

Third Annual Military Social Work Conference
Strengthening Military Families Through Effective Community Practice
September 16-18, 2015

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The conference has been developed with session tracks for clinical social work and higher education professionals. Please see schedule for details on sessions and locations.

CONFERENCE SPECIAL EVENTS

Military Social Work Conference Resource Fair Thursday and Friday in Thompson Conference Center Lobby

Representatives from the following organizations will be available to share information and materials

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Military Conference Reception and Poster Presentation Session

LBJ Presidential Library Great Hall
Thursday, September 16 • 5:30 – 7:30 p.m.

View Conference Presenter Poster Presentations
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Enjoy Texas cuisine and complimentary beverages

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Attendees will be able to browse the Library's collection, highlighting the life and times of
Lyndon Baines Johnson
One of our nation's most fascinating presidents whose administration was highlighted by
The War on Poverty, Voting Rights Act, and the Vietnam War

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Also on view: **Ladies and Gentlemen...The Beatles!**
A traveling exhibit that explores the impact The Beatles have made on American pop culture

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Schedule at a Glance

Wednesday, September 16, 2015

7:15 a.m. – 8:00 a.m.	Registration and Continental Breakfast (Lobby)
8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.	Pre-Conference Institute: Room 2.102 <i>Brief Cognitive Behavioral Therapy for the Prevention of Suicide Attempts in Veterans</i> (Bryan)
2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.	Pre-Conference Institute: Room 2.120 <i>Uniformed Military Social Work: Culture and Contemporary Issues</i> (Adams, Colasanti and Lewis)

Thursday, September 17, 2015

7:15 a.m. – 8:00 a.m.	Registration and Continental Breakfast: Lobby			
8:00 a.m. – 9:15 a.m.	Conference Welcome and Keynote (Robichaux): Auditorium			
	Clinical Track			Higher Education Track
	Room 2.102	Room 2.120	Room 3.102	Room 2.110
9:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.	Session 1: <i>Working with Military Children and Families: What Providers Need to Know</i> (Johnson)	Session 2: <i>Filling the Gaps for Families of Fallen</i> (Steen, George)	Session 3*: <i>Marital Armistice: Stopping Domestic Violence, Healing Relationships: Collaboration, Innovation, Transformation</i> (Minto)	Session A: <i>Building Bridges to Reintegration: The Importance of Partnerships Between Universities and Community Agencies</i> (McCasland, Davis, Blake)
11:15 a.m. – 12:45 p.m.	Session 4: <i>Sleep in the Military: Impact, Assessment, and Intervention</i> (Williams, Pruiksma)	Session 5: <i>Effects of Mindfulness Practice on Veterans with Comorbid Posttraumatic Stress Disorder and Traumatic Brain Injury</i> (Kuboy)		Session B: <i>Force Multipliers: Strategies for Successful Integration of VA Services into Campus Veterans Organizations</i> (Passi, Brown)
12:45 p.m. – 1:45 p.m.	Lunch – Pick up box lunches in lobby: Enjoy in 2.102 or Under the Oaks Dining Room or outside in courtyard			
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1:45 p.m. – 3:15 p.m.	Session 6: <i>Justice for Veterans: Efficacy of Veteran-centric Treatment with Legally Involved Veterans</i> (Witherell, Cafferty)	Session 7: <i>Military Couples and Reintegration: Solution-Focused and Behavioral Interventions</i> (Canfield, Weiss)	Session 8*: <i>Prolonged Exposure Therapy for Combat-related PTSD</i> (Fina, Hall-Clark)	Session C: <i>Closing the Gap in Educating MSWs for Serving Student Veterans on Campus</i> (Selber, Chavkin, Garcia Biggs, Russell)
3:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.	Session 9: <i>Compassionate Care for Mental Health Personnel Treating Sexual Assault Victims</i> (Travis, Foster, Oliver, Winnick)	Session 10: <i>Integrating Peer Support Strategies for Veterans and Family Members Facing Community Difficulties: Lessons Learned From a Statewide Pilot Program</i> (Hardiman, Fletcher)		Session D: <i>A National Military Immersion Course: A Focus on Military Policy and Practice</i> (Stone, Weiss)
5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.	Conference Poster Reception – LBJ Library and Museum			

* Sessions 3, 8, and 13 are three hours and will include breaks

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8:00 a.m. – 9:30 p.m.	Session 11: Military Culture and Combat Stress on Veteran Reintegration: An Educational & Legal-Ethical Guide for Civilian Social Workers (Weiss, Coll) (1.5 ethics CEUs)	Session 12: Fostering Compassion and Communication: Mindfulness-based Approaches with Veteran Couples (Uebel, Smith)	Session 13*: Cognitive Interventions for Moral Injury and Traumatic Loss (Dondanville, Pruiksmma)	Session E: Supporting Student Veterans-Keys to Academic Success (Olsen, Dotson)
9:45 a.m. – 11:15 a.m.	Session 14: Helping Families Support Their Children Through Deployment (Wade)	Session 15: Pursuit of Happiness (Jones)		Session F: Serving Those Who Served: An Integrative Model for Student Veterans on Campus (O'Connor, Armstrong)
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12:30 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.	Session 16: The Suicidal Military Client: Implications for Assessment and Treatment (Stone)	Session 17: Panel: Understanding the Experiences of Military and Veteran Spouses (Borah, Benedit, Cole, Hegar, Thomas,)	Session 18: Engaging Resistant Combat Veterans in Mental Health Treatment (Payne)	Session G: Student Veterans in the Classroom (Strong)
2:15 p.m. – 3:45 p.m.		Session 19: Reintegrating America's Returning Warriors & the Subtleties of Reintegration: A Cultural "Boot Camp" for Providers (Yarvis)	Session 20: Strong Families Strong Forces: Working with Military Parents and their Young Children (DeVoe, Dondanville)	Session H: Relationship in the Context of Mission: A Panel Discussion About The Experience and Impact of University of Texas Faculty, Staff, and Student Veterans Working Together To Advocate For Veterans On Campus (Moe, Burris, Gunderson, Hamilton, Johnson, Smith Pangle, Voss, Yoder)
3:50 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.	Closing Remarks (Keller) and Evaluation: Auditorium			

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Third Annual Military Social Work Conference Schedule

Wednesday September 16, 2015

Pre-Conference Institutes:

8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. **Room 2.102**

Craig Bryan, PsyD, ABPP, Executive Director, National Center for Veterans Studies, Salt Lake City, UT

Brief Cognitive Behavioral Therapy for the Prevention of Suicide Attempts in Veterans

(Separate \$50 registration fee; limited to 50 registrants)

Brief Cognitive Behavioral Therapy (BCBT) is a 12-session outpatient psychological treatment that reduces subsequent suicide attempts by half. The treatment proceeds through three stages: (1) crisis management, focused on behavioral strategies for managing emotional distress; (2) cognitive restructuring, focused on dismantling the suicidal belief system; and (3) relapse prevention, focused on behavioral rehearsal of emotion regulation and problem solving. The workshop is designed to provide participants with an introductory understanding of the treatment.

