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BSW Program accreditation reaffirmed



At the June meeting of the Council on Social Work Education, CSWE, Commission on Accreditation the Shippensburg University BSW program received reaffirmation of our accreditation for the next 8 years. The process of reaffirmation requires extensive effort on the part of the faculty as we reviewed all our curriculum and updated it to comply with the latest CSWE educational standards. Dr. Liz Fisher, BSW Director, took the lead on writing the self-study which was submitted last year. A site visit followed in the spring when students and field instructors as well as University administrators were interviewed. The official notice was received this summer.

Many thanks to **Dr. Fisher** for her leadership on this important process which verifies that our BSW program rocks!

From the Chair

This will be my last newsletter message as chair of the Department of Social Work and Gerontology at Shippensburg University. As of the fall semester I will be on medical leave (just a knee replacement, ouch!) and then I will be retiring in January. **Dr. Liz Fisher** is the new Department Chairperson and **Dr. Marita Flagler** is the new MU-SU MSW Co-Director for the Shippensburg campus.

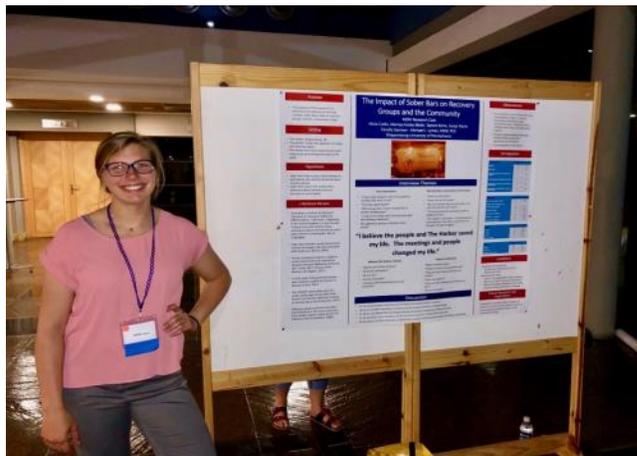
I started at Shippensburg in 1992, and every single semester has been a wonderful experience seeing students come to us with their caring nature and evolve into professional helpers bringing positive energy to our world. Thanks to everyone who has made my social work journey such a meaningful one. *Deborah Jacobs, Ph.D.*

South Africa Symposium—An Adventure and A Learning Experience

This past June, **Dr. Michael Lyman** escorted BSW and MSW students who were part of the department Research Clubs to The International Association of Social Work with Groups 2018 Symposium in Kruger National Park, Skukuza, South Africa. This was the organization's 40th Symposium. The theme was Bridging the Divide: Group Work for Social Justice.

The students, who also served as volunteers at the symposium, had their research projects accepted for the poster presentation session of the conference. This was quite an honor for both groups. The BSW group poster described their research on A Comparison of Recidivism Rates of Participants in two Group-Based Domestic Violence Perpetrator Programs. The MSW group research was on the Impact of Sober Bars on Recovery Support Groups and the Community.

There were lots of opportunities to learn and engage with other social workers, but there was also a chance of a life time to tour Kruger Park and visit with some of the animals in the wild.



Marissa with the MSW poster presentation



Noah Kissinger (MIS) Marissa Kosko-Blyer, Alicia Colon and Sonja Payne (MSW), Cheyenne Port, Monica DeCarlo, and Emily Stottlemeyer (BSW), Adolpho Alvarez (CJ), Dr Lyman

BSW Student Published in Write The Ship!

Jaida O'Neal-Sloane, a first year social work student, recently has had her field of practice paper published in this year's publications of Write the Ship which is Shippensburg University's undergraduate academic journal that publishes student's essays, research, studies and work from all majors.

In Dr. Fisher's class students were assigned to research a field of practice, including a policy and current practice issue that related to their chosen field. Jaida wanted to focus on issues in the foster care system, which is a topic that she is passionate about. Jaida focused on the large number of young adults that age out of foster care and are forced to live independently without any help. In her paper, Jaida wrote about the Foster Care Independence Act (FCIA) of 1999 which provides various programs to teenag-

ers in the foster care system so they can learn how to live independently. The various programs include educational opportunities, training, employment services, and financial support. In her paper, Jaida explains how the FCIA exemplifies social and economic justice by providing funds and services for young adults before and after they age out of foster care.

Jaida is thankful for this opportunity as it allowed her work to be recognized, and she is excited for people to read her work. Jaida hopes it will provide education and awareness to present issues in the foster care system.

Jaida would like to thank Kayla Hart for her guidance in the writing center and Dr. Fisher for seeing potential in her work. Great work Jaida!

New Faculty Member Joins the Department

Dr. Andrea Barrick is joining the faculty as of the fall semester 2018 as an assistant professor. Dr. Barrick comes to us from Youngstown University where she has been recently teaching, but her roots are in West Virginia so she is happy to be closer to home and family in her new position at Shippensburg.

