



**NASW**  
VIRTUAL FORUM  
— 2023 —

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## **ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE: THROUGH THE SOCIAL WORK LENS**

### **SCHEDULE – AT – A – GLANCE** **WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2023**

**10:00AM – 10:15AM (EDT)**

#### **WELCOME & INTRODUCTION TO THE VIRTUAL FORUM**

**Anthony Estreet, PhD, MBA, LCSW-C**  
CEO, National Association of Social Workers (NASW)

#### **PARTICIPANT ENGAGEMENT**

**Raffaele Vitelli, CAE**  
Vice President, Professional Education and Product Development, NASW

**10:15AM – 11:15AM**

#### **OPENING KEYNOTE PRESENTATION**

##### **Ecosocial Work: An Overview**

**Rachel Forbes, MSW**  
Associate Professor, University of Denver Graduate School of Social Work

**Kelly Smith, DSW**  
Founder/Director Institute for Social Work and Ecological Justice

**11:15AM – 11:30AM**

#### **BREAK**

**11:30AM – 1:00PM**

#### **PLENARY SESSION**

##### **Social Work Perspectives on Environmental Racism**

**Natalie Moore-Bembry, Ed.D, MSW, LCSW**  
Assistant Professor, Rutgers School of Social Work

**Christine Morales, Ed.D., MSW, LCSW**  
Assistant Professor of Teaching and Assistant Dean of Lecturer Development

**Mariann Bischoff, MSW, MS, LCSW**  
Assistant Professor, Rutgers School of Social Work

**1:00PM – 1:15PM**

#### **BREAK**

**1:15PM – 2:45PM**

#### **CONCURRENT BREAKOUT SESSIONS**

##### **Connecting Internationally – A Macro Social Work Perspective**

**Michael Cronin, PhD, LCSW**  
Associate Professor, Monmouth University School of Social Work

##### **Grand Challenges – Social Responses to a Changing Environment**

**Amy Krings, PhD, MSW**  
Associate Professor, Ohio State University College of Social Work

**John Mathias, PhD, MSW**  
Associate Professor, Florida State University College of Social Work

##### **Addressing Mental Health/Climate Anxiety**

**Nicole Hill, MPH**  
Research and Marketing Manager, ecoAmerica

**2:45PM – 3:15PM**

**BREAK**

**3:15PM – 4:45PM**

**CONCURRENT BREAKOUT SESSIONS**

**Addressing Toxins in Our Schools, Workplaces, and Homes**

**Leah Prussia, DSW, MSW, LICSW**

Associate Professor, College of St. Scholastica

**Food and Water Insecurity**

**Andrew Lee**

General Manager & CEO, Seattle Public Utilities

**Maryam Mason**

Utility Discount Program Manager, Seattle Public Utilities

**Tess Honan**

Environmental Justice Advisor, Seattle Public Utilities

**Liz Fikejs**

Senior Waste Prevention Program Manager, Seattle Public Utilities

**Tracy Tackett**

GSI Expansion Infrastructure Initiative Manager, Seattle Public Utilities

**Environmental Health Effects in Health Care Settings**

**Lisa Patel, MD, MEd, FAAP**

Executive Director, Medical Society Consortium on Climate & Health

**4:45PM – 5:00PM**

**BREAK**

**5:00PM – 6:00PM**

**PLENARY SESSION**

**Environmental Justice and Social Work Ethics**

**Frederic G. Reamer, PhD**

Professor, Rhode Island College

**6:00PM – 6:15PM**

**CLOSING REMARKS – ADJOURN DAY ONE**

**Yvonne Chase, PhD, LCSW, ACSW**

President, NASW

Professor, University of Alaska, Anchorage

## **THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2023**

**10:00AM - 10:15AM**

**WELCOME & INTRODUCTION – DAY TWO**

**Anthony Estreet, PhD, MBA, LCSW-C**

CEO, NASW

**PARTICIPANT ENGAGEMENT**

**Raffaele Vitelli, CAE**

Vice President, Professional Education and Product Development, NASW

**10:15AM – 11:45AM**

**PLENARY SESSION –**

**Public Policy/Advocacy Engagement**

**Gabriela Santiago-Romero, MSW**

Member, Detroit City Council

**Justin Hodge, MSW**

Clinical Assistant Professor of Social Work, University of Michigan School of Social Work

**11:45AM – 12:00PM**

**BREAK**

**12:00PM – 1:30PM**

**CONCURRENT BREAKOUT SESSIONS**

**Population Displacement/Ecological Refugees**

**Altaf Husain, PhD, MSW**

Associate Professor, Howard University School of Social Work

**Community Organizing to Impact Environmental Justice**

**Ben Fulgencio-Turner, MPP, CPH**

Director, Climate for Health, ecoAmerica

**The Role of Education in Addressing Climate Change**

**Ande Nesmith, PhD, MSW**

Director and Professor, University of St. Thomas School of Social Work

**1:30PM – 2:00PM**

**BREAK**

**2:00PM – 3:30PM**

**CONCURRENT BREAKOUT SESSIONS**

**Opportunities for Social Work Jobs in Climate Justice Work**

**Sojourner White, MSW**

Remote Social Worker | Travel Creator & Journalist

**Bailey Fullwiler, MSSA, LSW**

Regional Organizer, The Climate Reality Project

**Extreme Weather Disasters – No Community is Immune**

**Anna Hayward, PhD, MSW**

Associate Professor, School of Social Welfare, Stony Brook University

**Climate Change: Social Work Tools for Resilience**

**Christina Erickson, PhD, MSW**

Professor & Chair, Augsburg University Department of Social Work

**3:30PM – 3:45PM**

**BREAK**

**3:45PM – 4:45PM**

**PLENARY SESSION –**

**Environmental Justice and Health Disparities**

**Lacey Sloan, PhD, MSSW**

Associate Professor, Auburn University at Montgomery

**Susan Cashwell, PhD, LMSW**

BSW Program Director, Auburn University at Montgomery

**Christa C. Gilliam, PhD, MSW**

Associate Professor, Morgan State University

**4:45PM – 5:00PM**

**BREAK**

**5:00PM – 6:00PM**

**CLOSING KEYNOTE PRESENTATION**

**Social Work Leadership: A Call to Action**

**Hilary Weaver, DSW**

Professor Emeritus of Social Work, University at Buffalo School of Social Work

**6:00PM – 6:15PM**

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