



COUNCIL ON SOCIAL WORK EDUCATION

Commission on Global Social Work Education

March 2019 Report from Rebecca L. Thomas, Chair

The following material is a summary of projects, issues that emerged, and some future considerations. Particular emphasis is on information that took place outside of Commission Meetings. This report reflects the work done from August 2018. For details of projects done prior to August 2018, please see report submitted by Dr. Carol Cohen.

Much of the work accomplished in 2018 until APM in October 2018 reflects the continuation of the work started under the leadership of Dr. Carol Cohen. During the transition, Dr. Cohen and I have worked closely together to advance the work of the Commission and the councils.

Update on CSWE Commission on Global Social Work Education

Orientation of New Commissioners: I reached out to new committee members via phone. I think this was helpful but for the next time round I will conduct an orientation via Zoom. A group orientation will be helpful to provide an overview and to help answers questions and it would help to create a sense of community and possible collaboration opportunities. I now have a better feel for the work of the Global Commission, Councils and Committees and I will be able to provide more leadership and guidance. Katherine Lord too was new at this and together we have developed a strong working relationship. Thank you, Katherine, for your prompt response to my enquiries and requests for help.

Reports: There are multiple Commission documents in the Google Drive. Once a year, the Global Commission is featured in the CSWE monthly news.

Global Objects Project: This project was well received and brought a sense of collaboration and community to the March meeting in 2017-2018 by Carol Cohen. Connie, Julie Altman and Sr. Angela worked as a sub-committee to follow up and have multiple, exciting ideas for using this model in global social work education. Connie developed a template to gather common info about each Commissioner's object. This project was revisited at the 2018 APM and is posted on the web. Please visit the Global Objects project. It is very enlightening and reflective.

Globalizing EPAS Project: We were able to refocus this activity to collect ideas on how to expand global perspectives for each social work student. We decided to focus on each EPAS provision, and two to three Commissioners brainstormed ideas on each of the provisions at the March meeting. While significant progress was made, we are still following up on the ideas of each subgroup. Perhaps we will work on developing a stronger global presence in the next round of EPAS.

Fulbright Project: Carol Cohen launched a closer working relationship with the Fulbright Commission, including CIES with the Traditional Program, and World Learning with the Specialist Program. Carol has agreed to continue with the ad hoc Fulbright Committee of Commissioners (Dheeshana, Julie Altman and Vijayan) on these issues.

APM submission. The Global Commission submitted a workshop for the connect session to highlight two initiatives.

International Social Work Educational Leadership Biography. This is a new project that highlights an international social work leader that has made a critical role in advancing international social work. The first leader highlighted is Sattere Farman Farmaian, who completed her MSW at USC and decided she

needed to take the profession back to Iran. Worked at UN and other organizations. Started Tehran School of Social Work. Coined term “social work” in Farsi. Worked with family planning in Iran and had to flee the country at the time of the revolution. This Biography has been on the Global Commission website. Quarterly a new leader will be highlighted. The next 3 leaders have been identified and assigned. Stay tuned.

2018 PIE Awards/Hokenstad Lecture. The PIE awards committee chaired by Amy Roberts worked hard reviewing the candidates submitted. The awardees for an organization was the Hispanic Family Counseling, Sherise Truman was the student recipient and Shirley Gatenio Gable, was the individual recipient. The subcommittee for the PIE awards is recommending that the PIE award nominations be submitted earlier. Hokenstad Lecture committee chaired by Tom Felke was pleased to announce Dr. Innette Cambridge from Trinidad and Tobago to be the keynote speaker for the Hokenstad lecture.

Refugee Multimedia Educational Portfolio: CGSI & CGSWE collaborated two years in a row and received project funding from CSWE to produce a Multimedia Portfolio of Educational Material for understanding the global refugee crisis. The Portfolio will consist of videos, audio recordings, teaching guides, photos, music, and other materials that will reflect the experiences of refugees and partnering groups, and provide guidance in bringing these experiences and perspectives into social work education. CGSI member Hadidja Nyiransekuye has created three refugee videos, which will be shared with technical experts at University of St. Scholastica, who will develop a platform to house the videos and eventually will be made available to a larger CSWE audience through the CSWE website, the Learning Academy, the Kendall Institute, and the Council on Global Social Issues webpage.

Developed a comprehensive list of presentations at APM 2018 that deal with the Global and International Issues.