2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. **Room 2.120**

Panel Presentation: CAPT Barry Adams, PhD, USN, Col Marie Colasanti, LCSW, USAF, BSC, and COL Steve Lewis, PhD., MS, USA

Uniformed Military Social Work: Culture and Contemporary Issues

(No cost to attend; please register in advance)

While military social work strives to operate increasingly in a collaborative Joint Service environment, each service branch values and respects its own traditional culture and values as it respects the culture and nuanced characteristics of sister services. In this presentation, senior uniformed social workers representing the Army, Air Force, and Navy present unique cultural information pertaining to each service and address clinical and operational issues and strategies from each service's perspective.

Thursday September 17, 2015

7:15 – 8:00 a.m. **Lobby**

Registration and Resource Fair.

Continental Breakfast Sponsored by Cedar Crest Hospital (Belton, TX)

8:00 – 9:15 a.m. **Auditorium**

Opening Session

Conference Welcome and Keynote Introduction

Conference Committee

Admiral William H. McRaven, (Ret.), Chancellor, The University of Texas System

Keynote Speaker: René J. Robichaux, PhD, LCSW, Social Work Programs Manager, Behavioral Health Division, U.S. Army Medical Command

Keynote Address: 73 years of Military Social Work

How important is the work that we do? Who benefits from our work? How far have we come? Where do we need to go? Learn about contributions made by social workers throughout the history of military social work, and how these have led to current policies and practices designed to ameliorate the psychological consequences of years of war and family separations. The response to the question of "where do we need to go?" will be drawn from findings from a recent RAND study on community-based provider capacity to deliver culturally competent, quality mental health care to veterans and their families.

Thursday: Clinical Track Sessions

9:30 – 11:00 a.m. **Room 2.102**

Session 1: Gretchen Johnson, LCSW

Working with Military Children and Families: What Providers Need to Know

This interactive presentation will examine the unique challenges found among children and family members of military personnel and veterans. Participants will learn play therapy and family therapy techniques for issues related to grief, anxiety, trauma, and school challenges. Attention will be given to partnering with the family system to foster resilience and connection, as well as understanding the characteristics of a PTSD impacted family.

9:30 – 11:00 a.m. Room 2.120

Session 2: April Steen, LCSW, CCTP, Stephanie George, LCSW

Filling the Gaps for Families of Fallen

In order to fully serve military families, professionals and educators need to take into consideration the need for specialized advocacy. In addition, professionals and educators need to be aware of the resources available to partner with and continue the professionalization of social workers. This workshop will discuss the key concerns when advocating for families of fallen service members. Several components will be addressed including relationship building, overcoming barriers, and partnering with other organizations.

9:30 a.m. – 12:45 p.m. Room 3.102

Session 3: Tad Minto, LCSW

Marital Armistice: Stopping Domestic Violence, Healing Relationships: Collaboration, Innovation, Transformation

This presentation will educate social workers regarding evidence-based practice to treat domestic violence and healing relationships of veterans with their spouses and children. Texas has one of the largest veterans populations in the nation. The themes of Collaboration, Innovation, and Transformation will be woven throughout the presentation. Evidence-based treatment and understanding of domestic violence will be discussed in the context of treating veterans and their families. The impact on Texas veterans and Texas communities suggests the need for advocacy. Transformation of veterans, their families, and the communities in which they reside will naturally follow.

11:00 – 11:15 a.m. Lobby

Morning Coffee Break and Resource Fair

11:15 a.m. – 12:45 p.m. Room 2.102

Session 4: Jacob Williams, PhD, Kristi Pruiksma, PhD

Sleep in the Military: Impact, Assessment, and Intervention

This presentation is a knowledge and skill-based workshop designed to teach assessment and psychological treatment for sleep disorders among service members and their families. Education will address the role of sleep in mental health conditions including PTSD, anxiety, and depression. The presentation leaders will model techniques, integrate research, and share case experiences. Video clips will be shown to demonstrate the application of strategies. Participants will be asked to take part in discussion and role-plays.

11:15 a.m. – 12:45 p.m. Room 2.120

Session 5: Marcus Kuboy

Effects of Mindfulness Practice on Veterans with Comorbid Posttraumatic Stress Disorder and Traumatic Brain Injury

This presentation explains the effects that mindfulness-based interventions can have on quality of life for veterans with both posttraumatic stress disorder (PTSD) and traumatic brain injury (TBI). It is based on the professional opinions of mental health therapists who use mindfulness-based practices with persons who have sustained a TBI and/or have been diagnosed with PTSD.

12:30 – 1.45 p.m. Lobby

Lunch Sponsored by Rock Springs Hospital (Georgetown, TX)

1:45 – 3:15 p.m. Room 2.102

Session 6: Leslie Witherell, MSW, LISW-S, Joseph Cafferty, MSW, LSW

Justice for Veterans: A Look at Legally Involved Veterans and the Efficacy of Veteran-Centric Treatment With This Population

Presently 10% of those incarcerated are veterans. In 2004 the VA Office of Mental Health Services recommended a system-wide outreach to incarcerated veterans. In 2009 the Veteran Justice Outreach program was initiated. This presentation will focus on how the VJO program and mental health treatment provide success while working in concert with various courts and law enforcement personnel. It is germane to community mental health as the VA reduces the financial burden on the community resources.

1:45 – 3:15 p.m. Room 2.120

Session 7: Julie Canfield, PhD, Eugenia L. Weiss, PsyD, LCSW

Military Couples and Reintegration: Solution-Focused and Behavioral Interventions

This presentation will explore some of the basic techniques utilized in behavioral therapy where emotional relating is taught and encouraged, through the use of reading the other person's behavioral cues in addition to verbal cues for what is being communicated. The presentation will utilize a solution-focused approach in working with military couples that encourages developing treatment plans with measurable goals and the use of ongoing scaling techniques for measuring relationship satisfaction.