Dr. Barrick has a varied background with both a BSW and an MSW, but she also holds a Master of Public Administration AND a Master of Arts in Political Science as well as a Ph.D. in Political Science from West Virginia University which she earned in 2015.

Dr. Barrick's research interests currently focus on violence against women and policy

making in state Supreme courts. Her practice experience included case management with youth in the Maryland Department of Juvenile Services and liaison to high schools as school partnership manager at College Summit West Virginia.



Gerontology News and Events

By Michelle Coughlin

This spring semester, the Gerontology minor hosted a series of events to enrich the education of our students. At the beginning of the semester, **Donna Miller**, the volunteer coordinator for Celtic Hospice, provided students with information about Celtic Hospice and the how to become a Hospice volunteer.

Additionally, the Gerontology minor and the Disability Studies minor co-hosted a guest speaker, **Dr. Sharon O' Brien** from Dickinson College, to discuss "Depression in America's Happiness Culture." Through this experience, students gained valuable insight regarding how depression is affecting students' happiness and success.

Kristin Varner, from the RASE Project, also came to campus to discuss older adults experiences with substance abuse. Over 90 students were in attendance, and truly enjoyed the opportunity to listen to Kristin's stories.

The Gerontology minor concluded the semester by co-hosting an event with the Social Work, Psychology, and Military Science department titled "Older Veterans and Mental Health Issues." For this event, Mr. **Bernard Showers**, an MSW alum and ad-

junct faculty member, talked to students about Vietnam veterans and ways in which future social workers can help.

In addition to the Gerontology events, there are also a few more exciting updates! This spring, the Gerontology minor has officially approved two new courses. Now, students have the option to take PSY 315: Psychology of Prejudice and the Minority Experience and ESC 207: Stress Management for their additional electives. Also, the Gerontology minor has established a Gerontology Library where students have access to text books from their previous Gerontology Minor courses. So, if you have your old text books and you are willing to donate them, stop on by Dr. Bourassa's office in Shippen 325.

2018 Social Work Service Learning Field Trip

This semester students had the opportunity to attend the Social Work Service Learning Field Trip to Baltimore, MD. The first stop was the Maryland Food Bank, a nonprofit hunger-relief organization, where students volunteered in various areas of the foodbank.

As the day continued, students traveled to the Reginald F. Lewis African American Museum for a museum tour, and to meet with local social workers. Students had the opportunity to speak with Robin McKinney, the co-founder and CEO of The CASH Campaign of Maryland, and learn about her work and experiences. The CASH (Creating Assets, Savings and Hope) Campaign of Maryland is a nonprofit organization that promotes economic advancement for low-to-moderate income individuals and families across Maryland.

Students who attended the field trip enjoyed a day of learning and sharing on



Group at the Reginald F. Lewis African American Museum

many levels. When asking Ed Curtis, an MSW student, about the field trip experience he responded with “I was impressed with the Maryland Foodbank because they not only help with hunger, but they train people for jobs in the culinary industry. Also, the African American Museum was an eye-opening experience, and offered education on the African American experience in Baltimore.”



Group volunteering at the Maryland Food Bank



BSW Students Service Learning Projects

The following few pages describe projects completed by students in SWK 370 Practice with Organizations and Communities in the spring semester. Each semester students learn the skills of planning, implementing and evaluating real life community based projects which benefit the local community and/or campus.

Women's World Festival

By Rachel Slickers

The Women's World Festival was held on Monday, April 16th from 7-9pm. This global event showcased and educated about women's contributions to society. The Department of International Programs, The Women's Center, Social Work Department, and the Commission for Human Understanding sponsored the event. The goal of this festival was to raise awareness through showing ways that we can support and celebrate women and culture.

The Women's World Festival had a lot going on throughout the night. When first arriving to the event people were able to walk around, look at various tables, and talk to people that were there in support of the event.

The tables at the event were set up to raise awareness for women not just locally, but also internationally. A big focus of the event was on the fashion show that displayed various types of women's clothes and accessories that are worn throughout the world. Following the fashion show, there was a woman who performed belly dancing, and taught people various moves. Near the end of the event, people were encouraged to fill out surveys to enter in raffle. During this time, people were able to enjoy food dishes that reflected multiple cultures. Overall, the event had a great turn out with almost 100 people in attendance! Group members included **Manda Krashnak, Emilie McMath, Angela Presley, Rachael Slickers.**

Environmental Justice

By Mary Hudzinski

This semester my group focused on Social Work Month and education on environmental justice. The group members went into four social work classes and presented on how social workers can advocate for environmental justice. The group members went to a first-year social work class to talk with them about the social work department and how they can help with fighting for environmental justice. In the gender issues class, we discussed environmental injustices and gender. The group also went into a policy class to talk about specific policies that impact environmental justice, and that social workers can advocate for policy change. The last class we went to was Assessing Organiza-

tions and Communities. There we discussed how communities are affected when the environment is being polluted with toxic waste, and how clients can be affected by toxic waste.

