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This fall the Social Work and Gerontology Department put on their 2nd Annual Racial and Social Justice Teach-In. This year's event focused on immigration issues. Approximately 90 students attended the teach-in, which consisted of four sessions. The first session was led by Dr. Fisher and Dr. Benbow. It was a knowledge-building session for students to gain a basic understanding of the terminology of the immigration process.

The second session was led by Dr. Bourassa and Dr. Clements. They created an immigration "simulation" where students were given an immigrant "passport" and went sent to the different stations to see if they would be eligible to enter the United States. There was a lot of confusion and waiting in long lines which helped students to experience a small bit of the frustration of this process. Afterwards, Dr. Bourassa and Dr. Clements debriefed with students and explained how difficult the process to become a legal U.S. citizen really is. Many students were

shocked to learn how long people wait to gain citizenship.

The third session led by Dr. Lyman and Dr. Flagler, focused on the policies surrounding this issue. Dr. Flagler shared her own personal story of immigrating to the U.S. and the difficulties her family faced. Dr. Lyman also shared his experiences of interacting with immigrants where he grew up. They reviewed the history of immigration policies that have led to the current immigration laws.

For the fourth session, Dr. Jacobs, Dr. Galarza, and Dr. Minnick encouraged students to brainstorm ways to advocate for immigrant rights. Students wrote messages and signed postcards to send to the PA Senators telling them to help pass a clean Dream Act. T-shirts were given out to students that attended and lunch was provided following the four sessions. Student evaluations indicated that much was learned through the Teach-In, which will help students to better advocate in the future.

Gerontology News and Events

Meet the Gerontology Graduate Student Worker!



Her name is Michelle Coughlin and she is getting her Master's in Psychological Sciences through the Psychology Department at Shippensburg University. Prior to returning to graduate school, Michelle worked with older adults in an Alzheimer's and Dementia unit for four and a half years. She enjoys working with older adults and looks forward to working with them in the future! Michelle assists Dr. Bourassa in conducting research for the Gerontology program. She is currently assisting Dr. Bourassa, Dr. Lyman, and Dr. Forlenza in a research project on Exercise Science students perceptions of working with older adults. In addition, she keeps track of data relating to the Gerontology minor students.

On September 16th, 10 students from the Gerontology Department attended the Alzheimer's Memory Walk at City Island in Harrisburg, PA. Students learned about the signs and symptoms of Alzheimer's and how to promote awareness.

On October 26th, students attended a Dementia Live simulation that allowed students to experience what it is like for someone living with Dementia. Afterwards, students shared their experiences during a debriefing session.

In November, the Gerontology program, along with the Disabilities program, hosted the Stigma Project through letsthinkagain.org. The Stigma Project is a campaign by the PA Developmental Disabilities Council to change how people interact with those who have a disability. They viewed a documentary called, "What Are You Thinking?" and held a panel discussion about breaking the stigma associated with disabilities. The panel consisted of 2 students, 2 World War II veterans, and Angela Pickel from

the Franklin County LINK Program.

In collaboration with Branch Creek, the Gerontology program held a sock and underwear drive for students at James Burd Elementary and Grace B. Luhrs Elementary schools. Together, they raised over \$400 in donations.



Pictured: Michelle Coughlin, Paige Bankhead-Lewis, & Aliyah Mensah

BSW Meeting Starts the Semester Off Well



The beginning of the fall semester saw the BSW Program Meeting occur on August 31st. This meeting gives new BSW students an opportunity to get acquainted with the faculty, staff and other students, as well as learn about the program and all we have to offer. Returning students get to catch up with each other and the faculty regarding summer adventures. Faculty were posted at various tables around the Tuscarora Room to provide students with information about such things as: volunteer experience requirements; CWEB eligi-

bility; MSW application process; BSW field placement options; the Gerontology minor and much more. Pizza was provided and the SWO President, Eden Yahrner, led the students in a communication activity. We also had door prizes and wrapped up our mini fundraiser for Hurricane Harvey, which had occurred before the semester began. \$100 was raised and a donation was made to the Texas Diaper Bank which provided needed diaper supplies to the victims of the Hurricane.



