

Inclusion of Research by BSN Students in the SCSU Social Justice Week: An Innovative Approach to Nursing Education and Its Application to Humanity

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Special Recognition

- Special thanks are in order for:
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Definition of a Few Terms

- NUR 433W
- Social Justice Week
- (Basic) Human Rights

What is NUR 433W?

- *Theoretical Foundations of Nursing Practice with Families across the Lifespan*
- **Course Description:**
 - This course is a theory course and a writing course combined and focuses on the responses of individuals and their families (as defined by the individual/patient) to the presence of health as well as illness. The role of nursing in health promotion across the lifespan (from very young ages to much older ages) is emphasized in this course. Likewise, the role of the professional nurse/RN with regard to the ability of the individual and her/his family to adapt (to health and/or illness) is identified as the foundation of nursing practice.

Involves many forms of writing

Formal and informal

Essays and journaling

Research paper*

Some of My Students in NUR 433W



What is Social Justice Week?

Social JUSTICE
awareness. knowledge. action.

WEEK

Southern Connecticut State University

MONDAY NOVEMBER 9, 2015	TUESDAY NOVEMBER 10, 2015	WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 11, 2015	THURSDAY NOVEMBER 12, 2015	FRIDAY NOVEMBER 13, 2015
<p>Social Justice Week Kick Off Tables 11:30am-1:30pm Student Center & EN 5:00pm-7:00pm Cone Hall</p> <p>Stop by the informational table and create your personalized Facebook button.</p> <p>A Student Conversation with the President 1:00-2:00pm ASC Ballroom A or B</p> <p>President Mary Papazian invites students to join her for a conversation about your Southern education.</p> <p>Gender Identity, Multiple Opinions & Interpersonality 6:30pm ASC Ballroom</p> <p>Join us as Dr. Pauline Park talks about her life and work as a "realtor," activist and addresser of myths and misunderstandings.</p> <p>The Law from Our Eyes: A Conversation with the Police, the Community and You 8:00pm ASC Ballroom A</p> <p>Come for a conversation on police brutality, racial profiling, and how as a community we can better understand the color of justice.</p> <p>Social Class Monopoly 8:00pm-9:30pm ASC 217</p> <p>We will be playing a classic game of monopoly with a twist on the rules!</p> <p>Location Key FPS: Fursham Programming Space ASC: Adams Student Center EN: Engleman Hall</p>	<p>Sex Work and Human Rights: A Conversation with Belle Robbinson 12:00pm-2:00pm ASC Theater</p> <p>Ms. Robbinson will be presenting on social justice issues related to sex, work, and human trafficking.</p> <p>Social Justice Dialogue & Discussion with Nursing Students 12:30pm-3:00pm EN 121A/B</p> <p>Please join the Nursing 453W class for a dialogue on social justice issues in nursing.</p> <p>Community Service Fair 12:00pm-3:00pm ASC Ballroom</p> <p>An opportunity for SCSU students to meet with community partners.</p> <p>Next Steps: Advocacy & Action 12:00pm-3:00pm Ballroom Lobby</p> <p>Visit us at the Advocacy and Action table for interactive games, prizes and information on ways to take action on campus and in the community.</p> <p>Dear World: A Live Storytelling Experience & Portrait Shoot 10:00am-3:00pm Portrait Shoot ASC Lower Level</p> <p>7:00pm ASC Ballroom</p> <p>Dear World Live is an interactive, award-winning event that celebrates the diversity, energy, and evolution of the Southern Community.</p> <p>Just Because Campaign 9:00pm-10:30pm FPS</p> <p>Students will write a stereotypical statement that they identify with starting with "Just because."</p>	<p>LGBT Prism Tabling 11:00am-3:00pm ASC Food Court</p> <p>Stop by the LGBT Prism Table and learn about our club, Trans Awareness Week and some of our goals for the upcoming year.</p> <p>Celebrating Our Veterans: Honoring All Who Served 1:00pm-2:00pm ASC Ballroom</p> <p>Join the University community in celebrating and honoring our veterans.</p> <p>Strengthening Social Justice and Well-Being: How can I do this? 1:00pm-2:00pm EN 121B A/B</p> <p>Learn how to strengthen social justice and support well-being on campus.</p> <p>Strengthening Sex Work 6:00pm-8:00pm ASC Theater</p> <p>Join us for a screening and discussion of American Conversations: A film on a journey "into the underground world of the American Sex Workers."</p> <p>Expressions of Social Justice Talent Show 7:30pm ASC Ballroom</p> <p>Students from all across campus perform poetry, songs, and dance and then take one minute to address their passion to any work focusing on the theme of social justice.</p>	<p>From the Battlefield to the Classroom 12:00pm-1:30pm ASC Theater</p> <p>Jack Mordecai will take participants on a chronological journey of the military experience from boot camp to the classroom.</p> <p>"It's On Us Feat!" for Social Justice Week 1:00pm-3:00pm EN 121 A/B</p> <p>Don't miss the "It's On Us Feat" for interactive games, prizes and information on violence prevention.</p> <p>Who is My Neighbor? Inequality in Communities 3:00pm ASC Theater</p> <p>A faculty panel featuring Dr. Alan Brown, and Ms. Rebecca Brown will present the ways in which intimate stress manifests itself in marginalized communities.</p> <p>DEFAMATION: A Courtroom Drama with a Twist 7:00pm Lyman Theater</p> <p>A riveting courtroom drama that explores the highly charged issues of race, religion, gender, class and law where the defendant is the jury.</p>	<p>Panel Discussion: Media and Islam 10:00am-12:00pm EN B121</p> <p>Join us as Islamic scholars and SCSU faculty discuss the historical narrative focusing on Islam's arrival and experience in the United States before 9/11.</p> <p>Candid Conversations: 12:00pm-1:00pm ASC 201</p> <p>How do you have conversations relating to Social Justice topics as a leader? Learn how you can make an impact!</p> <p>Social Justice Retreat Friday, November 13th, Sunday, November 15th Camp Woodstock</p> <p>The Southern Social Justice Weekend will give students the opportunity to address some of the critical topics of diversity and social justice impacting our community. For more information contact Dr. Chris Cushing at: cushing1@mathscn.edu</p>
<p>ONGOING EVENTS</p> <p>Adopt-A-Family November 6th-20th</p> <p>Want to get involved and help the community?</p> <p>The Annual Adopt-A-Family Food Drive begins on Friday, November 6th. Donations must be delivered to ASC 212 no later than Friday, November 20th at 5:00pm.</p> <p>Contact Student Involvement and Leadership Development at (203)392-5782 for more information.</p>				
<p>Use the hashtag - #owls4justice</p> <p>Southern Connecticut State University is committed to accessibility and inclusion of persons with disabilities. If you require any accessibility accommodations to ensure your full participation in this event, please contact Alyssa Marucci, Disability Resource Center Graduate Intern at (203)392-6828.</p>				

