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# FAITH & SOCIAL WORK CONFERENCE 2021

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# Conference Schedule

## *At a Glance*

### DAY 1 / FRIDAY / 11.05.21

9:00 AM - 9:30 AM	INTRO & WELCOME   <b>STACEY BLAYLOCK</b>	[ .5 CEU ]
9:30 AM - 11:00 AM	WHAT IF?   <b>LYNN JOHNSON</b>	[ 1.5 CEUs ]
11:00 AM - 11:10 AM	BREAK	
11:10 AM - 12:40 PM	THE APPLICATION OF CHRISTIAN MUSIC THERAPY IN A FOSTER GROUP HOME   <b>DR. HAYOUNG LIM &amp; SAMANTHA NOSSAMAN</b>	[ 1.5 CEUs ]
12:40 PM - 1:20 PM	LUNCH	
1:20 PM - 2:50 PM	MENTAL HEALTH AS A SERVICE WITH ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENT MIRROR   <b>MIKE MATTHEWS</b>	[ 1.5 CEUs ]
2:50 PM - 3:00 PM	BREAK	
3:00 PM - 4:30 PM	INTEGRATION OF FAITH IN NAVIGATING THE LEGAL CONSTRUCTS OF RELIGIOUS FREEDOMS   <b>PATRICIA APY</b>	[ 1.5 Ethics CEUs ]
4:30 PM - 5:00 PM	SOCIAL WORKERS AS AMBASSADORS OF HEAVEN - PART 1   <b>BRITTANY GOMEZ</b>	[ .5 CEU ]

### DAY 2 / SATURDAY / 11.06.21

9:00 AM - 10:30 AM	BYE BYE BOOGIEMAN: OVERCOMING FEAR & ANXIETY   <b>DARRIN PERSON</b>	[ 1.5 CEUs ]
10:30 AM - 10:40 AM	BREAK	
10:40 AM - 12:10 PM	VOICES OF EXPERIENCE: DISCUSSING SPIRITUAL TRAUMA   <b>MIKE BROSE</b>	[ 1.5 Ethics CEUs ]
12:10 PM - 12:50 PM	LUNCH	
12:50 PM - 2:20 PM	FAITH ENGAGEMENT & COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP   <b>CHRIS CAMPBELL</b>	[ 1.5 CEUs ]
2:20 PM - 2:30 AM	BREAK	
2:30 PM - 4:00 PM	THE SPIRIT OF EFFECTIVE HELPERS   <b>JONATHAN KRATZ</b>	[ 1.5 CEUs ]
4:00 PM - 4:30 PM	SOCIAL WORKERS AS AMBASSADORS OF HEAVEN - PART 2   <b>BRITTANY GOMEZ</b>	[ .5 CEU ]

# What If?

Former Assistant Secretary for Health & Human Services Lynn Johnson created the ALL IN for FOSTER ADOPTION Challenge as a national call for partners in every state, including governors, non-profit agencies, courts, churches, community organizations, foster alumni and the public, to commit to being ALL IN to find "Forever Families" for the 125,000 waiting children in foster care. What if, today we respond to the Lord as He asks us to care for the poor, the hungry, the scared, the addicted, the homeless, the abused and the neglected? And imagine what we can all do as we come forward to change the world—together. With a combined strategy of primary prevention on the front-end when families are struggling and need intervention, as well as communities wrapping around those who step-up to adopt waiting youth, the 125,000 could rapidly be reduced to zero if every state would focus on that number. This group is at eminent risk of ending up in another system, such as juvenile justice, homelessness or becoming trafficked.

## Bio

**Lynn Johnson** is currently the Vice President of Children & Youth Initiatives for CityServe International. Her role focuses on driving national initiatives that empower churches to combat the crisis of children aging out of the foster care system, adoption, human trafficking, and empowering young women to be leaders in their communities. She brings determination, passion, and a strong belief in the dignity of all people no matter the challenge before them. Her only passion greater than serving vulnerable and exploited populations is her deep faith in our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

Before this work, Mrs. Johnson was the Assistant Secretary for the Administration for Children and Families in the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. In this Senate-confirmed position, she led a large agency with a budget of over 59 billion dollars and over 60 programs to improve and enhance the lives of our most challenged children, individuals, and families.

