Thirteenth Annual MISSISSIPPI CHILD WELFARE INSTITUTE CONFERENCE

"Child Welfare: Using Cross-Cutting Strategies to Empower Families and Communities"

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February 11, 2015

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Dear Friends:

It gives me great pleasure to bring you greetings from Mississippi's Second Congressional District during your Thirteenth Annual Mississippi Child Welfare Institute Conference. I salute the School of Social Work for the work you are doing in raising awareness about child welfare issues.

I am honored to play a small part in this year's conference as you encourage and advocate community engagement. This year's theme, Child Welfare: Using Cross-Cutting Strategies to Empower Families and Communities reflects the commitment that is necessary on the part of the entire community in order to build alliances and generate public policy that will benefit all of our children and families. It is clear that our mission must be one of advocacy, good public policy and community involvement to keep our families strong.

I applaud your dedication and commitment in keeping the welfare of children and families at the forefront of the public debate and setting sound public policy. Please know that you are making a difference in dispensing good information and creating necessary dialogue through your yearly conferences. I am confident that you will renew and rededicate yourself to this ongoing fight to keep our children, families and communities safe and healthy.

You have my best wishes for a successful and engaging conference this year. Keep the Faith!

Sincerely,

Bennie G. Thompson Member of Congress

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Greetings,

On behalf of the City of Jackson, it is my absolute pleasure to welcome the Thirteenth Annual Mississippi Child Welfare Institute Conference to our great city. The heartbeat of Jackson, Mississippi, is made evident through the dedication and diligence provided by its citizens, businesses, and organizations. As a city, we commend the Jackson State University School of Social Work and we honor each of you for your dedication to service.

This celebration is an example of the excellence that is happening within our city and our state. As you enjoy the festivities, I thank you for your unwavering commitment to walk in diligence and excellence. I applaud you for your determination to be a catalyst for progress and greatness.

Whether you have come from near or far, we encourage you to indulge in the cornucopia of restaurants, museums, parks, and historic landmarks that make this city the jewel it has become. If there is any way that we can continue to support your efforts, please feel free to let us know.

Again, welcome to the great City of Jackson. We graciously appreciate your service.

Regards,

Tony T. Yarber Mayor, City of Jackson



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February 11, 2015

Dear Conference Participants:

It is indeed my pleasure to welcome you to Jackson State University and its Thirteenth Annual Mississippi Child Welfare Institute Conference sponsored by the School of Social Work, College of Public Service. The theme for this year, "*Child Welfare: Using Cross-Cutting Strategies to Empower Families and Communities*," is an excellent choice as Jackson State University advances its many initiatives with local, state, national, and global partners. We are delighted that you are participating in our conference as we work together to improve the lives of our children and youth who remain our most precious resources.

The extraordinary plenary speakers and other presenters for this year's conference will address a number of topics, providing you with an opportunity for meaningful engagement to share knowledge and skills. I invite you to take advantage of the educational and network opportunities including the many informative discussions related to evidence-based translational research and best practices for your use in work with children and families.

I also wish to thank you for selecting Jackson State and I extend my appreciation to the committee members and volunteers who have expended much time and effort to ensure a successful conference. I am certain that you will have a rewarding learning experience. If we can assist you in any way during your stay, please do not hesitate to call on us. Enjoy the Conference.

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Carolyn W. Meyers President



February 11, 2015

Dear Conference Participants:

It gives me great pleasure to bring you greetings from the Division of Academic and Student Affairs at Jackson State University. We are very pleased that you have chosen to join our faculty, students, and community partners to pursue the important agenda of working collaboratively to better the lives of vulnerable children, youth and families in communities in our state, nation and indeed, across the globe. This year's theme, "Child Welfare: Using Cross-Cutting Strategies to Empower Children and Families," incorporates our determination to use workable approaches across and between disciplines to bring the best knowledge and skills to bear on improving family and community life.

The extraordinary plenary and workshop presenters for this year's conference provide you with the opportunity to be involved in discussions on a wide range of child welfare issues to improve service delivery. I encourage you to take advantage of the research, practice, and policy sessions and the networking opportunities that will be offered. As a professional social worker myself, I am grateful for your unwavering commitment to providing quality services for vulnerable children, youth, and families.

I wish to thank the conference co-chairs, other conference planning committee members, volunteers, and partners for their time and effort to ensure that the conference is successful. I trust that you will continue your work with us to create and sustain caring communities of positive and progressive action to enhance the education, health and safety of our children and families.

Sincerely,

James C. Renick, Ph.D. Provost and Senior Vice President





February 11, 2015

Dear Conference Participants:

On behalf of the faculty, staff, and students, it is my pleasure to welcome you to the Thirteenth Annual Mississippi Child Welfare Institute Conference sponsored by the School of Social Work, College of Public Service at Jackson State University. We deeply appreciate your commitment to serving vulnerable children and families in our communities, and encourage you to engage with the outstanding

keynote speakers and other scholars and practitioners at the conference to explore best practices and policies and their effective implementation. This year, we continue our faculty, student, and staff development activities in the forms of research, practice initiatives, and policy imperatives. Our conference theme, "Child Welfare: Building Multi-Generational Teams to Serve Families and Communities," illustrates our support of children in various types of family structures. As we are aware, it takes a village to raise a child and we are very pleased that you have joined with us to celebrate families' strengths and resilience across generations.

The extraordinary plenary speakers and various workshop and paper presenters for this year's conference provide you with a special opportunity to be involved in discussions on a range of topics in child and family welfare. I encourage you to engage in the knowledge and skill-building presentations and networking opportunities for purposes of enhancing your work with vulnerable children and families.

I also wish to thank the conference chairs, committee members, and volunteers who have expended much time and effort to ensure that the conference is a rewarding learning experience for each of you. The College is pleased to be a part of this notable effort to enhance services to children and families and we greatly appreciate your decision to join us.

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Ricardo A. Brown, Ph.D. Dean and Professor



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Dear Conference Participants,

Welcome to the Thirteenth Annual Mississippi Child Welfare Institute Conference sponsored by the School of Social Work. On behalf of the School, the College of Public Service, its students, faculty, staff and administrators, I want to express our deep appreciation for your participation in this event. This annual meeting provides an opportunity for us to exchange ideas and research with colleagues from across the country who are committed to improving the lives of children and families.