1:45 – 5:00 p.m. Room 3.102

Session 8: Brooke Fina, LCSW, Brittany Hall-Clark, PhD

Prolonged Exposure Therapy for Combat-Related PTSD

Workshop attendees will develop clinical skills for conducting Prolonged Exposure (PE) Therapy with service members. The session will focus on primary techniques in PE: (1) imaginal exposure followed by emotional processing and (2) *in vivo* exposure. We will identify unique challenges in treatment with service members and provide guidance on navigating these issues within the PE protocol. It is preferred that attendees have some knowledge of exposure techniques or PE, but this is not required.

3:15 – 3:30 p.m. Lobby

Resource Fair. Break Refreshments Sponsored by Meridell Achievement Center (Liberty Hill, TX)

3:30 – 5:00 p.m. Room 2.102

Session 9: Lt Col Wendy Travis, PhD, Lt Col Rachel Foster, PhD, Maj Mark Oliver, PhD, Joel Winnick, PhD
Compassionate Care for Mental Health Personnel Treating Sexual Assault Victims,

Providing compassionate care to victims of sexual assault is sometimes a challenging task for mental health personnel. This experiential and interactive training utilizes current research to promote best practices in providing care to victims. Participants will learn basic knowledge about sexual assault trauma and will apply these concepts to all stages of the victim's experience. Additional topics include: preventing re-victimization, dispelling myths regarding sexual assault, self-evaluation of personal biases, and self-care for providers.

3:30 – 5:00 p.m. Room 2.120

Session 10: Eric Hardiman, PhD, Samantha Fletcher, MSW

Integrating Peer Support Strategies for Veterans and Family Members Facing Community Difficulties: Lessons Learned From a Statewide Pilot Program PEER SUPPORT

This workshop will present empirical findings from a statewide program evaluation in New York to identify best practices for integrating peer support in the veteran community. It will highlight the benefits and challenges associated with utilizing peer support to engage veterans in substance abuse, mental health, and trauma treatment services. Outreach, family engagement, and community partnership will also be emphasized as strategies to promote health supportive communities for veterans and military personnel.

Thursday: Military Social Work Higher Education Track Sessions

9:30 – 11:00 a.m. Room 2.110

Session A: Don McCasland, LMSW-CCTP, Mary Fran Davis, LCSW, Michelle Emery Blake, PhD, LCSW

Building Bridges to Reintegration: The Importance of Partnerships Between Universities and Community Agencies

Clarksville, Tennessee and Austin Peay State University (APSU) are adjacent to Fort Campbell, home of the 101st Airborne Division. Soldiers and Families Embraced (SAFE) was formed to provide services to military families and a partnership developed with the Social Work Department at APSU. This presentation provides the history and description of SAFE's organization and programming, the collaboration with APSU and the educational opportunities afforded the students.

11:00 – 11:15 a.m. Lobby

Morning Coffee Break and Resource Fair

11:15 a.m. 12:45 p.m. **Room 2.110**

Session B: Holly Passi, PsyD, Scott M. Stratton, BS

Force multipliers: Strategies for successful integration of VA services into campus veterans' organizations

This presentation will be a case study exploring effective strategies for outreaching, engaging, and supporting veteran academic success in higher education. The presentation will describe the partnership between Jesse Brown VA Medical Center's VITAL Student Veteran Outreach Program and the DeVry Military Resource Club (DMRC) in Addison, Illinois. The presentation will delineate how VITAL and the DMRC work together to increase veteran engagement and reduce barriers to resource utilization, including tactics to de-stigmatize help-seeking behaviors.

12:45 – 1.45 p.m. **Lobby**

Lunch Sponsored by Rock Springs Hospital (Georgetown, TX)

1:45 – 3:15 p.m. **Room 2.110**

Session C: Katherine Selber, PhD, Nancy Chavkin, PhD, Mary Jo Garcia Biggs, PhD, Amy Russell, PhD

Closing the Gap in Educating MSWs for Serving Student Veterans on Campus

This presentation focuses on a model for working on college campuses with student veterans and how to blend the training of social work students with this mission. Results from two federal grants for training MSWs will be presented and an overview of services provided to the student veteran population will be provided. Data on training and student outcomes, needs of student veterans and services provided will be presented.

3:15 – 3:30 p.m. **Lobby**

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3:30 – 5:30 p.m. **Room 2.110**

Session D: Fred Stone, PhD, MSW, Eugenia Weiss, PsyD, LCSW

A National Military Immersion Course: A Focus on Military Policy and Practice,

This presentation discusses an immersion program and study in military social work for students across the nation from a university located in the southwestern part of the United States. The course was a hybrid or blended framework, where students participated online for three weeks and had an on-ground visit to Washington, DC for one week. Evaluations of student progress on learning objectives are discussed.

5:30 – 7:30 p.m. **LBJ Presidential Library Great Hall**

Conference Reception and Poster Session

View an array of conference poster presentations and enjoy refreshments and beverages. Attendees will also be able to browse the Library's collection, highlighting the life and times of one of our nation's most fascinating presidents and the era of his administration—the turbulent 1960's. Also on view is *Ladies and Gentlemen...The Beatles!* – a traveling exhibit that explores the impact The Beatles have had on American pop culture.

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7:15 – 8:00 a.m. **Lobby**

Registration, Continental Breakfast and Resource Fair

Friday: Clinical Track Sessions

8:00 – 9:30 a.m. **Room 2.102**

Session 11: Eugenia L. Weiss, PsyD, LCSW, Jose E. Coll, PhD, MSW

Military Culture and Combat Stress on Veteran Reintegration: An Educational & Legal-Ethical Guide for Civilian Social Workers

Military lifestyle, culture and combat exposure can lead service members to experience adjustment problems upon reentry into society. Civilian social workers assisting veterans with community and family reintegration need to be educated on military culture and the impact of combat on veterans' mental health as they transition out of the military and into society. The presentation will have an emphasis on legal and ethical practices and decision making with the use of veteran case studies.

8:00 – 9:30 a.m. **Room 2.120**

Session 12: Michael Uebel, PhD, LCSW, Pamela Smith, PhD

Fostering Compassion and Communication: Mindfulness-based Approaches with Veteran Couples

This presentation will showcase the change mechanisms of mindfulness-based approaches, as rooted in the empirically based treatments Mindfulness-based Cognitive Therapy (MBCT) and Mindfulness-based Stress Reduction (MBSR). With a focus on veterans and their spouses/partners, the presenters will share their qualitative experience co-facilitating groups for veteran couples, as built around selected mindfulness themes: non-permanence, the value of pausing, non-judgment, psychological flexibility, compassion for others and self-compassion, loving-kindness, mindful speech and mindful listening, and awareness of interdependence.

