Specialty Conference Track
Breakout Session Descriptions

Association for Mission Track

All sessions are designed for those who have graduated from a significant Lasallian formation program, such as the Buttimer Institute for Lasallian Studies or the Johnston Institute of Contemporary Lasallian Practice. This track will be led by: Mary Catherine Fox, AFSC, Ph.D., professor emerita, Saint Mary's University of Minnesota, Winona, MN; and Kurt Schackmuth, Ph.D., vice president for student life and chief mission officer, Lewis University, Romeoville, IL. **Please note this track includes two unique sessions on Friday and will join the General Track in selecting their breakout session on Saturday.**

FRIDAY, NOV. 20, 10:45 A.M. – 12:00 P.M.

The Other Narrative

Mary Catherine Fox, AFSC, Ph.D., professor emerita, Saint Mary's University of Minnesota, Winona, MN

This session presents and explores current scholarship on women in De La Salle's time. Women's desire to perform apostolic works in society, at a time when women religious were cloistered, provides a new lens for considering the genesis of our concept and practice of *Together and by Association.* De La Salle's wisdom in using educational innovations employed by women's religious congregations is also considered.

FRIDAY, NOV. 20, 1:30 – 2:45 P.M.

From Founder to Future: CIAMEL and the Lasallian Mission

Kurt Schackmuth, Ph.D., Chief Mission Officer and Vice President of Student Life, Lewis University, Romeoville, IL and Chair, International Council for Association and the Lasallian Educational Mission (CIAMEL)

Join this informative session to learn the latest about the International Council on Association and the Lasallian Educational Mission (CIAMEL), the worldwide body that helps animate, guide, and advance the

Lasallian mission across the globe. Established in 2015 and renewed and reenvisioned in 2023, CIAMEL serves as one of the Institute's three international governance councils, working alongside Brothers and partners to shape the future of the global Lasallian family.

Counselors, Social Workers and Case Managers Track

This track will be specifically geared toward mental health counselors, social workers and case managers. Any participant who is interested in better understanding trauma informed care and how to use this lens with all clients and students is welcome to attend these sessions also. This track will be led by: Erin Flood, LCSW, Director of Residential Clinical Services, LaSalle School, Albany, NY; and Frank McFadden, MS, CUA Director, Catholic Community Services, Philadelphia, PA

FRIDAY, NOV. 20 10:45 A.M. – 12:00 P.M.

Lasallian Mission, Social Welfare and Trauma Informed Care – How LAYFS Organizations Share The Lasallian Mission and Lasallian Education Within Their Organizations

Erin Flood, LCSW, Director of Residential Clinical Services, LaSalle School, Albany, NY
Frank McFadden, MS, CUA Director, Catholic Community Services, Philadelphia, PA

Lasallian education and educators are not exclusive to schools, colleges and universities. There are organizations within the District of Eastern North America (DENA) who have created a group called LAYFS — Lasallian Association for Youth and Family Services. Erin Flood and Frank McFadden both work at Lasallian organizations where the primary focus is serving youth and families outside of traditional education. We will discuss how we both gained a better understanding of how we fit within the Lasallian community through our experiences at the Brother John Johnston Institute. Additionally, our primary focus will be how we use the Lasallian mission and trauma informed care practices to provide exceptional services to youth and family turning to us for help.

FRIDAY, NOV. 20, 1:30 – 2:45 P.M.

Unlocking Potential Through Our Intentional Presence

Ana Lopes, Clinical Program Director, Tides Family Services, West Warwick, RI
Mike Schmitt, Vice President of Mission, Tides Family Services, West Warwick, RI

Our Lasallian Philosophy of Care calls us to create a supportive environment that intentionally creates opportunities for success by meeting people wherever they are "at," both physically and emotionally, while focusing on their inherent strengths. During our discussion, we introduce the Nurtured Heart Approach® (NHA), now “woven in” to our service delivery models. NHA is quickly becoming part of school settings across the country as this relationship-focused methodology is founded strategically in “The 3 Stands” for helping children (and adults) build Inner Wealth™ and use their intensity in successful ways. It has become a powerful way of awakening the inherent greatness in all children while facilitating parenting and classroom success. The essence of NHA is a set of core methodologies originally developed for working with the most difficult children. It has a proven impact on every child, including those who are challenged behaviorally, socially and academically.

SATURDAY, NOV. 21, 10:45 A.M. – 12:00 P.M.

Staff's Personal Trauma and Its Impact on Job Performance

Afolarin Ogunyinka, Quality Assurance Director, Catholic Community Services, Philadelphia, PA
Ginger Smith, Prevention Director, Catholic Community Services, Philadelphia, PA

The major focus of this training will be interactive with group activities and discussions on the effects of trauma on staff work performance; identifying tools to support staff while still holding them accountable to provide services and education to their clients and students. This session will provide participants with some definitions related to stress and trauma and offer them the opportunity to share their personal experiences working through trauma, tools they have found useful and how they can recognize and assist their co-workers. Participants will also be provided with handouts on stress reduction tools and signs to watch for stress leading to trauma.