



11th Annual Social Work in Sports Symposium
 Tuesday, September 30th – Wednesday, October 1st
The Jung Hotel & Residences
 1500 Canal St #1500, New Orleans, LA 70112
Sport Social Work is Everywhere

Monday, September 29th, 2025

<i>When...</i>	<i>Where...</i>	<i>What...</i>
6:00 P.M. to 9:00 P.M.	Jung Hotel Bar	11th Annual Social Work in Sports Symposium Meet & Greet

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8:00 A.M. to 8:30 A.M.	Derbigny Meeting Room	Welcome, Registration, and Continental Breakfast
8:30 A.M. to 8:45 A.M.	Derbigny Meeting Room	Opening Remarks and Presidential Address
8:45 A.M. to 9:15 A.M.	Derbigny Meeting Room	Greg Harden Panel <i>CEU Eligible?</i>
9:15 A.M. to 9:45 A.M.	Derbigny Meeting Room	Poster Presentations Canadian Post-Secondary Sport Social Work: Student-Athlete Support Network (SASN) Madison Beishuizen, Dr. Andrew Mantulak, Matt Barnes, Wade Wilson <i>King's University College, Southwest Counselling Centre, The Mentor Magazine Inc.</i> Embedding Social Work within Student-Athlete Support Systems: Eliminating Barriers & Stigma while Providing Sport Social Work Practicum Opportunities



		Madison Beishuizen, Matt Barnes, Wade Wilson <i>King's University College, Southwest Counselling Centre, The Mentor Magazine Inc.</i> Family Matters: A Family Systems Theory Approach to Working with Sports Teams Madison Beishuizen, Matt Barnes, Wade Wilson <i>King's University College, Southwest Counselling Centre, The Mentor Magazine Inc.</i> The Effect of Team Sports Involvement on Suicidal Ideation and Attempt Among Youth Experiencing Homelessness Sierra Hendrix-Williams, Alexander Black, Geoffrey Cui-Naudet, Eric Rice <i>University of Southern California</i> Kuumba Evanston Olympic Games Riley Hughes, MSW Candidate, Greg Taylor, Executive Director, & Chris Livatino, ETHS Athletic Director <i>Columbia University School of Social Work & Kuumba Evanston Board</i> Student-Athlete Support (SAS) Group Program Proposal Sage R. Quandt-Deto, MSW Student <i>Pacific University</i> The Evolution and Future of Paralympic Events: The Role of Sport Social Work in LA28 and Beyond Laneshia Conner & Justin "Jay" Miller <i>University of Kentucky</i> Healing in Motion: Using Somatic Therapy to Empower Athletes
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		Jolisa Castell <i>Hope Anchors the Soul</i> Exploring Perception and Usage of Virtual Mindfulness-based Interventions Among Division I College Athletes Adrian R. Thompson, MBA, MSW, LCSW, DSW Student & Andrea N. Thompson, MBA, MSW, LCSW, DSW Student <i>Tulane University</i> Building Bridges: Strengthening Communication and Support Between Parents, Coaches, and Athletes in School Sports Alyssa Mitchem, MSW & Megan Ulrich <i>Indiana University</i> The Sports Bra Project <i>Partner Presentation</i>
9:45 A.M. to 10:00 A.M.		On the <i>geaux</i> ...
10:00 A.M. to 11:00 A.M.	Varies (see below)	Paired Presentations <i>CEU Eligible?</i>
10:00 A.M. to 10:20 A.M.	Derbigny Meeting Room	Film Screening: Experience Stigma Reduction Intervention Bella Nadeau, Assistant Director of University and Alumni Programs <i>The Quell Foundation</i>
	Miro Meeting Room	Coach Beyond: Equipping Coaches to Support Mental Skill Development Among Student-Athletes Sydney Mack, MSW, LSW; Dawn Anderson-Butcher, PhD, LISW-S, CMPC; Kylee Ault-Baker, PhD, CMPC; Samantha Bates, PhD, LISW-S;

