

# SOCIETY FOR TRANSPLANT SOCIAL WORKERS

## *Annual Conference*

Boston, Massachusetts

September 3-5, 2014



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## *Welcome*

Please join us for the 29th annual International Society for Transplant Social Workers Conference and experience the beauty, rich culture, and history of Boston, Massachusetts. We encourage you to arrive early or stay after the conference to enjoy this charming and historic city and other parts of the New England area. You will find many sights to explore. Your colleagues from the New England area transplant programs would be happy to help you plan your visit.

### **Boston Seaport Hotel**

The conference will be held at the Seaport Hotel, located just 3 miles from Logan International Airport. The hotel is ideally situated for your Boston adventure in the bustling Seaport District, with the rest of the city easily accessible on foot, or by the MBTA, taxi or water taxi. Located on the waterfront, the Seaport Hotel offers you luxury accommodations with dazzling city and harbor views and incredibly convenient access to all major points of interest.

Unique architecture, cultural attractions and vibrant ethnic neighborhoods make Boston one of America's most fascinating cities. And it is possibly the nation's easiest to explore on foot, from the North End to the Freedom Trail to the Boston Common, Public Gardens and into the Back Bay. You'll find something new on every corner.

### **Program Highlights**

Boston and the New England region are home to fifteen esteemed transplant programs and we are excited to introduce you to a number of their world renowned transplant experts. Dr. Frank Delmonico, Transplant Surgeon, Medical Director of the New England Organ Bank, President of the Transplantation Society and Advisor to the World Health Organization, will deliver our keynote address on "Organ Donation and Human Rights".

Dr. Simon G. Talbot, who directs the Upper Extremity Transplant Program at Brigham and Women's Hospital, will present "Vascularized Composite Tissue Allotransplantation: Hand and Face Transplant in 2014." A VCA donor mother and a face transplant recipient will then shed more personal light on this emerging field of transplant. We will also explore the themes of donor family and recipient relationships in both a general session and break-out session. Pam Albert RN, BSN, CPTC, Director of Donor Family Services and Tissue Operations at the New England Organ Bank, will present "Contact Between Donor Families and Recipients—Crisis or Consolation?"

The conference sessions will provide a thorough introduction for the new transplant social worker and also challenge and inspire our more seasoned colleagues working with all types of transplants, both adult and pediatric populations, living donors and mechanical circulatory support patients. STSW members will highlight their research and clinical work in the field during various breakout sessions. Our full program schedule will be updated on our website as it develops.

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The STSW conference provides invaluable opportunities for networking with other transplant social workers who have a wealth of knowledge, expertise and enthusiasm for the world of transplant. Sit down to lunch one day with clinicians from your own area of practice at tables labeled by specialty. What a great way to learn what other centers are doing and to get to know other social workers that will be great connections for you in the future!

We also encourage you to visit with our exhibitors and learn about their connections with transplant patients and providers. There is time to meet with them throughout the conference and learn about their programs and resources.

### **Networking/Socializing**

We will kick off our conference with a welcome reception and poster session the night before the conference officially begins. Posters will highlight research conducted by some of our STSW members and other transplant colleagues. Enjoy appetizers, drinks and casual conversation before the start of our conference.

There will be lots of opportunities for you to network throughout the three day conference—during meals, breaks and in the evenings. The first night is our annual celebration. This opportunity for informal learning is consistently rated as one of the most valuable aspects of the STSW conference. The next night, we choose a variety of restaurants and provide an opportunity to go out for dinner in groups.

### **Annual Celebration**

Early September in Boston offers sunny days and warm breezy evenings. We have a fun event in store for you! On the first night of the conference, attendees and guests will hop aboard a trolley, at 6:15pm, that will take us past some of Boston’s quintessential sights.

The tour will wind its way down Charles Street and drop us off for a reception at the sophisticated Liberty Hotel, a rebirth of the historic Charles Street Jail, adjacent to Massachusetts General Hospital. While you admire the elegant décor and fascinating architecture of the hotel, you can enjoy appetizers, cocktails, and socializing with each other as you “socially work.”

We look forward to seeing you soon!

*Noelle Dimitri LICSW, CCTSW*  
**Conference Co-Chair**

*Anne LaFleur, LICSW, CCTSW*  
**Conference Co-Chair**



# Conference Agenda

## Welcome — TUESDAY 9/2

- 4:00 – 8:00 PM Registration
- 6:00 – 8:00 PM Welcome Reception & Poster Session, sponsored by Walgreens Pharmacy — Seaport Hotel, Lighthouse Room
- Come socialize, enjoy appetizers, drinks, and live music!

