



2026 ABCSW ANNUAL CONFERENCE

April 9-10, 2026



Program Schedule

Thursday, April 9, 2026

8:30 am to 8:45 am – Welcome and Introductions – Henrika McCoy, MSW, MJ, PhD

Morris Endowed Dean and Professor, University of Denver Graduate School of Social Work

8:45 am to 10:15 am – Mauricio Cifuentes, PhD, LCSW

“Tools of Understanding and Hope for the Relational Clinician in Challenging Times”

10:15 am to 10:30 am – Break

10:30 am to noon – Dr. Cifuentes continued

Noon to 1:00 pm – Lunch

1:00 pm to 4:15 pm – Panel presentation of cases

1:00 pm to 1:45 pm – Lucia Anna Leo, LCSW-S, BCD

“When Home is No Longer Your Haven: A DACA Recipient’s Life Uprooted in Times of Turmoil and Chaos”

1:45 pm to 2:30 pm – Speakers’ reactions and audience discussion

2:30 pm to 2:45 pm – Break

2:45 pm to 3:30 pm – James Kuemmerle, MBA, MSW, LCSW, BCD

“Balancing Autonomy and Safety in Rural Behavioral Health: Ethical Psychotherapy with an Older Adult Agricultural Producer”

3:30 pm to 4:15 pm – Speakers’ reactions and audience discussion

4:15 pm to 4:30 pm – Summary comments and announcements

Friday, April 10, 2026

8:30 am to 8:45 am – Welcome and Introductions – Bryan Pyle, MSW, LCSW, BCD, ABCSW President

8:45 am to 10:15 am – Jennifer Bulow, LCSW, PhD

“Considerations of Safety, Therapeutic Presence, and External Realities in Psychotherapy”

10:15 am to 10:30 am – Break

10:30 am to noon – Dr. Bulow continued

Noon to 1:00 pm – Lunch

1:00 pm to 4:15 pm – Panel presentation of cases

1:00 pm to 1:45 pm – Eveitta Shellette Henderson, MSW, LCSW, BCD

“The Illusion of Safety: Moral Injury, Self-Preservation, and Ethical Reconnection After Crisis Deployment”

1:45 pm to 2:30 pm – Speakers’ reactions and audience discussion

2:30 pm to 2:45 pm – Break

2:45 pm to 3:30 pm – F. Diane Barth, LCSW, LICSW, BCD

“Shared Worries: When Therapist and Client Struggle with Similar Concerns About the World They Live In”

3:30 pm to 4:15 pm – Speakers’ reactions and audience discussion

4:15 pm to 4:30 pm – Closing remarks