As the Executive Director of Jefferson County Department of Human Services in Colorado, she used a comprehensive lens to provide dignity and respect for our most vulnerable members of the community to end poverty, eliminate abuse and neglect and stop the trafficking of children. Appointed to several committees, her expertise ranges from child welfare to welfare reform and criminal justice. Mrs. Johnson has won numerous awards for Excellence in successful transformations of Human Services and customer service.

Before joining the Jefferson County Department of Human Services, Mrs. Johnson ran a firm consulting on issues on mental health, high-risk youth, developmental disabilities, child welfare, and early childhood education. She was Chief of Staff to Lieutenant Governor Jane E. Norton and was Deputy Director for Policy as well as Policy Advisor on Human Services issues to Governor Bill Owens.

Mrs. Johnson has a bachelor's degree from the University of Northern Colorado and a master's degree in Social Work from Arizona State University. She is a graduate of the Federal Judicial Center National Leadership Development Program and the Senior Executives in State and Local Government through the Harvard Kennedy School for Executive Education. She has been married for 36 years and has three adult children.

LYNN JOHNSON  
FRIDAY | 9:30-11:00 AM

1.5 CEUs



# The Application of Christian Music Therapy in a Foster Group Home

Dr. Hayoung Lim, the Director of the Oral Roberts University Music Therapy Program and Clinic, will present her editorial from the Journal of the Scholarship of Teaching and Learning for Christians in Higher Education regarding Christian music therapy. Samantha Nossaman, the Clinical Training Coordinator and Supervisor for the Oral Roberts University Music Therapy Program, will present on the use of music therapy in the foster care system. This presentation will include a current home receiving services under supervision of Mrs. Nossaman. She will present testimonials from care givers, case managers, and the group members.

DR. LIM &  
SAMANTHA NOSSAMAN  
FRIDAY | 11:10 AM - 12:40 PM

1.5 CEUs

## Bios

**Dr. Hayoung Lim** is Director of the Music Therapy Program and Clinic, and Professor of Music at Oral Roberts University. Dr. Lim is a board-certified, neurologic music therapist (NMT Fellow) and current member of the American Music Therapy Association (AMTA). She earned her bachelor's degree in Cello Performance from the Catholic University of Korea, and master's degree in both Cello Performance and Music Therapy from the Illinois State University. In 2007, she received her Ph.D. degree in music education with an emphasis on music therapy from the University of Miami. Her dissertation title was "The Effect of Developmental Speech-Language Training through Music in Speech Production in Children with Autism Spectrum Disorders." She completed her music therapy internship at Lutheran General Hospital, Park Ridge, IL, and worked as a full-time music therapist at the Cleveland Music School Settlement in Cleveland, OH. Dr. Lim also worked as the music therapy director at Children's Health & Education Management, Miami, FL and specialized in music therapy for children with Autism Spectrum Disorders. Dr. Lim joined ORU in 2014 and prior to her current appointment, worked as Director of Graduate Studies in Music Therapy at Sam Houston State University in Texas. In addition, Dr. Lim has worked as a concert cellist, performing numerous solo recitals and chamber music concerts (as a member of K-Piano Trio) in Seoul, Korea and the U.S.



**Samantha Nossaman** is the current clinical training coordinator and supervisor for the music therapy program at Oral Roberts University. Samantha Nossaman received her Bachelor of Arts in Piano with a minor in psychology from the University of Oklahoma in 2013. She achieved her Master of Music Therapy from Maryville University. Mrs. Nossaman completed her internship from Denton Independent School District under the supervision of Sherri Ross. Samantha Nossaman is currently a Board-Certified Music Therapist and a Licensed Professional Music Therapist in the state of Oklahoma. Mrs. Nossaman received training as a Registered Behavior Technician in Applied Behavior Analysis Therapy (ABA). She currently holds a Neurologic Music Therapy (NMT) credential, along with being a Certified Behavioral Health Case Manager Level CM II. Samantha Nossaman has clinical experience in various populations including children with developmental, behavioral and intellectual disorders; adolescents with developmental, behavioral, and intellectual disorders, geriatrics, hospice, physical rehabilitation, and individuals with psychiatric disorders. Samantha Nossaman is the illustrator of "La Salsa Plays the Blues". She works closely with other music therapists to advocate for music therapy in the Tulsa community.



