



20th Annual Community Forum
Reproductive Rights, Health, and Freedom

MARCH 29, 2024

Moderator, Edward P. Hanna, DSW, MSW, LCSW, Kutztown University of Pennsylvania

8:45-9:20 a.m.

Welcoming Remarks

Dr. John Vafeas, DSW, Chair, Department of Social Work

Dr. Laurie McMillan, Dean, College of Liberal Arts & Sciences, Kutztown University

Dr. Sharon C. Lyter, PhD, LCSW, DSW Program Director, Community Forum Chair, Department of Social Work, Kutztown University

Dr. Rachel Bernini, DSW, Event Sponsor, Message from Service Access & Management, Inc.



9:20-10:00 a.m.

Keynote Speaker

Dr. Vijayan K. Pillai, Professor, School of Social Work, University of Texas at Arlington; co-author of Social Development and Abortion Policies in the United States: State-Wide Variations

10:00-10:20 a.m.

Amber Brown, Director of Education and Training, Planned Parenthood

10:20-10:40 a.m.

Break

10:40-11:15 a.m.

Adam Hosey, Reproductive Rights in Pennsylvania, Policy and Political Director of Planned Parenthood Pennsylvania Advocates

11:15-12 noon

Question & Answer Panel Discussion

12 noon-1:10 p.m.

LUNCH & Meetings

DSW Information Session Luncheon

meet in front lobby

General Seating Lunch—Georgian Room, Old Main.

Conference Agenda

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1:10-1:50 p.m.	<i>Diversity Prize, Scholarship Awards, and Social Work Month Proclamation</i> Dr. FangHsun Wei, PhD, MS, Professor, Department of Social Work, Kutztown University Dr. Heather LaBarre, PhD, LCSW, Assistant Professor, Department of Social Work, Kutztown University Dante Santoni, Jr., Berks County Commissioner Ella Mahon, Intern for Senator Judith Schwank, 11th PA Senatorial District
1:50-2:25 p.m.	Dr. Ashley Sullivan, DSW; Author of: Assessing Clinical Social Workers' Self-Efficacy Regarding Perinatal Mental Health Disorders
2:25-2:45 p.m.	<i>Break</i>
2:45-3:30 p.m.	Dr. Kathryn Brandt, D.O. Obstetrics and Gynecology, Reading Hospital; Justice for All: Impact on Cisgender Women and the LGBTQ+ Community
3:30—3:50 p.m.	<i>Question & Answer Panel Discussion</i> Includes morning speakers if available
3:50-4 p.m.	<i>Evaluation and Closing</i> Dr. Edward Hanna, DSW, MSW, LCSW, Department of Social Work, Kutztown University Dr. Sharon Lyter, PhD, MSW, LCSW, Community Forum Chair, DSW Program Director, Department of Social Work, Kutztown University

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Speaker Biographies



Dr. Vijayan K. Pillai, Professor, School of Social Work, University of Texas at Arlington; co-author of Social Development and Abortion Policies in the United States: State-Wide Variations

Dr. Vijayan K Pillai, professor of social work at the University of Texas at Arlington, USA, is a recipient of fellowships from both the Royal Society of Public Health and the American Academy of Epidemiology. His scholarly pursuits revolve around demography, with a specific focus on adolescent fertility, women's health, and HIV/AIDS in Africa. He has authored numerous publications delving into these crucial areas of study. In recognition of his exceptional contributions, Dr. Pillai received the University-wide Mentorship Award in 2014, the Distinguished Senior Scholar Presidential Award by the International Consortium for Social

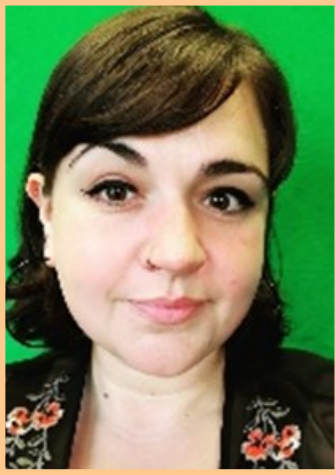
Development in 2016 (Asia-Pacific), and the University-wise Distinguished Researcher award for the term 2023-24. Beyond academia, he has been a dedicated contributor to various community initiatives, including roles with organizations such as the South Asia Research and Information Institute and the Texas Refugee and Immigrant Women Association. Additionally, he has served as a member of several councils and commissions under the Council for Social Work Education (CSWE) over the past two decades.