Goals:

- To raise awareness
- To increase knowledge
- To inspire action

What are (basic) human rights?

- <http://www.un.org/en/universal-declaration-human-rights/>

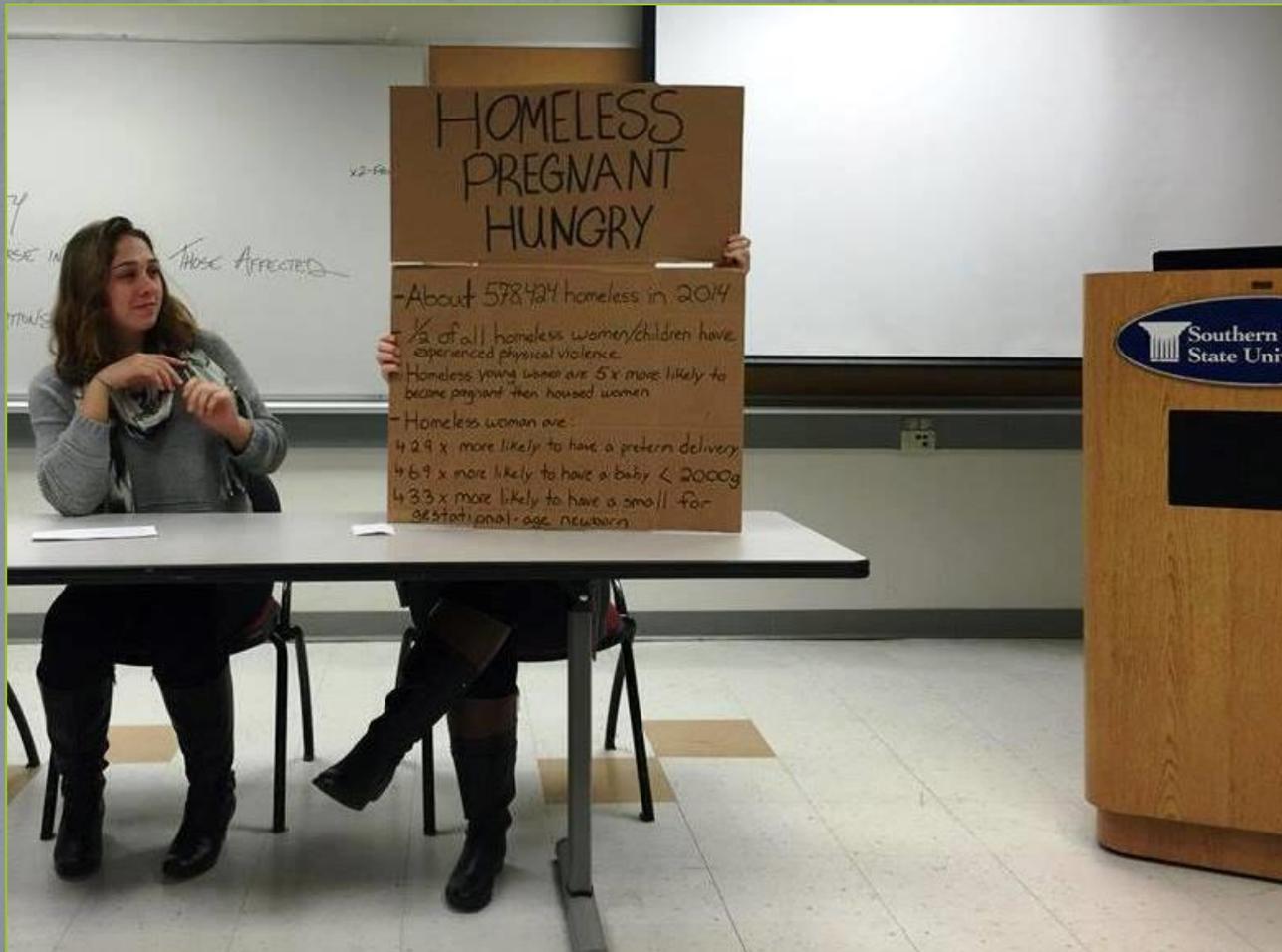
Human Rights and Professional Nursing

- Perhaps without realizing this, nurses embody human rights. For example:
 - We try not to judge anyone to whom we provide compassionate, effective and safe care.
 - We accept people as they are and want to see improvement in their (health) status.
 - We make referrals to other members of the healthcare team (e.g., social workers) who can help clients/patients in ways that we cannot.
- This is especially accurate through our roles as advocates for clients/patients.
 - We are highly trusted healthcare professionals.
 - Clients/patients and their loved ones depend on and look to us for guidance during times of all sorts of pain and suffering.

BSN Students as Advocates

- None of us would argue against time spent in the clinical setting.
 - Clinical time is *imperative* to becoming a competent, independent and safe nurse!
- Why not include relevant experiences for students re: advocacy for clients/patients and their basic human rights?
- NUR 433W is a theory class, but its content and organization lend themselves to developing the abilities of BSN students to apply research and theory to situations requiring advocacy.
- *That is exactly what we did during the SCSU SJW!*

Social Justice Week: November 9 – 15, 2015



Student Research Presentations for the SCSU SJW

- Submitted our class' topics for consideration as a group presentation (in place of regular class time)
 - It was if the campus had a chance to join us for class... but in a larger room and with more people.
 - Students had 5 – 10 minutes to present a synopsis of their topic and how the topic pertains to advocacy, awareness and human rights.