The purpose of going to classes was to educate classmates on how we can help educate our clients on environmental justice, and how they can be a part of the change for the environment. Our group also had an informational table set up at the Earth Day event held on Shippensburg University's campus. Our table educated others on how social workers help with environmental justice. We had fact sheets on environmental justice and an activity where people could plant flower seeds. We used biodegradable planters to help save the earth! Group members included **Elias Cabrera, Emily Greene, Mary Hudzinski, and Mackensy Rafferty.**

Handing Off Hope

By Savannah Snyder

The student group members of Handing off Hope partnered with Hero in the Fight and Not One More – York Chapter to host an event and donation drive. The event was held at Val’s Café, and the goal of the event was to educate participants about the Warm Handoff Programs, raise awareness for the need of acceptable alcohol-free hygiene products for individuals seeking recovery within an inpatient treatment facility, and to collect donations of such products. Our group’s goal was to collect at least 100 acceptable items from the event and various drop boxes that were located in Lemoyne, Harrisburg and York. In addition, a survey was created to evaluate how well our group educated event participants on the Warm Hand off Programs in York, Dauphin, and Cumberland Counties.

We were able to collect a total of 815 items of which 593 items were acceptable (alcohol-free) donations. Those items were then sorted and assembled into individual ‘grab-and-go’ bags, which were divided among Hero in the Fight and Not One More. Each were given a combined total of 108 individual bags: 23 bags for males and 31 bags for females. In addition, all the unacceptable items that were donated were donated to Not One More’s Outreach Program, providing additional supplies to York County’s recovering community. The survey results from the evaluations indicated that over 51% participants were educated in some way as the result of our event and donation drive. Group members included **Savannah Snyder, Joslyn Spiegel, Brittney Webster, and Emily Wilson.**



Partner with Harrisburg Area Community College and Tri-County Community Action Commission

By Ciara Laudenslager

On April 21st, four BSW students participated in Tri-County Community Action's 6th annual Great Harrisburg Litter Clean Up as part of their Practice with Organizations and Communities project. In hopes of increasing awareness for the role and importance of Environmental Justice in Social



Work, the students designed an educational presentation for two Human Services classes at Harrisburg Area Community College. The presentation included a brief explanation of Environmental Justice, Social Work core values, and how those values tie into our responsibility to advocate for clean and healthy communities.

During our visit to HACC, our group distributed information to the students about the Great Harrisburg Clean Up in an effort to recruit volunteers. We then created an educational poster board listing decomposition rates of common litter items to display at the event. We explained the poster and Tri-County's "Stop the Drop" trashcan lid pro-



gram to Harrisburg City residents. Following the registration period, we joined Harrisburg community members in cleaning the streets and alleyways of the inner city. Students and volunteers removed glass bottles, food wrappers, plastic cups, and other materials from front lawns and playgrounds.

Our presentation to the HACC students, and the distribution of event flyers assisted Tri-County Community Action in recruiting volunteers to take part in the Clean



Up. With the help of the BSW students, Tri-County Community Action was able to recruit 196 registered volunteers for Allison Hill, remove 28 tons of trash from the streets of Harrisburg City, and educate more than 48 students and residents. Group members included **Charity Ahanonu, Martha Brown, Jahaira DeJesus, and Ciara Laudenslager.**

Feeding Ship's Future

By Erica Givens

One in three school-aged children qualify for free/reduced lunch. The Shippensburg Community Resource Coalition (SCRC) and my Practice with Organizations and Communities (POC) group worked together to fight against food insecurity through raising money and educating the community. We furthered our understanding on what food insecurity is and who it affects the most.

The SCRC provides the Summer Lunch and Hound Pack programs that address food insecurity issue that we have in our community. The Program provides over 100 students in the Shippensburg Area School District with lunch and educational activities during the summer break. The Summer Lunch Program also provides numerous learning opportunities through the various field trips offered.



The Hound Pack program provides meals for children who also live in the Shippensburg Area School District. The Hound Pack program provides students with a backpack that is filled with 7 meals for the weekends during the school year. Currently, there are 75 students enrolled in the Hound Pack program with a number of students on the waiting list.