Shippensburg Social Work Students Help the Homeless

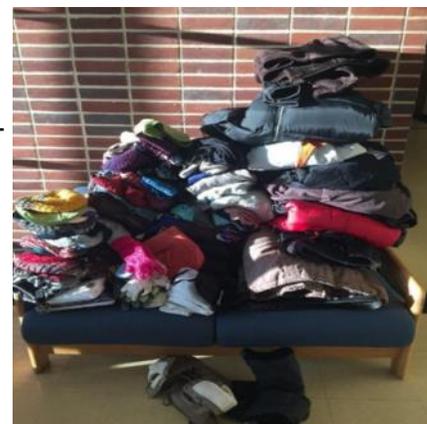


Pictured: Stefani Crawford, Samantha Wilkinson, & Alexandria Berkenstock

money and get donations for the shelter. In Franklin County alone there are 1,570 families in shelters. Our goal was to raise 50 material donations and \$100 in monetary donations by November 24th, as well as discover the level of awareness

Chairperson Kendall Johnson, Historian Christian Rock, Publicist Alex Berkenstock, Community Liaison Sam Wilkinson, and Evaluator Stefani Crawford, all worked with the Cold Weather Drop-in Shelter in Chambersburg to raise

regarding homelessness in our student body. We had a box placed in the Social Work secretary's office for material donations and we were able to collect 154 items in total. We also sat outside the library selling hot chocolate for \$1 and had a table placed inside the CUB for students to fill out a one-question survey to better understand their level of awareness. Between those two events we were able to raise \$145 in monetary donations. Not only was our project a success but we were give a whole new level of awareness about people who are experiencing homelessness and their specific needs pertaining to the community.





Spreading Awareness about Food Insecurity

By: Luke Belski, BSW Student

Shakir Alexander (community Liaison), Luke Belski (Chairperson), Kaylie Engle (Publicist), Morgan Pettner (Historian) and Pamela Underkoffler (evaluator) organized and hosted a Hunger Awareness Dinner on Shippensburg University's campus as part of a course called Social Work Practice with Organizations and Communities. The dinner was held on November 8th from 5:00pm-6:15pm in the Tuscarora Room, with 42 people in attendance. In order to complete the project we worked closely with SCCAP, which stands for South Central Community Action Program. SCCAP is a local, non-profit organization that serves our community. Food for the dinner was kindly provided by Chartwells and it's catering staff. The main

goal of the Hunger Awareness Dinner was to inform students about the issue of food insecurity in our community. It is estimated that in Pennsylvania approximately 13.8% of people experience food insecurity.¹ In order to meet our goals, we had three different dinners. Each one represented a different level of food insecurity. The number of people in each group was based off the percentage of people in our community. There was also an educational presentation by SCCAP that informed people about what food insecurity looks like and what causes it. The event closed with a panel of volunteers from SCCAP who use their services and are personally affected by food insecurity. In addition to the important education those who attended received about food insecurity, there were four people who signed up to become volunteers for SCCAP and they raised \$26 dollars for SCCAP's food pantry.

1. Data from Feeding America, Food Insecurity in Pennsylvania. <http://map.feedingamerica.org/county/2014/overall/pennsylvania>



The Eyes of High School Students Opened to Continuing Education

By: Emma McDowell, BSW Student

Social work students Tyler Riedy: Chairperson, Emma McDowell: Community Liaison, Melinda Hammond: Historian, Taron Townsend: Publicist, and Lisa Newcomer: Evaluator, worked with NETwork Ministries' high school Streetleaders to show them the benefits of a college education. On November 1st, 2017, the Streetleaders from NETwork came to Shippensburg University to enjoy a round robin table discussion about financial aid,

the multicultural office, the academic success program. They enjoyed a dining experience in Reisner Dining Hall and a tour of the campus. On November 15th, 2017, the social work students attended the Streetleaders' weekly meeting at NETwork Ministries to share their personal college and answer questions. Many of the Streetleaders at NETwork have never been exposed to the college environment so the purpose was to give them a small glimpse of what it is like and hopefully assuage some of their anxieties about pursuing college.

