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Dear Colleagues and Friends of the LSWO,

We welcome faculty, social workers, students, and allied health professionals to the LSWO Conference 2017 at the University of California-Berkeley. This conference is in collaboration with Berkeley Social Welfare, one of the leaders in Social Work/Social Welfare education in the nation.

Our mentor, Dr. Kurt C. Organista invited the LSWO to California to provide this continuing education opportunity. We sincerely appreciate the support of Dr. Organista and Dean Jeffrey Edleson and the administrative staff of Berkeley Social Welfare.

Since the presidential election, many social workers have been working under the cloud of an increasingly uncertain future. Many social workers have been working overtime advocating for Latino families. Throughout the United States, social workers are creating partnerships with immigrant allies on behalf of Latino families with the hope of decreasing the fear. We applaud all human service professionals providing essential services to the Latino community during this increasingly uncertain time in our history.

We are truly honored to have Dr. Luis H. Zayas as our Keynote Presenter for this conference. Dr. Zayas is the Dean of the School of Social Work at the University of Texas-Austin. Over the years, Dr. Zayas has made significant contributions to the social work profession, and his literature and research has been valuable to all social workers providing services to the Latino community.

We appreciate all the panelists and workshop speakers, who will share their knowledge, skills, and expertise with you today. Also, we ask all to visit the Student Poster Sessions for this 2017 Conference; they are the future leaders in this profession. Furthermore, we encourage you to visit the exhibitors and review the list of educational institutions who are Sponsors for this 2017 Conference. Last, but not least, we appreciate all the LSWO Leadership Volunteers and Student Volunteers for this conference.

We encourage you to go to www.lsw.org and join our listserv. Joining the LSWO is free. Make plans to attend our next Conference at the University of Washington SSW in March 2018.

Thank you,

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Conference 2017 Schedule

Timeline	Activity
8:00am to 8:30am	Registration
8:30am to 8:45am	LSWO and Berkeley Social Welfare Welcome
8:45am to 10:00am	Opening Plenary: Dr. Kurt Organista will lead a Panel on New Initiatives in Schools of Social Work: Integrating Latino content in curriculum, certifications and program initiatives.
10:00am to 10:30am	Break: Networking, Poster Sessions, and Exhibitors
10:30am to 11:30am	Conference Workshops: Group A
11:30am to 1:00pm	Dr. Luis H. Zayas, Keynote Speaker: Deportation and Detention: Harms Faced by Immigrant Children. Theo Rigby, Film maker, will begin this section with a short film.
1:00pm to 2:00pm	Conference Workshops: Group B
2:00pm to 2:15pm	Break: Networking, Poster Sessions, and Exhibitors
2:15pm to 3:15pm	Conference Workshops: Group C
3:15pm to 3:30pm	Break: Networking, Poster Sessions, and Exhibitors
3:30pm to 5:00pm	Final Plenary Sessions; Narratives of Our Ancestors: From the Clinical to the Political in Responding to Post-Election Fears

Exhibitors

George Warren Brown School of Social Work
 Sanville Institute (For Clinical Social Work and Psychotherapy)
 National Association of Social Workers – California
 WestCoast Children’s Clinic
 Gardner Family Health Network
 Seneca Family of Agencies
 Fred Finch Youth Center

Opening Plenary

New Initiatives in Schools of Social Work:

Integrating Latino content within curriculum, certifications and program initiatives.

Conference attendees will have the unique opportunity to hear from seasoned social work faculty from across the country, regarding their innovative efforts to develop and implement Latino focused education and training in schools of social work (e.g., Latino Certificate Programs and other creative initiatives). Such Latino focused initiatives will be compared and contrasted with attention to local school context and unique student needs. The overarching goal of this panel is to describe ways to take Latino focused social work education and training to the next needed level.

Dr. Kurt C. Organista will moderate this panel

Program Panelists



Dr. Kurt C. Organista is Professor, School of Social Welfare, University of California, Berkeley. He publishes articles in the on Latino health and mental health, conducts research in the area of HIV prevention with Latino migrant laborers, and is editor of *HIV Prevention with Latinos: Theory, research and practice* published in 2012 by Oxford University Press, and author of *Solving Latino psychosocial and health problems: Theory, practice, and populations* published in 2007 by John Wiley & Sons, Inc. He serves on the senior editorial board of the *American Journal of Community Psychology*, and on the editorial boards of the *Hispanic Journal of the Behavioral Sciences*, and the *Journal of Ethnic and Cultural Diversity in Social Work*. From 2004-08 Organista was appointed to the Office of AIDS Research Advisory Council at the National Institutes of Health, and from 2010 to 2015 he was PI of a federal R01 grant from the NIAAA to develop and test a structural environmental model of alcohol-related HIV risk in Latino migrant day laborers in the San Francisco Bay Area. Organista is Vice Chair of the Board of Trustees of the San Francisco Foundation, and Trustee of the Latino Community Foundation.