Our group, with help from SCRC, was able to raise \$1,500 using the Shippensburg University Foundation's LaunchShip crowdfunding program. My group members and I posted on social media twice a week, and had a table at the Children's Fair to spread awareness on food insecurity. As social workers, it is our job to raise awareness for

these types of programs. These funds are building relationships in the community. Group members included **Erin Best, Erica Givens, Sammy Kalp, Laura Shatzer, and Catie Wallace.**

Educating the Shippensburg Community on Poverty

By Makenzi Maun

Cara Link (Chairperson), Eden Yahner (Community Liaison), Raymond Cwenar (Publicist), Sara Fritz (Evaluator), and myself helped to organize and host a Poverty Simulation as part of our course Social Work Practice with Organizations and Communities. The students had the help of the Shippensburg Community Resource Coalition (SCRC) and Tri-County Community Action. The Simulation took place on March 24th at the Shippensburg Senior Center (Branch Creek Place) from 9am-12pm. Over 50 people were in attendance. Food and drinks were kindly donated by Staples, Branch Creek Place, Giant grocery store, and Weis grocery store.

The main goal of the Poverty Simulation was to educate the community on poverty in Shippensburg. For the Poverty Simulation to be successful, we had to have 40 people registered. We exceeded that number and had 47 participants and 9 volunteers in attendance. During the Simulation, participants were able to experience a "day in the life" of someone living in poverty. There were different stations set up such as: a welfare office, jail, school, grocery store, and homeless shelter. The participants were given instructions on their situation and which stations they had to go to that day.

As a result of the Poverty Simulation, a church in Shippensburg is exploring the possibility of starting a group to help people who are living in poverty in Shippensburg.

Advocating to Make Shippen Hall More Inclusive

By Allison George

This semester our Practice with Organizations and Communities group was assigned to assess the inclusivity of Shippen Hall. Our group consisted of **Ava Bonetti, Tori Bender, Jessica Layton, Molly Richardson, and myself, Allison George.** We started off by researching the difference between accommodation and inclusion. Accommodations involve an alteration of the environment, curriculum or equipment. Inclusion is an environment, curriculum or service that is accessible to, and usable by, everybody without the need for adaptation or specialized design. We also investigated laws and regulations about inclusion and recommendations on measuring the inclusivity of a building.

Using our research, we created an assessment tool to evaluate each aspect of Shippen Hall while focusing on nine different populations. These populations included: race/ethnicity, religion, plus size, families, older adults, physical and intellectual disabilities, LGBTQ and gender.

From our assessment, we recommend that changes be made with the light switches so they are easier to use, the door handles so they are easier to grip, and the desks for the plus size population and individuals with a disability. We also found that changes should be made to handicap entrances and

the elevator so it is easily accessible for everyone, the bathrooms because it is unclear that Shippensburg has a gender neutral bathroom policy, and the brightness on the computer screens for individuals who have a vision impairment and suffer from migraines.

Our group also presented a twenty-minute demonstration at a Social Work Organization meeting. We spoke to 18 social work students about the differences between inclusion and accommodation. After the presentation, 88% of the students reported that they would be willing to support our efforts in making Shippen Hall more inclusive.

We will advocate our recommendations to key stakeholders about the light switches, restrooms, computer screens, door handles, elevator, desks and handicap entrances. Our group has learned a lot through our research and we hope to see changes in the future.



Caring for Self-Care

By Nakita Ward

Social work students in the Harrisburg cohort program, **Jacy Luce (Chairperson/ Community Liaison), Nakita Ward (Historian), Jessica Hegedus (Publicist), and Ben Fierer (Evaluator),** worked with Alder Health staff in Harrisburg, PA to promote a day of self-care and relaxation. Alder Health is a non-profit organization that “improves the health and well-being of individuals living with HIV/AIDS and members of the LGBTQ community by providing a culturally competent and affirming environment that empowers the people we serve” (Alder Health mission).

Our event took place on April 20th and it consisted of different areas in the office that were based on a relaxation/reading corner to read books. There were photo booth props and disposable cameras, games, yoga sessions, and stress balls. We received in-kind donations from classmates, family, and friends to help make this event possible. My group helped Alder Health staff to explore other self-care avenues for their community. At the end of our event we passed out a few tips on way to improve self-care, and reminded the staff that their health is a top priority.

Minds@Work

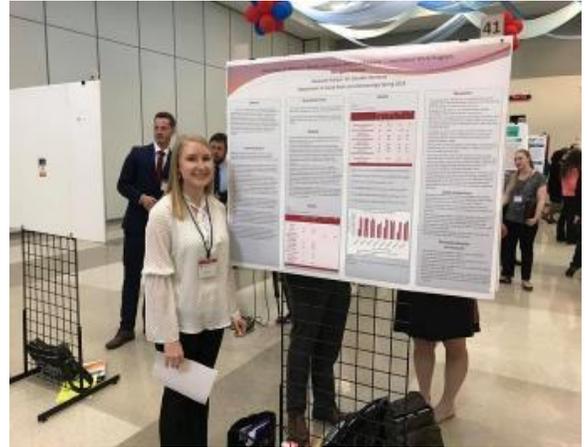
Minds@Work Conference: Celebrating Student Research, Scholarship, and Creativity

