



LSWO Conference 2009 Newsletter

LATINO SOCIAL WORKERS ORGANIZATION (LSWO)

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March 25-27, 2009 at the University of IL-Chicago



Join us in the Windy City for a Social Work Conference focused on human services for the Latino community

The Latino Social Workers Organization (LSWO) will have their annual conference at the University of Illinois-Chicago (UIC). UIC is the home to the Jane Addams Hull House Museum, a historical site in the history of the social work profession.

For over 5 years, the LSWO has been providing social workers with one of the few conferences in the nation which focuses on the Latino community. This conference offers workshops on direct practice, policy, research, and community advocacy. Many social workers have found the LSWO conference increases their skills

Since our last conference, the LSWO has been frequently contacted about the continuous challenges social worker's face in advocating and providing quality human services to the undocumented in our Latino communities. This conference provides all who attend an opportunity to

learn new interventions from a micro-midlevel-macro perspective. Many of the workshops will provide handouts, an opportunity to share your questions with the speakers, and an opportunity to network with professionals in the field.

By the time of the conference, the LSWO will be announcing new continuing education initiatives.

Go to the www.lsw.org website for more information or email us at social-work@lsw.org.

LSWO Conference 2009: Excellence in Continuing Education

The LSWO Conference is a national conference which brings together social work professionals, students, faculty, and our allied colleagues in human services together once a year.

The Conference provides excellent keynote addresses, diverse workshops on many issues impacting the human service professional, exhibitors, and networking oppor-

tunities. The 2008 LSWO Annual Conference was evaluated as very successful by attendees. As in the past, the LSWO is integrating the ideas and suggestions offered. The LSWO 2009 Annual Conference will provide excellence in continuing education.

There will be an array of topics again, which will address social work practice

with aging, child welfare, youth development, mental health, substance abuse, ethics, and many other areas.

We are really excited about this conference, and look forward to your presence. Please go to the following websites for more information:

www.lsw.org
www.lswconference2009.org

Special points of interest:

- OVER 24 WORKSHOPS OFFERED
- LSWO HIGHER EDUCATION EVENT
- EARLY REGISTRATION BENEFIT TIL FEBRUARY 15, 2009.

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The LSWO is honored to have the presence of Dr. Kurt Organista from the University of California-Berkeley School of Social Welfare.

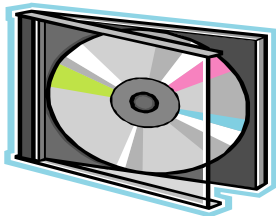
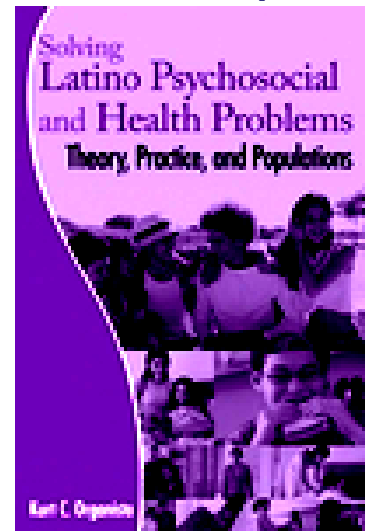
Dr. Kurt Organista recently authored the textbook, **Solving Latino Psychosocial and Health Problems: Theory, Research, and Populations.**

His book realistically considers the Latino community's imposing and rapidly growing population size, complex set of challenging issues, and the tremendous diversity be-

tween and within each major U.S. Latino group.

His research has focused Chicano/Latino psychosocial problems; acculturation and adjustment of ethnic minorities to American society; minority mental health; cognitive-behavioral therapy; depression in Latinos; HIV prevention with Mexican migrant laborers/Latinos.

He will provide a Keynote Address during the conference



Free LSWO Policy Practice CD

Each attendee will receive a CD with important information on the following issues.

Direct Service Practitioners can reference this CD when providing assistance with clients.

- Human Trafficking
- Current Immigration/ Undocumented Policies
- 2010 United States Census
- Free Choice Act and other

MSW/Ph.D Students Poster Sessions

The LSWO is inviting social work students to submit poster sessions. Poster sessions provide students with an opportunity to share their student class projects or research projects to the 2009 Conference.

Students are the future leaders in the human service profession, and we need to encourage the next generation

to be leaders through their research projects.

We are asking faculty from Schools of Social Work to share this with their students and to assist them with their submission.

Students will have til February 5, 2009 to submit their proposals to the Conference committee.

We will notify all students regarding the proposals by February 12, 2009.

For more information, please contact Adrian Delgado at Lholsten@lsw.org

LSWO Higher Education Evening Event: March 25, 2009

The LSWO have their traditional Higher Education Event on March 25, 2008, Wednesday Evening.. All students, professionals, and faculty are invited and encouraged to attend this educational / networking event. We encourage all to bring their business cards or social networking cards.

The LSWO has been at the

forefront of mentoring and guiding social work students in higher education. Many faculty enjoy attending this event to share their views.