The Global Commission submitted a presentation to APM Connect session entitled The Global Commission in Action -- Innovation opportunities for learning and teaching.

Productive joint KAKI and Global Commission meeting at APM. This meeting was a great opportunity for an exchange of ideas and opportunities to collaborate.

Future Plans: CSWE Monthly Newsletter. Once a year the global commission is featured. This is an overview and meant for the broad readership of members. This is something we need to work on.

Website Review: This is an ongoing project that I need to work with Katherine. The two committees would like to have their own presence on the web. CSWE and I are clear that it is not feasible to have

Update on CSWE Committees affiliated with the Commission on Global Social Work Education

CSWE Committee on Global Committee on Environmental Justice

- a. Cathryne Schmitz and Rachel Forbes are the current Co-Chairs, and Lucy Lawrence is a key rep from the Global Commission. The EC added 6 new members to their committee.
- b. Reports: The EJ Committee Chairs submitted a brief report for the 2019 March meetings. Their report included at the end of this document.
- c. The co-chairs made a formal presentation at AMP to the Global Commission of their ongoing work of the Environmental Justice Committee.
- d. Presented a workshop at APM entitled *Climate Change, Ecological Degradation, and Environmental Migration*.
- e. The committee has taken on a leadership role in supporting social workers and social work educators as they incorporate environmental justice work into their everyday teaching, dialogue, and knowledge development.

- f. Future Plans: We continuing to work on the development of a ‘Tool Box’ of resources that we would like to make available for social work educators and practitioners. The ‘Tool Box’ was first frames and presented as a preconference Faculty Development Institute in Atlanta at the APM in 2017.

CSWE Committee on Human Rights:

- a. Jane McPherson is the current Chair, and Dheeshana Jayasundara and Rosi Barbera are members of the Committee from the Global Commission. Jo Daugherty Bailey (Metropolitan State University of Denver) serves on the Council on Global Issues.
- b. Reports: The Committee presented the Commission with a report on their progress at both the APM 2018 meetings and the current chair attended the Commission meetings at APM. Their report included at the end of this document.
- c. At the 2018 APM, the Human Rights Committee organized another event to highlight local human rights advocacy: Fighting the Death Penalty in Florida. Further information about this event can be found in the accompanying report.

Update on CSWE Councils affiliated with the Commission on Global Social Work Education

Regarding both Councils, Orientation and Planning: I found it useful to have individual calls with the two Council Chairs in September to discuss Councils’ plans for the year, any upcoming concerns, and reports that would be useful at the APM Commission Meeting. At APM we had a joint meeting. The meeting was very successful. There was a special focus on getting Universities to become members of IASSW. We also highlighted the conference to be held in Rimini, Italy in 2020.

Council on Global Learning and Practice:

- a. Joyce Shim is now serving at the chair of the Council on Global Learning and Practice.
- b. Reports: The Council Chair presented the Commission with a report on their progress at both the 2018 APM meetings.
- c. Update on Book Project: Joanne Corbin and Howard Robinson (CGLP) is co-editing a book entitled, **Global Perspectives for Social Work Education: A Teaching Resource**. The co-authors submitted a book proposal to CSWE publishers. A decision will be made at the end of February about the acceptance of the book proposal.
- d. Howard Robinson advanced a proposal for a Rwanda trip, and asked for support. Julie, Katherine, Joyce and I reviewed the proposal closely but since it was too close to the time of departure, we were not able to support this endeavor.
- e. The Council has been working on the module objective pages. Rather than moving forward to creating more modules, the CGLP decided that we want to make sure the members understand our objectives and guidelines clearly. For instance, one of the first tasks to be discuss more fully is - what is our definition of global social work.
- f. The subcommittee has been working hard for the proposed Italy Trip in 2020 as a pre-trip to the joint conference. The sub-committee has created a proposal draft have been communicating with Annamaria Campanini the President of IASSW to suggested dates of the trip, budget estimate, and trip program. The main two objectives identified thus far are: (1) to better understand how social work education and practice in Italy and (2) to connect social work professionals and academics with potential partners and field placements in Italy.
- g. Some Council members are developing an abstract to present at APM on the global social work education book proposal (by Joanne Corbin and Howard Robinson, who is on the Council).
Future: follow up with the Faculty Development Trips, specifically to support the work of the council and in assisting the chair to effectively overseeing their development.