Dr. Debora Ortega is the founding director of the University of Denver Latino Center for Community Engagement and Scholarship, a consortium of interdisciplinary faculty dedicated to creating and advancing knowledge that gives voice to the history, politics, culture, and legacies of Latino communities. She is an award-winning teacher who uses feminist pedagogy to teach courses on issues of social inequality at the DU Graduate School of Social Work. Her work focuses on the consequences of structural inequity across different systems, client groups, and diverse people. She is the past president of the Association of Latino Social Work Educators. She was the Co-Editor-in-Chief of *Affilia: Journal of Women and Social Work*. She is proud to be a first generation Latina college student.



Dr. Alan J. Dettlaff is Dean and the inaugural Maconda Brown O'Connor Endowed Dean's Chair of the Graduate College of Social Work at the University of Houston. Prior to joining the University of Houston, Dean Dettlaff served on the faculty of the Jane Addams College of Social Work at the University of Illinois at Chicago. His research and consultation with state child welfare systems has led to significant policy and practice improvements that have resulted in reductions in the overrepresentation of African American children in these systems. Dean Dettlaff has also conducted groundbreaking research to identify and understand the unique needs of immigrant Latino children and families involved in child welfare. Dean Dettlaff is co-editor of *Addressing Racial Disproportionality and Disparities in Human Services: Multi-systemic Approaches* and *Immigrant and Refugee Children and Families: Culturally Responsive Practice*, published by Columbia University Press.



Dr. Lirio K. Negroni practice, scholarly publications and research work have focused on mental health services to Latino/a children and adolescents, social work practice with abused and neglected children, provision of culturally competent services, social work practice with Latino families, health and social supports in older Latino/a adults, advising and mentoring, community-university partnerships, recruitment and retention of Latinos/as in social work and leadership development. Dr. Negroni serves in the Editorial Board of the *Journal of Ethnic and Cultural Diversity in Social Work* and as reviewer for several major professional journals. She is the current Chair-Elect of the Council on Social Work Education National Nomination Committee and a site visitor for this organization. In August of 2016, Dr. Negroni joined the faculty at the Department of Social Work at Florida Gulf Coast University, after serving at the University of Connecticut, School of Social Work and the Puerto Rican and Latino Studies Project for 18 years.

Program Panelists (continued)



Luna Calderon is a field consultant and lecturer at the School of Social Welfare who works with MSW students in the Community Mental Health concentration. A bilingual/bicultural Latina, Calderon is committed to bringing wellness and recovery tools to people of color and the LGBTQQ communities. In 2014 she re-established the Intercambio Program, now known as Sin Fronteras.

Keynote Speaker

Deportation and Detention: *Harms Faced by Immigrant Children*



LUIS H. ZAYAS, Ph.D., is the Dean of the School of Social Work and the Robert Lee Sutherland Chair in Mental Health and Social Policy at The University of Texas at Austin. He is the author of *Forgotten Citizens: Deportation, Children, and the Making of American Exiles and Orphans* (Oxford University Press, 2015), emerged from years of evaluating children for immigration court cases and federally funded research. Zayas remains active as a researcher and advocate in the area of immigration and refugee human rights. Zayas has testified as an expert witness in numerous cancellation-of-removal cases in immigration court; provided declarations for two major class-action lawsuits heard in federal courts on behalf of refugee children and mothers held in immigration detention centers (*Flores v Johnson* and *RILR v Johnson*); provided briefings to congressional delegation in San Antonio and in the U.S. House of Representatives; and testified in Texas circuit court in the case of *Grassroots Leadership, Inc., v Texas Department of Family and Protective Services et al.*

(2015) that ruled that detention facilities could not be licensed as child care centers. He has appeared in numerous television, radio, and print media outlets.



Narratives of Our Ancestors: From the Clinical to the Political in Responding to Post-Election Fears. Moderated by Dr. Kurt C. Organista



Kurt C. Organista, Ph.D. is Professor, School of Social Welfare, University of California, Berkeley. He publishes articles in the on Latino health and mental health, conducts research in the area of HIV prevention with Latino migrant laborers, and is editor of *HIV Prevention with Latinos: Theory, research and practice* published in 2012 by Oxford University Press, and author of *Solving Latino psychosocial and health problems: Theory, practice, and populations* published in 2007 by John Wiley & Sons, Inc. He serves on the senior editorial board of the *American Journal of Community Psychology*, and on the editorial boards of the *Hispanic Journal of the Behavioral Sciences*, and the *Journal of Ethnic and Cultural Diversity in Social Work*.