		Declan Farrell; Lorenzo Styles; Sly Worthy; Emily Nothnagle, MSW <i>The Ohio State University</i>
	Liberty Meeting Room	Run or Walk in Nature with your Therapist: The Impact Movement and Nature Have on Mental Health Katie Mark, MSW, LICSW <i>On the Mark Therapy, LLC</i>
	Roman Meeting Room	Project Blue Line: Promoting Positive Youth Development in Youth Hockey Matt Moore, Ph.D., MSW Associate Professor and Associate Dean of Academic and Student Affairs <i>University of Kentucky</i> Striving for Excellence: The Hidden Dangers of OCD and Perfectionism in Athletes Gali Werner, LCSW-S, CMPC, PhD Candidate, Ryan Judd, LCSW-S OCD Institute of Texas / Athlete Rising, LLC
	Marais Meeting Room	From Coach to Coach-Mentor: How Social Work Infusion Changes the Game Ariel Deitch and Andy Jenkins <i>South Bronx United</i> Heel to Heal: Using Trauma-Informed Therapeutic Movement for Every Body in Social Work Ayrin L. Hnosko, LCSW, LLC Ayrin L. Hnosko, LCSW, LLC and Alliant University
10:20 A.M. to 10:40 A.M.	Derbigny Meeting Room	Question & Answer: Experience Stigma Reduction Intervention Bella Nadeau, Assistant Director of University and Alumni Programs <i>The Quell Foundation</i>

	Miro Meeting Room	Bridging the Gap: When Technology Meets Social Work to Transform Athlete Mental Health with the Zone Ivan Tchatchouwo, CEO/Co-Founder <i>The Zone</i>
	Liberty Meeting Room	C.O.P.E. - Creative Options for Processing Emotions: Empowering Athletes Through Expressive Interventions Natasha Carter, LICSW LCSW-C <i>Learning Alternative Ways to Channel Euphoria, LLC</i>
	Roman Meeting Room	Recruiting International Student Athletes through Social Work Consultation: Guyanese Athletics Program Shelton Gilyard <i>University of South Florida</i>
	Marais Meeting Room	Breaking Barriers Throughout the NCAA: Engaging & Assessing Student-Athletes Lauren Shute <i>University of Nevada, Las Vegas</i>
10:40 A.M. to 11:00 A.M.	Derbigny Meeting Room	3rd Party & In-house: The New Normal Kim Quigley MD, FABPN, CEO, Psychiatrist <i>ONRISE Mental Health Care for Athletes</i>
	Miro Meeting Room	From Sidelines to Solutions: Social Work and Coaching's Collaborative Game Plan Sinai Guillen <i>Gadsden Independent School District</i>
	Liberty Meeting Room	Women & Female College Athlete Identity Development Dr. Richard D. Weaver Jr, Ruth Axton, Avery Vincent, Dr. Carly Kimiecik, Dr. Tarkington J Newman <i>University of Kentucky, Columbia University & Miami University</i>
	Roman Meeting Room	A Conversation about Career Transition: Mental Health and Career Counseling Considerations Lauren Gordon, LCSW Psychotherapist in the State of New York and Career Consultant

	Marais Meeting Room	Sustainable Performance and Well-Being: Intuitive Eating for Competitive Athletes and Active Adults Erin Starkey Shamieh, LCSW <i>Simply Intuitive LLC</i>
11:00 A.M. to 11:15 A.M.		On the <i>geaux</i> ...
11:15 A.M. to 12:00 P.M.	Derbigny Meeting Room	Feature Presentation <i>CEU Eligible?</i> Our History and Where We're Headed: The Alliance of Social Workers in Sports at 11 Years Dr. Stacy Kratz, PhD, LCSW, CAP & Dr. Stephanie Rosado, PhD, MSW, CVWHC <i>Modern Mind Institute, Foundation for a Healthy St. Pete, University of South Florida</i>
12:00 P.M. to 2:00 P.M.		Lunch/Networking On Your Own
2:00 P.M. to 3:00 P.M.	Varies (see below)	Paired Presentations <i>CEU Eligible?</i>
2:00 P.M. to 2:20 P.M.	Derbigny Meeting Room	Community Development and Social Change Through Sport Dr. Ben Joseph, Dr. Sam Lane, & Dr. Chris Panagiotaros <i>Western Sydney University, Penrith Panthers Rugby League Club, Parramatta Eels Rugby League Club, Wests Tigers Rugby League Club</i>
	Miro Meeting Room	Increasing Type 1 Diabetes Awareness and Management in Youth Soccer Coaches and Referees Alyssa Mitchem, MSW, LCSW & Ruth Moser <i>Indiana University & Purdue University</i>
	Liberty Meeting Room	Strength Beyond the Playing Field: Exploring Protective Factors for Mental Health in College Athletes Dr. Susan Cardillo-Cunningham, DSW, LCSW <i>Southern Connecticut State University</i>
	Roman Meeting Room	Leading for Well-Being: An Interdisciplinary Social Justice and Sports Leadership Course Kate Kaufman, DSW, LCSW, Assistant Professor <i>Siena College</i>

