

LORETTA G. RIVERS
lrivers@nobts.edu
(504) 282-4455, ext. 3211

EMPLOYMENT

New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, New Orleans, LA
Associate Dean of Graduate Studies, January 2019 - Present
Professor of Social Work, August 1998 - Present

Milestone Healthcare/Columbia Lakeland Medical Center, New Orleans, LA
Medical Social Worker, Skilled Nursing Facility, April 1996 - July 1998

Home Mission Board/Carver Baptist Center, New Orleans, LA
Assistant Director, May 1991 - October 1994

EDUCATION

Tulane University
Doctor of Philosophy in Social Work, August 2008
Dissertation: *Southern Baptist Settlement Work in New Orleans, 1946-1969*

Louisiana State University
Master of Social Work, May 1996, Specialization in Children and Families with emphases in Medical and Gerontological Social Work

New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary
Master of Arts in Christian Education, May 1991, Emphases: Social Work and Gerontology

University of Mississippi
Bachelor of Arts, May 1989, Majors: Psychology and English

PUBLICATIONS

Rivers, Loretta, and Jeanine Bozeman. "Evangelism through Social Work Ministries."
In *Engage: Tools for Contemporary Evangelism*, edited by Wm. Craig Price, 360-369. Birmingham, AL: NOBTS Press, an imprint of Iron Stream Media, 2019.

Rivers, Loretta. "Ministry Leadership with Senior Adults." In *Together We Equip: Integrating Discipleship and Ministry Leadership for Holistic Spiritual Formation*, edited by Jody Dean and Hal Stewart, 164-174. Bloomington, IN: Westbow, 2018.

Bozeman, Jeanine Cannon, and Loretta Rivers. "A History of Social Work at New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary." *Journal for Baptist Theology and Ministry* 14, no. 2 (Fall 2017): 33-41.

Rivers, Loretta. "Baptist Centers: Influences and Education." *Baptist History and Heritage Journal* 46, no. 2 (Summer 2011), 77-89.

Rivers, Loretta. Review of *Religious Influences on Health and Well-Being in the Elderly* by K. W. Schaie, N. Krause, & A. Booth. *Social Work and Christianity* 32, no. 2 (Summer 2005), 172-174.

Rivers, Loretta. "How to Work with Other Helping Professionals." In *Interpersonal Relationship Skills for Ministers*, edited by Jeanine Cannon Bozeman and Argile Smith, 205-210. Gretna, LA: Pelican Publishing Company, 2004.

Rivers, Loretta. Review of *Aging and Spirituality: Spiritual Dimensions of Aging Theory, Research, Practice, and Policy* by D. O. Moberg. *Social Work and Christianity* 30, no. 3 (Fall 2003), 309-311.

Rivers, Loretta. Review of *The Pastor's Guide to Psychological Disorders and Treatments*, by W. B. Johnson & W. L. Johnson. *Social Work and Christianity* 28, no. 2 (Fall 2001), 172-174.

PRESENTATIONS

Rivers, Loretta, and Jeanine Bozeman. "Death Anxiety." National Association of Social Workers - Louisiana Annual Conference Virtual. June 3, 2020.

Rivers, Loretta, and Jeanine Bozeman. "Death Anxiety." New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary 4th Annual Christian Counseling Conference: Anxiety. November 1, 2019.

Rivers, Loretta, and Jeanine Bozeman. "Growing through Grief." Williams Boulevard Baptist Church. Kenner, LA. July 20, 2019.

Rivers, Loretta. "Contentment." Women's Auxiliary Meeting, New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary. New Orleans, LA. April 11, 2019.

Rivers, Loretta, and Elizabeth Terrill. "Relationships Matter." Presentation for Senior Fest, New Orleans, LA. April 5, 2019.

Rivers, Loretta, and Jeanine Bozeman. "Elder Abuse." Presentation for NASW-LA Annual Conference, Baton Rouge, LA. March 21, 2019.

Rivers, Loretta. "Relationships Matter." Breakout Session at Louisiana Baptist ECON Evangelism Conference. Covington, LA. January 29, 2019.

