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Forensic Social Work's Role in Advancing Human Rights and Social Justice: *A Local Global Celebration*



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FEATURED PRESENTERS;
SOCIAL WORKERS, ALLIED
PROFESSIONALS, PLUS MORE
FROM
FORDHAM UNIVERSITY
AND THE COMMUNITY

Thursday, August 3,
2017

10:00am – 7:00pm

Lincoln Center Campus
113 West 60th Street
12th floor lounge

For more information or to register, visit Fordham.edu/gss/event



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The celebration will feature invited presenters that include Fordham social work faculty and community partners whose contributions to their local and global communities advance one or more of the identified themes. Participants will include professionals, researchers, advocates, educators, community-based agencies, and community members. Participants have the opportunity to participate in skill building workshops, and engage in large and small group discussions that entail the use of critical reflective dialogue on the past, present, and future trends of the root causes and consequences of the underlying social issues that influence the forensic social work response. A segment of the program also will include a book signing by Dr. Tina Maschi and Dr.

George Leibowitz of “Forensic Social Work: Psychosocial Legal Issues Across Diverse Populations and Settings” and live performances by local artists.

The event will take place on Thursday, August 3rd from 10 am to 7 pm in the 12th floor lounge at the Fordham University Lincoln Center Campus 12th floor lounge located at 113 West 60th Street, New York, New York 10023.

CALL FOR WORKSHOPS AND CREATIVE SESSIONS

We are seeking dynamic and innovative social workers and allies to present workshops and/or creative sessions that will support our goal of strengthening the role and collective commitment and action as well as deepen the discourse on these identified themes.

The workshops or creative sessions should fulfill the following criteria:

- **Relevant:** the workshop/session/space should either be an educational opportunity to inspire dialogue and sharing on the central themes within the local or global communities or be a skills building opportunity that will enable people with practical applications and tools to advance human rights in their local or global arenas.
- **Flexible and Creative:** The workshop/session may use a variety of formats or media. This includes but not limited to roundtable or panel discussions, dance, visual arts, spoken word, theatre, video, powerpoint, etc....
- **Culturally Sensitive:** Presentations should be culturally sensitive, as participants will be from a diverse range of backgrounds, experiences, and geographic locations.

Guidelines

Please submit your proposal submission by June 15, 2017. The proposal submission requires:

1. Abstract of Presentation - maximum of 300 words describing:
 - Three learning objectives of the presentation and how it connects to the themes
 - Presentation and media needs
2. Presenter Information
 - A 100 word Biosketch
 - Agency Background – For organizations, please provide a 100 words description of the agency

Please submit here: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/FordhamFSW>

Participants will notified of abstract of acceptance by no later than: July 1, 2017

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