# Mental Health as a Service with Artificial Intelligent Mirror

Mental-Health-as-a-Service is now possible with the advanced technology of the MQ-Mirror application. The new AI Enabled MQ-Mirror application that was designed at Oral Roberts University to bring the power of IQ, EQ, and now MQ together via a glass mirror. The next major application that individuals will interact with personal data, global-communications, self-navigation, self-help, data analytics, music, video, education, fitness, artificial intelligence and robotic functionality will be the glass mirror. The next breakthrough in designing the way all digital things are brought together in one new form factor will be the glass mirror that has been used for centuries to reflect the human engagement with self.

## Bio

**Michael L. Mathews** is the Vice President of Technology and Innovation at Oral Roberts University and has over 24-years of experience as a senior-level IT executive bringing creative solutions that value the end-users of education, technology, and business process management. These solutions have benefited the end-users of higher education, manufacturing, and high technology company products. Mike spent 12-years working at Cray Research where he trained hundreds of supercomputer engineers across major industry sectors.

Michal has held positions as a VP of Innovation, chief information officer, general manager of CIOs, chief strategist for innovation, business development officer, trainer, teacher, and vice president of academic services for leading corporations and higher education. Mike has been a CIO within higher education and corporate training for over 19 years. In September, Mathews was named one of The Center for Digital Education's 2017 top 30 Technologists, Transformers, and Trailblazers, while Constellation Research, Inc. named him to its Business Transformation 150, a list of elite executives leading business transformation efforts around the globe.

MIKE MATHEWS  
FRIDAY | 1:20 - 2:50 PM

1.5 CEUs



# Integration of Faith in Navigating the Legal Constructs of Religious Freedom

PATRICIA APY  
FRIDAY | 3:00 - 4:30 PM

1.5 Ethics  
CEUs

This presentation will provide a brief contextual summary of implications of recent United States Federal and Constitutional developments regarding Religious Freedom and the First Amendment on current practice. Continuing with the illustration of how the competencies of social work practice and ethics allow us to express our faith in ways that inform and enhance, not only our own work, but model such spiritual integration in a polarized society. The presentations will include summaries of statutes and legal cases with links to the case law, an outline of the referenced competencies and ethics, examples of faith integration, and supporting bibliography for additional reading or research

## Bio

**Patricia Apy** has since 1996 been a partner in the law firm of Paras, Apy, & Reiss, a professional corporation specializing in the practice of family law. Ms. Apy's area of expertise is in complex family litigation, particularly international and interstate family litigation.



Ms. Apy has litigated, been qualified as an expert witness and consulted on international family disputes throughout the world, including locations as diverse as the United Kingdom, Brazil, Italy, Israel, Australia, Pakistan, Turkey, Egypt, Jordan and United Arab Emirates. Ms. Apy frequently consults and is regularly qualified as an expert on issues related to the application of religiously based family law systems, including sharia (Islamic) law, halacha (Jewish) law and the application of the Hindu marriage act (Indian law). She speaks throughout the United States and Canada on family dispute resolution in both Hague and "non-Hague" countries and in assessing risk factors for international child abduction. She also has conducted over a thousand hours of continuing legal education for judge advocate general corps of all of the United States armed services at bases and on vessels around the world.



# Social Workers as Ambassadors of Heaven - Part 1 & 2

Join me as we examine the powerful connections between prayer, the spiritual gift of discernment, and social work practice. Jesus commissioned us to share His Good News with those around us. He taught us to pray for the Kingdom of Heaven to manifest on earth. Heaven's environment is full of righteousness, peace, and joy.

Though we enter the social work field with the heart to bring hope and empowerment to others, it is sometimes easier to be influenced by the negativity of the problems at hand than it is to empower people to rise above! Have you ever found yourself feeling depressed by the stories of your clients or the situations of the communities you work in? Does the anxiety in people around you ever start to rub off on you? Do you long to rise above the stress that often comes with social work practice?

Come and be strengthened in your ability to live out the Gospel through social work by partnering with the King of Kings as an agent of change! You will be freshly equipped with strategies for carrying hope, releasing peace, and stewarding the atmosphere of heaven in your sphere of influence!