April 24, 2018

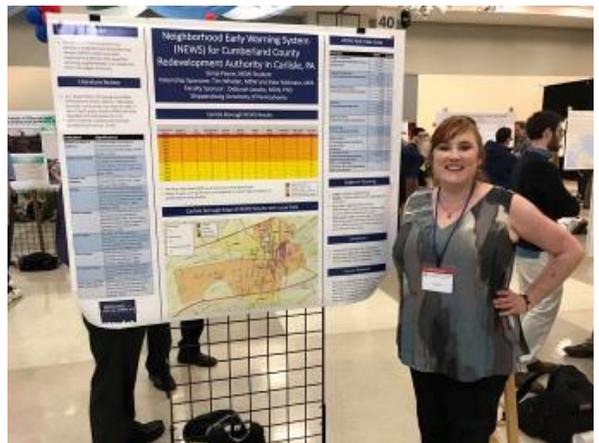
The annual **Minds@Work** conference showcased the many innovative activities that take place on our campus. Undergraduate and graduate students alike from all disciplines present their research and creative work. From the sciences and humanities, to business, creative arts, and human services, the conference celebrates students' achievements and Social Work was well represented on both the BSW and MSW levels.

A panel presentation, *Resident Experiences of Living in Public Family and Senior Housing* reported on a community assessment conducted by Dr. Minnick and her MSW class including: **Alicia Colon, Daniel Drachbar, Krystal Griffiths, Alexis Harbour, Sarah Herman, Emily Hutton, Victoria Karnas, Taylore Kerns, Marissa Kosko-Blyler, Morgan Kunes, Bria Mosley, Sonja Payne, Natalie Wismer, and Gigi Yelton.**

Six social work students/groups also had their posters accepted to the conference. The students included: **Paige Bankhead-Lewis, Rebecca Bosak, Emily Stottlemeyer, Cheyenne Port, Monica DeCarlo, Kimberly Washington, Morgan Pettner, Michelle Cousins, Laurel White, Marissa Kosko-Blyler, Sonja Payne, Alicia Colon, and Taylore Kerns.**



BSW Student: Morgan Pettner



MSW Student: Sonja Payne



BSW Student: Paige Bankhead-Lewis

Faculty Kudos



- **Dr. Lyman** had the following article accepted for publication:

Lyman, M. J. & Keyes, C. S. (2017). Peer-supported writing in graduate research courses: A mixed methods assessment. *International Journal of Teaching and Learning in Higher Education*.
- Took seven BSW and MSW students to the 2018 symposium of the International Association of Social Work with Groups, which was held at the Kruger Nation Park in South Africa. (see article elsewhere in this newsletter).



- **Dr. Bourassa** was asked to develop a 2 week curriculum for the 3rd year medical students at Penn State College of Medicine in Hershey regarding hospice and palliative care. 10 medical students participated in the course.
- Presented with the results for this experience at Penn State College of Medicine's EdVenture 2018 conference on April 19th, titled "Educating Today's Medical Students in Options for End of Life Care: Health System Implications". She presented with Gil Brown (CEO of Hospice of Central PA) and Dr. Sue Glod .
- Presented with Sam Forlenza (from Exercise Science), Michael Lyman, and Michelle Coughlin (Psychology graduate student) at the INSINC conference on April 13 on "Ageism and the Cumulative Effects on Willingness to Work with Older Adults"



- **Dr. Galarza** was appointed co-chair of the Council on Social Work Education's Council on Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity and Expression.
- Received tenure and was promoted to the position of Associate Professor effective August 2018.

Faculty Kudos



- **Dr. Clements** presented at the Council on Social Work Education Annual Program Meeting in Dallas, TX on “Current Educational Trends for the Group Work Methods”
- Dr. Clements continues to serve on the Editorial Advisory Board for the journal *Social Work with Groups*. Recently, she has co-edited a special issue of *Social Work with Groups* Volume 41, 2018 - Issue 1-2: Group Work and the Arts.



- **Dr. Flagler** continues her World Bank consultancy to the Ministry of Health and Social Protection of Albania, her home country. She is consulting on the implementation of the pilot project on the new bio-psycho-social assessment of disability . The new disability assessment, which was developed by Dr. Flagler, follows the recommendations of the World Health Organization for the application of the social model of disability as well as the guidelines of the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities of the United Nations.



- **Dr. Fisher** has been conducting research for the United Way of Carlisle with Dr. Michael Lyman, Natalie Wismer (Graduate assistant), and undergraduate students.
- Dr. Fisher also continues her work with Shippensburg Community Resource Coalition and has been successful in receiving a significant grant from the Partnership for Better Health Foundation in Carlisle.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE BSW GRADUATES OF SPRING 2018!

