason, LCSW, NBCCH is a Clinical Assistant Professor. She has over 9 years of post-master's practice experience, with emphasis in clinical social work practice and working with adolescents and survivors of sexual violence, with special training in trauma-focused/aware practices and adoption competency.



# Speaker Bios and Info...



Dr. Anthony Natale, MSW

OU Anne & Henry Zarrow School of Social Work  
Associate Professor

Anne & Henry Zarrow School of Social Work



<https://www.ou.edu/content/dam/cas/socialwork/docs/vitaes/swk-anthony-natale-cv-2018.pdf>

## About Dr. Anthony

Anthony P. Natale, MSW, PhD is an Associate Professor, joining the faculty in 2005. Dr. Natale was the Graduate Coordinator in Social Work for 6 years and Assistant Director for 3.5 years. He left that position to serve as the Graduate College Faculty Fellow for Inclusive Excellence. In this role, he supervised programs and initiatives designed to support underrepresented graduate students in all phases of their academic experience - recruitment, admission, retention and graduation. He consulted with academic units to develop inclusive excellence plans for individual students as well infusing promising practices for inclusion and diversity in student policies, procedures and practices. In 2018, Dr. Natale took a new role as Interim Executive Director for the Southwest Center for Human Relations Studies. <http://www.ou.edu/outreach/community-and-social-services/swchrs> Dr. Natale's teaching interests include social welfare policy, human lifespan development, human diversity and oppression, and human sexuality. He teaches undergraduate and graduate courses.

# Speaker Bios and Info...



Dr. Tina L. Peterson, PhD, MPH, CSW, LMSW

OU Anne & Henry Zarrow School of Social Work  
Associate Professor

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## About Dr. Tina L.

Tina L. Peterson, PhD, MPH, CSW, LMSW is an Associate Professor at the University of Oklahoma's Anne and Henry Zarrow School of Social Work. She serves on the NASW Aging Specialty Practice Section Committee. Her current research explores self-management of hypertension in African American women family caregivers.

# Speaker Bios and Info...



Steven Pharris, MSW, JD, LCSW

Executive Director, NASW-Oklahoma  
NASW

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## About Steven

Steven is an experienced Licensed Clinical Social Worker with a demonstrated history of working in Nonprofit Organizations, Crisis Intervention, Case Management, Team Building, and Public Speaking. Strong education professional with a Doctor of Jurisprudence focused in Law from Nashville School of Law and Master of Social Work from Spalding University.

# Speaker Bios and Info...



Dr. Kylene Rehder, MSW, Ph.D., LCSW

Northwestern Oklahoma State University Professor of Social Work Chair, Department of Social Work Social Work Program Director

Northwestern Oklahoma State University Social Work

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## About Dr. Kylene

Dr. Rehder holds a doctorate in higher education leadership from Northcentral University, a Master of Social Work from the University of Oklahoma, and a Bachelor of Social Work from Northwestern. She is a licensed clinical social worker (LCSW) with the Oklahoma State Board of Licensed Social Workers. Rehder is credited with leading the social work program to external accreditation by the Council on Social Work Education (CSWE) and was presented the John Barton Distinguished Teaching and Service Award in 2013. Rehder is an active member of the National Association of Social Workers (NASW) and a member of the Oklahoma Medical Reserve Corps (OKMRC) where she serves as a disaster mental health responder. She currently serves as a board member on Child Welfare Professional Enhancement Program (CWPEP) that works to strengthen child welfare services in Oklahoma and a board member of Freedom West Community Development Corporation, a non-profit development entity in Northwest Oklahoma that works to revitalize rural communities. She also serves as the Jake and Jayne Lindsay Endowed Chair in Social Work.



# Speaker Bios and Info...



James L. Smith, MSW

Performance Improvement Coordinator at NorthCare  
NorthCare, INC.

<https://www.northcare.com/>

## About James L.

James Smith is currently the Performance Improvement Coordinator for NorthCare in Oklahoma City, and teaches as an adjunct professor for the Social Sciences department at Oklahoma City Community College. He has a passion for promoting education in many arenas, and refers to this as "proactive social work." He serves as the president for a local virtual charter school board focused on alternative education. He came to social work later in life after careers as a chef and website designer when he was younger.

# Speaker Bios and Info...



Dr. Amy Ward, MSW, DSW, LCSW

East Central University Social Work Assistant  
Professor & Program Director Social Work Program  
East Central University Social Work

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## About Dr. Amy

Dr. Amy Ward is the Social Work Program Director at East Central University in Ada, Oklahoma. She earned her Bachelor of Social Work from East Central University, her Master of Social Work from the University of Oklahoma and her Doctorate of Social Work from the University of Southern California. She is a licensed clinical social worker and holds a trauma certification and has specialized in this area while working with traumatized children and families in the child welfare system. Before entering academia, Dr. Ward worked as a frontline social worker in a tribal community in child protective services, specializing in the Indian Child Welfare Act, serving families as an advocate in tribal and state courts. Dr. Ward was named Oklahoma DaVinci Fellow in 2017 for her work on multidisciplinary simulation labs. She has since been featured in Oklahoma's DaVinci's spotlight on creativity which highlighted her efforts in implementing simulation labs across academic disciplines. Recently, she was honored by the Western Social Sciences Association for having the outstanding graduate paper, the work focused on Dr. Ward's research topic, "Tribal Family Healing Court: A Culturally Sensitive Approach to Child Welfare in Tribal Communities." Additionally, Dr. Ward is a member of the Council on Social Work Education and the National Association of Social Workers. She is passionate about social work and serving at risk, underserved populations in Oklahoma.

# Speaker Bios and Info...



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## About Dr. Steve

Steven P. Wells is a Clinical Associate Professor at the University of Oklahoma Anne and Henry Zarrow School of Social Work, and serves as Simulation Program Coordinator. He has worked in the field of family and children services since 1976 as a child welfare worker, family mediator, foster parent trainer, group counselor, and university professor. He is a Licensed Clinical Social Worker in Oklahoma (U.S.A.) and earned a doctorate in early childhood education in 2006. He teaches courses in social work practice, interviewing skills, and human behavior. He received a "Champions of Children Award" in 2008 from The Foster Care Association of Oklahoma, Inc., and was named Undergraduate Adviser of the Year in 2012 by the O.U. College of Arts and Sciences. His interests include children with disabilities and their families, child welfare services, counseling with abusive parents, foster parent training, and family mediation. He has explored Motivational Interviewing for the last ten years as a vital model for social work practice. Most of his MI training is within the context of child welfare services and allied health. He became associated with the Motivational Interviewing Network of Trainers (MINT) in 2017. Dr. Wells is married to a social worker and is the parent of four adult children.



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