8:00 – 11:15 a.m. **Room 3.102**

Session 13: Katy Dondanville, PsyD, ABPP, Kristi Pruiksmas, PhD

Cognitive Interventions for Moral Injury and Traumatic Loss

This presentation is a skill-based workshop designed to teach cognitive interventions for concerns related to Moral Injury and Traumatic Loss with veterans and active duty service members. Strategies will be applicable across multiple diagnoses and treatment modalities. The presentation leaders will model techniques, integrate research, and share case experiences. Video clips will be shown to demonstrate the application of cognitive strategies. Participants will be asked to take part in partially scripted and unscripted role-plays.

9:30 – 9:45 **Lobby**

Morning Coffee Break and Resource Fair

9:45 – 11:15 a.m. **Room 2.102**

Session 14: Aubrie Wade, LMFT

Helping Families Support Their Children Through Deployment

Military families face many hardships, from moving every two years to dealing with deployments. Kids of different ages react in a variety of ways to temporarily losing one or both parents. This presentation seeks to assist professionals working with military families to be better equipped to support them in being successful parents.

9:45 – 11:15 a.m. **Room 2.120**

Session 15: Mindy Jones, LCSW

Pursuit of Happiness

Pursuit of Happiness is a 12-week group offered in the PRRC at the Albuquerque, VA that incorporates solution focused brief therapy and a recovery approach to strengthen personal well-being and resilience. The presentation will cover some of the course material including scientific research on increasing positive emotions, emotional well-being, improving relationships, meaning, and purpose. The presentation will also guide audience members through developing a “Happiness Formula” for themselves.

11:15 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. **Lobby**

Lunch Sponsored by Rock Springs Hospital (Georgetown, TX)

12:30 – 2:00 p.m. **Room 2.102**

Session 16: Fred Stone, PhD, MSSW, MPA

The Suicidal Military Client: Implications for Assessment and Treatment

This presentation will examine how to assess and treat a suicidal client who is a member of the United States military or a veteran. It will include a discussion of risk factors associated with suicide among military members and veterans. The presentation will also examine the elements of a structured suicide assessment including specific elements that must be considered when working with military-related clients. Evidence-based interventions for treating these clients will be examined as well as issues of transference, counter transference, and ethics.

12:30 – 2:00 p.m. **Room 2.120**

Session 17:

Elisa Borah, PhD (moderator), Misty Benedit, LMSW, Brandie Cole, LCSW, Brandon Hegar, and Jamie Thomas

Panel: Understanding the Experiences of Military and Veteran Spouses

A panel of spouses of active duty and veteran service members from various military branches will share their perspectives on military and veteran life. They will discuss both the stressors and rewards associated with various stages, including transitioning from military service to civilian life. They will address the impact of military life on their children and marriage. They will be asked to share their views regarding the types of community supports and programming that would most benefit them and their families. Sufficient time for questions from the panel audience will be provided.

12:30 – 2:00 p.m. **Room 3.102**

Session 18: Lena Payne, LCSW

Engaging Resistant Combat Veterans in Mental Health Treatment

Given the number of returning combat veterans with transitional and/or mental health issues, clinicians need effective tools to engage this specific population. This presentation provides a blueprint for developing an effective clinician/peer co-facilitated group designed to engage and connect combat veterans most resistant to treatment. This model is currently being utilized at the Loma Linda VA Medical Center.

2:00 – 2:15 p.m. **Lobby**

Resource Fair. Refreshments Sponsored by Reasons Eating Disorder Center (Rosemead, CA)

2:15 – 3:45 p.m. **Room 2.120**

Session 19: COL Jeffrey S. Yarvis, PhD, LCSW, BCD, ACSW

Reintegrating America's Returning Warriors & the Subtleties of Reintegration: A Cultural "Boot Camp" for Providers

Posttraumatic stress disorder (PTSD) is a serious problem for the military and for social workers involved with such clients. Clinical impressions have made it increasingly clear that soldiers serving in combat may experience harmful personal consequences for mental health and well-being. The research in this field focuses primarily on the presence of posttraumatic stress disorder and traumatic brain injury and their respective taxonomies. What are often lost are the stories of these men and women and the intimacy issues that each of us faces on the journey from deployment to reintegration.

2:15 – 3:45 p.m. **Room 3.102**

Session 20: Ellen DeVoe, PhD, Katy Dondanville, PsyD, ABPP

Strong Families Strong Forces: Working with Military Parents and their Young Children

Strong Families is a home-based reflective parenting program for reintegrating service members and their families with young children. Parental reflective functioning (RF) is a primary target of intervention. Strong Families includes 8 modules, each with a specific theme. In this presentation, the Strong Families program model and its implementation will be discussed in detail using rich case material, qualitative excerpts from participants and observations from practitioners who delivered the program.

Friday: Military Social Work Higher Education Track Sessions

8:00 – 9:30 a.m. **Room 2.110**

Session E: Tim Olsen, Lieutenant Colonel (Ret.) Anthony Dotson

Supporting Student Veterans: Keys to Academic Success

This presentation will review current research regarding the needs and current best practices for supporting student-veterans. Original qualitative research conducted by the presenters will be discussed. Case studies of current successful student-veteran support programs at the University of Kentucky will be highlighted, including a transition course for student-veterans, a student-led veterans organization, and a full-time staff position for supporting veterans. Opportunity for dialogue regarding potential future efforts between presenters and attendees will be provided.

9:30 – 9:45 a.m. **Lobby**

Morning Coffee Break and Resource Fair

9:45 – 11:15 a.m. Room 2.110

Session F: Ashley O'Connor MSW, Keith Armstrong, LCSW

Serving Those Who Served: An Integrative Model for Student Veterans on Campus

The San Francisco VA and City College of San Francisco developed a program to conduct outreach to student veterans, deliver empirically validated mental health treatment, train faculty and administrative staff on veterans' issues, and provide social work and care coordination services on campus. We will share research findings on the program and provide a conceptualization and replicable model of care for student Veterans on college campuses across the country.