Paige Bankhead-Lewis
Luke Belski
Alexandria Berkenstock
Rebecca Bosak
Carrie Bullock
Michelle Cousins
Stefani Crawford
Kaylie Engle
Shelby Foreman
Brittany Germer
Melinda Hammond
Myesha Long
Emma McDowell

Lisa Newcomer
Morgan Pettner
Cheyenne Port
Tyler Riedy
Christian Rock
Rhyan Rodriguez
Elizabeth Shaffer
Taylor Stoner
Pamela Underkoffler
Emily Wagner
Samantha Wilkinson
Anna Wright



Field Placements, Spring 2018

BSW Field Placements

Student	Agency	Field Instructor
Paige Bankhead-Lewis	The Salvation Army	Trinette Ream
Luke Belski	YWCA Carlisle Sexual Assault/Rape Crisis Services	Dana Hippensteel
Alex Berkenstock	Abraxas Youth Center	Amanda Houser
Rebecca Bosak	Franklin County Area Agency on Aging	Traci Kline
Michelle Cousins	Adams County Children and Youth Services	Jessica Coy
Stefani Crawford	Homeland Center	Ashley Bryan
Kaylie Engle	Catholic Charities Immigration & Refugee Services	John Leedock
Shelby Foreman	Buckingham's Choice	Stacey Davila
Brittany Germer	River Rock– Lancaster Campus	Sue Burkholder
Melinda Hammond	Franklin County Jail	Jessica Sterner
Myesha Long	Messiah Village	Christina Weber
Emma McDowell	Northwest Tri-County Intermediate Unit-5	Eric Mandell
Lisa Newcomer	YWCA of Greater Harrisburg	Jocelyn Valentin-Miller
Morgan Pettner	Veterans Administration, Martinsburg VA	Angela Sluzalis
Cheyenne Port	River Rock– Newville Campus	Donna Gano
Tyler Riedy	Sam, Inc	Matt Yingling
Christian Rock	Potomac Case Management	Philip Scolaro
Rhyan Rodriguez	Sam, Inc	Matt Yingling
Elizabeth Shaffer	Shippensburg Head Start Program	Linda Butts
Carrie Bullock	The Village of Laurel Run	Ashley Winters
Kameryn Socks	Easter Seals Adult Day Services	Carolyn Kaeser
Taylor Stoner	Yellow Breeches Plainfield	Josh Mueller
Pamela Underkoffler	Joshua Group	Deb Miller
Emily Wagner	Women In Need, Inc.	Becky Swope
Samantha Wilkinson	Cumberland County Children and Youth Services	Shelley Barrick
Anna Wright	Pyramid Healthcare	Kathy Beidel

Special thanks to all the field instructors who contribute their valuable time and expertise to help educate another generation of social work practitioners!

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!

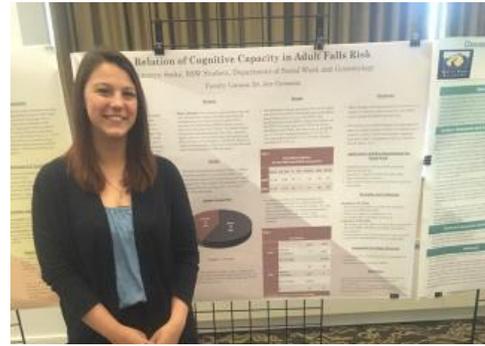
BSW Senior Presentations

On May 3rd, our seniors in the Bachelor of Social Work program presented their research projects that they completed at their field placement agencies over the semester. The students shared their experiences of being at their field placement, their research process, and the findings from their research, as well as their social work journey and plans for the future.

Faculty, students, field instructors, family and friends were all invited to attend the celebration of these students' hard work and dedication throughout the semester. The Dean of the College of Education and Human Services provided funds for lunch.

*Great job demonstrating
the research skills of
social work!*

To see all the BSW grads posters go to our Facebook page.: [Shippensburg University Social Work and Gerontology Department](#)



Update from the Shippensburg Community Resource Coalition (SCRC)

The Shippensburg Community Resource Coalition (SCRC) was recently awarded a grant from the Partnership for Better Health to hire a Community Health Mobilizer who will lead the Healthy Shippensburg project. The Community Health Mobilizer will focus on coalition building for systems change. The addition of a Community Health Mobilizer will provide opportunities for Shippensburg University bachelor and master-level social work students who are in their professional field semester(s) to support existing SCRC programs. The goal of the project is to increase the number of underserved residents who have improved access to

health and human services, increase the number of partner programs that work together, strengthen the relationship between the community and Shippensburg University, and provide meaningful internship and volunteer experiences.