Faculty Kudos



Dr. Liz Fisher

- Presented about the Shippensburg Community Resource Coalition at the NASW-PA Social Work Education Conference on Sunday, September 17th, 2017 in the Pocono Mountains, PA, along with Laura Masgalas, Sexual Assault/Rape Crisis Services director at the YWCA Carlisle.
- Presented with Dr. Flagler at the 47th Annual Conference of the International Society for Exploring Teaching and Learning (ISETL): “Teaching Participatory Leadership Skills through Group Work For a Service Learning Project.”

Dr. Jayleen Galarza

- Co-chaired the American Association of Sexuality Educators, Counselors, and Therapists (AASECT) Annual Conference in Las Vegas.
- Keynote speaker at North Carolina Sexual Health Conference “From Contention to Understanding: Unpacking the Journey to Sexual Health Equity
- Keynote panel with co-editors of the book, *Taking Sides: Clashing Views in Human Sexuality*
- Won the Teaching Innovations in Pedagogy and Scholarship (TIPS Teaching Award)



Dr. Michael Lyman

- Elected school board member for the Shippensburg Area School District
- Won the Teaching Innovations in Pedagogy and Scholarship (TIPS Teaching Award)
- Published the article “Peer-supported writing in graduate research courses: A mixed methods assessment” in the International Journal of Teaching and Learning in Higher Education

Field Placements, Fall 2017

BSW Student	Agency	Supervisor
Sarah Barninger	Roxbury Treatment Center	Allison Flythe
Kathryn Buffington	UCP Pathways	Kathy Smith
Haley Carpenter	United Church of Christ Homes	Beth Cerbone
Ivy Chatman	Homeland Center	Ashley Bryan
Pricylla Derosier	Cumberland County CYS	Janelle Carbaugh
Amber Endrusick	Franklin County Veteran Services	Justin Slep
Chislaine Ferreras	Northwest Tri-County Intermediate Unit-5	Eric Mandell
Amanda Frank	Shippensburg Head Start	Linda Butts
Morgan Griffith	Yellow Breeches Plainfield	Jen Tynan
Allie Haught	Survivors Inc.	Terri Hamrick
Madeline Kwarteng	Dauphin County CYS	Rebecca Tweet
Kasandra Lawyer	Cumberland County CYS	Chad Briggs
Tabitha Millsaps	Franklin Head Start	Nicole Nicholson
Nichele Oglesby	Dauphin County CYS	Kelly Colbey
Brianna Peck	Franklin County Jail	Jessica Sterner
Haley Redding	Cumberland County CYS	Audra Hennessey
Angelina Romano	Cumberland County CYS	Kayla Lingle
Jacqueline Stone	Hoffman Homes for Youth	Becky Van der Groef
Casey Thompson	Domestic Violence Services of Cumb./ Perry	Sonya Brown
Gabrielle Trinkle	YWCA Carlisle Sexual Assault/ Rape Crisis	Laura Masgalas
Sydnee Urevich	Roxbury Treatment Center	Allison Flythe
Kristina Wilson	Franklin County CYS	Milton Webber

MSW Foundation Year Field Placements, Fall 2017

Alicia Colon	Cumb. Co. Housing & Redevelopment Authorities	Tim Whelan
Daniel Drachbar	Children's Advocacy Clinic	Gary Shuey
Ariana Emenheiser	CONTACT Helpline	Kelly Gollick
Krystal Griffiths	SCRC	Danielle Wagner
Sammy Hanzlik	Shippensburg Head Start	Linda Butts
Alexis Harbour	Hilltop Academy	Brandon Barnhart
Sarah Herman	Cumberland County Victim Services	Jennifer Boyle
Emily Hutton	Pyramid Healthcare	Kathy Beidel
Victoria Karnas	Salvation Army	Trinette Ream
Taylor Kerns	PCAR	Alexa (Lexi) Livelsberger
Marissa Kosko-Blyler	Laurel Life	Mary Ann Gleockner
Morgan Kunes	Diakon Family Life Services	Shari VanderGast
Bria Mosley	Susquehanna Township School District	Rebecca Slavinsky
Sonja Payne	Cumb. Co. Housing & Redevelopment Authorities	Tim Whelan
Georgianna Yelton	Lincoln Intermediate Unit	Joe Carolin

