

Disability, Mental Wellness, and Social Justice Summer Newsletter 2025

Hello All!

We are so excited to see many of you this August at the conference!!! This will be our first conference as the Disability, Mental Wellness, and Social Justice Division. The conference is a great opportunity to share your research and meet with others who have similar interests. Information on our division-sponsored sessions including dates, times, and locations are available below. Additionally, we will be participating in the Co-Sponsored Reception Saturday, August 9th at 7:15PM in the Chicago & Price Rooms. We hope to see many of you there!

Also, just a friendly reminder, if you are planning on staying at the Conference Hotel: Palmer House, a Hilton Hotel, please be sure to book by July 25, 2025 to get the group rate. Additionally, **there is a SSSP Travel Support Session addressing travel concern being hosted virtually on Tuesday, July 29th, from 11:30AM-1:00PM Eastern Time.**

We look forward to seeing many of you in August!!!!

Division-Hosted Sessions

Title	Co-Sponsor	Date & Time	Time	Location
"The Impact of Trauma on Mental Health Mental Illness and Disability"	Social Work & Social Welfare	Friday Aug 8 th	8:30AM	Grant Park Parlor
"Diverse Families at the Margins/LGBTQ+/Parents and Children with Disabilities"		Friday Aug 8 th	12:30PM	Chicago Room
Disrupting the Norm: Mental Health, Illness, and the Law	Law & Society	Friday Aug 8 th	4:30PM	Grant Park Parlor
"Pushed to the Brink: Insurgencies, Emergency Responses, Societal Neglect and Vulnerability of People with Disabilities"		Saturday, Aug 9 th	2:30PM	Indiana Room
"Intersectionality in Action: Bridging Mental Health and Social Problems Theory to Address Complex Social Issues"	Social Problems Theory	Sunday, Aug 10 th	10:30AM	Indiana Room

Special Announcements

Announcement: Co-Chair, Faisol Olaitan won a travel grant of 2000 dollars funded by The Carter G. Woodson Institute, University of Virginia, USA to attend the **The New Directions in Black Disability Studies Conference** in the University of Virginia on April 25, 2025. It was a conference where different multidisciplinary scholars converged to discuss all kinds of issues on disability matters. It was awesome and educative.

Co-Chair Election Coming Up!

We are now accepting nominations for the 2025-2027 Co-Chair for the Division! Please reach out to Melinda Maconi (melinda.maconi@moffitt.org) and Michele Kootnz (mkoontz3@utk.edu) to submit a nomination!