The SCRC's 2018 Summer Lunch Program will run from June 4 to Aug 3rd this year (closed the week of the Shippensburg Fair). We have 3 paid staff organizing and running the program and many volunteers that assist with snacks and the activities. The book this summer is a graphic novel of The Wizard of Oz focusing on different character's positive personality traits. We are still in need of volunteers, if you would be

able to help out, please go to our website under the Summer Lunch Program page.

Hound Packs is continuing to run strong through the end of the school year. We send home about 75 backpacks each weekend with children in the Shippensburg Area School District. We are continuing to plan for next year including sustainable funding options as the program continues to grow.

For more info about us or on our programs, please visit the website: www.shipresources.org or email us at swk-scrc@ship.edu



Shippensburg Community Resource Coalition

Institute for Social Inclusion

INSINC

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This year's conference kicked off with keynote speaker **Aneesah S. Smith**. As a national speaker, activist, and social justice educator Aneesah Smith encourages those that she speaks with to live their OUT loud and proud.

Break-out sessions included topics such as the influence of micro aggressions, oppressions that can be internalized, and hate within the criminal justice system along with other presentations focusing on inclusion of marginalized populations.

The lunch hour featured a round table discussion following a condensed "World Café Model" given by Rosalind October-E dun and her colleague Debra Kram-

Fernandez who traveled from Empire State College in New York to offer her knowledge and expertise. This discussion allowed for all the attendees to become actively engaged with individuals they had never met with before as everyone was required to move from their seats and form completely new groups from those they sat with originally.

With approximately 140 people in attendance, the 3rd conference proved quite successful! Through evaluations it was found that most attendees enjoyed the Keynote speaker and the energy that she brought with her to Ship. For more information about INSINC and past conferences visit www.ship.edu/insinc.



Lunch presentation /discussion



Aneesah Smith, Keynote Speaker

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 dfjaco@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	adjunct instructor and BSW alumnus
Linda Butts, MSW	BSW and MSW alumnus, Shippensburg Head Start Director
Sue Carbaugh, MSW	BSW alumnus, Cumberland County Director of IDDS
Nicole Crisp, MSW	BSW alumnus; Cumberland County Children and Youth
Dianne Elsom, LCSW	community private practitioner; CenterPoint Counseling and Consulting, retiring from the Council (thank you for your service)
Cecilia Luna, MSW	BSW and MSW alumnus; PA Department of Health
Laura Masgalas, MSW	BSW and MSW alumnus, PA Coalition Against Rape
Robin Moore, MSW	BSW and MSW alumnus
Mary Grace Shearer, MSW	BSW alumnus and 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, Vice President of Clinical and Residential Programs
Gail Witwer, BA in Social Work	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 Co-Coordinator
Deborah Jacobs, Ph.D.	faculty, Dept. Chair and MSW Co-Director



MSW Program Continues to Flourish

The MU-SU MSW program graduated our 11th class this year on May 11. Following a reception for the 26 graduates and their friends and family in the Tuscarora Room, the formal graduation ceremony was held at the Luhrs Performing Arts Center. Lots of hugs and congratulations were part of both events.

Our graduates are already starting to make a major impact on the delivery of quality social work services in the region. Just a few of the examples of the class include: hospice social work at SpiritTrust Lutheran Home Care and Hospice in Chambersburg; geriatric social work for SeniorLIFE York providing services to seniors in their homes and in the day center; hospital social work at the nephrology clinic at UPMC Pinnacle in Harrisburg; Director of Veterans Affairs for Cumberland County and Public Education Coordinator for Domestic Violence Services of Cumberland and Perry Counties providing education for prevention and outreach in the communities.

The following page lists all the graduating MSW students' field agency placements and field instructors. This group includes our first MSW graduates at the Dixon Center. For the past two years we have been holding MSW classes at the Dixon Center for students in the Harrisburg area who are enrolled in the advanced standing part time program. We hope to expand our offerings in Harrisburg in the future. If you know of interested applicants please have them contact Dr. Flalger.

We are incredibly grateful to the seasoned MSWs who agreed to be mentors to our students. Each social worker who shares their expertise with our students adds to the quality and significance of the social work profession. Additionally, it is wonderful to see that more and more of our field instructors are graduates of our own MU-SU MSW program. Thanks so much for giving back!

Admissions for the incoming class that started this summer are at an all time high! We have almost equal numbers of new students who come from a BSW program and those who have undergraduate degrees in another field. It is great to see the variety of people who are choosing to be a positive force in the world!