Mayor Jesse Arreguin has spent his entire life and career fighting for the values we share and delivering results. He was elected as Berkeley's Mayor on November 8, 2016, and is the first Latino and youngest person elected Mayor in a century. Mayor Arreguin represents the cities of Alameda County on the Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG) Executive Board. On the City Council, Mayor Arreguin has been an effective consensus builder. He has helped move the City away from polarization, working constructively with his colleagues, local business, and community leaders to advance practical, forward-thinking solutions on pressing city issues. Mayor Arreguin has expanded affordable housing throughout Berkeley, helped establish our minimum wage, protected our environment, co-wrote Our Downtown Plan to revitalize the heart of our city, saved our historic Main Post Office, balanced eight city budgets



Cheryl Aguilar, LGSW is a licensed clinical social worker, LICSW, LCSW-C, who has been working with the immigrant and Latino community from the DC metro area since 2006. She currently serves as bilingual mental health therapist at La Clinica del Pueblo, where she has become the organization's first TeleMental Health Therapist to expand mental health access to Latinos through video and facilitates support groups for immigrant community. Before embarking in the social work profession, Cheryl worked in the journalism and public relations fields for over a decade. After a fulfilling career in media, Cheryl decided to shift careers in 2012 to better respond to the mental health needs of community members she was working with. She obtained her Master of Social Work from The Catholic University of America in 2014. She serves as board member of the National Association of Social Workers DC Chapter and volunteers with Latino Social Workers Organization. Currently, she is pursuing a mindfulness teacher certification and in her spare time she enjoys practicing self-care activities and writes media articles on mental health.



Cecilia Ayón, PhD at the University of Washington and is a Council of Social Work Education MFP Fellow and a Foundation for Child Development Young Scholar. Dr. Ayón is a faculty member at the School of Public Policy at the University of California, Riverside. Her research examines factors that promote and hinder Latino family well-being, health disparities, and she is involved in intervention research.

Workshop Schedule

Group A • 10:30am-11:30am

Room	Morning Sessions	Speakers
Bay View	The Computation of Cuentos: Use of Stories to Demystify the Research Process.	Rey Martinez, PhD, New Mexico Highlands University SSW, Desiree Rose Martinez, MSW.
Pauley Ballroom East	Talking with children about race, inequality, and discrimination: Advocating for families within a restrictive political environment.	Cecilia Ayón, PhD She is a Council of Social Work Education MFP Fellow and a Foundation for Child Development Young Scholar. Dr. Ayón is a faculty member at the School of Public Policy at U C, Riverside. Maria A Gurrola is an associate professor at New Mexico State University.
Pauley Ballroom West	Enforced Separations: A Qualitative Examination of the Impact of Parental Deportation on Latino/a Youth and Families in Los Angeles.	Kristina Lovato-Hermann, MSW, Ph.D. Candidate, University of California, Los Angeles, Department of Social Welfare.
Stephens Lounge	The Need for Latino Social Workers in Dialysis and Transplant Settings: A Great Opportunity for Bilingual/Bicultural MSWs.	Vernon Silva, LCSW, NSW-C , Latino Healthcare Professionals Project, California State University Long Beach, and earned his MSW at UCLA.
Tilden	Critical Cultural Competence in Social Work Supervision.	Sam Terrazas, PhD, LCSW, and Mark Lusk, EdD, LMSW, New Mexico Highlands University.

Group B • 1pm-2pm

Room	Afternoon Sessions	Speakers
Pauley Ballroom West	Addressing the Unique Supervision and Training Needs of Spanish Speaking Clinicians.	Olivia Sevilla, Assistant Professor, Azusa Pacific University and Josefina Behavioral Health Clinical Supervisor Ontario-Montclair School District, CA.
Pauley Ballroom East	Impact of Latino Parent Engagement on Student Academic Achievement: A Pilot Study.	Juan Aranque, PhD, USC School of Social Work.
Stephens Lounge	Demystifying Higher Education: Special Workshop for Students and Professionals considering MSW and PhDs.	Rey Martinez, PhD, New Mexico Highlands University SSW and Debora Ortega, MSW and Kristina Lovato-Hermann, MSW, Ph.D. Candidate, University of California, Los Angeles,
Bay View	Using an Integrated Student Support model to ensure academic success and increase graduation rates amongst Latinx students	Gaudencio Marquez, MSW, PPSC, Chief Program Director of Communities In Schools of Los Angeles.
Tilden	Resistance on Predominantly White Institutions.	Cesar Abarca, PhD, Social Work Department, Humboldt State University.

