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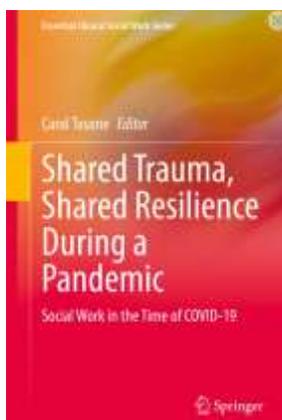
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Healing a Traumatized World

Healing a Traumatized World is central as we move forward through resiliency and growth during these times. The American Board of Clinical (ABCSW) Social Work inaugural conference was timely as it conducted a variety of sessions. The work of clinicians was captured through professional workshops such as suicide prevention in law enforcement personnel and implementation of PTSD treatments. Those workshops were noteworthy in stimulating conversation around collective trauma. Collective trauma was highlighted a number of times including the opening session delivered by Dr. Luis Zayas. He spoke about the psychosocial experience of detained children at the border and resulting trauma in families. In her keynote address, Dr. Carol Tosone discussed findings on shared trauma among social workers during the pandemic and shift to telehealth. Distinguished panelist, Dr. Samuel Aymer spoke about race-based trauma and providing space for black and brown people in therapy. These presentations fostered clinical discussion and renewed focus on social work values such as human dignity and social diversity.

The concept of cultural humility was another that underscored how clinicians can position themselves for new insights through the client's experience. When speaking about this during my session on social determinants of health and culturally informed care, I drew a parallel between it and serving the person in the environment. When we see the person in their environment, including all aspects, this helps us to assess and articulate an integrated picture for the larger system. Healing a traumatized world also involves social work services in our global community. The inaugural conference was one of a kind in delivering workshops such as Public Health Emergency Strike Teams and The Collective Trauma Caused by COVID-19. Social Work leaders from the U.S. Public Health Service Commissioned Corps discussed their experiences in deploying, conducting missions, and facilitating self-care among personnel. This event illustrated a resilient profession, engaged in critical dialogue and evolving clinically.



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