I want to express my sincere gratitude to the conference planning committee for its hard work in preparing this outstanding conference. I extend a special thanks to each conference participant for your support of this annual meeting of child welfare professionals. Enjoy your time with us. May your commitment to serving children and families be strengthened by the knowledge and experience you gain here.

Olga Osby

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Dear Conference Participants:

It is indeed our pleasure to welcome you to the Thirteenth Annual Mississippi Child Welfare Institute Conference! We continue to select a cadre of the best local, state, and nationally recognized presenters to share their practice knowledge and skill sets, evidence-based research findings, and innovative policy imperatives to enhance our work with children and families in their communities. This year's theme, *"Child Welfare: Using Cross-Cutting Strategies to Empower Families and Communities,"* embraces current research, policy and practice models approach to community-based services with coordination by all care systems. We wish to ensure children and families both access and utilization of all services they need at the primary, secondary, and tertiary levels of care. We, therefore, realize that we need the most effective cross-cutting and coordinated strategies to meet the diverse needs of our children and families across the multi- system spectrum.

The conference provides excellent content from experts in the field and also engaging network opportunities for all participants. We invite you to continue the journey with us to make a positive difference in the lives of vulnerable children, youth and families in the State of Mississippi and across the United States and global community. The Mississippi Child Welfare Institute Conference Planning Committee has diligently pursued and successfully selected invited plenary and juried workshop and paper presentations that are designed to ensure your involvement in best and promising practices and policies. The activities of the Committee have guaranteed that you have the opportunity to use research and evidence-based practice to inform your work. We applaud your decision to join us as we engage together to expand our knowledge, advance our professional values and ethics, and enhance our skills to engage with our own community to best serve our children, youth, and families.

Gwendolyn S. Pratef, Co-Chair

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MISSISSIPPI CHILD WELFARE INSTITUTE AND CONFERENCE HISTORY

The Mississippi Child Welfare Institute was established at Jackson State University in 2003 as a part of the School of Social Work. The impetus to begin the Institute emanated from a grant awarded by the Children's Bureau, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services during the 2000 to 2004 period. The proposal was developed by Gwendolyn Spencer Prater, Ph.D., M.S.W., who was then Dean of the School of Social Work. The Institute and conference began prior to the organization of the academic colleges at Jackson State University.

The proposal submitted to the Children's Bureau resulted in a funded grant which permitted 26 committee-selected and dedicated students to participate in the education project. All of the social work students were provided tuition, stipends, and special training and educational opportunities both in-state and across the country at national conferences with the goal of preparing them for careers in child welfare. The students graduated and many attained social work positions in the field of child welfare. Mrs. Wanda Gilliam, M.S.W., Deputy Director of Programs, Mississippi Department of Human Services, was the liaison with the School of Social Work during the grant period and actively and successfully facilitated productive experiential educational opportunities for students with the Division of Family and Children's Services.

During the 2002-2003 academic year, Jackson State University's School of Social Work, in partnership with other state institutions of higher learning, and the Mississippi State Department of Human Services, under the capable leadership of Mrs. Thelma Brittain, M.S.W., initiated the Title IV-E Program in Child Welfare. The program was readily supported by the Mississippi Legislature, with strong leadership from the late Representative Charlie Capp, Chair of the House Appropriations Committee. Jackson State University's administration also provided strong support for the Institute and the conference. The School of Social Work programmatic and administrative leadership team included Drs. Prater and Ruth M. Williams as the Principal Investigator and Co-Principal Investigator, respectively, and Ms. Velma Hankins, M.S.W., as the Program Administrator.

The program continued for approximately three and one-half years, with Jackson State University serving as the lead institution for the majority of that period, with the final program year being rotated to one of the other state institutions of higher education. Numerous students at the baccalaureate and master's levels were educated and provided training for child welfare practice with vulnerable populations. In addition, during that three-year period, training was also developed and provided for foster and adoptive parents and public child welfare staff. Since that time, there has not been a consortium of state schools and programs of social work jointly engaged in Title IV-E academic programming with the Mississippi Department of Human Services.

The Mississippi Child Welfare Institute at Jackson State University, however, continues to offer its annual conference for professional development of child welfare practitioners, supervisors, administrators, faculty, and students in Mississippi, other states in the Southeastern Region, and indeed across the United States of America. The Institute partners with public and private agencies and organizations as it works to improve services to children and families including but not limited to: the Mississippi State Departments of Human Services, Health, and Mental Health, the Children's Defense Fund (Southern Regional Office), Mississippi Children's Home Services and CARES Center, Catholic Charities, and the Casey Family Programs and Marguerite Casey Foundations.

Conferences (2003-2014)

- 2003: Social Workers' Challenge: Changing the Lives of Mississippi's Children and Families*
- 2004: Mississippi's Challenge: Rebuilding the Village
- 2005: Social Work: Empowering Mississippi's Children and Families through Public Service[^]
- 2006: Working Together for What Matters Most: Children and Families
- 2007: United Voices Committed to Helping Our Children
- 2008: The Many Faces of Child Welfare: A Rainbow of Diversity
- 2009: Child Poverty: Facing the Challenges, Creating Opportunities
- 2010: Child Welfare: Building Community Partnerships for Safe and Healthy Children and Families
- 2011: Building Community Partnerships for Safe and Healthy Children and Families
- 2012: Building Bridges for a New Decade of Transformational Services with Children and Families
- 2013: Community Engagement: A Guiding Light to Successful Children, Youth and Families.
- 2014: Child Welfare: Building Multi-Generational Teams to Serve Families and Communities

Note: All conferences have been held in Downtown Jackson; *Crowne Plaza Hotel (2003-2004) ^Jackson Marriott Hotel (2005-2014)

PLENARY SPEAKERS



Fred Wulczyn, Ph.D., M.S.W., is a Senior Research Fellow at Chapin Hall, University of Chicago. Dr. Wulczyn is the director of the Center for Foster Care and Adoption Data, a collaboration of Chapin Hall, the American Public Human Services Association, and other research partners. An expert in the analysis of administrative data, Dr. Wulczyn's integrated longitudinal databases have assisted states in their capacity to analyze key child welfare outcomes, compare outcomes across agencies and jurisdictions, project future service patterns, test the impact of policy and service innovations, and monitor progress. In the realm of public policy, he developed the nation's first proposal to change the federal law limiting the ability of states to design innovative child welfare programs, which then led to the development of the Title IV-E waiver programs used by states to undertake system reform in child welfare programs. Dr. Wulczyn received a Ph.D. from the School of Social Service Administration at the University of Chicago. He earned an M.S.W. from Marywood University, which honored him with its distinguished Alumni Award.