Field Placements, Fall 2017

MSW Concentration Year Field Placements, Fall 2017

Student	Agency	Supervisor
Ana Barranco	Survivors, Inc.	Terri Hamrick
Sabrina Becker	Red Tomato Farm	Jessica Garcia
Ruth Bretzman	Employment Based-Pinnacle Health Systems	Lynn Shick
James Comrey	Cumberland/Perry MH/IDD/EI Services	Susan Carbaugh
Leeann Gorman	Brook Lane Health Services	Wendy Mellott
Kathleen Green	Red Tomato Farm	Jessica Garcia
Kourtney Fisher	Tuscarora School District	Amanda Hollingsworth
Kayla Hart	River Rock Academy	Sue Burkholder
Sheena Horst	SpiriTrust Lutheran Home Care & Hospice	Jodi Plitman
Suzanna Howarth	Children's Resource Center	Shannon Cossaboom
Noelle Irby	Hospice of Central PA	Susan Resavy
Trinity Johnson	Pinnacle Health Systems	Amy Zook
Chelsea Ksanznak	Celtic Hospice	Hali Farrell
Katherine Loutrel	Brook Lane of North Village	Mike Shea
Taylor Malinish	Diakon Wilderness Center	Shari VanderGast
Maureen McCarthy	SCI Camp Hill	Sheryl Johnson
Emily Ott	Domestic Violence Services of Cumb./Perry	Colleen Kinney
Jennifer Peck	Children's Advocacy Clinic	Gary Shuey
Kathleen Prest	365 Hospice	Nakeesha Kenney-Futrell
Courtney Salmon	Tuscarora School District	Rebecca Rock
William Schoenfelder	T. W. Ponessa & Associates	Jessica Weiss-Ford
Danielle Seaks	Hempfield Behavioral Health	Kirsten Johnson
Maggie Shewack	Lebanon VA	Yasmin Brown
Ronald Sloane	Harrisburg School District	Vincent Rogers
Megan Swindell	Washington County Sunshine Center	Eddie VanMetre
Sharon Waltz	Jewish Family Services of Greater Harrisburg	Rachel Kuhr
Rebecca Zelner	National Association of Social Workers-PA	Amy Sagen
John Zilinski	Cumb. County Aging & Community Services	David Mohr

Are you practicing Social Work and interested in becoming a field instructor for a BSW or MSW intern? Email Dr. Clements at jaclem@ship.edu or Dr. Galarza at jgalarza@ship.edu for more information!

Update from the Shippensburg Community Resource Coalition (SCRC)

The Taste of Shippensburg on Saturday, January 27, 2018 from 12pm to 3pm is hosted by the SCRC and Shippensburg Produce & Outreach (SPO). Come enjoy food from various vendors and restaurants to raise money for SPO and the SCRC. This event will be held in the Tuscarora Room of Reisner Dining Hall at Shippensburg University.

The SCRC received an \$8,000 grant from Summit Endowment for the Hound Packs Program. The program sends backpacks home with students that include 7 meals for food insecure families over the weekend. Chambersburg Target donated backpacks for the program. On average, SCRC distributes backpacks to 76 students.

Another program the SCRC manages is Booty Bundles, an emergency diaper bank. From January to November 2017, the SCRC gave out 13,000 diapers. To raise awareness of the community's need for diapers, they held "Crawl for a Cause" at Branch Creek Senior Center. Babies competed in a crawling race. The SCRC is always in need of diaper donations. If you are able to

help, they are in need of sizes 4, 5, 6, and pull-ups. To arrange drop-off of donations, contact diapers@shipresources.org

The Summer Lunch Program provides programming and lunch for 7 weeks in the summer. They had their best year yet! Overall, they had 111 different children attend over the summer months, with an average of 34 students per day.