Group C • 2:15pm-3:15pm

Room	Afternoon Sessions	Speakers
Pauley Ballroom West	Providing Gender Affirming Services to Transgender Youth and Their Families: aka What Every Cisgender Social Worker Needs to Know but Afraid to Ask.	Dr. Arieta-Hayes is the Clinical Director of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry at Kaiser San Jose.
Stephens Lounge	TeleMental Health for Latinos: Expanding Access Through Technology.	Cheryl Aguilar, LICSW, LCSW-C, Bilingual and Telemental Health therapist at La Clinica de Pueblo in DC.
Pauley Ballroom East	Family Communication Styles, Resilience, and Latina/o Adolescents.	Dr. M. Alejandra Acuña is an Assistant Professor in the social work department at California State University, Northridge (CSUN).
Tilden Room	Critical Issues in the Aftermath of Latinos Surviving a Trauma Active Shooter Incident	Michael Alicea University of Miami and Counseling Network, Inc.
Bay View	The effect of parental monitoring on U.S. adolescent's frequency of video game play.	Stephanie L. Diez, MSW CAP ICADC, C-SALUD Student Scholars in Health Disparities Research Fellow Center for Research on U.S. Latino HIV/AIDS and Drug Abuse (CRUSADA).

Workshop Speakers (alphabetical order)

Speaker: César G. Abarca, Ph.D., is assistant professor with the Social Work Department at Humbolt State University. He is a community organizer, activist-scholar, urban farmer and ethnographer. Dr. Abarca has worked in multicultural, multiethnic, and multilingual communities in California, New Mexico and Massachusetts. He is a founding board member of the community-based, grassroots organization Los Jardines Institute (the Gardens Institute) located in Albuquerque's South Valley.

Speaker: M. Alejandra Acuña, Ph.D., is an Assistant Professor in the social work department at California State University, Northridge (CSUN). She has a long history in health and human services, with micro to macro practice experience in public schools, child protective services, and non-profit organizations. She is a steadfast advocate for urban children, youth and families and believes in our ability to be resilient in the face of adversity, with sufficient resources and social support. Her research interests include trauma, resilience, and cultural practices.

Speaker: Michael Alicea, IMT, ISW, EdD, MSW, MS, is an Adjunct Professor in an accredited Marriage and Family Therapy (MFT) and Clinical Social Work programs for two regionally acclaimed universities in the South Florida area, as well as an Adjunct Professor for one of the largest colleges in the United States. He has 25+ years of clinical experience. He has presented at local, state and national conferences on topics related to diversity and suicide awareness and prevention and has published multiple articles in peer-reviewed journals and recently published a book on suicide in the law enforcement community.

Speaker: Juan Araque, Ph.D., has worked more than 15 years in the fields of education, community development, diversity, violence prevention and positive youth development. His interests include the research and design of public, private and non-profit system structures to support positive child and adolescent development, and robust child-adult-community relationship building. As executive director for the University of Southern California TRiO Programs, he oversaw the college access programs, which help motivate and support low-income and first-generation minority students through the academic pipeline from middle school to college.

Speaker: Celia Ayon, PhD, earned her PhD at the University of Washington. She is a Council of Social Work Education MFP Fellow and a Foundation for Child Development Young Scholar. Dr. Ayón is a faculty member at the School of Public Policy at the University of California, Riverside. Her research examines factors that promote and hinder Latino family well-being, health disparities, and she is involved in intervention research.

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Speaker: María A Gurrola, is an associate professor at New Mexico State University. Her research goal is to understand how immigrants adjust to pressures in their environments, maintain their routines and survive. She engages in critical research that draws attention to the injustices and inequalities in minority groups in the U.S., as well as their strengths and abilities to thrive even in harsh environments. She looks at recent immigration policies creating a hostile and antagonist environments for immigrants threatening their transnational family connections.

Speaker: Lisa Arieta Hayes, Ed. D., L.C.S.W., is a Licensed Clinical Social Worker (LCSW, 1990) and earned both a Bachelors (BSW, 1983) and Master in Social Work (MSW, 1996) degrees and a Doctor of Education degree (Ed.D, 2002). Dr. Arieta-Hayes attended San Jose State University and the University of San Francisco where she completed her dissertation on the *Experience of Latina Teens in the Criminal Justice System*. Dr. Arieta-Hayes is a member of the National Association of Social Workers and California Teachers Association. She is a Group Home Administrator, Certified Non-Violent Crisis Intervention Trainer and a Certified ProAct Trainer and has taught hundreds of training courses. Currently Dr. Arieta-Hayes is the Clinical Director of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry at Kaiser San Jose. At Kaiser Child Psychiatry in San Jose, she is the Transgender Champion and provides individual and group treatment to Transgender and Non-Binary Youth.