Michael A. Lindsey, Ph.D., M.S.W., M.P.H., is an associate professor at the Silver School of Social Work, New York University. He has published extensively on help-seeking behaviors of urban youth and taught courses on evidence-based practices and innovations in school mental health and is a standing member of the NIMH SERV study section. Dr. Lindsay earned his M.S.W. degree at Howard University and the M.P.H. and Ph.D. at the University of Pittsburgh. He was a postdoctoral fellow at John Hopkins University's Bloomberg School of Public Health.



Paolo del Vecchio, M.S.W., is the Director of the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration's (SAMHSA) Center for Mental Health Services (CMHS). SAMHSA is the lead Federal agency designed to reduce the impact of substance abuse and mental illness on America's communities. Previously, he was the CMHS Associate Director for Consumer Affairs where he managed SAMHSA's precedent-setting activities in addressing consumer participation and education, issues of discrimination and stigma, consumer rights, wellness, recovery, trauma, and others. A self-identified mental health consumer, trauma survivor, and person in recovery from addictions, Mr. Vecchio has been involved for over 40 years in behavioral health as a consumer, family member, provider, advocate, and policy maker. He graduated summa cum laude with a master's degree in social work from Temple University, has published widely and is a highly sought after national and international speaker. He has been a leader in many Federal efforts including the Mental Health Statistics Improvement Project Ad-Hoc Advisory Committee, the Federal Advisory Planning Board for the Surgeon General's Report on Mental Health, the HHS Multiple Chronic Conditions and Community Living Initiatives, and numerous others.

CLOSING LUNCHEON SPEAKER



Scarlett Lewis' son, Jesse, lost his life at Sandy Hook School on December 14, 2012. Inspired by the words Jesse had written on their kitchen chalkboard: Nurturing, Healing and Love, part of a definition of compassion across almost all cultures, Scarlett, founded the Jesse Lewis Choose Love Foundation. A principle tenet of the foundation is the belief that teaching children how to effectively deal with anger is crucial to a healthy society. Ms. Lewis graduated from Boston University with a B.S. in Communications in 1990. Ms. Lewis is author of the book, *Nurturing Healing Love, A Mother's Journey of Hope & Forgiveness*.

FIELD EDUCATION SYMPOSIUM SPEAKERS



Sharon McKinley, M.S.W., is the Child Welfare Program Manager for Child Welfare Information Gateway. With more than 30 years of experience in child welfare and human services; she serves as a subject matter expert in the areas of child abuse and neglect prevention, child protection, kinship care, and family support. In collaboration with the Children's Bureau, Ms. McKinley serves as the lead planner of the National Child Abuse Prevention Initiative. She works collaboratively with various partners to produce products on various topics such as domestic violence, substance abuse, trauma informed practice, and the annual Child Abuse Prevention Resource Guide. Ms. McKinley received her Master's in Social Work from Howard University.



Cynthia Peterson, M.S.W., is a Child Welfare Program Manager for Child Welfare Information Gateway where she provides expertise in various child welfare areas including out-of-home care, permanency planning, and youth services. She has led the Gateway web content on Evidence-Based Practice, Evaluation, Practice Improvement, System Reform, and Family-Centered Practice. Ms. Peterson also serves as the lead professional in planning and implementing National Foster Care Month, in collaboration with the Children's Bureau. Ms. Peterson has more than 15 years of experience in the human services field. Ms. Peterson received her Master's in Social Work from George Mason University.

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Conference Overview

Wednesday, February 11, 2015

5:30 p.m.-6:30 p.m.

Special Youth Empowerment Session

5.50 p.m.=0.50 p.m.		
Thursday, February 12, 2015		
7:00 a.m8:30 a.m.	Registration	
8:30 a.m.–9:45 a.m.	Opening Plenary Session	
9:45 a.m.–10:00 a.m.	Break	
10:00 a.m.–11:30 a.m.	Concurrent Sessions	
11:30 a.m.–1:00 p.m.	Lunch on Your Own	
1:00 p.m.–2:00 p.m.	Concurrent Sessions	
2:05 p.m.–3:05 p.m.	Concurrent Sessions	
3:05 p.m.–3:15 p.m.	Break	
3:15 p.m.–4:20 p.m.	Plenary Session	
4:30 p.m.–5:30 p.m.	Concurrent Sessions	
	Friday, February 13, 2015	
8:15 a.m.–9:15 a.m.	Concurrent Sessions	
9:20 a.m.–10:35 a.m.	Concurrent Sessions	
10:35a.m10:55 a.m.	Break	
10:55 a.m.–12:00 noon	Plenary	
12:15 p.m.–1:45 p.m.	Closing Luncheon	

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SPECIAL YOUTH EMPOWERMENT SESSION Location: Windsor II 5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.

Theme: Empowering Youth in Care through a Service Learning Approach: Mississippi Teen Advisory Board (TAB)

Presider	Eric Burden Mississippi Department of Human Services Division of Family and Children Services
Welcome	Quayshawn Colister
Panel Moderator	Temcula Robinson, M.S.W. Program Manager, Independent Living Mississippi Department of Human Services
Panel Discussion	Quayshawn Colister Zabria Dodd Christopher Rand Preston Bradshaw Morgan Ray Zachary Cline
Questions	Audience
New Initiatives	Ingrid Cloy, M.S.W. Public Policy Center of Mississippi
Entertainment	Youth
Entertainment Remarks	Youth Temcula Robinson, M.S.W.

