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We look forward to your participation virtually on one or all of the following conference dates:

Thursday, April 18, 2024  
Friday, April 19, 2024

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## 42<sup>ND</sup> ANNUAL SOCIAL WORK CONFERENCE APRIL 18-19, 2024

**SOCIAL WORK RENAISSANCE:**  
*Adapting to a Changing Landscape  
of Social Work Practice and Education*



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Dear Alumni, Colleagues, and Friends of MVSU:

The Department of Social Work at Mississippi Valley State University is scheduled to host its 42nd Annual Social Work Conference virtually via Zoom across two different days Thursday, April 18, 2024, and Friday, April 19, 2024. This year's theme is: "Social Work Renaissance: Adapting to a Changing Landscape of Social Work Practice and Education."

Consistent with this year's theme, the 42nd Annual Social Work Conference will feature speakers with a wealth of knowledge and experiences in the areas of social justice, child welfare, mental health, and service delivery.

Each conference attendee will have the opportunity to earn up to 10 CE's that can include diversity and ethics hours if all sessions are attended. We look forward to your participation.

For more information, contact the Department of Social Work at 662-254-3365 or email Mrs. Gloria Tidwell at gloria.tidwell@mvsu.edu.

Sincerely,

*Mrs. Gloria Tidwell*  
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## 2024 CONFERENCE AT A GLANCE

### THURSDAY, APRIL 18, 2024

7:30 a.m. – 7:55 a.m. Zoom opens for participants to log in/Greetings

8:00 A.M. – 9:00 A.M. SESSION I (Flexibility in Approaches to Community-Based Work, Whitney French & Mariaha Amos)-General

9:05 A.M. – 10:05 A.M. SESSION II (Emotional Health Matters, Dr. Kia R. McCray, DSW, LSW)- General

10:10 A.M. – 11:10 A.M. SESSION III (A Dream Come True, Barbara Benson)- General

11:15 A.M. – 12:15 P.M. SESSION IV (The Silent Assassin: Suicidality in the Black/African American Community, Tyshica Lofton)-General

12:15 P.M. – 12:55 P.M. LUNCH

1:00 P.M. – 2:00 P.M. SESSION V (Addressing Racial Trauma in Rural MS, Dr. Syrenia Johnson, LCSW-S, LICSW-S, CLC, SAP)-Cultural Diversity

2:05 P.M. – 3:05 P.M. SESSION VI (Issues in Managing Our Communitive Health Population, Terra Angela Cousin)- Ethics

3:10 P.M. – 4:10 P.M. SESSION VII (Community Awareness of ESRD, Suzanne S. Watkins, RN, MRN)-Cultural Diversity

### FRIDAY, APRIL 19, 2024

7:30 A.M. – 8:00 A.M. Zoom opens for participants to log in/Greetings

8:00 A.M. – 9:30 A.M. SESSION VIII (African American Fatherhood: Crisis and Opportunity, Dr. Jerry Watson & Roosevelt Farrior)-Ethics

9:30 A.M. – 9:45 A.M. BREAK

9:45 A.M. – 11:15 A.M. SESSION IX (Behavior Interventions: Why, When, and How? Corey Miletello)-General

11:15 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. Closing Remarks

## CONFERENCE REGISTRATION

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Please submit payment based on the days that you plan to attend.

Conference fee \$100

Thursday	1 CE session = \$10
Friday	1.5 CE session = \$15
Friday	2 CE session = \$20

Make check or money order payable to: MVSU Department of Social Work (If a check is for more than one attendee, please attach a complete list of attendees to the check or money order).