Speaker: Kristina Lovato-Hermann, MSW, is a doctoral candidate in the Department of Social Welfare at University of California, Los Angeles. Her research focuses on enhancing child and family well-being for vulnerable and undocumented Latino immigrant families

Speaker: Dr. Mark Lusk, Ed.D, MSW, University of Kentucky • BA New Mexico State University • LMSW – State of Texas • LCDC – State of Texas • Academy of Certified Social Workers (NASW) • Practice and research experience in medical social work, drug counseling and international social work • Fulbright Fellowships: Catholic University of Peru & Catholic University of Rio de Janeiro •

Speaker: Gaudencio Marquez, MSW, PPSC, was born and raised in the Coachella Valley. As the first in his family to attend a 4-year University, he began his academic career at the University of California, Irvine and later transferred and obtained his Bachelor of Arts degree in Sociology with an emphasis in Social Work from California State University San Bernardino. Soon after, he obtained his Masters of Social Work from California State University Long Beach with an emphasis on Children, youth and families along with a Pupil Personnel Services Credential.

Speaker: Rey C. Martinez, Ph.D., is Program Director/Department Chair at New Mexico Highlands University Social Work Program, Farmington, NM and his presenter is Desiree Rose Martinez, MSW. Rey Martinez, originally from the southwest, is a graduate of Boston University (MSW) and Florida State University (Ph.D). He serves as Social Work Program Coordinator at New Mexico Highlands University Farmington Campus. His areas of research include methamphetamine addiction & clinical supervision.

Speaker: Desiree Martinez has worked as External Evaluator on various grant projects throughout Northern New Mexico including: Noches de Familia; Amistad y Resolana; and San Miguel Detention Center. Her Bachelor's Degree is in Criminal Justice and she holds a Master's Degree in Clinical Social Work. She currently serves as Prevention Coordinator for San Miguel & Mora Counties.

Speaker: Olivia Sevilla, Ed.D., LCSW, is an Assistant Professor in the graduate social work program at Azusa Pacific University. She is a Licensed Clinical Social Worker, receiving her Master's degree from the University of Southern California, and her doctorate in Organizational Leadership from the University of La Verne. Dr. Sevilla currently teaches in the MSW program at Azusa Pacific University. Her research interests include developing Spanish language clinical skills, and developing social work leadership skills through the capstone process.

Speaker: Josefina Sierra, Behavioral Health Clinical Supervisor is a lead clinical supervisor at Ontario-Montclair School District. She also serves as an adjunct field faculty member for the graduate social work program at Azusa Pacific University. Ms. Sierra is a Licensed Clinical Social Worker who received her MSW degree from the University of Southern California. As a practitioner, she has worked in a variety of arenas such as county behavioral health, psychiatric social, I work, family violence, child abuse and trauma, substance abuse, school-based counseling, and grass-roots community-based practice. Ms. Sierra worked for many years as program and clinical manager at Bilingual Family Counseling Service, Inc., a non-profit community mental health clinic, overseeing an intern program of 25 students. As clinical manager, she spearheaded a Spanish-language training program for bilingual clinicians.

Speaker: Vernon Silva, LCSW, NSW-C, was a full scholarship recipient of the Latino Healthcare Professionals Project while studying Health Care Administration at California State University Long Beach, and earned his MSW at UCLA. Vernon has worked extensively with Latino kidney patients providing direct care, and has trained and supervised social workers and other staff who provide service to this population. He has served on the Executive Committees of both the National and Los Angeles chapter of the Council of Nephrology Social Workers, and holds a national certification in Nephrology Social Work from the National Kidney Foundation.

Speaker: Sam Terrazas, PhD

Dr. Sam Terrazas, Associate Professor, Facundo Valdez School of Social Work, New Mexico Highlands University.

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The Latino Social Workers Organization is a progressive social work organization. The LSWO is a leader in the development of recruitment and retention strategies over the last 10 years. For the past 8 years, the LSWO has focused on cultural competency / responsiveness training. The LSWO has provided "La Familia" Perspective trainings at George Warren Brown School of Social Work, New York University, and University of Wisconsin-Madison SSW, and the University of Chicago SSA, and other schools. The LSWO can be helpful to Schools of Social Work in their recruitment strategies, and or mentoring their students and alumni.

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