 - Students from other disciplines attended.
 - Potential nursing students attended.
 - Colleagues attended.
 - One colleague even brought her entire class to the event!
 - My students were nervous at first, but this changed as students had the opportunity to share.

Examples of Students' Research Topics

- Bereavement process for families with children who have debilitating health conditions
- Diabetes in the Hispanic community
- Effects of dementia on the caregivers
- Long-term effects of childhood cancer on children and their families
- Postpartum depression and its lasting effects on all members of the family
- PTSD in children who were abused
- Teen pregnancy and teens who choose adoption for their babies
 - Advocating for a woman's decision to work with a midwife instead of an MD/obstetrician
 - Advocating for a woman's decision not to have a C-section or epidural
- Transitions from addiction to sobriety
- Transgender transitioning
- Understanding pregnancy in the homeless population
- Understanding survivors of sexual assault/violence

Student Comments on Evaluations

- Students listed this event as one of the most memorable (if not *the* most memorable) that occurred over the course of the semester...
 - ...as well as in the students' experiences thus far in the nursing program.
 - Perhaps part of this is due to the student's ability not only to select a topic but also to be the expert.

Empowering BSN Students

- Presenting during SJW afforded my students with the opportunity to:
 - advocate for the rights of client/patient populations in a manner that connects the theoretical with the pragmatic and real-world.
 - build confidence in preparation for becoming a certified RN in the not-too-distant future.
 - showcase a topic about which each student is passionate as well as her/his (growing) expertise on the particular topic.

Comments? Questions? Thoughts?