Youth Reception 6:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

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Thursday, February 12, 2015				
Conference Registration 7:00 a.m 5:30 p.m.	Exhibits 8:00 a.m 5:30 p.m.			
OPENING PLENARY SESSION Location: Windsor II 8:30 a.m 9:45 a.m.				
Presider	Olga N. Osby, Ph.D. Interim Associate Dean and Professor School of Social Work College of Public Service Jackson State University			
Greetings	Carolyn W. Meyers, Ph.D. President Jackson State University			
	Ricardo A. Brown, Ph.D. Dean College of Public Service Jackson State University			
	Charles King, Jr. Development Officer Institutional Advancement			
	Mayor's Representative City of Jackson, MS			
Introduction of Guest Speaker	Shonda Lawrence, Ph.D. Associate Professor and Chair Bachelor of Social Work Program			
	"Three Strategies for Improving Child Welfare Systems"			
Speaker	Fred Wulczyn, Ph.D., M.S.W. Senior Faculty Fellow Chapin Hall, University of Chicago and Director of the Center for Foster Care and Data Analysis			

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Presentation	Gwendolyn Spencer Prater, Ph.D. Dean Emerita and Consultant School of Social Work College of Public Service Jackson State University
Remarks	Theresia Johnson-Ratliff, Ph.D. Interim Director Mississippi Child Welfare Institute School of Social Work College of Public Service Jackson State University
9:45 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.	BREAK

10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

CONCURRENT SESSIONS

Session I Umoja Mentoring

Room: Surrey

In this workshop, participants will increase their knowledge about culturally appropriate interventions for youth. Participants will also learn the importance of culture as a tool to improve youth educational outcomes. In addition, participants will acquire information about a culturally specific model for mentoring African American males.

- Presenter: Jerry Watson, Ph.D. Associate Professor and Chair Graduate Programs in Social Work Jackson State University
- Moderator: Stephanie Magee Master of Social Work Student Jackson State University

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Session II Cross-Cutting Strategies to Address Disparities and Disproportionalities in Diversity Human Services and Behavioral Health Care

Room: Winston

Presenters will discuss current efforts in Mississippi to develop and implement Behavioral Health Disparities Impact Statements to enhance service integration. Participants will be able to identify lessons learned and outcomes from efforts to advance Trauma-Informed Care and Cultural and Linguistic Competence in Mississippi. In addition, presenters will discuss a stage-based approach to foster acceptance and inclusion.

Presenters: Peter Gamache, Ph.D. Jackie Chatmon Sandra Parks, MCP, CMHT John Jefferson Alberstein Johnson-Pickett

Moderator: Candace Washington, B.S.W., M.S. Community Service Coordinator Human and Cultural Services Jackson, Mississippi

Session III Children Exposed to Domestic Violence

Room: Churchill I

Participants will understand the effects of domestic violence on children; including definitions, national trends, and data. In addition, participants will gain knowledge of the childhood problems associated with witnessing domestic violence.

- Presenter: Wendy B. Mahoney, M.S. Executive Director Mississippi Coalition Against Domestic Violence
- Moderator: Racquel Barrett Master of Social Work Student Jackson State University

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Session IV Board of Examiners' Regulatory Review and Ethical Dilemmas Ethics

Room: Churchill II

Participants will become familiar with board members' tasks, and understand BOE rules, regulations, and current changes. In addition, presenters will discuss the need for regulatory measures, learn the complaint process, and give examples of ethics and moral cases.

Presenters: Billy Dilworth, Executive Director Mississippi Board of Examiners for Social Workers and Marriage and Family Therapists Jackson, MS

> Gloria Green, Special Assistant to Attorney General/Board Attorney Mississippi Board of Examiners for Social Workers and Marriage and Family Therapists

Moderator: Patrice Jenkins, Ph.D., LMSW Visiting Professor, School of Social Work Jackson State University

Session V A Conceptual Model of Cultural and Racial Socialization Practices Among International Diversity Transracial Adoptive Parents

Room: Newbury

Participants will obtain knowledge related to cultural and racial socialization practices among international transracial adoptive parents. In addition, participants will have opportunities to evaluate their own perceptions and attitudes toward international transracial adoptive families.

- Presenter: Jaegoo Lee, Ph.D., M.S.W. School of Social Work Jackson State University
- Moderator: Temcula Robinson, M.S.W. Program Manager, Independent Living Mississippi Department of Human Services

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Session VI Factors Healthcare Providers use to Diagnose ADHD

Room: Canterbury

The presentation will explore how healthcare providers diagnose school age children with ADHD. The presenter will describe a qualitative study that uses a web-based, open-ended questionnaire asking how healthcare providers diagnose ADHD.

Presenter: Linda Faye Pendleton, LCSW, M.S.W. Division of Child Development and Behavioral Medicine University of Mississippi Medical Center Doctoral Student School of Social Work Jackson State University

Moderator: Danyiel Floyd Master of Social Work Student Jackson State University

11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

LUNCH (on your own)

1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.

CONCURRENT SESSIONS

Session VII Diabetes Facing Gullah Families: An Overview and Implications for Research Diversity

Room: Churchill I

Participants will explore the life styles of families and children of the Gullah Geechie Culture with emphasis on awareness and preservation of this culture. Presenters will discuss the prevalence of diabetes and its complications related to health, social interactions, nutrition, and access to healthcare.

Presenters: Lavonne Brown Master of Public Health Student Jackson State University

> Melinda Williams Doctoral Candidate of Public Health Jackson State University

Moderator: Temcula Robinson, M.S.W. Program Manager, Independent Living Mississippi Department of Human Services

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Session VIII The Impact of Veterans' Perception of Therapist Empathy on Continuation in Treatment

Room: Manchester

Participants will be able to increase awareness of the impact of PTSD on the lives of veterans. Participants will also be able to understand the therapist use of empathy as a tool in veterans continuation in treatment and the impact on social adjustment.

