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WORKSHOP PRESENTATIONS

“Isolation. Violence. Hope and Communion”

Annual Conference

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Serving the Most Vulnerable Among Us: The Orthodox Response to Victims of Human Trafficking in our Congregations

Emily Waters, MSW, MPA, PhD candidate, LCSW, Director of Human Trafficking Programs, The Safe Center, Long Island, NY; Member of the Church of Our Lady of Kazan (OCA), Sea Cliff, NY.

Bringing Healing to Painful Memories with the Internal Family Systems (IFS) Model of Therapy

Pres. Julie Honeycutt, MMFT, NCC, LMHC, LPC, Private Practice of Counseling, Presbytera of St. George Greek Orthodox Church, Bloomfield Hills, MI.

Following the Inverted Pyramid: Working with Survivors of Natural Disasters and Political Violence in the Essex Theological Tradition

Fr. David Alexander, PhD, Diplomate and Fellow with the American Academy of Experts in Traumatic Stress and the American Association of Pastoral Counselors, Co-Director of the MTh in Pastoral Care and Counseling program at the Antiochian House of Studies (AOCANA); Commander of the Navy Chaplain Corps, Uniformed Services University, Health Sciences and Armed Forces Radiobiological Research Institute, Bethesda, MD.

When Suicide Seems to be the Answer: Psychological and Spiritual Implications for Care

Steven-John Harris, PhD, Licensed Psychologist, Certificates in Psychoanalytic Psychotherapy and Jungian Psychotherapy, Private Practice of Psychology, Newport Beach, CA; Member of the Nativity of the Most Holy Theotokos Serbian Orthodox Church, Irvine, CA.

Georgian Mustata, MD, Licensed Physician, Psychiatrist in Private Practice; Member of Holy Transfiguration Orthodox Church (Bulgarian Archdiocese), East Syracuse, NY.

Seeing God's Image in our Enemy

Joel Klepac, MA, LMFT, Counselor at Centre College Counseling Services, Danville, KY; Member of St. Andrew Antiochian Orthodox Church, Lexington, KY.

Overcoming Reductive Objectivity: The Phenomenology of Subjective Personhood and the Therapeutic Encounter

Fr. Sean Levine, MA, MDiv, MS, DMin candidate, Major, US Army; Family Life Chaplain on Fort Belvoir, VA; Priest in the Orthodox Church in America.

Complex Post Traumatic Stress and the Orthodox Moral Tradition: Critiques of “Our Thoughts Determine Our Lives” from Trauma Theory

Kate McCray, ThM, MDiv, PhD candidate, St. Michael's College, University of Toronto; Member of Holy Myrrhbearers Chapel (OCA), University of Toronto, Toronto, Ontario, CANADA.

Nourishing the Violent Brain

Mat. Christina Veselak, MS, LMFT, Certified Nutritionist, Psychotherapist at Garden Gate Counseling & Consulting and St. Ephraim Center (an Orthodox Counseling Center), Centennial, CO; Founder and Director, The Academy for Addiction and Mental Health Nutrition; Matushka of All Saints of Russia Orthodox Church (ROCOR), Denver, CO.

Suffer the Little Children: Fostering Communion and Finding Hope in a Pediatric Critical Care Setting

Stephanie A. Storgion, MD, Licensed Physician, FAAP, FCCM, Professor and Chair of Physician Assistant Studies, Professor in the Department of Pediatrics, Division of Pediatric Critical Care, and Medical Director of the Neurosurgical Intensive Care Unit, College of Medicine, University of Tennessee Health Science Center; Member of Annunciation Greek Orthodox Church, Memphis, TN.

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Elizabeth Hawkins, MDiv, BCC, Certified Thanatologist, Chaplain at Le Bonheur Children's Hospital; Member of Annunciation Greek Orthodox Church, Memphis, TN.

Building Bridges or Barriers? The Impact of Social Media on Connecting with Ourselves, Each Other, and God

Randa Karadsheh Anderson, PhD, Licensed Clinical Psychologist, Private Practice of Psychology, Orthodox Christian Counseling Institute; Member of Saints Peter and Paul Greek Orthodox Church, Glenview, IL.

Catherine Creticos, MD, Licensed Physician, Chief of the Section of Infectious Diseases, Advocate Illinois Masonic Medical Center; Director of Infectious Diseases, Howard Brown Health; Physician and Consultant at AIMMC and HBH; Member of Saints Peter and Paul Greek Orthodox Church, Glenview, IL.

Helen Creticos Theodoropoulos, PhD, Adjunct Professor, St. Sava Serbian Orthodox School of Theology; Member of Saints Peter and Paul Greek Orthodox Church, Glenview, IL.

Communion Through Obedience: Ministering to those in Crisis Pregnancies

Cindy George, MA, MTh, Board Member, ZOE for Life!; Member of St. Matthew Antiochian Orthodox Church, North Royalton, OH.

Logotherapy and the Treatment of Addiction

Dean Theophilos, MA, LADC, LPCC, Co-occurring Disorder Counselor, NUWAY Inc.; Member of Holy Apostles Greek Orthodox Church, Westchester, IL.

Paradigm Shifts in Treating Trauma

Paula Dranger, MSW, LCSW, LCAC, Certified Substance Abuse Professional, Certified Program Planner, CEO at Choices Counseling Services; Assistant Director of Counseling Services and Coordinator of the Sexual Assault Awareness and Facilitative Education Office as well as Director of the Addictions Certification in the Graduate School at Valparaiso University; Member of Saints Constantine and Helen Greek Orthodox Church, Merrillville, IN.

Strongholds of Heroin Addiction and Treatment Implications

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Call to Action: Human Trafficking and Modern Slavery

Pres. Maria Drossos, MDiv candidate, Member of the Ecumenical Patriarchate's Task Force on Modern Slavery, Advisory Board member of Saint Catherine's Vision; Presbytera of Saints Panteleimon, Anna and Paraskevi Greek Orthodox Church, Markham, Ontario, CANADA.

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Stop the Bleed: The American College of Surgeons Bleeding Control Program

Donald Jenkins, MD, Licensed Physician, FACS, Clinical Professor in the Division of Trauma and Emergency Surgery, University of Texas Health Science Center; Distinguished Chair in Burn and Trauma Surgery and Associate Deputy Director of the Military Health Institute; Member of St. Anthony the Great Orthodox Church (OCA), San Antonio, TX.

True and False Conscience in the Gospels and Psychoanalytic Theory

Fr. Jan Veselak, MA, LAC, Certified Sex Addiction Therapist, Clinical Director of St. Ephraim Center (an Orthodox Counseling Center); Priest at All Saints of Russia Orthodox Church (ROCOR), Denver, CO.

The Role of Medicine and Spiritual Care in Combating Loneliness

Bavly Kost, MA, MPS, Certificate in Spiritual Care and Psychotherapy, Spiritual Care Practitioner at Scarborough Health Network and Private Practice of Psychotherapy; Member of St. George Coptic Orthodox Church, Toronto, Ontario, CANADA.

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Let us Go Forth in Peace...to Gehenna and Back: Chaplaincy in Support of First Responders

Fr. Jon-Stephen Hedges, BA, Licensed EMT, Certified Trauma Responder, Certified Crisis Chaplain, Senior Chaplain with the Disaster Response Team, International Conference of Police Chaplains; Red Cross Disaster Spiritual Care; IOCC Disaster Frontline Team; Assistant Pastor, St. Athanasius Orthodox Church (Antiochian), Santa Barbara, CA.