

Susan Hess

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Biography

SUSAN HESS, MSW, LCSW-IL, is a Clinical Associate Professor at USC Suzanne Dworak-Peck School of Social Work. Hess is a transnational speaker and relational organizer in the areas of trauma informed care, healing centered engagement and the intersections of intimate partner violence. Hess collaborates with social work students who were formerly incarcerated to provide support in navigating through school, licensing issues and pushing back on systemic barriers that students who were formerly incarcerated face through a trauma informed healing centered approach. Hess is the Co-Founder of Trauma Informed LA whose mission is to foster resilient communities that promote healing and well-being through collaboration, education, and community engagement. Hess is the co host of Trauma Informed LA's Our Stories Matter Podcast with Unchained Scholar alumnus Yehudah Pryce. Our Stories Matter is a podcast celebrating the complex lived experiences of activists and healers by sharing their inspiring stories In recognition of her dedication, Hess was presented with the distinguished Dr. Marjorie Braude Award by the City of Los Angeles Domestic Violence City Task Force in October, 2013 for innovative collaboration in serving victims of domestic violence. Hess is a founding member of Los Angeles County District Attorney George Gascon's first Crime Victims Advisory Board.

Industry Expertise

Social Services, Education/Learning, Health and Wellness

Areas of Expertise

Incarceration and Racial Disparity, Trauma Therapy, Domestic Violence, Social Work

Affiliations

Co Founder of Trauma Informed LA, Unchained Scholars Faculty Advisor, Our Stories Matter Co Host, District Attorney Gascon Crime Victim's Advisory Board Founding Member

Education

University of Southern California
MSW

Scripps College
BA

Accomplishments

Marjorie Braude Award

2013 City of Los Angeles Domestic Violence Task Force

Testimonials

Project Kinship Trauma and Recovery Certification Attendee

You are a totally engaging and dynamic presenter!! Your enthusiasm kept all 70 of us (on a zoom!) wide awake till the end at 9pm.

Former Student

"I am forever inspired and evolved because of the sincere self-reflection gained as a member of your class. As always, continue to be a light for other students because it is contagious."

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