- Presenter: Christine Allen, LCSW, M.S.W. Doctoral Student of School of Social Work Jackson State University
- Moderator: Marnese Webb Master of Social Work Student Jackson State University

Session IX High-Risk Case Management Program

Room: Newbury

This presentation states 4 types of evidence-based case management programs and the population served within the variety of case management programs. The presenter will verbalize the importance of collecting data, while running the types of programs in order to show value/outcomes derived from the social service product. In addition, participants will be able to identify available resources for referrals and/or collaboration in order to provide needed services to high risk residents of Mississippi.

- Presenter: Danielle Seale, LCSW, M.S.W. Social Services Director Mississippi State Department of Health
- Moderator: Demeatra Bluitt Master of Social Work Student Jackson State University

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Session X Culturally and Linguistically Appropriate Services (CLAS) Standards and Health Equity Diversity in Behavioral Health Systems

Room: Surrey

Participants will increase their understanding of the Enhanced National CLAS Standards and their knowledge of how to implement the Enhanced National CLAS Standards.

- Presenter: Albertstein Johnson-Pickett, M.Ed. Division Director II/Cultural and Linguistic Competence Coordinator Mississippi Department of Mental Health
- Moderator: Tamara Pace Doctoral Student, School of Social Work Jackson State University

Session XI Field Education Symposium: Building Blocks to Community and Family Engagement (1:00 p.m. – 3:05 p.m.)

Room: Winston Ballroom

This workshop will examine how professionals can engage and build productive collaborations with families and community stakeholders. Participants will focus on some of the challenges professionals face in engaging families and community agencies, the benefits of engagement, and examine some of the core principles of community and family engagement. Recommendations and strategies will be provided on ways to achieve meaningful family and community engagement. Participants will also have the opportunity to share and brainstorm ideas to create or leverage successful models and strategies in their own communities.

Presenters: Sharon E. McKinley, M.S.W. Program Manager Prevention and Child Protection Child Welfare Information Gateway Washington, DC

> *Cynthia Peterson, M.S.W. Project Specialist Child Welfare Information Gateway Washington, DC*

Moderator: Lucas Watson, LMSW Social Worker/Field Supervisor Jefferson County Hospital, Partial Hospitalization Program Fayette, MS

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2:05 p.m. – 3:05 p.m.

CONCURRENT SESSIONS

Session XII Are You N? The Youth and Family Perspective

Room: Surrey

Presenters will discuss the System of Care Principles and the importance of Family and Youth Driven Services. In addition, presenters will describe lessons learned and benefits of collaborating with community partners. Participants will be able to understand the NFusion model of service delivery in mental health.

Presenters: Trinity Ward, M.S., LPC Project Coordinator NFusion X Meridian, Mississippi

> *Carnette Hudson Family Engagement Specialist NFusion, Louisville, Mississippi*

Moderator: Lakisha Thomas Master of Social Work Student Jackson State University

Session XIII EHDI: Timely Screening, Diagnosis, and Intervention of Hearing Impaired Infants in Diversity Mississippi

Room: Newbury

Participants will understand the importance and benefits of early detection and intervention with hearing impaired infants. Participants will also be able to describe the EHDI program's 1-3-6 goals and learn more about EHDI-M practices across the past 6 years.

Presenters: Changhong Wen, M.P.H. Research Biostatistician/Data Manager Early Hearing Detection & Intervention (EHDI) Program Mississippi State Department of Health

> Stacy A. Callender Director, Early Intervention Mississippi State Department of Health

Moderator: Trenia Allen, LCSW, Ed.D. Visiting Professor, School of Social Work Jackson State University

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Session XIV Board of Examiners' Review and Ethical Dilemmas Ethics

Room: Churchill II

Participants will become familiar with board members' tasks, and understand BOE rules, regulations, and current changes. In addition, presenters will discuss the need for regulatory measures, learn the complaint process, and give examples of ethics and moral cases.

Presenters: Billy Dilworth, Executive Director Mississippi Board of Examiners for Social Workers and Marriage and Family Therapists Jackson, MS

> Gloria Green, Special Assistant to Attorney General/Board Attorney Mississippi Board of Examiners for Social Workers and Marriage and Family Therapists

Moderator: Regina Curry, LMSW Mitigation Investigator Office of State Public Defender Capital Defense Counsel Division

Session XV Abortion vs Right to Life: Social Work's Most Pressing "Ignored" Ethical Dilemma Ethics

Room: Canterbury

The presenter will discuss NASW code of ethics relating to professional responsibilities of social workers. Participants will understand historical perspectives of abortion. Participants will also be able to utilize critical thinking skills to develop a solution for the profession.

Presenters: Baxter B. Wright, PhD, ACSW Professor, Department of Social Work Mississippi Valley State University

> Vester Waters Bachelor of Social Work Student Mississippi Valley State University

Moderator: Ciera Carson Master of Social Work Student Jackson State University

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Session XVI Empowering Grandparents Who Care for Their School-Age Grandchildren: A Nontraditional Approach

Room: Manchester

Presenters will provide an overview of the literature regarding grandparents caring for their school-age grandchildren. Presenters will also discuss a proposed project to empower grandparents who care for their school-age grandchildren. In addition, presenters will provide several implications for social work practice with children and grandparents.

Presenters: Susie Spence, Ph.D. Professor, School of Social Work Jackson State University

> Tamara E. Pace, LMSW Social Work PhD Student Jackson State University

Eunice Harris, Ph.D. Director of Student Development School of Social Work Jackson State University

Moderator: Diane Sanford Master of Social Work Student Jackson State University

3:05 p.m. – 3:15 p.m.

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PLENARY SESSION

3:15 p.m. – 4:20 p.m. Location: Windsor IV, V

Presider	Albertstein Johnson-Pickett, M.Ed. Mississippi Department of Mental Health
Introduction of Speaker	Mario Johnson, Director Independent Living Permanency Unit Division of Family and Children Services Mississippi Department of Human Services
	"Heroes of Hope: Supporting Resilient Children, Strong Families and Healthy Communities"
Speaker	Paolo del Vecchio, M.S.W. Director, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration's (SAMHSA) Center for Mental Health Services (CMHS) U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
Presentation	Theresia Johnson-Ratliff, Ph.D. Interim Director Mississippi Child Welfare Institute School of Social Work College of Public Service Jackson State University
Remarks	Gwendolyn Spencer Prater, Ph.D. Dean Emerita and Consultant School of Social Work College of Public Service Jackson State University

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4:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.