MSW Student	Agency and Field Instructor
Becker, Sabrina	Hempfield Behavioral Health- Red Tomato Farm Newville PA Field Instructor: Jessica Garcia
Bretzman, Ruth	Pinnacle Health Systems Harrisburg, PA Field Instructor: Lynn Shick
Comrey, James	Cumberland/Perry MH/IDD Carlisle, PA Field Instructor: Susan Carbaugh, MSW
Fisher, Kourtney	Tuscarora School District Mercersburg, PA Field Instructor: Amanda Hollingsworth
Gorman, Leeann	Brook Lane-Laurel Hall Hagerstown, MD Field Instructor: Wendy Mellott
Green, Kathleen	Hempfield Behavioral Health- Red Tomato Farm Newville PA Field Instructor: Jessica Garcia
Horst, Sheena	Spiritrust Lutheran™ Home Care & Hospice Chambersburg, PA Field Instructors: Jodi Plitman, LSW & Sharon Hartman
Howarth, Suzanna	Children's Resource Center. Harrisburg, PA Field Instructor: Shannon Cossaboom
Irby, Noelle	Hospice of Central PA Harrisburg, PA Field Instructor: Susan Resavy
Johnson, Trinity	Pinnacle Health Systems Harrisburg, PA Field Instructor: Amy Zook
Ksanznak, Chelsea	Celtic Hospice Mechanicsburg, PA Field Instructor: Hali Farrell, Hospice Social Worker
Loutrel, Katherine	Brook Lane of North Village Hagerstown, MD Field Instructor: Dr. Mike Shea
Malinish, Taylor	Diakon Wilderness Center Boiling Springs, PA Off Site Field Instructor: Shari VanderGast, Task Supervisor: Jason Brode
McCarthy, Maureen	SCI Camp Hill Camp Hill, PA Field Instructor: Sheryl Johnson
Ott, Emily	Domestic Violence Services of Cumberland and Perry Counties Carlisle, PA Field Instructor: Colleen Kinney
Peck, Jennifer	Children's Advocacy Clinic Pennsylvania State Dickinson Law School Carlisle, Field Instructor: Gary I. Shuey, MSW, LSW
Prest, Kathleen	365 Hospice Camp Hill, PA Field Instructor: Nakeesha Kenney-Futrell
Salmon, Courtney	Tuscarora School District Mercersburg, PA Field Instructor: Rebecca Rock
Schoenfelder, William	Hempfield Behavioral Health-Gettysburg Field Instructor: Jessica Coy
Seaks, Danielle	Hempfield Behavioral Health-Gettysburg Field Instructor: Jessica Garcia
Shewack, Maggie	Lebanon Veterans Administration Lebanon, PA Field Instructor: Yasmin Brown, LSW
Sloane, Ronald	Harrisburg School District--Middle School Field Instructor: Vincent Rogers
Swindell, Megan	Washington County Sunshine Center Hagerstown, MD Field Instructor: Eddie VanMetre
Waltz, Sharon	Jewish Family Service of Greater Harrisburg Harrisburg, PA Field Instructor: Rachel Kuhr
Zelner, Rebecca	National Association of Social Workers-PA Camp Hill, PA Field Instructor: Amy Sagen
Zilinski, John	Cumberland County Aging & Community Services Carlisle, PA Field Instructor: David R. Mohr

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE MSW GRADUATES OF SPRING 2018!

Sabrina Becker
Ruth Bretzman
James Comrey
Kourtney Fisher
Leeann Gorman
Kathleen Green
Sheena Horst
Suzanna Howarth
Noelle Irby
Trinity Johnson
Chelsea Ksanzank
Katherine Loutrel
Taylor Malinish
Maureen McCarthy

Emily Ott
Jennifer Peck
Kathleen Prest
Courtney Salmon
William Schoenfelder
Danielle Seaks
Maggie Shewack
Ronald Sloane
Megan Swindell
Sharon Waltz
Rebecca Zelner
John Zilinski



ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT

Trinette Ream graduated from the BSW program at Shippensburg University in 1999. Following her undergraduate degree, Trinette obtained her MSW at Temple University (before Ship had an MSW program).

For the past 18 years, she has been employed as the Social Services Director for The Salvation Army in two different locations: Harrisburg, PA and Carlisle, PA where she currently works.

Trinette says the BSW program at Shippensburg University, prepared her to work in a variety of settings across all client systems. She shared that she enjoyed her experiences from the volunteer hours that were required in the BSW program because it validated her decision to do social work.

As the Social Services Director at the Salvation Army in Carlisle, Trinette has had the opportunity to manage housing programs, coordinate volunteers, oversee The Salvation Army's Christmas programs, and supervise both BSW and MSW interns.

Trinette expressed that she enjoys supervising interns because they bring in a fresh set of eyes and perspectives to the various services and programs offered at The Salvation Army.

Trinette loves the work that she does and her involvement with individuals, and families has made a profound difference in her own life. She enjoys working alongside individuals and families and seeing their growth and prosperity.



Trinette, left, with her MSW intern, Tori Karnas and Salvation Army case manager, Sean Nedimyer.

SOCIAL WORK HAPPENINGS



“Education is not filling a bucket but lighting a fire”

-William Butler Yeats

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%