This evening event is a great opportunity for all of us to celebrate our presence in the social work profession, but also an opportunity to address the challenges in higher education, as well as increas-

ing the awareness of new career and higher education opportunities for social work students and professionals. US Census 2010 will be a topic of discussion for this evening event.

For more information, go to www.lsw.org and www.lswconference2009.org

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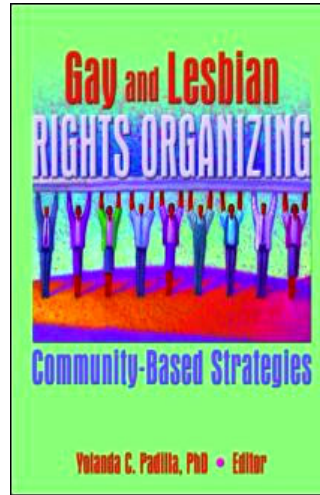
Dr. Yolanda Padilla from the University of Texas-Austin

Dr. Padilla was born in Adrian, Michigan and grew up on the US-Mexico border, in Brownsville, Texas. Dr. Padilla received a Masters of Science in Social Work from The University of Texas at Austin (UTA) and received her PhD from the University of Michigan where she focused on poverty studies with an emphasis on Latino populations and immigration. She is currently Professor of Social Work and Women's Studies at UTA. Dr. Padilla has received over \$1.5 million in

funding for her research from various sources that include the National Institutes of Health as well as from state and private foundation sources.

Dr. Yolanda Padilla's research has been very helpful to social work practitioners providing services to the Latino community

Recently, Dr. Padilla authored a new book, *Gay and Lesbian Rights Organizing: Community-Based Strategies*.



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Excellent Continuing Education and Conference Highlights

The LSWO Conference 2009 will provide keynote presentations from leading researchers and authors in the field of social work. Over 24 workshops on many areas of social work practice. In 2008, attendees completed evaluation forms for the conference, and we have taken into consideration many topics to integrate into this conference.

Each day the attendee can earn from 5.5 hours to 7 hours of continuing education units each day. Continuing education units are available for Keynotes, presentations, workshops, Higher Education Evening event, and poster sessions.

Also, the LSWO will be adding an evening event to bring together faculty, profession-

als, students, and community guides. Last year's evening event was very successful.

The LSWO Leadership Awards recognizes the contributions of individual social workers and programs.

Dr. Yolanda Padilla and Dr. Kurt Organista will be available for a book signing of their books.

“WORKSHOPS ON CHILD WELFARE, GERONTOLOGY, COMMUNITY ORGANIZING, YOUTH DEVELOPMENT, LGBTQ, CLINICAL ISSUES, SUBSTANCE ABUSE, AND MANY OTHER ISSUES WILL BE AVAILABLE.”

Special Thank you: Jane Addams College of Social Work

The LSWO will have the 2009 Conference at the University of Illinois-Chicago.

The LSWO appreciates the support from Creasie Finney Hairston, PhD, Dean and Professor Jane Addams College of Social Work for this conference

Jane Addams College of Social Work is a nationally

recognized school of social work. With the name of Jane Addams, we really don't need to say more.

Dr. Aida Giachello, a faculty member with JACSW, is a LSWO Leadership Award recipient.

Edward Potts, Director of Admissions and Financial Aid has been very supportive of

the LSWO over the years. He shared with us that the school will be increasing their efforts to recruit Latinos into their MSW and PhD programs.

The LSWO looks forward to their presence and leadership at the LSWO Conference 2009



For more information about the Jane Addams College of Social Work, go to <http://www.uic.edu>

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St. Augustine College Newly Accredited BSW Program

The LSWO congratulates St. Augustine College for the initial accreditation of the BSW program by the Council on Social Work Education.

Accreditation by the CSWE is very valuable as it allows graduates to sit for the state exam to become a licensed social worker (LSW). Also, graduates of an accredited program may be eligible to earn their MSW degree in one year if they meet the requirements

of the graduate program. Members of the LSWO have served the program as faculty, board members, and mentors for students over the years.

Lee Maltby, LCSW, Director of Social Work Program and Marcia Pantell, LCSW have worked very hard to make this program a success.

The LSWO Leadership will be meeting with Lee and Marcia to congratulate them in person.

St. Augustine College has hosted the Latino Social Workers Organization Conference 3 years, and this was very helpful to the students who attended the College. The St. Augustine Bachelors in Social Work Program is competitive with other BSW programs in the Midwest. We encourage our colleagues to refer candidates to this social work program.

For more information, contact Lee Maltby, LCSW at 773-878-3978.



Visit the LSWO website for updates on speakers, workshops, and announcements!

“MANY ALLIED HEALTH PROFESSIONALS, RELIGIOUS, LAW ENFORCEMENT, EDUCATORS, AND OTHER PROFESSIONALS ATTEND THIS CONFERENCE. ALL HUMAN SERVICE PROFESSIONALS ARE INVITED!”