## Day One — WEDNESDAY 9/3

- 6:15 – 7:45 Registration
- 6:15 – 7:45 Breakfast — Plaza C
- 7:45 – 8:15 Welcome remarks
- 8:15 – 8:30 Children’s Organ Transplant Association (COTA) Presentation
- 8:30 – 9:30 Keynote address: **Organ Donation and Human Rights** — *Dr. Frank Delmonico*
- 9:45 – 11:30 General sessions: **Vascularized Composite Tissue Allotransplantation: Hand and Face Transplantation in 2014** — presented by *Dr. Simon Talbot*, followed by a VCA Donor Mother and a Face Transplant Recipient
- 11:30 – 11:45 Group photo
- 11:45 – 12:45 Lunch by organ group/speciality
- 12:45 – 1:45 General session: **Contact Between Donor Families and Recipients — Crisis or Consolation?** — *Pam Albert, RN, BSN, CPTC*
- 1:55 – 2:55 **Breakout session 1:**
- 1) **Workshop for the New Transplant Social Worker: Helpful Tools and Techniques** — *Kay Kendall, MSW, LISW, CCTSW*
  - 2) **Cultural Unity & Diversity in Evaluating the Motivation of the Potential Donor** — *Tobias Cornelis Kleinhans-Le Roux, MDSW, CCTSW*
  - 3) **Medical Neglect in the Pediatric Population: Ethical Considerations for the Transplant Social Worker** — *Molly Dugan, MSW, LCSW*
  - 4) **Liver Transplant and Issues of Substance Abuse** — *Kerry Ewens, LCSW, MSW, Mary Fisher, LCSW, CCTSW, Marla Frankel, LCSW, CCTSW, & John Ontiveros, LCSW, MSSW (Panel)*
- 2:55 – 3:25 Break

*Session titles are subject to change.*

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## Day One, continued

- 3:25 – 4:25 **Breakout session 2:**
- 1) **The Phases of Transplant: How Patients and Families Cope** — *Kay Kendall, MSW, LISW, CCTSW.*
  - 2) **How To Move From Idea To Presentation and Publication: An Interactive Workshop: Part One** — *Jane Harrison LCSW, CCTSW & Wayne Paris Ph.D., LCSW*
  - 3) **Adult & Pediatric ECMO: A Pathway to Lung Transplantation** — *Isabel P. Neuringer, MD & Christina J. VanderPluym, MD*
  - 4) **Is Liver Transplant an Appropriate Remedy for Failed Suicide Attempt?** — *Kelli Swan-Vranish, LCSW, CCTSW*
- 4:35 – 5:35 **Breakout session 3:**
- 1) **Kidney Paired Donation: Are the Psychosocial Risks Different from Direct Donation?** — *Ruthanne Leishman, RN MPH*
  - 2) **How To Move From Idea To Presentation and Publication: An Interactive Workshop: Part Two** — *Jane Harrison LCSW, CCTSW & Wayne Paris Ph.D., LCSW*
  - 3) **ECMO as a Bridge to Lung Transplant: Implications for Social Workers** — *Lynne Helfand LICSW, Anne P. LaFleur, LICSW, CCTSW & Stacey Salomon, LICSW*
  - 4) **Transplanting Patients with HIV and Hepatitis C: Challenges and Rewards** — *Staci Fischer, MD*
- 6:00 **Annual STSW Celebration: Boston Tour and Reception** at The Liberty Hotel. Please be ready by 6:00 PM in the lobby of the Seaport Hotel for boarding. Trolley will depart at 6:15 PM.

## Day Two — THURSDAY 9/4

- 6:15 – 7:45 Breakfast — Plaza C
- 7:45 – 8:00 Opening remarks
- 8:00 – 8:15 HelpHOPELive Presentation
- 8:15 – 9:15 General session: **Use of the Media for Influence** — Dr. Daniela Lamas