11:15 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. Lobby

Lunch Sponsored by Rock Springs Hospital (Georgetown, TX)

12:30 – 2:00 p.m. Room 2.110

Session G: Jessica Strong, PhD, MSW

Student Veterans in the Classroom

This presentation is designed to help educators who will work with and teach military affiliated students to become sensitive to and understand the challenges this population faces while adjusting to a classroom environment. Integrating survey research on a student panel conducted with current UNCW students, as well as a review of best practices from faculty who regularly work with military-affiliated students, the session will help participants identify and implement policies and techniques to help these military-affiliated students succeed.

2:00 – 2:15 p.m. Lobby

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Session H: Jeffrey Moe, PhD (Moderator), Kimberly Burris, Jeremiah Gunderson, MA, Dan Hamilton, Lorraine Smith Pangle, PhD, Tanya Voss, LCSW, Linda Yoder, PhD

Relationship in the Context of Mission: A Panel Discussion About The Experience and Impact of University of Texas Faculty, Staff, and Student Veterans Working Together To Advocate For Veterans On Campus

The University of Texas at Austin's Veteran Advisory Council was founded in August 2014 with the goals of developing a mutual understanding between veterans and the university community, advising veteran-centered programs and services, and integrating veteran leaders into the service of our campus, our community, and our nation. In order to implement the first stage of its mission, the council started an outreach program called "The Conversation," a space where faculty of various departments and student veterans could speak freely about the readjustment experience as well as perceived stigma that can affect veterans' educational experience. As of July 2015, faculty, staff, and student veterans are now working together in the areas of policy advocacy and leadership integration.

3:50 – 4:30 p.m. Auditorium

Closing Session

Lieutenant Colonel Nathan Keller, LCSW, PhD, Director of Treatment Programs for the United States Disciplinary Barracks (USDB) and the Joint Regional Correctional Facility (JRCF), Fort Leavenworth, KS

Presenter Biographies

Keith Armstrong, LCSW has been working with veterans for over 25 years. He holds multiple titles at the SFVA including Director of VA Mental Health Social Work and Director of the VA Veterans Outreach Program. He is active in setting up college outreach programs for student veterans.

Michelle Emery Blake, PhD, LCSW is an Assistant Professor of Social Work at APSU and is the MSW Coordinator and Field Director. She serves on the Clinical Advisory Committee at SAFE.

Misty Benedit, LMSW served in the Marine Corps for nine years and has been married to an active duty Marine for 13 years. Her husband has deployed 11 times and the family has moved every 2-3 years since 1999. They have two children, ages 15 and 10. Misty currently works for the MVPN as a Field Clinician seeing Veterans for individual, family, and group counseling, in addition to conducting military informed care training for the Dallas and Fort Worth areas. She has worked in several capacities including substance abuse prevention/education, suicide prevention/education (overseas), federal officer (federal prison), and a probation officer work with the Veteran Division Court Programs for Tarrant, Denton, and Dallas counties

Elisa Borah, MSW, PhD is a Research Associate at the Texas Institute for Excellence in Mental Health at the School of Social Work at the University of Texas at Austin. She previously worked for the University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio as the Director of Research at the Ft. Hood, Texas STRONG STAR site where she managed a Department of Defense-funded clinical trials research clinic. Dr. Borah previously worked at the Urban Institute in Washington, D.C. designing federally funded performance measurement systems and as a Research Associate at the University of Hawaii, School of Social Work. She is the spouse of an Army veteran who continues to serve soldiers through mental health practice at the Department of Veterans' Affairs.

Kimberly Burris grew up in Deer Park, Texas. She served for four years as an Aviation Ordnance Technician in the Marine Corps, spending the majority of her enlistment stationed in Japan. She is currently a junior at UT Austin studying history and education. She has been involved in the UT Veterans Advisory Council since January 2015 and serves as a team member for the UT Student Veterans Association and the Women's Veterans Support Group.

Joe Cafferty, MSW, LSW is a provider with the Ann Arbor Healthcare system as well as a combat veteran during the Iraqi Freedom engagements. Mr. Cafferty is trained in various VA approved evidence based treatment modalities.

Julie Canfield, PhD focuses on improving the strength and resiliency of service members, veterans, and military families. She developed and teaches two military social work courses at Boston College, researches and writes on the topic, and provides psychological health services to the Massachusetts Army National Guard.

Brandie Cole, LCSW has been an Army wife for the past 7 years. Her husband, Jarrod, has been deployed twice, to Iraq and to Kuwait. Together, Brandie and Jarrod have 3 dogs and live in South Austin. Brandie maintains a private practice in Austin, TX. She has spent many years volunteering with organizations that serve military members and their families.

Jose E. Coll, PhD, MSW is director of the Office of Veteran Student Services at Saint Leo University. Dr. Coll was at the University of Southern California, School of Social Work as Director of the San Diego Academic Center Military Social Work program and is a Marine Corps Veteran. Dr. Coll is an ACE Fellow 2014-2015. He is the co-editor of the *Handbook of Military Social Work* and co-author of *A Civilian Counselor's Primer for Counseling Veterans*.

Mary Fran Davis, LCSW is an instructor and chair of the social work department at Austin Peay State University. She serves on the board and the clinical advisory committee of Soldiers And Families Embraced (SAFE) in Clarksville, TN.

Ellen DeVoe, PhD is an Associate Professor and Director of the PhD Program in Social Work at Boston University. Her scholarship addresses the impact of trauma and violence exposure upon children, parenting, and parent-child relationships, and the development of family-based approaches to mitigate these effects. Since the September 11th, 2001 attacks, Dr. DeVoe has focused on families affected by the disaster and military families who have served in our post-9/11 conflicts. She is the Principal Investigator and lead developer of the Strong Families Strong Forces Reintegration Program, funded by the Department of Defense.

Katy Dondanville, PsyD, ABPP is an Assistant Professor and a Licensed Clinical Psychologist. Dr. Dondanville is board certified in Cognitive and Behavioral Psychology. Dr. Dondanville serves as the Chief of Psychology for the STRONG STAR Multidisciplinary PTSD Research Consortium at Fort Hood in Killeen, Texas where she oversees the clinical operations of clinical treatment trials with active duty service members with PTSD. Dr. Dondanville has had extensive training and is nationally certified in individual and group Cognitive Processing Therapy for PTSD and in Cognitive Behavioral Therapy for Insomnia. She has extensive clinical experience working with both veterans and active duty service members.

Lieutenant Colonel (Ret) Anthony Dotson is a 26-year veteran of the U.S. Army and the director of Syracuse University's Veterans Resource Center. He has been teaching veterans' transition since 2007. He is currently enrolled in his terminal degree program at University of Kentucky in Educational Leadership, with a focus on student veteran retention.