Rivers, Loretta, and Jeanine Bozeman. Grief Conference. First Baptist Church, Madisonville, LA. November 9, 2018.

- Rivers, Loretta, and Jeanine Bozeman. "Prevention of Elder Abuse." NOBTS Christian Counseling Conference. November 2, 2018.
- Rivers, Loretta. "Relationships Matter." Total Church Life Leadership Conference. Greenwell Springs, LA. August 18, 2018.
- Rivers, Loretta. "Compassion Fatigue, Stress, and Self-Care." Keynote Presenter. Port Ministries International Conference. New Orleans, LA. June 20, 2018.
- Rivers, Loretta. "Disciplining Older Adults." Total Church Life Leadership Conference. Baton Rouge, LA. August 19, 2017.
- Rivers, Loretta, and Jeanine Bozeman. "Aging: Challenges and Opportunities." National Association of Social Workers – Louisiana Regional Conference. Thibodaux, LA. June 16, 2017.
- Rivers, Loretta. Main Speaker for Senior Adult Ministers Fellowship Retreat for Mississippi Baptists, French Camp, MS. August 15, 2016.
- Rivers, Loretta. "Enabling Families to Cope Effectively with the Death of a Family Member." Presentation for NASW-LA, Houma, LA. April 15, 2016.
- Rivers, Loretta. "Compassion Fatigue." Workshop presentation for ARISE Schools: ARISE Academy and Mildred Osborne Charter School, New Orleans. April 8, 2016.
- Rivers, Loretta. "What's your EQ?" Presentation for Senior Fest, New Orleans, LA. April 1, 2016.
- Rivers, Loretta, & Jeanine Bozeman. "Social Worker's Self-Concept and Emotional Intelligence in the Helping Relationship." Presentation for NASW-LA Annual Conference, Baton Rouge, LA. March 15, 2016.
- Rivers, Loretta. "Caring for Self: Managing Stress." Presentation for Caring for Others, Caring for Self Conference, New Orleans, LA. February 29, 2016.
- Rivers, Loretta. "Grief and Loss in Foster Care Adoption." Presentation for Equipped to Care Conference, New Orleans, LA. November 6, 2015.
- Rivers, Loretta. "From 2015 and Beyond: What is the Future of Ministering with the Aging?" Presentation for Senior Adult Ministers/Leaders Network Meeting, Alexandria, LA. September 10, 2015
- Rivers, Loretta. "Serving the Present, Preparing for the Future." Presentation for TOTAL Church Life Leadership Conference, FBC Baton Rouge, LA. August 22, 2015.

- Rivers, Loretta, and Jeanine Bozeman. "Factors Influencing Communication in the Social Worker-Client Relationship: Self-Concept, Listening, Perception, and Emotional Intelligence." Presentation for the National Association of Social Workers, Louisiana, June 19, 2015.
- Rivers, Loretta. "2015 and Beyond: Ministering with the Aging." Presentation at the Association of Baptist Ministries with the Aging, New Orleans, LA, February 25, 2015.
- Rivers, Loretta. "Senior Adults: Love in Action." Presentation at the Total Church Life Leadership Conference. Baton Rouge, LA. August 23, 2014.
- Rivers, Loretta, and Jeanine Bozeman. "Spirituality and Religion in Social Work Practice." Presentation at the National Association of Social Workers, Louisiana Annual Conference, March 2014.
- Rivers, Loretta, and Jeanine Bozeman. "Compassion Fatigue." Regional Continuing Education Presentations for the National Association of Social Workers, Louisiana, Spring 2014.
- Rivers, Loretta. "Spirituality and Religion in Social Work Practice." Regional Continuing Education Presentations for the National Association of Social Workers, Louisiana, Fall 2013.
- Rivers, Loretta. "Looking Up When Life Has You Down." Presentation at the Widowed Persons Service of Greater Mobile Conference. Mobile, AL. August 17, 2013.
- Rivers, Loretta. "Practical Tips for Managing Stress." Presentation at the Total Church Life Leadership Conference. Baton Rouge, LA. August 24, 2013.
- Rivers, Loretta. "Compassion Fatigue." Presentation at the Healthy Lifestyle Choices Back to School Workshop, New Orleans, LA, August 2012.
- Rivers, Loretta. "Compassion Fatigue." Presentation at the Louisiana Assembly on School-Based Health Care, 16th Annual Conference, Baton Rouge, LA, April 2012.
- Rivers, Loretta, and Jeanine Bozeman. "All Stressed Out and Everywhere to Go." Presentation at the National Association of Social Workers, Louisiana Annual Conference, 2012.
- Rivers, Loretta, and Jeanine Bozeman. "Grief and Loss in Foster Care." Presentations for the National Association of Social Workers, Louisiana, Regional Continuing Education, 2012.
- Rivers, Loretta, and Courtney Eichelberger. "An Examination of Community Ministry Models in the South." Presentation at the North American Association of Christians in Social Work Convention, Pittsburgh, PA, October 2011.