	Marais Meeting Room	Dancer in Environment: Embedded Social Work at a Professional Dance Company Erika Owens, MS-ECD, LCSW & Cindy Miller Aron, LCSW, CGP, FAGPA <i>Rush University Medical Center & Illinois Sports Performance Institute</i>
2:20 P.M. to 2:40 P.M.	Derbigny Meeting Room	Beyond the Finish Line: Understanding and Supporting the Mental Wellness of Active Adult Women Pat Spencer, LCSW <i>Getting Your Mind in Gear</i>
	Miro Meeting Room	New Teammates: Social Work and Sport Administration and Management Lauren Beasley, Ph.D., LMSW, Jay Kennedy, M.S., LMSW, Natalie Bunch, Ph.D. <i>Georgia State University, University of Cincinnati</i>
	Liberty Meeting Room	Caribbean Student Athletes' Transition to College Athletics in the United States Dr. Cheryl-Ann S. Boodram <i>The University of the West Indies, St. Augustine, Trinidad and Tobago</i>
	Roman Meeting Room	The Ethical Integration of Faith in Sport Social Work Practicum Education Environments Dr. Philip Breitenbucher, Ed.D., M.S.W., Dr. Jerri Middleton & Dr. Emilo Bermejo <i>California Baptist University</i>
	Marais Meeting Room	Play Hard, Think Well Rashad Mills, Licensed Clinical Professional Counselor <i>OpenMindHealth</i>
2:40 P.M. to 3:00 P.M.	Derbigny Meeting Room	Boundaries and the Pitfalls of Being a Fan Karen Winston, LCSW, Assistant Professor and Former Houston Texans Team Counselor <i>Private Practice; Menninger Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Science, Baylor College of Medicine</i>

	Miro Meeting Room	Integrity of Recreational Sports: What is the Reality for Youth Sport Programming? Dr. Kristin Trainor, Makaela Schmidt, Brecken Panse, Katelyn Conley, Jerry Reynolds, Matt Moore <i>Butler University, Ball State University, University of Kentucky</i>
	Liberty Meeting Room	Play Like A G.I.R.L.: How To Empower Female Athletes' Mental Health in Male Dominated Sports Natasha Carter, LICSW LCSW-C <i>Learning Alternative Ways to Channel Euphoria, LLC</i>
	Roman Meeting Room	Best Practices for Trauma-informed Mental Health Care with Student-Athletes Marion "Danny" Bennett Jr., Ph.D., Christopher Evans <i>University of Arkansas</i>
	Marais Meeting Room	Mind Body Athletes: Bridging the Mental Health Service Gap for High School Athletes Allison Chapman, MSW Candidate <i>University of Southern California</i>
3:00 P.M. to 3:15 P.M.		On the <i>geaux</i> ...
3:15 P.M. to 4:15 P.M.	Derbigny Meeting Room	Keynote Presentation Dr. Kweku Akyirefi Smith, President <i>BLAQUESMITH Consulting</i>
4:15 P.M. to 4:30 P.M.		On the <i>geaux</i> ...
4:30 P.M. to 5:30 P.M.	Varies (see below)	Paired Presentations <i>CEU Eligible?</i>
4:30 P.M. to 4:50 P.M.	Derbigny Meeting Room	Answering the Call to Action: Advancing Student-Athlete Mental Health Through Research, Policy, and Practice in Sport Social Work Kayla Douglas, LMSW, Hanna Pinkelman, LLMSW, Kelly Pahle, LMSW, Warren Clark, LMSW, Sara Driesenga, LLMSW <i>University of Michigan & Central Michigan University</i>
	Miro Meeting Room	IOC Mental Health Consensus Statement Reflections: Multi-Disciplinary, Cultural Perspectives, and Sport Participation Framework