Council on Global Social Issues:

- a. Johny Augustine continues to Chair the Council on Global Issues.
- b. Reports: The Council Chair presented the Commission with a report on their progress at both the 2018 APM. Report included at the end of this document.
- c. The Council presented at APM – The presentation was entitled *Addressing global social issues: Project Implementation*.
- d. Refugee Multimedia Educational Portfolio: CGSI & CGSWE received a project funding from CSWE to produce a Multimedia Portfolio of Educational Material for understanding the global refugee crisis. The Portfolio will consist of videos, audio recordings, teaching guides, photos, music, and other materials that will reflect the experiences of refugees and partnering groups, and provide guidance in bringing these experiences and perspectives into social work education. CGSI member Hadidja Nyiransekuye has created three refugee videos, which will be shared with technical experts at University of St. Scholastica, who will develop a platform to house the videos and eventually will be made available to a larger CSWE audience through the CSWE website, the Learning Academy, the Kendall Institute, and the Council on Global Social Issues webpage.
- e. Future Plans: The Council members are currently working on pressing global issues such as the global refugee crisis and prevention strategies and discrimination faced by South Asian immigrant community in the U.S. In addition, the project will focus on completing the Refugee Multimedia Project.

Council on Global Social Issues Report

The Council on Global Social Issues is a Council of the Commission on Global Social Work Education of CSWE. The specific charge of the Council are outlined below:

- To educate CSWE membership on emerging and existing global and international social issues and their relevance to social work practice through CSWE newsletters and other publications
- Explore policy implications and identifying teaching issues
- To contextualize global macro issues, guidelines for local communities, promotion of community guidelines, nontraditional issues
- Contextualizing global and international issues for global practice and their relevance for local practice

2017-2018 Council Membership:

Johny Augustine, Chair, St. Ambrose University	Jo Daugherty Bailey, Metropolitan State University of Denver
Sarah B. Garlington, Ohio University	Lalit P. Khandare, Pacific University
A. Christson Adedoyin, Samford University*	Hadidja Nyiransekuye, University of North Texas
Bonita Sharma, University of Texas at San Antonio*	Vivian Villaverde, University of Southern California
Regardt J Ferreira, Tulane University	Tanya Voss, University of Texas at Austin

*indicates new member. The Council would like to acknowledge the service and contributions of those who completed their terms in June 2018 including members Megan Berthold and Karen Bensen.

Council Activities 2017-18

Special Journal Issue on Nationalism and Neoliberalism: CGSI members Jo Bailey and Tanya

Voss edited and published a special issue on the topic, *The Rise of Nationalism, Populism and Neoliberalism: Challenges to Human Rights in Social Work* in the *Journal of Human Rights and Social Work*. This special issue is available at <https://link.springer.com/journal/41134/3/3>

Presentations at the CSWE APM: The Council presented a CSWE connect session during the 2018 APM. The presentation was titled: *Addressing global social issues: Project Implementation*.

Presentations at the SWSD (Social Work, Education, and Social Development): The Council organized a panel presentation during the SWSD conference in Dublin 2018. The presentation was titled: *Geo-political challenges to sustainable care and protection of the socially excluded*.

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CSWE Full Circle Information Briefs: The Council prepared an information brief entitled “*Council on Global Social Issues: Recent Accomplishment and Future Projects*” and was published in the Full Circle in October 2017.

Plans for 2018-19

Emerging Issues: Council members are currently working on pressing global issues such as the global refugee crisis and prevention strategies and discrimination faced by South Asian immigrant community in the U.S.

CSWE Compass Article: CGSI members are working on a brief article entitled “*How Can I stop wars? I am just a Social Worker: Social Work Response to the Refugee Crisis*” to be considered for publication in the Compass.

Connect Session: The Council is planning to present a Connect Session at the 2019 APM in Denver, Colorado. CGSI member Joanne Bailey will take a lead role in preparing the abstract and submitting to the CSWE.

Special Funding for Refugee Multimedia Project: CGSI & CGSWE members received CSWE special project funding in 2018 for completing the final phase of the Refugee Multimedia Educational Portfolio. The activities in the final phase include creating a platform to house the refugee videos produced as well as developing a teaching guide.