*Bio*

**Brittany Gomez**, LCSW, serves as the Field Education Director for ORU's Social Work Program. She joined the faculty at ORU in August 2017 and continues to enjoy teaching as an Assistant Professor of Social Work. Professor Gomez grew up with a deep love for Jesus and the nations. She first came to ORU in 2004 as a student. When she took Introduction to Social Work during her freshman year, Gomez began to realize that a social work degree would equip her to serve and empower people all over the world. As she continued her studies, Gomez was named the 2008 Undergraduate Social Work Student of the Year by the National Association of Social Workers in Oklahoma. She graduated with her Bachelor of Social Work in May 2008 and received that year's Outstanding Academic Achievement award from ORU's College of Science and Engineering. Gomez's key areas of practice specialty within the field of social work include childhood trauma, attachment disorders, and human sex trafficking. Gomez has conducted seminars on childhood trauma and emotional healing in Brazil, India, and Nepal. She has worked with anti-trafficking efforts in Oklahoma and has also served as a consultant for an anti-trafficking safe house in India. Gomez continuously utilizes her administrative and networking experience to expand practicum placement options for students.

BRITTANY GOMEZ  
FRIDAY | 4:30 - 5:00 PM  
SATURDAY | 4:00 - 4:30 PM

.5 CEU  
(per session)

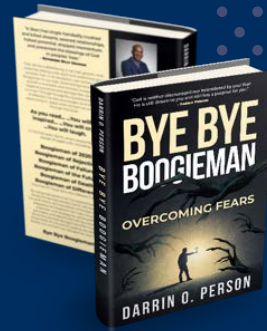


# Bye Bye Boogieman: Overcoming Fear & Anxiety

DARRIN PERSON  
SATURDAY | 9:00 - 10:30 AM

1.5 CEUs

Learn about steps that can be taken to help and support individuals through anxiety and fear through utilizing faith. Fear can be debilitating; it can halt growth, limit potential, destroy one's spirit and undermine your purpose. Fear, in its deception, can certainly be a Boogieman in our lives. This session covers several fears that people struggle with, including: the Boogieman of rejection, the Boogieman of failure, the Boogieman of the future, the Boogieman of death, and Boogieman of difference. By using real stories and experiences, this session will reveal how to rid oneself of the fear that once plagued and hindered their lives. This session provides a solution and strategy by utilizing biblical principles, and specifically taking a look at the life of the ultimate Boogieman killer in scripture, King David. By the end of this session you will be just like David; not running from your Boogieman in fear, but rather running towards it in victory. Bye Bye Boogieman!



## Bio

**Darrin Person** is a graduate from Oral Robert's University with a bachelor's degree in psychology in 1997 and from California State University, Fresno (CSUF) with a Master's in Social Work in 2000, respectively. Darrin has a beautiful family: his wife Iris Person (18 years of marriage), son Darrin Person Jr. (15) and daughter Amiris Irene Person (9).

Mr. Person is the co-founder of Person to Person Counseling services, with his wife Iris Person, that provides counseling services to disadvantaged and at-risk individuals and families. They also provide an array of seminars and workshops: marriage, boundaries, mental health. Darrin also serves as the Associate Pastor of the Praise Church located in Clovis, California where he has served for the past twenty years. Mr. Person preaches and teaches a message of hope, healing, and abundant living through Jesus Christ.

Professionally, Mr. Person also works as the Mentor Manager for Fresno Unified School District, the fourth largest school district in California, where he has implemented nationally recognized programs that serve thousands of students each year. Mr. Person is also an adjunct professor at Fresno State University and Fresno Pacific University.



# Voices Of Experience: Discussing Spiritual Trauma

Spiritual trauma is a subject that is often left out of clinical discussion, as it is under-researched and often seen as a taboo topic among more conservative circles. It is important to include these experiences in the discussion of social work practice, as it recognizes the significant psychosocial effects that religion, culture, and spiritual practices have on the individual. If we are to utilize faith or religion in strengths-based interventions or as an element of resilience, we must first address any traumas or negative core beliefs the client may have as a result of religious experiences.