		Cindy Miller Aron, LCSW, CGP, FAGPA; Dr. Carla Edwards, MD, FRCPC, Sports Psychiatrist, Assistant Clinical Professor
	Liberty Meeting Room	Addressing Athlete Mental Health: Integrating CBT, Mindfulness and EMDR for Performance Anxiety Michelle Whitaker, LCSW Exploring the Potential Connection Between Cancer Risk, Survivor Psychosocial Wellbeing and Oppression by Sports Fans and Spectators and Proposed Action Steps Ryan Scott Taylor, PhD Student Sacred Heart University
	Roman Meeting Room	The LiFEcycle: Impact of LiFEsports Programs on Youth Development Joe Ingram III, MSW, LSW; Catelen Ramsey, MSW, LSW; Tommy Papotto, MSW <i>LiFEsports Initiative at The Ohio State University</i>
	Marais Meeting Room	Patterns of Medication Misuse and the Use of Performance Enhancers Among NAIA Athletes Levone Lee, Richard Weaver, Carlyn Kimiecik, Maitri Patel, Sara Corman, Matt Moore, Tarkington J Newman <i>Sport Social Work Research Lab, University of Kentucky College of Social Work</i>
4:50 P.M. to 5:10 P.M.	Derbigny Meeting Room	Physical Activity as a Component of Dialectical Behavioral Therapy Dawn Anna O'Connell <i>Walden University</i>
	Miro Meeting Room	The Impact of Injury on Athlete Mental Health: What Sport Social Workers Can Do to Help Christine A. Mosher, LICSW
	Liberty Meeting Room	Brainspotting in Sports Performance: Empowering Athletes with Self-Regulation Thad Frye, LCSW and Martin Shotbolt <i>Performance Brainspotting</i>

		Exploring the Potential Impact of Sports Fandom on Cancer Survivor Psychosocial Wellbeing Ryan Scott Taylor, PhD Student <i>Sacred Heart University</i>
	Roman Meeting Room	Advancing Sport Social Work to Address Youth Development: Innovations and Findings from the LiFEsports Initiative Sydney Mack, MSW, LSW; Samantha Bates, PhD, LISW-S; Dawn Anderson-Butcher, PhD, LISW-S, CMPC; Emily Nothnagle; Joe Ingram III, MSW, LSW; Travis Scheadler, PhD, LSW <i>The Ohio State University & University of North Carolina at Charlotte</i>
	Marais Meeting Room	The Role of Injury in Holistic Well-Being Among College Student-Athletes: Implications for Sport Social Work Rebecca Kline, MS Candidate, Carlyn Kimiecik, PhD, MSW & Jay Kimiecik, PhD <i>Miami University</i>
5:10 P.M. to 5:30 P.M.	Derbigny Meeting Room	Name Image and Likeness and Social Work's Lack of Research Presence Leon Banks & Anna Scheyett <i>University of Georgia</i>
	Miro Meeting Room	Empowering Change: Collaborative Advocacy for Athlete Mental Health Suzanne Potts, LMSW, MPH <i>The University of Texas at Austin - Steve Hicks School of Social Work</i>
	Liberty Meeting Room	Refugees Teaching Cricket to American Citizens Dr. Nafees Alam Associate Professor <i>University of Nebraska</i>
	Roman Meeting Room	Coaches as Colleagues: Including the College Coach in College Athlete Mental Health Emily Nothnagle; Samantha Bates, PhD, LISW-S; Dawn Anderson-Butcher, PhD, LISW-S, CMPC <i>The Ohio State University</i>