Special Funding for Exploring Caste-based Discrimination in the US: CGSI members received CSWE special project funding to explore and document the issue of caste-based discrimination among South Asian immigrants in the U.S. The objective of this project is to develop audio-visual and written educational materials regarding the issue of caste-based discrimination impacting the South Asian American community in the United States. This project will also contextualize the global issue of caste-apartheid and provide curricular and practice guidelines about how social work profession can be engaged in eliminating caste-based discrimination and promoting the rights of caste-oppressed groups in the United States.

Environmental Justice Committee Report

During 2018, the Environmental Justice Committee, added six new members and expanded our work. The committee held several Web meetings in addition to meeting at APM. At APM, we offered a workshop, *Climate Change, Ecological Degradation, and Environmental Migration*; there were 15-20 attendees who were actively

engaged in discussion. In addition, we held an open community meeting where participants engaged in meaningful conversation, fostered new connections, and created relationships to help strengthen and sustain the committee's functioning in the upcoming year. We now have a very diverse committee that is dedicated to creating a space where environmental justice is at the forefront of social work innovation when it comes to practice, pedagogy, and research.

The committee has taken on a leadership role in supporting social workers and social work educators as they incorporate environmental justice work into their everyday teaching, dialogue, and knowledge development. The committee completed a policy paper, which we are now rewriting with the goal of uploading it to the CSWE website when approved. Additionally, committee members are working to re-design our web presence, updating our profiles online to improve accessibility. We continue to work on the development of a 'Tool Box' of resources that we would like to make available for social work educators and practitioners. The 'Tool Box' was first framed and presented as a preconference Faculty Development Institute in Atlanta at the APM in 2017. The hope is for the 'Tool Box' to live as a depository linked to the CSWE Website. In conclusion, we are submitting an abstract for APM 2019. The abstract is for a workshop presented by four of our committee members who will facilitate an interactive dialogue surrounding ecosocial work and environmental justice. Building off the history of social work successes in this arena, we will highlight gaps then facilitate brainstorming on ways to move forward in creating change.

Human Rights Committee Report

The Committee held a productive meeting at the 2017 APM, and held a conference call in January 2017. We established a working agenda and good progress has been made.

Our goals are:

Goal 1: Helping educators integrate human rights into social work education

Goal 2: Connecting CSWE's Annual Program Meeting to human rights advocates in our host communities

Goal 3: Increasing the profile of human rights at APM

Current committee membership is: David Androff (Arizona State University);^[1] Jo Daugherty Bailey (Metropolitan State University of Denver); Rosemary Barbera (La Salle University);^[1] Kala Chakradhar (Murray State University); Filomena Critelli (University of Buffalo);^[1] Shirley Gatenio Gabel (Fordham University);^[1] Lynne Healy (University of Connecticut);^[1] Dheeshana Jayasundara (University of North Dakota); Kathryn Libal (University of Connecticut); Susan Mapp (Elizabethtown College); Jane McPherson (University of Georgia; Chair); Marciana Popescu (Fordham University); Dennis Ritchie (George Mason University); Julie Steen (University of Central Florida); and Joseph Wronka (Springfield College)

Our activities since the October 2017 APM are summarized below.

- Committee members continue to work closely with the *Journal of Human Rights and Social Work*, as a strategy for achieving Goal 1 above.
- Since 2013, the Human Rights Committee has been working with educators to increase the number of presentations that address human rights, and to promote those sessions to attendees at CSWE's annual program meetings. This work continues. Human rights-related sessions at APM are flagged and promoted.

- The Committee organized an event to highlight human rights in Dallas—Human Rights Advocacy Dallas—at APM 2017. Three local activists from the North Texas Dream Team, Mothers against Police Brutality, and Facing Abuse in Community Environments presented on violence in their communities. The session was attended by ~30 people.
- This year we've organized another event to highlight local human rights advocacy: Fighting the Death Penalty in Florida:

Human Rights Advocacy Orlando: Fighting the Death Penalty in Florida



Friday, November 9
5:15 pm
Walt Disney World Resort Dolphin
Oceanic 8, Lobby/Third Floor

Organized by the Human Rights Committee of the
CSWE Commission on Global Social Work Education

Panelists:

Maryjane Cooper, President
ACLU of Central Florida

Mark Elliott, Executive Director
Floridians for Alternatives to the
Death Penalty

**Christine Henderson, National
Organizer**
Equal Justice USA

Faith Sills, Chief of Social Services
Office of the Public Defender, 9th
Judicial Circuit

Robert Wesley, Public Defender
9th Judicial Circuit