On March 24, 2018, the SCRC will be hosting a Poverty Simulation facilitated by Tri-County Community Action to raise awareness of poverty in Shippensburg. Everyone is welcome to attend.

The SCRC also coordinates the Shippensburg Human Service Council. The council is made up of agencies, providers, community members, and churches that meet once a month to network and learn about ways to assist resident in need. The meeting takes place the second Friday of every month from 11:30am-1pm at CJ's. Anyone is welcome to attend. Additional information can be found at www.shipresources.org

To volunteer with any of these programs and help fulfill the mis-

sion of the SCRC please contact us by emailing info@shipresources.org or talking to Dr. Fisher (eafish@ship.edu, 477-1365, Shippen Hall 337). There are opportunities for students, professors, and all campus community members!

SCRC Mission Statement:

The Shippensburg Community Resource Coalition (SCRC) is a collaborative effort to provide quality social services and youth programs that are accessible and safe and that recognize the dignity and worth of each person. Our goal is to help community members reach their full potential.

We work to fulfill our mission in the following ways:

- Working with existing programs in surrounding communities to encourage them to provide services in Shippensburg.
- Regularly assessing community needs and resources.
- Creating new services as necessary.
- Partnering with other community programs to strengthen our collective efforts.



Shippensburg Community Resource Coalition



Institute for Social Inclusion

INSINC

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The Institute for Social Inclusion at Shippensburg University is hard at work preparing for the third annual Social Inclusion and Social Justice Conference on April 13, 2018. This year's theme will be Intersectionality, and INSINC will once again bring together a diverse group of professionals as well as students to present on topics involving multi-dimensional relationships with social, cultural and biological classifications that ultimately lead to social exclusion and injustice among a wide range of marginalized populations.

This year's conference will feature keynote speaker Aneesah Smith M.S., a West Chester University graduate who has let her passion guide her, and works to inspire others to live their life OUT loud by publicly speaking about her own story as a Queer, Christian, Cisgender woman of color. Poster presentations, round table discussions, and paper presentations by professionals and students from around the globe will make up the structure of this year's conference taking place right here on campus.

The Institute would like to also formally welcome two new members to the Steering Committee: Dr. Brian Wentz who is an Associate Professor at Shippensburg University in Management Information Systems, as well as Carlesha Green Halkias J.D., who was just recently named the Executive Director of the Office of Social Equity at Shippensburg University. INSINC is very excited to welcome both of these members to the Institute, and looks forward to being able to collaborate with two experienced professionals about ways in which social inclusion and justice can further be promoted here at Shippensburg University.

INSINC will be accepting and encouraging conference submissions into the New Year. Professionals should make submissions by January 15, 2018 and student poster submissions should be made no later than February 28th, 2018. For any questions regarding INSINC or this year's conference, feel free to visit the Institute's website at www.ship.edu/insinc contact the Institute directly at insinc@ship.edu.



The fall semester brought great things for the Inclusive Basketball program here at Shippensburg University. On most every Saturday this past academic semester, student volunteers from a diverse group of majors and organizations, as well as community members have gathered and worked very hard to create an inclusive environment for all participants to play a pick-up game of basketball. The Department of Social Work and Gerontology gave students the opportunity this semester to volunteer with Inclusive Basketball as part of a service learning assignment, which resulted in many of these students seeking out further involvement with the group. Inclusive Basketball will work to become Student Senate recognized in Spring of 2018 with the help of these dedicated Social Work students. Also new to Inclusive Basketball is the Social Work and Gerontology Department Graduate Assistant, Sarah Herman. Sarah received her BSW from Ship, and is currently a full-time student in the Master of Social Work program. Sarah will be working with the Inclusive Basketball program as a mentor and will serve as a liaison for students and community members.

The Shippensburg University Men's Basketball Team came suited up and ready to work with participants on October 28th! This made for a packed gym and lots of positive energy throughout the time spent together. Participants were able to see what talent this team holds, and were also given undivided attention

Inclusive Basketball

and motivation by all the players and coaches in attendance. The organization would like to offer thanks to Coach Fite and the Men's Basketball Team for their interest and contribution to Inclusive Basketball. Inclusive Basketball also held their first collaborative fundraiser with another student-run group on campus: People Involved Equally, which allowed for both groups to come together at Reisner Dining Hall for a luncheon that raised money for both groups!