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## Day Two, continued

- 9:25 – 10:25 **Breakout session 4:**
- 1) **Should I Use Social Media to Look for an Organ Donor?** — *Annette Chalfant-Humberson, LISW-S, CCTSW & Freda M. Wilkins, MSW, M.Div*
  - 2) **When Patients Live Far Away: Using Media Technology for Support Groups** — *Audrey Cecil, LICSW & Stacey Salomon, LICSW*
  - 3) **What's So Bad About LVAD? Helping Patients Heal Physically & Cope Mentally, Emotionally, and Socially** — *Linda Ordway, RN, MS, ACNP-BC, CHFNP*
  - 4) **Update on the Affordable Care Act** — *Troy Zimmerman, VP of Government Relations NKF*
- 10:25 – 10:40 Break sponsored by National Foundation for Transplants (NFT)
- 10:40 – 11:55 **Breakout session 5:**
- 1) **Patient Search for Living Donors: Talking to Loved Ones, Print Media and the Internet** — *Mary Buckley LICSW, CCTSW, Benjamin J. Cesar, MSW, RSW & Lori Cragan, MSW, LCSW (Panel)*
  - 2) **Developing Coping Skills: Clinical Strategies Using a Group Approach for Pre-Transplant Patients** — *Dee Miner, MSW, RSW & Tasneem Taz Remtulla, MSW*
  - 3) **The Deeper Values and Goals that Shape the Advance Directive; Integrating Advance Care Planning in Transplantation** — *Flavio Epstein, PhD, Emily Mathews, LISW, CCTSW & Arden O'Donnell, MPH, MSW, LICSW (Panel)*
  - 4) **The Pediatric Transplant Social Workers Forum: Using Both Sides of the Brain** — *Barb Shaltis, MSW, LMSW*
- 11:55 – 1:25 Lunch and Business meeting
- 1:25 – 1:40 Astellas Presentation
- 1:40 – 2:40 General Session: **STSW Social Work Evaluation Update**
- 2:50 – 3:50 **Breakout session 6:**
- 1) **Transplantation for Prisoners: Ethical Considerations** — *Michael Curry, MD*
  - 2) **Geriatric Assessments in Older Transplant Candidates** — *Houman Javedan, MD*
  - 3) **Best Practices in Living Donation: Recommendations from the 2014 Consensus Conference** — *Jim Rodrigue, Ph.D.*
  - 4) **Trying to Manage My Kidney Disease — and I Also Have to Learn About ESRD Medicare?** — *Daryl Battin, LICSW*
- 3:50 – 4:05 Break/Exhibitor Showcase
- 4:10 – 5:25 General session: **Outpatient Pain Management** — *Dr. Joji Suzuki*
- 6:00 Dinner on your own or with a group.

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## Day Three — FRIDAY 9/5

- 6:15 – 8:00 Breakfast—Plaza C
- 8:00 – 8:30 Closing remarks
- 8:30 – 8:45 Genentech presentation
- 8:45 – 9:45 **Transitioning from Pediatric to Adult Medical Care**, Dr. Gregory Sawicki, MD, MPH
- 9:55 – 11:10 **Breakout session 7:**
- 1) **Why Should I Write? Encouraging Recipients to Correspond with Their Donor’s Family** — *Barbara Levine LICSW, Lara Moretti, LSW, CT & Rebecca Simon, LMSW* (Panel)
  - 2) **Tackling Pediatric Transplant Non-Adherence: An Innovative Adaptation of Dialectical Behavior Therapy** — *Rebecca Hashim, Ph.D.*
  - 3) **Waiting For a Transplant: Helping Patients Cope When the Hospital Becomes Home** — *Kristen Devoe, MLIS, MSW, LCSW*
  - 4) Round Table Presentation: **The Challenge of Saying No: When the Living Donor/Advocate Team Acts** — *Dorothy Rocha, MSW, LCSW, CCTSW, NCBF*
- 11:20 – 12:20 **Breakout session 8:**
- 1) **CMS: Issues and Answers** — *Michele Walton RN, BSN*
  - 2) **The New Kidney Allocation System: Implications for Social Workers and Patients** — *Noelle Dimitri LICSW, CCTSW*
  - 3) **A Sustainable International Transplant Social Work Approach: Bridging the Gap** — *Tobias Cornelis Kleinhans-Le Roux, MDSW, CCTSW*
  - 4) **Square Pegs for Round Holes: Developing a Patient-Centred Approach to Transition Young People with Special Medical and Psychosocial needs to an Adult Liver Transplant Service** — *Jacomi Malan, MSW, HCPC*
- 12:35 Turn in evaluation form.  
Obtain CEU certificate.  
Conference adjourns

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## General Information

### CONFERENCE REGISTRATION

Conference registration begins in May through the STSW website. We will let you know by email when registration begins. The registration fee is \$400 for STSW members and \$525 for non-members. Three-day registration fee includes 3 breakfasts, 2 lunches and snacks, Welcome Reception and Annual Celebration for attendee. There will be an additional \$35.00 fee for anyone requiring a kosher meal.