CONCURRENT SESSIONS

Session XVII Psychological Effects of Recidivism on Incarcerated Families

Room: Churchill I

Participants will investigate the psychological factors that impact vulnerable children of incarcerated parents returning to high-risk environments of crime, poverty, and homelessness. Participants will also examine challenges affecting parents who are discharged from prison including finding jobs, housing, and adequate health care.

Presenter:	Andrew Campbell
	Master of Social Work Student
	Jackson State University

Moderator: Regina Curry, LMSW Mitigation Investigator Office of State Public Defender Capital Defense Counsel Division

Session XVIII The Importance of Collaboration in a Trauma- Informed System of Care

Room: Winston

It is imperative that service providers coordinate efforts to meet the needs of our children and families and provide trauma-informed approaches. The presenter will provide an overview of the importance of collaboration between agencies to integrate services to address the needs of their populations and reduce critical gaps between and within practice/service settings.

- Presenter: Willis O. Garrison Clinical & Training/Technical Assistance Coordinator Division of Children and Youth Services Mississippi Department of Mental Health
- Moderator: LouSonya Horton Master of Social Work Student Jackson State University

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Session XIX Social Work Professionals Using Ethical Cross-Cutting Strategies to Educate Students and Ethics Others in Multigenerational Services

Room: Manchester

The presenter will provide insights to better communicate with different generations. Participants will be able to identify four generations in the workforce and those generation's values, ethics, attitudes, and experiences. In addition, participants will develop the ability to lead and engage with multigenerational staff and to provide best practices in social work field instruction.

- Presenter: Rita B. Range, M.S.W., LCSW Social Work Supervisor Veterans Affairs Medical Center Memphis, Tennessee
- Moderator: Michael Barksdale Master of Social Work Student Jackson State University

Session XX Enriching the Lives of Families and Communities through Early Intervention and Advocacy

Room: Surrey

Participants will gain an understanding of the key components of the Early Intervention Program and the principles of interdisciplinary teamwork for El Programs. Participants will also learn about resources for improving systems of care for families of children with developmental delays and/or disabilities.

Presenter: Eunice Short, M.S. Division Director First Steps-Early Intervention Program Mississippi State Department of Health

Moderator: Mario Johnson Division Director II Permanency Unit Mississippi Department of Human Services

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Session XXI The Art of "Caring for Others" while "Caring for Self"

Room: Canterbury

The presenters discuss elements that erode healthy boundaries in family and close relationships, ways to develop limits when dealing with family/kinship relationships, and strategies that promote protection of self when involved in a "caring for" relationship.

Presenters: Mary Langford-Hall, Ph.D., CCC-SLP Assistant Professor Interim Program Director Undergraduate Program, Communicative Disorders College of Public Service Jackson State University

> Betty Sutton, Ed.D., CCC-SLP Assistant Professor Communicative Disorders Jackson State University

Moderator: Traniecia Polk Master of Social Work Student Jackson State University

Session XXII Respite Care for Children and Youth

Room: Newbury

The presenter will explain effective models for respite care services. Participants will identify models used by to provide respite care for children and youth with disabilities, challenging behaviors, and/or at risk for abuse and neglect.

- Presenter: John Keith Hardy Respite Mentor, Hinds, Rankin, and Madison Areas Community Links, Inc. Ridgeland, MS
- Moderator: Candace Riddley, LMSW Clinical Assistant Professor & BSW Field Director Jackson State University

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Sponsor and Networking Reception

6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. Windsor I and II

GreetingsAnna Marshall, Ph.D., LCSWWelcomeTheresia Johnson-Ratliff, Ph.D., LCSWRecognition of GuestsGwendolyn Spencer Prater, Ph.D., LCSWInvocationOlga N. Osby, D.S.W.
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8:15 a.m. – 9:15 a.m.

CONCURRENT SESSIONS

Session XXIII Mississippi Wraparound Initiative: Providing Hope to Families with Complex Needs

Room: Manchester

Participants will be able to understand how and why Mississippi adopted a high fidelity wraparound model and identify children, youth, and families appropriate for wraparound services. Participants will also be able to understand the philosophy and approach when implementing the wraparound process.

Presenters: Elizabeth McDowell, LMSW State Wraparound Coordinator University of Southern Mississippi

> Vanessa Huston, LPC Certified Wraparound Trainer University of Southern Mississippi

Moderator: Tamara Pace Social Work Doctoral Student Jackson State University

Session XXIV Compassion Fatigue: The Hidden Healthcare Hazard

Room: Churchill I

Participants will be able to define compassion fatigue and compassion satisfaction and identify the stages of burnout. Participants will also be able to identify brief strategies in preventing compassion fatigue.

- Presenter: Regina L. Lacking, M.S., CMHT, CPM, LA Service Administrator, Oak Circle Center, MSH Master of Social Work Student Jackson State University
- Moderator: Lucas Watson, LMSW Social Worker/Field Supervisor Jefferson County Hospital Partial Hospitalization Program Fayette, MS

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Session XXV Objectifications and Effects on Girls: Media's Role in Social Norms

Room: Canterbury

Presenters will identify the various ways girls and women are objectified in the media, examine empirically based evidence of the effects on society, and review current implications for social work practice. Participants will be able to distinguish the effects of the objectification of girls and women in the media.

Presenters: Tracey Davidson Bachelor of Social Work Student Jackson State University

> Della Wright Bachelor of Social Work Student Jackson State University

- Mentor: Brian Anderson, Ph.D. . Associate Professor Bachelor of Social Work Program Jackson State University
- Moderator: Rhonda Moffett Master of Social Work Student Jackson State University

Session XXVI Explaining Administrative Strategies for Controlling Juvenile Delinquency in Mississippi and Prospects for the Future

Room:

Presenters will inform participants of needs for improving the juvenile justice process in Mississippi. Participants will identify how to effectively incorporate aftercare programs.