This session will primarily focus on giving a voice to those individuals with lived experiences, giving them an opportunity to share the pain, perspectives, and hope they have found through the impact of spiritual trauma. Listeners will be able to present themselves as learners, allowing these individuals to be the experts on their own experiences by providing first-hand insight and knowledge. Recommendations for clinicians, educators, and students will be given on how to recognize, assess, and ethically approach this issue in the field.

## Bio

**Michael Brose** was born in Liberal, Kansas, and attended Oral Roberts University in Tulsa where he earned his bachelor's degree in social work in 1979. He attended the University of Kansas and graduated with an MSW in social work in 1980 before returning to Tulsa where he and his wife Maren have made their home since. Mike has worked extensively with individuals living with serious mental illness and their families. He has also worked in juvenile justice, medical social work, and geriatric mental health

care. He served as the Director of Family Therapy at St. John Medical Center from 1987 to 1992. He became the director of the Mental Health Association Oklahoma in 1993 and served as the CEO there for 27 years, overseeing growth from five employees to almost two hundred as a statewide organization. He currently practices privately with individuals and families, consults, and volunteers in the community and across the state.



MIKE BROSE

SATURDAY | 10:40 AM - 12:10 PM

1.5 Ethics  
CEUs

# Faith Engagement & Community Partnership

All of us want to create effective community partnerships and collaborations with the faith community but oftentimes feel frustrated with efforts to successfully accomplish this goal. We know that people care but we can't seem to get the help that we need to run and grow the programs that we lead and get the resources our clients need as well. Come learn how to more effectively create community collaborations with the faith community that can help both your clients and programs succeed.

CHRIS CAMPBELL  
SATURDAY | 12:50 AM - 2:20 PM

1.5 CEUs

## Bio

**Chris Campbell** first got involved in foster care recruitment and support as a mission's pastor unaware of the local crisis in his own backyard. Now as the executive director of the 111Project, Chris gets to work weekly with church leaders, denominational leaders, child welfare agencies, and other charitable organizations to mobilization the local church so every child has a family. Chris's primary efforts are focused on seeing a church-led discipleship movement that can bring tangible changes to the child welfare system. 111Project also is the local implementor behind the technology platform CarePortal. Chris and his wife Ashley are the parents to 5 kids - one through adoption. They are also honored to have an additional family member that is an amazing young adult named Michael, who aged out of foster care and now works for CarePortal as a software developer.

111Project has been recognized nationally with the Angels in Adoption Award, and has been featured annually in OKDHS annual.



# The Spirit of Effective Helpers

JONATHAN KRATZ  
SATURDAY | 2:30 - 4:00 PM

1.5 CEUs

Efforts to legitimize clinical interventions through the enterprise of evidence based practice have been at the forefront of clinical research for the past 70 years (Shakow et al., 1947). A major focus in clinical research has been to identify specific skills and techniques that can help clients with their problems, yet the search for evidence has been continually undermined and frustrated by a variety of scientific challenges, especially the challenge of elusive replicability in outcomes (Miller, Taylor, and West, 1980). Many researchers have assumed that this replicability challenge is the result of poor model adherence from clinician to clinician and study to study. Yet, the increased popularity of highly structured and manualized intervention models has not produced significantly better data.

In this presentation, we will explore a different dimension of effective helpers: the spirit and way of being of the individual counselor. It is proposed that there is something about the clinical presence of helpers and counselors that has a significant and measurable impact on clients and their outcomes. An overview of existing research that helps to define this "spirit" will be presented alongside an overview of future areas for continued exploration of the traits found in effective helpers (Miller & Moyers, 2021).

An overview of Motivational Interviewing (Miller & Rollnick, 2012) will be suggested as a framework for conceptualizing a pathway for developing and learning the spirit of effective helpers.



*Bio*

**Jonathan Kratz**, MSW, LCSW is a Clinical Assistant Professor at the University of Oklahoma. He has an extensive background in juvenile justice and forensic social work as well as in mental health and school based services with children and families. He teaches across the direct practice curriculum in the Anne and Henry Zarrow School of Social Work including courses in mental health, group work, advanced clinical social work theories of practice, and the integrative seminar. His research at OU focuses on clinical pedagogy related to Motivational Interviewing, Suicidality, and High-Fidelity Clinical Simulations.

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