

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL WORK EDUCATION

Faculty Research Interests

The following are expressed research interests of faculty within the Department of Social Work Education (DSWE). You may select project/thesis chairs and readers based on these interests. However, most faculty also welcome the opportunity to chair or read projects/thesis outside their own areas of interest. Consult with individual faculty for clarification.

* (asterisk) Readers only.

***ARMISTEAD, MAGGIE**

Child welfare

***BROWN, SHIRLEY**

Public child welfare; domestic violence; mental health

***CARLIN, ANDREA**

School social work, children's mental health and services; mental health

CLARKE, KRIS

Unavailable at time of print.

***COLE, CHRIS**

Child welfare; community-based mental health; technology; policy and data analysis; cultural competence; ICWA; research and program analysis

***FLOREZ, CORINNE**

Cultural competency; child welfare, school-based social work practice; domestic violence; medical social work; ICWA; immigration issues; rural social work

***FOSTER, BARBARA**

Child welfare; foster care; independent living skills; adolescence; aging; adult protective services and cultural competence

***FOSTER, DAVID**

Child welfare; social welfare policy; macro practice issues; public mental health; poverty; children; aging & family; organizational change / dynamics

FRANZ, JOHN

Occupational social work (EAP); the effects of work-life stress; aging and family; emotional and social impacts of organizational change; undergraduate education

GARCIA, BETTY

Family burden of care with severely mentally ill Latinos; prison work; mental health; child welfare; Latinas and empowerment; human services program evaluation; women; children; Latinos

HANNA, MARK

Policy analysis; program development and implementation; program monitoring and evaluation; GIS (geographic information systems)

HARDINA, DONNA

Community organization; welfare reform; child welfare; needs assessment; program evaluation; qualitative approaches; political social work; empowerment in macro practice.

HARRIS, DEBRA

Developmental disabilities; chemical dependency; administrative issues; supervision; program evaluation

LOWE, MITZI

Field education; juvenile justice; interprofessional collaboration; gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender youth in foster care; arts education with incarcerated youth

***McINTOSH, WANDA**

Social justice and empowerment practices; disparities impacting the poor and various ethnic groups; child welfare; aging policies and health care practices; school-based social work practice; clinical social work practice and mental health; also interested in community work in depressed areas

MONTANA, SAL

Social welfare policy; human service organizations; administration & management; child welfare; research and program evaluation; community practice

PETROVICH, ANNE

Aging, intergenerational research; clinical social work; trauma and abuse; performing arts and emotional health; self-efficacy, qualitative research

PEWEWARDY, NOCONA

Public mental health; secondary data analysis; qualitative approaches; critical approaches to social work education; critical race theory; structural social work; cultural pluralism; strategies for challenging and deconstructing White privileges and other catalysts of structural inequalities

RONDERO HERNANDEZ, VIRGINIA

Child health and mental health; child welfare; health care; health disparities; developmental disabilities; juvenile justice; medical social work; school social work; faith-based organizations; research; program evaluation

SALSGIVER, RICHARD

Disabilities; societal disability stereotypes expressed in profession roles; disability and culture/ethnicity (e.g., interactions, variations in perceptions); adolescence; empowerment of women; education and social work; forensic social work elders & disability; culture & disability; social work educational issues

***SIEGEL, DOLORES**

Child welfare practice; agency-based practice; mental health; case management; child sexual assault and survivors of assault; family violence; clinical & administrative supervision

SIMPSON, ROGER

Marriage and family; social support; mental health; African-American male empowerment; cultural diversity; faith-based organizations; minority communities and the Digital Divide

VUNGKHANCHING, MARTHA

Substance abuse; traumatic brain injury; family caregivers; health disparity; international social work

***WHITTLE, CHERYL**

Child welfare; disparities/disproportionality (cultural diversity & competence); school social work

***XIONG, YENG**

Child welfare; cultural competency

YAMAGUCHI, JANE

Mental health services and research; health / medical social work; crisis intervention; statistical analysis; qualitative research; psychotherapy research

***YANG, BEE**

Child welfare; cultural competency in Hmong and Southeast Asia