The group hopes to continue to prosper, and with fundraising efforts will be able to provide needed supplies to the group such as healthy snacks, additional basketballs, and new jerseys. The group will be taking part in the MLK Day of Service for the first time this January, where members will get to engage in team-building activities, and volunteers will get to see what the Inclusive Basketball program is all about through their services efforts. As always, Inclusive Basketball remains an open group that is appreciative of all volunteer efforts, and is always welcoming of new participants. Inclusive Basketball games will resume again at the start of the new academic semester and year in January 2018.



Robert L. Hewitt Vision of Excellence in Social Work Scholarship Award

On December 7th, 2017 Dr. Jacobs and Linda Butts presented four students with the Robert L. Hewitt Vision of Excellence in Social Work Scholarship Award. Linda Butts is a BSW and MSW program alumna, Department Advisory Council chairperson, and the Director of Shippensburg Head Start. The scholarship is named in honor of Dr. Robert L. Hewitt, who was a professor in the Department of Social Work and Gerontology for 21 years. The scholarship began in 1997 with the first awardee receiving \$500. As the scholarship award has grown, the department has decided to expand the number of students who receive the award. Eligible students apply for the scholarship by writing an essay about what volunteer activities they have done so far related to social work and what excellence in social work means to them. Applicants must be a senior in the BSW program, have a social work GPA of 3.0 and an overall GPA of 2.5 in order to be eligible. The finalists exemplify what excellence in social work means and show promise in the field of social work. This year's recipients were (pictured left to right): Cheyenne Post, Christian Rock, Kassandra Lawyer, and Gabrielle Trinkle with Dr. Jacobs and Linda Butts, Council Chairperson.



Alumni Spotlight



After twelve years of direct client practice in various settings, Sonja Payne returned to Shippensburg University to pursue her Masters degree in Social Work in May of 2017. Sonja graduated from the BSW program in 2005. The generalist perspective of the program allowed her to work in many settings of social work. The education provided a great foundation for working in the many avenues of social work practice. Sonja won a Best Practice Award from the Pennsylvania Housing Finance Agency (PHFA) in 2015 and again in 2016 for two new programs that increased access to services, resident participation, and reduced crime and evictions.

Linda Stone graduated from the MSW program at Shippensburg University in 2014. She currently works for LIFE (Living Independently for the Elderly). The goal of LIFE is to support senior adults to remain living in their homes instead of a nursing home placement. The services they provide are comprehensive in scope related to medical and psychosocial services. The MSW program provided Linda with an understanding of macro, mezzo, and micro systems and services that she utilizes in her role at LIFE. She shared that she often reflects on her time in the classroom, field experiences, and discussions with classmates. She acknowledges how what she learned from Shulman has stuck with her when she conducts one-on-one therapy sessions. She is appreciative of the time at Shippensburg University and she cannot picture herself doing anything else.

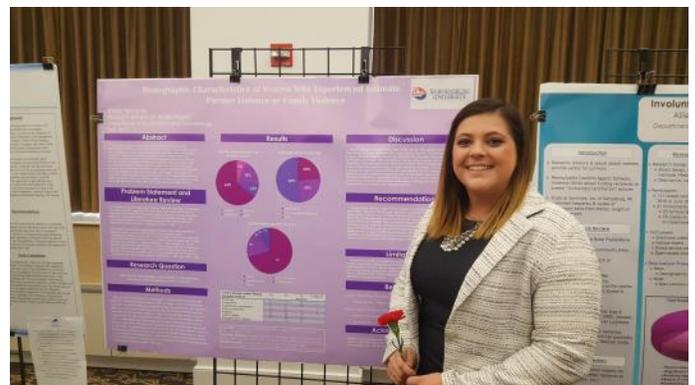
Are you a BSW or MSW alumni? Share what you've been up to since graduation for the next Social Work & Gerontology newsletter! Email your updates to Dr. Jacobs at dfjaco@ship.edu

BSW Senior Presentations

On December 7th, Seniors in the Bachelor of Social Work program presented their research projects they completed at their field placements agencies. Students shared their experiences of being at their field placement and the findings from their research. Faculty, students, field instructors, and family were invited to attend the celebration of these students' hard work throughout the semester. Congratulations to the seniors!