Brooke Fina, LCSW is an Assistant Professor within the Department of Psychiatry at The University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio and a research therapist for STRONG STAR. She specializes in Prolonged Exposure Therapy (PE) for combat-related PTSD, has extensive training, and is nationally recognized as a certified PE therapist and PE supervisor through The University of Pennsylvania Center for the Treatment and Study of Anxiety.

Samantha Fletcher, MSW is a PhD student in Social Welfare at University of Albany – SUNY, who is currently coordinating the program evaluation of a New York state peer support program for veterans.

Lieutenant Colonel Rachel E. Foster, PhD is a clinical social worker and Air Force Surgeon General Advisor at the Headquarters Air Force Sexual Assault Prevention and Response (SAPR) Office.

Stephanie George, LCSW has been a Clinical Assistant Professor of field education at the USC School of Social Work since 2013. Prior to her field education post, Ms. George was employed with the Department of Veteran Affairs for over 9 years, where she last served as the Clinical Project Coordinator for the National Center on Homelessness among Veterans. Ms. George is currently pursuing a Doctorate of Education in Organizational Change and Leadership at the Rossier School of Education, University of Southern California.

Jeremiah Gunderson, M.A. is the Director of Student Veteran Services at The University of Texas at Austin. Jeremiah was born and raised in West Michigan before he joined the U.S. Army in 2003. Jeremiah served six years as a Combat Medic in the Army, all of which was spent in the 4th Infantry Division out of Fort Hood, Texas. Jeremiah served two tours in Iraq in Samarra in 2003-04 and Taji in 2005-06 in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. Prior to his work at UT Austin, he was the Fort Hood team lead in charge of VA benefits briefing under the V.O.W. Act. Mr. Gunderson also facilitated the Fort Hood Suicide Prevention Program working with up to 800 soldiers per week.

Brittany Hall-Clark, PhD is an Assistant Professor at the University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio and a research therapist for STRONG STAR. She treats active duty soldiers in several randomized clinical trials and specializes in Prolonged Exposure Therapy (PE) for combat-related PTSD. Her research interests include culturally competent treatment, cultural variables in mental health, and racial/ethnic differences in PTSD.

Dan Hamilton is currently a junior studying international relations and global studies at The University of Texas at Austin, and has been an active part of the veteran community at the university. Before enrolling in college, Dan served in the United States Marine Corps, deploying to both Iraq and Afghanistan. He also served in a prestigious assignment as part of the White House Communications Agency. After graduation, Dan would like to continue his service by working in the field of global security.

Eric Hardiman, PhD, Associate Professor at the School of Social Welfare at University at Albany – SUNY, conducts research on peer-delivered support interventions across populations, including mental health, homelessness, disaster relief, urban violence, and veterans. He has also studied mental health and disaster relief in New York City following 9/11, and in Indonesia following the 2004 tsunami. He is currently conducting a statewide program evaluation of peer support services for veterans facing post-traumatic stress disorder symptoms and other challenges in New York state.

Brandon Hegar is married to Major Mary Jennings, who served as a pilot in the US Air Force early in their marriage. He was born and raised in Austin, Texas, and his passion for and talent in music led him to serve as the Drum Major of his high school band, attend Baylor University on a music scholarship, and eventually teach music to high school and junior high school students. Brandon was later hired by Dell Computers in Round Rock, Texas, and has found success in sales and marketing. He also began a music licensing company, Shuttle Debris Music, and his own music has appeared on the popular television show, *The Middle*. He continues writing music from his home in Round Rock.

Gretchen Johnson, LCSW is currently an adult and child therapist with military personnel, veterans, and their family members at the Samaritan Center's Hope for Heroes program. She is also on the board of the Hill Country Chapter of the Texas Association of Play Therapy. She has worked in a variety of settings, including a residential center for children and adolescent survivors of abuse and neglect and an outpatient unit for adults with chronic physical and mental disabilities. As the daughter of a veteran, Gretchen complements her professional expertise with personal insights on military culture. Her specialties include PTSD and trauma, anxiety, attachment, grief and loss, and adjustment with military and non-military individuals.

Jeff Johnson retired from the United States Marine Corps after 20 years of service in 2013 and began his undergraduate studies in Kinesiology at the University of Texas in the spring semester of 2014. He has been involved with the UT Veterans Advisory Council since inception, initially appointed as the Student Veteran Lead and later elected by the members of the council to continue in that position. Jeff's goal in working with the council is to help create opportunities for veterans to use their unique skill sets to continue to give to their communities.

Mindy Jones, LCSW began working at the Albuquerque VA in the Psychosocial Rehabilitation and Recovery Center (PRRC) in December 2013, after a career in TV and film as a location manager. Since working with veterans she has completed several evidence-based trainings to assist her in better serving her clients, including Social Skills Training and Solution Focused Brief Therapy training. The PRRC offers skill-building courses to veterans in Albuquerque, including a group titled "The Pursuit of Happiness". She has previously presented at the Solution Focused Brief Therapy Association's annual conference on the Recovery Model used in the PRRC.

Sergeant Marcus Kuboy, MSW enlisted in the Minnesota National Guard as a combat medic in 2005 and deployed to Iraq in 2006. In 2007, his Humvee was struck by a roadside bomb. He sustained a traumatic brain injury and broke his feet, lower legs, lower back, left arm, and jaw. After the incident, he was hospitalized for 16 months at Walter Reed Army Medical Hospital and the Minneapolis VA. Marcus graduated in May 2015 from the University of St. Thomas/St. Catherine University in St. Paul with his Master's Degree in Social Work, with an emphasis in military practice. He is currently employed at Lutheran Social Services as a clinical social worker and CORE veteran services specialist, where he works to connect veterans with no-cost mental health services, financial counseling, and/or case management in their community.

Don McCasland, LMSW-CCTP is the Program Director and co-founder of SAFE. He retired from the Army after 21 years, and is a 3-tour Iraq Veteran of the 101st Airborne Division who works exclusively with trauma survivors.

James "Tad" Minto, LCSW is a licensed clinical social worker with 36 years of experience in family violence and mental health. He is currently providing clinical services to active duty armed services personnel and family members involved in or exposed to domestic violence. Trained in evidence-based approaches to treat trauma survivors, as well as batterer intervention and prevention, he has worked with victims and offenders of domestic violence, as well as with individuals who have experienced sexual trauma, combat trauma, and physical and psychological abuse.