Student Rate	\$325
One Day Rate	\$175
Annual Celebration Guest	\$75 (per guest)

\$50.00 late registration fee (Registration form and payment must be received by 8/15/14 to avoid late fee)

Full refunds, excluding a Paypal fee if registering using Paypal, will be given for cancellation requests received by 8/15/14. Refunds of 50% will be given for requests received after 8/15/14. Send requests to Noelle Dimitri: [ndimitri@bidmc.harvard.edu](mailto:ndimitri@bidmc.harvard.edu)

### Conference questions?

Contact Noelle Dimitri: [ndimitri@bidmc.harvard.edu](mailto:ndimitri@bidmc.harvard.edu)

### Location

Seaport Boston Hotel,  
1 Seaport Lane Boston, MA 02210 · (617) 385-4000

### HOTEL RESERVATIONS

A block of rooms has been reserved for attendees and exhibitors September 1-5, 2014 at the Seaport Hotel for \$199 + tax per night under the group code: **STSW14**. You may make your reservation online by clicking here:



You may also call or email the hotel: 1(877) SEAPORT or [reservations@seaportboston.com](mailto:reservations@seaportboston.com)

The Seaport Hotel is a popular destination, so please make your reservations early!

The hotel has wonderful amenities. A front desk concierge is ready to assist with information about surrounding areas, tours, shops, restaurants, etc. There is a 24-hour business center, computers and complimentary wireless internet access throughout the hotel. There is a newly renovated gift shop for boutique gifts you will not find anywhere else and necessities that you forgot to pack. And, the fitness center is wonderful with state-of-the-art cardio equipment and an indoor, heated pool.

The Institute of Contemporary Art is across the street from the hotel and the admission is free on Thursdays from 5PM until 9PM.



## Transportation

### AIRLINE RESERVATIONS

All major airlines, including low-cost carriers, serve the Boston area. Please book early to ensure the most desirable flights and fares. Typically the best fares are nonrefundable. Please visit Logan airport's website for further information including information on terminals and specific airlines: <http://www.massport.com/logan-airport>

### GROUND TRANSPORTATION

A variety of options exist to get you to and from Logan International airport, including public transportation through the MBTA Silverline, water taxi, and airport shuttles. Seaport Boston is about three miles from Logan International Airport and South Station (Amtrak service) and a quick ride from all Boston attractions.

### TAXIS

One way taxi from Logan airport = \$25

Water taxi: One-Way fare= \$7 per person

The hotel's Seaport Water Taxi offers a zero emissions, fully electric water taxi, the city's only such vessel. The water taxi is a scenic way to travel and a breathtaking way to avoid traffic, too. Pick-up and drop-off is at the Seaport World Trade Center, directly across the street from the hotel.

To arrange a water taxi from Logan International Airport to the Seaport Hotel, follow signs at Logan for the "Massport Rte 66 Shuttle," which will take you to a dock to catch the water taxi. This shuttle runs frequently and makes stops at all terminals. To contact the water taxis directly call: (617) 406-8584 or (617) 261-6620.

### PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION

The MBTA Silver Line Waterfront (SL1) provides free service from Logan airport to the World Trade Center (WTC) Station stopping at every terminal every 10-15 minutes.

The WTC Silver Line station is located across the street from the hotel. Return service to Logan International Airport terminals from the WTC station is \$2.50. Tickets are available for purchase at the WTC station. Visit the MBTA website for maps and schedule information: [www.mbta.com](http://www.mbta.com)

### TRANSPORTATION AMENITIES

- Convenient parking in the Seaport Boston Parking Garage, located beneath the Seaport Boston Hotel
- Easy access to rental cars
- Complimentary bicycles and helmets
- Zipcar in the Seaport Garage
- Convenient access to Seaport's on-site Hubway bicycle sharing station
- Seaport Hotel guests who arrive for overnight parking in 2014 in a hybrid or electric vehicle receive a night of complimentary valet parking in the Seaport Boston Parking Garage.

The Seaport hotel also offers a free shuttle service Monday-Friday to State Street Station 6 am-7 pm and North Station 6 am-10 am and 3 pm-7 pm. This can be a convenient way to access some of Boston's other neighborhoods and sights!

## Travel/Tourism

If you are extending your trip before or after the conference there is much to see in the city and beyond! This is a beautiful time of year to hop a ferry to tour the historic village of Salem, MA, to explore the Boston Harbor Islands, and to venture further south to Provincetown on the tip of Cape Cod. You can also rent a car or board an Amtrak train to visit other beautiful beaches, and cultural and historic sites in Rhode Island, New Hampshire, Maine, and Connecticut!

For more ideas visit: <http://www.bostonusa.com/>



## Boston Planning Committee

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