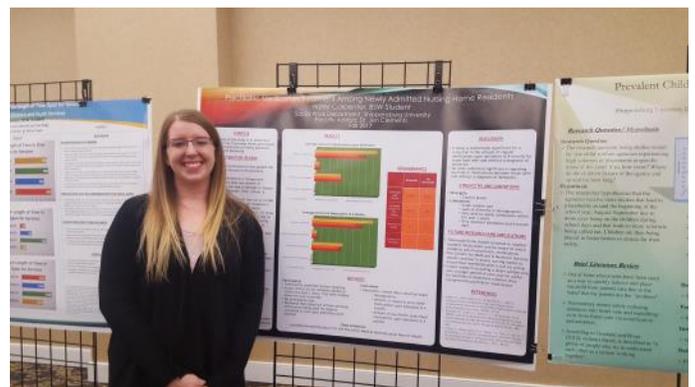
Pictured: Chislaine Ferreras



Pictured: Casey Thompson



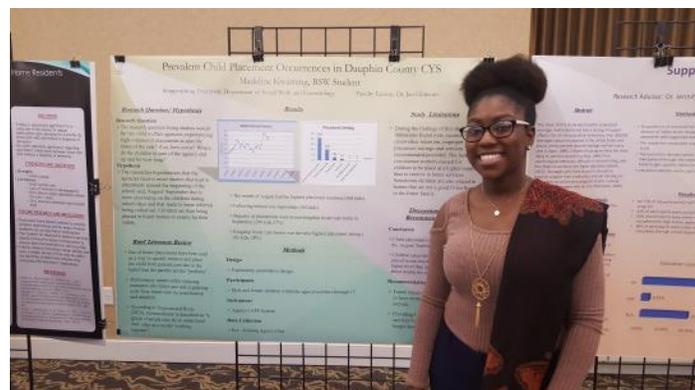
Pictured: BSW seniors with Social Work Department faculty



Pictured: Haley Carpenter



Pictured: Ivy Chatman presenting on the Homeland Center



Pictured: Madeline Kwarteng

***Congratulations to the BSW graduates of
December 2017!***

*Sarah Barninger
Kathryn Buffington
Haley Carpenter
Jvy Chatman
Pricylla Derosier
Amber Endrusick
Chislaine Ferreras
Amanda Frank
Morgan Griffith
Allie Haught
Madeline Kwarteng*

*Kasandra Lawyer
Tabitha Millsaps
Nichele Oglesby
Brianna Peck
Haley Redding
Angelina Romano
Jacqueline Stone
Casey Thompson
Gabrielle Trinkle
Sydnee Urevick
Kristina Wilson*



Social Work and Gerontology Advisory Council Plays Important Role in our Programs' Success

Our department Advisory Council provides a valuable resource to all our programs. Made up of social workers throughout the region, many of whom are alumni, (see below) the members of the Council keep us grounded in our relevance to today's social service world in a variety of ways. The Council usually meets once a semester for a dinner meeting on campus. At this meeting, council members hear reports on what is happening in the programs and share feedback and updates from the social workers in the area about what their agencies are doing and how we may work together to better educate students and serve clients. Members of the Council also assist faculty with Professional Standing application review each semester and several serve as either field instructors or adjunct instructors. Additionally, the Advisory Council created the Robert L. Hewitt Vision for Excellence in Social Work BSW Scholarship through the SU Foundation many years ago. Each fall Advisory Council members review the applications of seniors in our BSW program who demonstrate "vision" in regard to social work as a profession and career.

If you would like to become a member of the Advisory Council please contact Deborah Jacobs at dfja-co@ship.edu or Linda Butts, our current Council chairperson, at labutts@ship.edu. We would love to have you join us!