Dr. Kathryn Brandt, D.O. Obstetrics and Gynecology, Reading Hospital; Justice for All: Impact on Cisgender Women and the LGBTQ+ Community

K. Ashley Brandt, D.O. is a board-certified obstetrician/gynecologist and one of the first fellowship-trained gender-affirming surgeons in the country. She completed her residency in obstetrics and gynecology at Hahnemann University Hospital in 2017 in Philadelphia before briefly entering private practice. In 2019, she graduated from the second official gender-affirming surgical fellowship in the nation at Hahnemann Hospital, prior to its closure. Presently, she serves as core faculty for both the department of obstetrics/gynecology and plastic surgery at Tower Health/

Reading Hospital. Additionally, she is the director of the Gender Affirming Medical and Surgical Service Line at Reading Hospital where she provides hormone therapy, routine health services, and comprehensive gender-affirming surgery for patients. As a queer physician herself, she is a passionate advocate for LGBTQ community members, previously serving on the board of directors for the Mazzoni Center and is an active member for the Diversity and Inclusion Councils both at Reading Hospital and Phoenixville Hospital. As of Jan 2024, she was named the medical director of the LGBT Center of Greater Reading. She also gives lectures on LGBTQ and gender-affirming healthcare regionally and nationally and is an editor for OB.GYN news on gender diverse care. In her free time, she is a screenwriter, enjoys playing piano, and loves cooking. She lives in Lancaster with her wife, who is a midwife at Reading, and their lovable bulldog, Alex.



Amber Brown, Director of Education & Training, Planned Parenthood

I am an educator & trainer with significant experience working with diverse audiences, including pre-adolescent youth, adolescents, and adults. I have classroom management and teaching experience for grades two through twelve in public, charter, and alternative school settings. I've delivered evidence-based education directly to youth as well as providing training and professional development for educators and youth-serving professionals. I am interested in LGBTQ+ issues, puberty education, and workshops for parents. I founded The Spectrum at Planned Parenthood Keystone in 2006, an LGBTQ+ youth group in Berks County PA.



Adam Hosey, Reproductive Rights in Pennsylvania, Policy and Political Director of Planned Parenthood Pennsylvania Advocates

Adam Hosey is a self-described Philly nationalist and sandwich connoisseur. After a 10 year career in education focused on liberatory pedagogy and establishing new courses in Black feminist history, he took on the role of the first Chief Equity Officer at the YWCA Lancaster, where he initiated programming and education to create more inclusive spaces and policies for individuals and organizations. Adam continues to focus on inclusive policy as the Policy and Political Director of Planned Parenthood Pennsylvania Advocates. In this role, he works with elected officials, advocacy groups, and grassroots organizers to make sure all Pennsylvanians have access to the healthcare and sex education they deserve. He is also the co-owner of cultural bridges to justice, an anti-oppression consulting business. He is a grateful spouse and parent of two kids, and has two cats named after sandwiches.



Dr. Ashley Sullivan, DSW; Author of: Assessing Clinical Social Workers' Self-Efficacy Regarding Perinatal Mental Health Disorders

Dr. Ashley Sullivan is a licensed clinical social worker who graduated from Kutztown's DSW program in 2023. She currently works as a psychotherapist in private practice focusing on women's issues and addiction. Along with her private practice, she also is a full-time professor at Atlantic Cape Community College where she teaches courses on substance use and addiction counseling. Ashley is also the mother of a four-year-old little girl who inspired her DSW dissertation.