- Rivers, Loretta. "Baptist Centers: Influences and Education." Presentation for the Baptist History and Heritage Society Annual Conference, Dallas, TX, May 2011.
- Rivers, Loretta, and Jeanine Bozeman. "Grief and Loss." Presentations for the Department Children and Family Services, Baton Rouge, LA and Alexandria, LA 2011.
- Rivers, Loretta, and Jeanine Bozeman. "Exploring and Understanding the Process of Grief." Presentation at the National Association of Social Workers, Louisiana Annual Conference, 2011.
- Rivers, Loretta, and Jeanine Bozeman. "Coping with Difficult People." Presentation at the National Association of Social Workers, Louisiana Annual Conference, 2009.
- Rivers, Loretta, and Jeanine Bozeman. "Helping Children Cope with Grief and Loss." Presentation for the Capital Area Human Services District, Baton Rouge, LA, 2008.
- Rivers, Loretta, Jeanine Bozeman, and Anita Malley. "Coping with Loss." Presentation at the National Association of Social Workers, Louisiana Annual Conference, 2007.
- Rivers, Loretta, Jeanine Bozeman, and Anita Malley. "Growing Through Grief." Continuing Education Conference at New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, 2004.
- Rivers, Loretta, Jeanine Bozeman, and Dianne Boazman. "Exploring End-of-Life Issues." Presentation at the National Association of Social Workers, Louisiana Annual Conference, 2004.
- Rivers, Loretta, Jeanine Bozeman, and Ann Madden. "Incorporating Spirituality into Social Work Practice." Presentation at the National Association of Social Workers, Louisiana Annual Conference, 2003.
- Rivers, Loretta, Jeanine Bozeman, and Ann Madden. "Spirituality and Religion in Social Work Theory and Practice." Presentation at the National Association of Social Workers, Louisiana Annual Conference, 2002.

PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

National Association of Social Workers, 1995-Present
North American Association of Christians in Social Work, 1998 -Present
Association for Death Education and Counseling, 2017-Present

AWARDS

Outstanding Classroom Teacher, New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, 2016.
Ola Farmer Lenaz Grant, Faculty Award, New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, 2011.

Norman W. Cox Award, June 2012, Best article published in the *Baptist History and Heritage Journal* in 2011.

CERTIFICATION/LICENSE

Certified in Thanatology: Death, Dying, and Bereavement. 2018 – Present.

Licensed Clinical Social Worker, State of Louisiana. 2000 – Present.

COURSES TAUGHT

Adult Education

Church Community Ministries

Disaster Relief Training and Experience

Essential Grief Ministry Skills

Essentials of Helping

Interpersonal Relationship Skills

Introduction to Gerontology

Introduction to Research and Writing

Introduction to Social Work

Ministering to Persons in Crisis

Ministry with Older Adults

Prospectus Development

Social Welfare Policy and Planning

Social Work Practice with the Aging and Their Families

Social Work Practice with Children and Families

Social Work Practice with Juvenile Delinquents

Social Work Practice with Organizations and Communities