Jeffrey Moe, LMSW is currently the Student Veteran Outreach Coordinator working on behalf of the US Department of Veterans Affairs at The University of Texas at Austin as a part of the Veteran Integration to Academic Leadership (VITAL) Initiative. Before entering the field of social work, Jeff served in the US Army's 82nd Airborne Division and 10th Special Forces Group as an Arabic Linguist, deploying to both Iraq and Afghanistan. In his current role, Jeff is seeking to combine his social work training and military experience to not only provide excellent clinical care to veterans on the UT campus, and to partner with UT Austin and community leadership to develop strengths-based preventive measures for student veterans at the university.

Ashley O'Connor MSW has several years of experience at different VA Medical Centers with Veterans in a social work and research capacity. She is a social work doctoral student at the University of Denver with a main focus of increasing mental health service utilization for student Veterans.

Major Mark A. Oliver, PhD is a clinical social worker and Chief of Mental Health Division Policy and Program Evaluation at the Air Force Medical Operations Agency.

Tim Olsen is a Behavioral Health Officer in the ARNG, currently working with the Lexington, VA Medical Center in the Posttraumatic Stress Disorder Clinical Team. He is a graduate of the Army's graduate school for clinical social work and is currently a doctoral student at the University of Kentucky College of Social Work.

Holly Passi, PsyD is a staff psychologist at Jesse Brown VA Medical Center in Chicago, Illinois. She is the coordinator of the VITAL Student Veteran Outreach Program. Dr. Passi received her PsyD in Clinical Psychology from Roosevelt University in 2012. Her areas of expertise include treating PTSD and a range of readjustment issues in returning veterans.

Lena Payne, LCSW is a licensed clinical social worker at the Loma Linda VA Healthcare System where she works as a team lead in an integrated Primary Care-Mental Health program. She has a background in OEF/OIF Polytrauma and TBI. She is also an adjunct lecturer at University of Southern California MSW program, Military and Veteran Sub-concentration.

Kristi Pruiksmá, PhD is an Assistant Professor and Licensed Clinical Psychologist at the University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio. She is a cognitive-behavioral research therapist for the STRONG STAR Multidisciplinary Posttraumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) Research Consortium at Fort Hood in Killeen, Texas. Dr. Pruiksmá's research and clinical interests are in the areas of PTSD and behavioral sleep medicine with a focus on insomnia and trauma-related nightmares in active duty military personnel. She has had extensive training and is nationally certified in individual and group Cognitive Processing Therapy (CPT) for PTSD, in Cognitive Behavioral Therapy for Insomnia (CBTi) and in Cognitive Behavioral Therapy for trauma-related nightmares.

Katherine Selber, PhD has led the development of Texas State University's Veterans Initiative that is now ranked nationally among four-year colleges for veteran-friendly practices. She provides technical assistance to campuses nationally on a variety of veteran related topics including developing university-based programs to serve student veterans. She also teaches a social work elective course on Helping Troops and Veterans Transition Back to Families & Community, and provides leadership for a faculty-based field unit of social work students training to work with this population. Dr. Selber has a son in the military who is now on his fifth deployment.

Lorraine Smith Pangle, PhD is Professor of Government and Co-director of the Thomas Jefferson Center for Core Texts and Ideas at The University of Texas at Austin, where she teaches political philosophy and ethics. She is author of four books, most recently *Virtue is Knowledge: The Moral Foundations of Socratic Political Philosophy*. She is a founding member of the UT Veterans Advisory Council and also is part of a grassroots initiative at The University of Texas that seeks to provide mentorship for women veterans.

April Steen, LCSW, CCTP, Doctoral Candidate, serves as Family Services Counselor for the Special Operations Warrior Foundation, where she works with the families and students to help ensure that they have professional support and guidance whenever needed. April is now completing work on her PhD in Special Education. April previously worked as an employee assistance counselor (EAP) with JP Morgan Chase and had a private practice in the Tampa Bay area. She has social work experience in a variety of areas, including schools, child welfare, and domestic violence.

Fred Stone, PhD, MSSW, MPA is a Clinical Associate Professor at the University of Southern California. Dr. Stone retired from the United States Air Force (AF) as a Colonel in October 2012 after more than 25 years of service.

Scott M. Stratton, BS is a Senior Advisor for the Addison campus of DeVry University. He served 8 years in the US Army and National Guard. In 2008, he founded the DeVry Military Resource Club, which provides a soft-landing from combat to college to career through peer support, camaraderie and professional development opportunities.

Jessica Strong, PhD, MSW is an Assistant Professor at the University of North Carolina – Wilmington. She teaches two courses on military social work in a program in which more than half of students are military-connected as veterans, military or veteran spouses, or former military spouses. Her research addresses military family issues, including parenting during and after deployment and student veterans returning to higher education. She is also a military family member; her husband is serving on active duty with the Army.

Don Sutton is an OEF/OIF Transitional Patient Advocate at the Loma Linda VA Healthcare System. He is a combat veteran with 22 years of military service as a Navy Corpsman, having served two combat tours with Marine Corps units.

Jamie Thomas moved from Dallas to Abilene, TX after marrying her husband, who was serving in the Air Force. Jamie has two sons, two daughters, and a stepson, two of whom are on the autism spectrum. Jamie's husband medically separated from the Air Force in 2011 after 14 years of service due to a knee injury, and has also been affected by PTSD and traumatic brain injury. She leads caregiver support groups through Hearts of Valor and serves as a community liaison with the National Military Family Association. She is currently pursuing her degree in social work with the goal of helping local military and special needs families. Other passions include animal assisted therapy, blogging, and supporting her children's activities, including JROTC, gymnastics, and horseback riding.

Lieutenant Colonel Wendy J. Travis, PhD is a clinical social worker and Assistant Professor at United States Air Force Academy.

Michael Uebel, PhD, LCSW and Pamela Smith, PhD are full-time mental health providers to Veterans and their families, combining 12 years of experience at the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs. Uebel is a Lecturer in the School of Social Work at UT Austin, the author of papers and books on psychological subjects including mindfulness and social work, and a psychotherapist in private practice in Austin. As a staff psychologist and Team Lead of the former Family Program, Smith has developed and implemented mental health services for Veterans and their family members. Smith has studied a range of couples' therapies including Gottman's behavioral couples therapy, Emotion Focused Couples Therapy, and Integrative Behavioral Couples Therapy. Both Uebel and Smith regularly participate in mindfulness and self-compassion trainings, and maintain mindfulness practices.