- Presenter: Denita Jones Ph.D. Student Department of Public Policy and Administration Jackson State University
- Moderator: T.L. Chandler Doctoral Student School of Social Work Jackson State University

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Session XXVII 2015 Licensed Certified Social Workers' Supervisory Update (Part I – session open only to LCSWs supervisors.)

Room: Surrey

The presenter will incorporate the updates, the proposed changes, and the intent of the Mississippi Board of Examiner's Rules and Regulations, discuss the ethical principles set forth in the NASW Code of Ethics, and share resources in the form of technological and published information to enhance and support the supervisory experience.

- Presenter: Virginia Adolph, M.S.W., LCSW Special Education Social Worker Harrison County School System Gulfport, MS
- Moderator: Eva Bowie Ellis, LCSW Social Work Consultant Jackson, MS

Session XXIII Strategies to Improve Permanency Outcomes for Children in Care

Room: Windsor IV, V

The presenter will identify important relationships and connections for children in foster care and define concurrent planning and its relationship to timely permanency. Participants will understand the importance of relationship building and family involvement in child welfare.

- Presenter: Angela Adams, M.S.W. Education/Training Specialist University of MS Child Welfare Training Academy University of Mississippi Oxford, MS
- Moderator: Carolyn Divinity Master of Social Work Student Jackson State University

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Session XXIX An Update on Legislation and the Legislative Process of the Mississippi 2015 Session

Room: Winston Ballroom

Participants will be able to explain one element of how a bill becomes a law. Participants will also be able to understand how social media informs and influences legislative actions.

Presenter:	Charles A. Araujo, LCSW
	Visiting Professor, School of Social Work
	Jackson State University

Moderator: Andrew Campbell Master of Social Work Student Jackson State University

Session XXX Child Welfare and the Criminal Justice System

Room: Newbury

Presenters will discuss interview and interrogation techniques and their related legalities. Participants will gain an understanding of the criminal justice system and learn how to navigate the system. Participants will be able to identify and access options to juvenile detention and learn how to advocate for a child crime victim.

Presenters: Ingrid Cloy, M.S.W. Young Mississippi Program Director Public Policy Center of Mississippi

> Chief Juan Cloy, BS Assistant Police Chief Canton, Mississippi

Moderator: Candace Washington, BSW, MS Community Service Coordinator Human and Cultural Services Jackson, Mississippi

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9:20 a.m. – 10:35 a.m.

CONCURRENT SESSIONS

Session XXXI 2015 Licensed Certified Social Workers' Supervisory Update (Part II – session open only to LCSWs supervisors who attended Part I)

Room: Surrey

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Presenter: Virginia Adolph, M.S.W., LCSW Special Education Social Worker

Moderator: Eva Bowie Ellis, LCSW Social Work Consultant Jackson, MS

Session XXXII Faith-Based Organizations Sharing Cross-Cutting Ideas to Empower Families and Diversity Communities

Room: Winston Ballroom

Presenters will identify diverse social factors that affect the stability of families and communities throughout the Jackson area. Presenters will also discuss lessons learned through congregational partnership programs that focus on some of the needs of families and communities.

Presenters: Melvin Collins, Sr., Th.D., Pastor St. Matthew MB Church, Jackson, MS

Edward Earl Cook, Pastor, Clear Creek MB Church, Crystal Springs, MS

Loretta Wallace, Exe. Director, Emanuel Christian School, Jackson, MS

Elaine Ewing, Ed.D., Grants Manager, DMH, Bureau of Alcohol and Drug Studies

Frank Spencer, Executive Director, Stewpot, Jackson, MS

Yolanda Kirkland, Director of Teen Services, Stewpot, Jackson, MS

Attorney Patricia Gandy, Director of Legal Aid Office, Mission First, Jackson, MS

Moderator: Bernice McKenny, M.S.W., LMSW Adjunct Instructor School of Social Work Jackson State University

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Session XXXIII The Impact of Care Coordination Services for Lead Poisoned Children in Mississippi

Room: Newbury

The presenter will discuss the importance of home visits and environmental assessments for children with venous blood levels (BLLs) $\geq 15\mu g/dL$. Participants will be able to identify how communities can support policy changes in housing codes in the child's blood lead level.

- Presenter: Crystal Veazey, B.S. Branch Director, Lead Poisoning Prevention & Healthy Homes Program Mississippi State Department of Health
- Moderator: Cyntheia Norwood Master of Social Work Student Jackson State University

Session XXXIV Working Together to Help Children: Effective Law Enforcement Strategies to Combat Violence Against Children Through Community Policing

Room: Church I

Presenters will describe and discuss problems law enforcement currently face in Hinds County and Jackson, MS. Participants will be able to identify solutions using community policing strategies to protect and serve at-risk children and families.

Presenters: Julie Schroeder, Ph.D. Professor, School of Social Work Jackson State University

> Olga Osby, D.S.W. Associate Professor & Interim Associate Dean School of Social Work, Jackson State University

Chris Picou, Chief Deputy Hinds County Sheriff's Office

Diana Bruns, Ph.D. Chair, Department of Criminal Justice South East Missouri State University

Moderator: Patrice Jenkins, Ph.D., LMSW Visiting Professor School of Social Work Jackson State University

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Session XXXV Grief and Loss: Emotional Processes for Children after Experiencing the Separation of a Loved One

Room: Manchester

Presenters will identify symptoms and emotions accompanying grief in children and adolescents and discuss therapeutic interventions. Participants will define causes and common facts of grief and loss.

Presenters: Mark Roth Staff Chaplin, Mississippi Baptist Health Systems Master of Social Work Student Jackson State University

> Shonda Lawrence, Ph.D. Associate Professor Bachelor of Social Work Program Chair Jackson State University

Moderator: Stephanie Magee Master of Social Work Student Jackson State University

Session XXXVI Wake Up! Thriving by Building an Innovation and Improvement System in Diversity Behavioral Mental Health

Room: Churchill II

Presenters will describe time, financial and professional commitments in organizational development. Presenters will also discuss organizational culturally responsive practices for boys and young men of color and parental engagement. Participants will be able to identify solution-based cultural leadership competency requirements in behavioral and mental health organizations.