LSWO and Chicago State University Collaborate on MSW Cohort Program

The LSWO is very happy to announce the Chicago State University MSW Cohort Program in Little Village.

Dr. Vincent Allocco and Adrian Delgado have discussed this idea for over 10 years. We are very happy Dr. Mikal Rasheed, Program Director of the CSU Masters Program was open to implementing this program in part-

nership with El Valor and the Latino Social Workers Organization.

Many years ago, the LSWO envisioned this idea, and now it has come to fruition.

While many social work programs are going to other countries to collaborate, this is a collaborative which saw the possibilities of the Little

Village community in Chicago as an opportunity to recruit Latinos into social work.

We would also like to give a special thank you to the following Latino Licensed Clinical Social Workers who have joined the faculty at CSU, Leticia Villarreal Sosa, and Noe Torres. For more information regarding this program, call (773) 995-2207

LSWO: La Familia Perspective and the LSWO Film

The Latino Social Workers Organization has been providing cultural responsive education for the past 10 years. “La Familia” Perspective is a multimedia presentation which has been well received over the years.

The LSWO has presented their “La Familia” Perspective

at major conferences, and schools of social work. (Schools include: University of Chicago, George Warren Brown School of Social Work, New York University, etc.)

Part of the new/updated “La Familia” Perspective integrates a film which provides many of the voices of faculty

and professionals who are currently working in the field. Our first showing of this film was at the 2008 Conference. We encourage schools of social work to consider the LSWO for their continuing education programs, contact us at 312-212-3857.



“La Familia” Perspective integrates social work evidenced based literature, storytelling, and multimedia.

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LSWO: Human Trafficking Initiative

Human Trafficking is an international issue and local issue.

In spring 2007, the LSWO had a continuing education program focused on Human Trafficking and this training had a profound impact on many who attended.

Some regions of the United States are more effective in identifying trafficking victims and providing services than others.

Since the Governor of Illinois announced the State's Initiative to combat Human Trafficking several years ago, the number of identified cases are very few. There is a high concern with the cultural/linguistic responsiveness of the various systems who are suppose to be identify cases of Human Trafficking.

The LSWO will be participating more in a suburban anti-trafficking initiative. Adrian Delgado, Sam and Misa Lo-

pez are currently working on 2 training sessions.

We are asking anyone interested in learning more about Human Trafficking to contact us at 312-212-3857.



Go to the LSWO Website for up to date information on the Conference and future educational events.

LSWO: Collaborating with Social Workers from Spain

The LSWO is collaborating with LSW Behavioral Health and Consulting, Dominican University, and Social Workers from Spain to develop an educational exchange for 2009.

This collaborative will be the first for the organization with increasing opportunities for professionals to travel to Spain, and for social workers

from Spain to learn about Chicago's urban social work practice with Latinos.

The LSWO will be working with LSW Behavioral Health and Consulting to schedule various sites for the social workers to visit during their stay. The LSWO network is extensive throughout the Chicago Metropolitan area with social workers in addition

facilities, employee assistance programs, child welfare, mental health, community organizing, community development, and many other fields of practice.

If you are interested in joining a group to visit Spain, please contact us at 312-212-3857.

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Social Work in the Era of President Obama

The LSWO will devote some time for social workers to discuss in an open forum about the profession of social work in the Era of Obama.

Social Workers have been inspired by President Obama. We hope that President Obama will have social workers at the table

during his presidency. With many of the economic and social problems in our society, our profession can be helpful to finding the solutions.

Community organizing and public policy advocacy are important roles for social workers to consider now. With the economic problems

in our country, we must protect the funding streams to our all essential human service programs.

So, join us at the 2009 Conference for an opportunity to listen to your colleagues. Signup today!



Congratulations to Chicago's Own President Barack Obama!

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Phone: 312-212-3857

Website: www.lsw.org

Conference website:
www.lswconference2009.org

Please feel free to contact any of the LSWO Leadership listed below by email or email us at socialwork@lsw.org



**Tour Chicago
Neighborhoods while in
Chicago**

The Chicago Bus and Train System is excellent and provides you with an opportunity to tour Latino neighborhoods in the city. We will provide all attendees with information on how to travel to Pilsen, Little Village, and Humboldt Park communities in the city. Also, you can visit the Hyde Park neighborhood of our most famous resident, President Barack Obama.

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Join us in the Windy City for the 2009 Conference. Information on Hotels, Bed and Breakfasts, Ground Transportation will be posted on the Conference 2009 Website.

Early Registration Benefit

The LSWO Conference 2009 is recognized as a major national conference. We encourage all to register early.

The LSWO continues to work on making this conference affordable for all human service professionals. We understand that there are many conferences for you to consider, but there are few

which focuses on Latino children, families, and communities.

The LSWO Conference provides human service professionals an opportunity to network, share, and learn during this 2 day conference.

Discounted registration fees will be available for those who register before February

15, 2009:

www.lswconference2009.org or www.lsw.org for more information or call us at 312-212-3857 to request a brochure by phone.