Tanya Voss, MSSW is the Assistant Dean for Field Education at the UT Austin School of Social Work. She coordinates internships for more than 400 social work undergraduate and graduate students who contribute over 200,000 hours of service learning annually in the Austin community and beyond to as far away as the Landstuhl Regional Medical Center.

Aubrie Wade, LMFT has worked with children and families in schools, clinics, and within military programming. She has also been an Army wife for over a decade and has been both a "single wife" and "single mother" through multiple deployments. Having also been a government contractor for two years as a Military Family Life Consultant, she has worked with many military families to support their children throughout the deployment cycle.

Eugenia L. Weiss, PsyD, LCSW is a California licensed clinical social worker and licensed psychologist. She is a Clinical Associate Professor at the University of Southern California (USC) School of Social Work and interim Director of the San Diego Academic Center Military Social Work Program at USC. Dr. Weiss maintained a private practice for 18 years working with military personnel and their families. She is the co-editor of the *Handbook of Military Social Work* and co-author of *A Civilian Counselor's Primer for Counseling Veterans*.

Jacob Williams, PhD is a Post-Doctoral Fellow and a Licensed Clinical Psychologist. Dr. Williams serves as a research therapist and assessor for the STRONG STAR Multidisciplinary Post-traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) Research Consortium at Fort Hood, Texas, where he provides clinical services in clinical treatment trials for active duty service members with PTSD and insomnia. Dr. Williams has extensive training in the provision of Cognitive Behavioral Therapy for insomnia and has numerous publications regarding the application of this treatment. He has extensive clinical experience working with both veterans and active duty service members.

Joel Winnick, PhD, NCSP is a Research and Evaluation Scientist for the Clearinghouse for Military Family Readiness at The Pennsylvania State University.

Leslie Witherell, MSW, LISW-S is a Veterans Justice Outreach Coordinator with the Ann Arbor Healthcare System. She previously worked for the DoD, Dept. of Army MEDDAC on the Embedded Behavioral Healthcare Team, Ft. Drum NY, 1BCT. Ms. Witherell has provided clinical work in community mental health with the forensic population during her 25 years of practice.

Colonel Jeffery Yarvis, PhD, LCSW, BCD, ACSW has been a published social work and military scholar in the field of psychological trauma for nearly 30 years, and has practiced internationally with disaster, domestic violence, child abuse, sexual abuse, accident, and war-induced trauma. He has received numerous honors for his humanitarian efforts, including 2008 Uniformed Services Social Worker of the Year, 2008 U.S. Army Social Worker of the Year, and numerous decorations including the Bronze Star Medal, Combat Action Badge, and induction into the Order of Military Medical Merit. He received the US Army's Alpha proficiency designator as a full professor and military scholar in social work. COL Yarvis is adjunct faculty for University of Southern California Military Social Work Program's Virtual Academic Center, visiting professor at the Institute for Clinical Social Work, and curriculum developer for Tulane University. He is currently Chief of the US Army's largest outpatient psychiatry service at Fort Hood, Texas.

Linda Yoder, RN, MBA, PhD, AOCN, FAAN is an Associate Professor at the School of Nursing at The University of Texas at Austin. She served 28 years in the Army Nurse Corps retiring at the rank of Colonel. Dr. Yoder serves on numerous national and international nursing boards and she continues to conduct research examining healthcare problems among active duty service members and veterans.

Military Conference Poster Presentation Session
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Thursday, September 16 • 5:30 – 7:30 p.m.

Emerald Adler, MSSW Candidate, The University of Texas at Austin
Characteristics of Incarcerated Veterans: Pathways Toward Imprisonment and Potential Points of Social Work Intervention

Daniel Farrell and Linson Bailey, HELP USA, New York, NY
HELP USA Veteran Homelessness: Historical Context, Causality, Clinically Salient Themes and a Review of Service Availability and the Federal Plan to End Veteran Homelessness

Mikayla Jacob, MSW Candidate, University of Texas at Arlington
Social Support Theory and Military PTSD: A Metatheoretical Analysis

Vic Johnson, LMSW, Darnall Army Hospital, Fort Hood, TX
Applying the Korem Profiling System to Domestic Violence

Erika King, MSW, PhD Candidate, The University of Texas at Austin
Career, Coping, Relationships, and Support Factors Impacting Career Intentions of New Parents in the Air Force: Gender Differences

Kathryn McClain-Meeder, MSW and Lisa Butler, PhD, The State University of New York at Buffalo
Enhancing the Lives of Veterans and Military Families through Practitioner Training: The University at Buffalo's Joining Forces-UB project

Donald Moncrief, MSW Candidate, University of Southern California, Los Angeles, CA
The Stress & Mental Health of Young Military-Connected Children During War

Randall Nedegaard, PhD, University of North Dakota
Promoting Military Cultural Competence Among Mental Health Professionals

Jessica Pinder, LCSW, and LaTia Russell, LCSW, Captain James A. Lovell Federal Health Care Center, North Chicago, IL
Veterans Justice Outreach: A Unique View Through the Lens of a Federal Health Care Center

Nancy Trantham Poe, PhD, MSW, James Madison University Department of Social Work
No Longer a Warrior: Theorizing Identity Beyond the Battlefield

Regina Trudy Praetorius, PhD and Warren Ponder, PhD, University of Texas at Arlington
Universal Design and the Student Veteran: Making the Face-to-face, Hybrid and Online Classroom Work

Charles Romeo, Jr., MSW, and Taryn Davis, MSW University of Southern California, San Diego, CA
Sleep Apnea in Combat Veterans

Jessica Strong, PhD, University of North Carolina – Wilmington
Reintegration Needs of Active Duty Military Families with Young Children

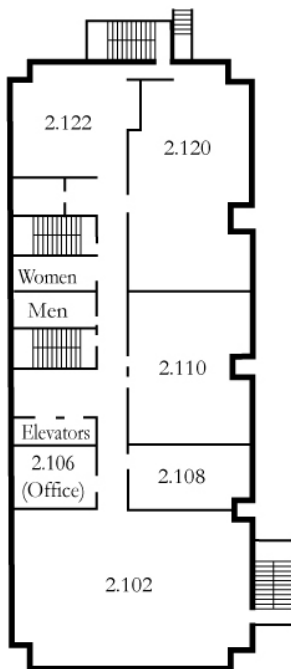
Tiia-Triin Truusa, MSW, and Andres Siplane, MSW, University of Tartu, Estonia
Shaped by Deployments: Estonian military social work

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