	Marais Meeting Room	Recess for Champions: A Collaborative Approach to Leadership, Life Skills, and Community Engagement for College Student-Athletes and Ohio Youth Katharine Dunn, Sophia Dull, Emily Wright Cisek, PhD & Carlyn Kimiecik, PhD, MSW <i>Miami University</i>
5:30 P.M. to 6:30 P.M.		On the <i>geaux</i> ...
6:30 P.M. to 8:30 P.M.	Chapter IV 1301 Gravier St, New Orleans, LA 70112	11 th Annual Symposium Gala and Presidential Address





Wednesday, October 1st, 2025

<i>When...</i>	<i>Where...</i>	<i>What...</i>
8:00 A.M. to 9:45 A.M.	Derbigny Meeting Room	Breakfast (<i>Café du Monde</i>) & Mentor/Mentee Networking
9:45 A.M. to 10:00 A.M.		On the <i>geaux</i> ...
10:00 A.M. to 10:45 A.M.	Varies (see below)	Panel Presentations <i>CEU Eligible?</i>
	Derbigny Meeting Room	Meeting the Need: Sport Social Work Practicum Education Kimberly Gibson, LMSW, Lauren Beasley, PhD, MS, LMSW, Philip Breitenbucher, Ed.D., MSW, Warren Clark, LMSW <i>The University of Alabama, Georgia State University, California Baptist University, Michigan State University</i>
	Liberty Meeting Room	Vegas Strong: Sport Social Work in Sin City Majesty Davis, Gianna Eldridge, Leora Moore, Cadence Whitley <i>University of Nevada, Las Vegas</i>
	Roman Meeting Room	Sports: A Humanistic Approach LaKoya Gardner, Brady Horn, Isang Jacob, Devina Jani, Sandy Searcy <i>Mays Family Institute on Diverse Philanthropy, Lilly Family School of Philanthropy, Indiana University, MSD of Pike Township, National Federation of State High School Associations</i>
	Marais Meeting Room	Enhancing Student-Athlete Well-Being: Interdisciplinary Approaches to Managing NIL-Induced Time Constraints Alyssa Mitchem, MSW <i>Indiana University</i>
10:45 A.M. to 11:00 A.M.		On the <i>geaux</i> ...
11:00 A.M. to 12:00 P.M.	Derbigny Meeting Room	Feature Presentation <i>CEU Eligible?</i> Bridging Sports Psychology to Broader Health Dawn Anna O'Connell <i>Walden University</i>
12:00 P.M. to 2:00 P.M.		Lunch/Networking On Your Own
2:00 P.M. to 2:45 P.M.	Varies (see below)	Panel Presentations <i>CEU Eligible?</i>
	Derbigny Meeting Room	Exploring the Association Between Social Determinants of Health



		(SDoH) and Sport-Related Concussion (SRC) in Care-Seeking Brittany M. Ingram, PhD, Troy Purdom, PhD, Quincy Dinnerson, DSW, LMSW, ACSW, QMHP-C, CFSW, CSWM <i>North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University</i>
	Liberty Meeting Room	Sport Social Work and Motherhood in Track & Field: Advocacy, Policy Evolution, and Support Systems Laneshia Conner, Shelita Jackson, Crystal Washington <i>University of Kentucky & Eastern Kentucky University</i>
	Roman Meeting Room	Enhancing Athlete Retention and Well-Being: The Sport Social Worker Internship Program at UMH Dr. Jennifer Costello, DBH, LCSW-S, Dr. Sanfrena Brit, Molly Gilleland <i>University of Mary-Hardin Baylor, Office of Kingdon Diversity</i>
2:45 P.M. to 3:00 P.M.		On the <i>geaux</i> ...
3:00 P.M. to 4:00 P.M.	Derbigny Meeting Room	Keynote Presentation Dr. Carla Edwards, MD, FRCPC, Sports Psychiatrist, Assistant Clinical Professor <i>McMaster University Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Neurosciences</i> <i>President- International Society for Sports Psychiatry</i> <i>Hamilton Tiger Cats, Hamilton Forge, Toronto Rock, National Ballet of Canada</i>
4:00 P.M. to 4:30 P.M.	Derbigny Meeting Room	Closing Remarks
4:30 P.M. to 5:00 P.M.		On the <i>geaux</i> ...



5:00 P.M. to 7:00 P.M.	Derbigny Meeting Room	<i>Activity – Landmark Tour?</i>
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