Presenters: Schantate Johnson Bickham, LMSW CEO, Advance Therapeutic Concepts, Inc. Snellville, GA

> Renee Clark, M.S.W. COO, Advance Therapeutic Concepts, Inc. Snellville, GA

Moderator: LouSonya Horton Master of Social Work Student Jackson State University

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PLENARY SESSION

10:55 a.m. – 12:00 noon Location: Windsor I

Presider	Theresia Johnson-Ratliff, Ph.D. Interim Director Mississippi Child Welfare Institute School of Social Work College of Public Service Jackson State University
Introduction of Speaker	Jerry Watson, Ph.D. Associate Professor and Chair Graduate Programs in Social Work Jackson State University "Challenges to Mental Health Service Use: Best Strategies to Address the Needs of African American Youth Involved in Multiple Systems of Care"
Speaker	Michael A. Lindsey, Ph.D., M.S.W., M.P.H. Associate Professor Silver School of Social Work New York University
Presentation	Mrs. Bernice McKenny, LMSW Adjunct Instructor Jackson State University
Closing Remarks	Theresia Johnson-Ratliff, Ph.D.

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CLOSING LUNCHEON

Location: Windsor II, III 12:15 P.M. – 1:45 P.M.

Presider	Tasha Smith, M.A. Doctoral Student School of Social Work Jackson State University
Greetings	James C. Renick, Ph.D. Provost/Senior Vice President Division of Academic and Student Affairs Jackson State University
Invocation	Reverend Dr. Jerry Young President, National Baptist Convention Pastor, New Hope Baptist Church Jackson, MS
Connecticut Tribute	MADDRAMA
Introduction of Guest Speaker	Gwendolyn Spencer Prater , Ph.D. Dean Emerita and Consultant School of Social Work College of Public Service Jackson State University
	"Choosing Love"
Speaker	Scarlett Lewis Author and Founder Jesse Lewis Choose Love Foundation Sandy Hook, Connecticut
Presentation	Ricardo Brown, Ph.D. Dean College of Public Service
Closing Remarks	Gwendolyn Spencer Prater, Ph.D.

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2015 Poster Symposia

- Poster 1: SOCIAL WORK PRACTICE IS CHILDHOOD OBESITY PREVENTION Raven Reese, B.S., Jackson State University, Master of Social Work Student Spring Internship with JSU Interdisciplinary Alcohol and Drug Studies Center, Department of Criminal Justice and Sociology
- Poster 2: SOCIAL WORK PRACTICE IS CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT PREVENTION Danyiel A. Floyd, B.S., Jackson State University, Master of Social Work Student Spring Internship with JSU Interdisciplinary Alcohol and Drug Studies Center Department of Criminal Justice and Sociology
- Poster 3: SOCIAL WORK PRACTICE IS ADVOCATING FOR DEVEOPMENTAL DISABILITIES Lynice Higgins, B.S., Jackson State University, Master of Social Work Student Spring Internship with JSU Interdisciplinary Alcohol and Drug Studies Center Department of Criminal Justice and Sociology
- Poster 4: **THE UTILIZATUION OF PARENTAL SUPPORT GROUPS AMONG PARENTS OF CHILDERN WITH AUTISUM SPECTRUM DISORDER** *Melinda G. Todd, M.P.H., MCHES, CPM, ICPS* Jackson State University-College of Public Service School of Health Sciences, Doctoral Candidate
- Poster 5: MARIJUANA USE AMONG ADOLESCENTS IN JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI Henry C. Thompson Jr., B.A. and Velesha P. Williams, B.S., M.A., CPM Jackson State University-Metro Jackson Community Prevention Coalition
- Poster 6: SOCIAL WORK PRACTICE IS HIV PREVENTION Tornika Bell, B.S., Jackson State University, Master of Social Work Student Spring Internship with JSU Interdisciplinary Alcohol and Drug Studies Center Department of Criminal Justice and Sociology

Poster 7: OFFICE OF HIGHWAY SAFETY- THE DANGERS OF DISTRACTED DRIVING-SUBSTANCE ABUSE PREVENTION Erica Abston, B.S. and Earnestine McNeal-Brown, M.S., LMT, CPM Jackson State University-Interdisciplinary Alcohol and Drug Studies Center, Department of Criminal Justice and Sociology

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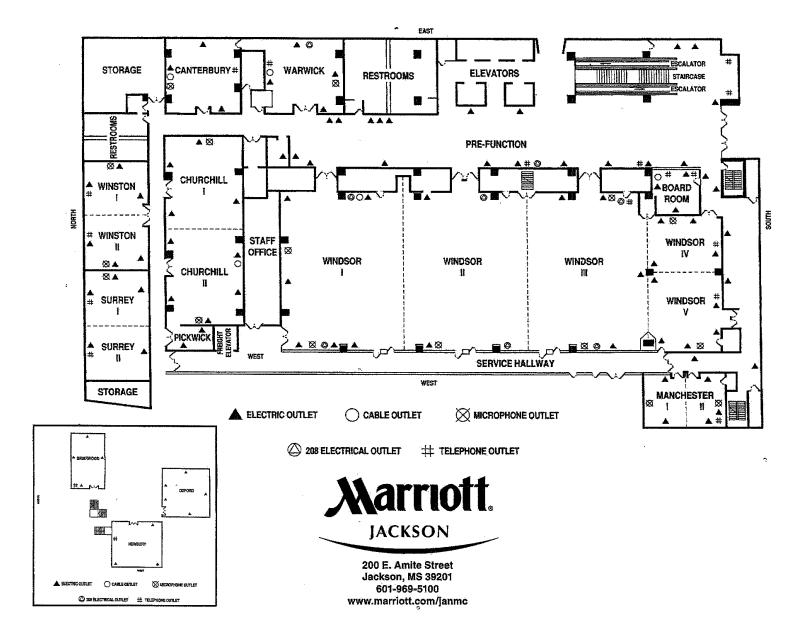
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