We would like to thank the following recent members of the Advisory Council for their time and commitment to Shippensburg University Department of Social Work and Gerontology.

Dorothy Andrews, MSW	BSW alumnus; Leader of the Amend Program at the Domestic Violence Services of Cumberland & Perry Counties
Linda Butts, MSW	BSW and MSW alumnus; Shippensburg Head Start Director
Sue Carbaugh, MSW	BSW alumnus; Cumberland County Director of Intellectual & Developmental Disabilities Services
Nicole Crisp, MSW	BSW alumnus; Cumberland County Children and Youth
Mitch Gardner, BSW	BSW alumnus; Momentum Services, LLC
Cecilia Luna, MSW	BSW and MSW alumnus; PA Department of Health
Laura Masgalas, MSW	BSW and MSW alumnus; PA Coalition Against Rape, Grants & Contracts Liaison
Robin Moore, MSW	BSW and MSW alumnus; Cross Keys Village
Mary Grace Shearer, MSW	BSW alumnus; Executive Director of The Episcopal Home
Jim Telesky, MSW	BSW and MSW alumnus; Senior Supervisor, Harrisburg Abraxas Student Academy
Becky Van der Groef, MSW	BSW alumnus; Hoffman Homes, V.P. of Clinical and Residential Programs
Gail Witwer, BSW	BSW alumnus; Partnership for Better Health, Carlisle; former Council Chairperson
Sam Benbow, Ed.D.	faculty and BSW alumnus
Dara Bourassa, Ph.D.	faculty, Gerontology Director
Jen Clements, Ph.D.	faculty, BSW Field Coordinator
Liz Fisher, Ph.D.	faculty, BSW director
Jayleen Galarza Ph.D.	faculty, MSW Field Coordinator
Deborah Jacobs, Ph.D.	faculty, Department Chair and MSW Director

Shippensburg University BSW Program

Assessment of Student Learning Outcomes—June 2017

This form is used to assist the COA in the evaluation of the program's compliance with the accreditation standards below:

4.0.2 The program provides its most recent year of summary data and outcomes for the assessment of each of the identified competencies, specifying the percentage of students achieving program benchmarks for each program option.

4.0.3 The program uses Form AS 4(B) and/or Form AS 4(M) to report its most recent assessment outcomes for each program option to constituents and the public on its website and routinely up-dates (minimally every 2 years) its findings.

All Council on Social Work Education programs measure and report student learning outcomes. Students are assessed on their mastery of the competencies that comprise the accreditation standards of the Council on Social Work Education. These competencies are dimensions of social work practice that all social workers are expected to master during their professional training. A measurement benchmark is set by the social work programs for each competency. An assessment score at or above that benchmark is considered by the program to represent mastery of that particular competency.

COMPETENCY	COMPETENCY BENCHMARK	PERCENTAGE OF STUDENTS ACHIEVING BENCHMARK		
		Program Option #1: Main Campus	Program Option #2: Harrisburg Cohort	Aggregate of All Program Options
Competency 1: Demonstrate Ethical and Professional Behavior	80%	71.53%	91.00%	75.98%
Competency 2: Engage Diversity and Difference in Practice	80%	86.50%	90.00%	87.35%
Competency 3: Advance Human Rights and Social, Economic, and Environmental Justice	80%	83.52%	90.00%	83.91%
Competency 4: Engage in Practice-Informed Research and Research-Informed Practice	80%	83.84%	83.34%	83.72%
Competency 5: Engage in Policy Practice	80%	73.55%	96.67%	78.87%
Competency 6: Engage with Individuals, Families, Groups, Organizations, and Communities	80%	85.66%	100.00%	88.96%
Competency 7: Assess Individuals, Families, Groups, Organizations, and Communities	80%	86.75%	96.25%	88.96%
Competency 8: Intervene with Individuals, Families, Groups, and Communities	80%	87.88%	96.00%	89.77%
Competency 9: Evaluate Practice with Individuals, Families, Groups, Organizations, and Communities	80%	83.71%	73.75%	81.40%

Social Work Happenings

