

Indiana University School of Social Work 2014-2015 Highlights Report

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Advances in Health and Life Sciences

The School of Social Work faculty has received three new federal grants, totaling more than \$3 million. The grants reflect a national concern over the needs of underserved groups, such as the transitional-aged youth, or to an ongoing effort to recruit and retain highly skilled social workers in child welfare systems.

- The National Child Welfare Workforce Institute Grant: The School is using \$735,000 to fund the Child Welfare Trauma Fellowship. The fund provides seven students a year with stipends of \$13,650 for five years. Participating students commit to working for the Indiana Department of Child Services for two years.
- A \$937,000 collaborative from the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration was acquired to develop a training program: Advancing Multidisciplinary Education for Screening Brief Intervention and Referral to Treatment (SBIRT) by the Schools of Social Work, Nursing and Medicine.
- The \$1.4 million Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) Grant for training MSW students working with transitional aged youth 16-25 years of age and their families. The grant allows for 30 to 33 Master of Social Work students a year for three years to receive special training to work with this population. Students receive a \$10,000 fellowship.
- Dr. Patrick Sullivan, who works with the Council on Social Work Education to develop new models for pursuing integrated health care, completed two national webinars for the Council on Social Work Education's Recovery to Practice project.

- Assistant Professor of Social Work Heather McCabe spent the last year working as one of 10 Faculty Fellows for the Future of Public Health Law. The project was funded by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation and seeks to foster innovations and build a learning community among those who teach public health law.

Success of our Students

- Students accompanied School of Social Work's Dr. Carmen Luca Sugawara's on her International Service Learning Class to Croatia and witnessed first-hand the beauty, the destruction and examples of courage in a country torn apart by war.
- Isaac Karikari, PhD student, Kyle McGregor, PhD student, Claire Riley, MSW student, Richard Brandon-Friedman, PhD student, and Marea Kinney, MSW student, received the Elite 50 award, a new recognition award sponsored by the Graduate and Professional Student Government at IUPUI. The award recognizes their involvement with campus or community organizations as well as academic accolades.
- Tracy McDaniel, who recently graduated with her Master of Social Work degree from Indiana University School of Social Work, was named one of Indy's 15 people to watch in 2015 by the Indianapolis Star. McDaniel is CEO and founder of Restored, an agency that provides services, outreach and education to girls and young women ages 11 to 24 who have been victims of sex trafficking and sexual exploitation.
- Jennifer Queen-Russell, who was one of 33 MSW students selected to participate in a \$1.4 million federally funded project at the School of Social Work that focuses on transitional-aged youth, is planning her own project for transitional-aged youth at a mental health agency in Marion, IN.
- Samantha Taylor has grown up well aware of the hurdles life can put in your path. The IUPUI Ph.D. student has overcome illness and injury to pursue her goal to become a medical social worker -- a dream that would allow her to help others navigate a complex health care system and realize their own goals. <http://socialwork.iu.edu/News-Events/News/samantha-taylor-student-2015.php>

Contributions to the Well-Being of Indianapolis, the State of Indiana and Beyond

- Dr. Gentle-Genitty, Director of the Bachelor of Social Work Program at IUPUI , was selected by CARICOM, considered the United Nations for the Caribbean, to undertake an assessment of threats, risk, resilience and protective factors for school and community-based violence in Jamaica, Antigua, St. Kitts & Nevis, St. Lucia, and Trinidad & Tobago.
- The Indiana Child Welfare Education and Training Partnership, managed by the School of Social Work, provides specialized education to students earning their Bachelor and Masters degrees as well as ongoing training for employees of the Indiana Department of Child Services. It also trains future leaders of the state agency.
- Dr. Gentle-Genitty turned an evaluation project of a technique to teach children how to make good decisions into a book that parents can read to their children. The book, *Moppy*, uses a beguiling mop head with blue eyes perched atop a red handle, to discuss a simple, understandable program that teaches children of all ages how to make right choices in life and what to do to should they make a wrong one.
- Associate Professor of Labor Studies Marquita Walker's book on employment relations, *The Daily Grind: How Workers Navigate the Employment Relationship*, is a must-read for students interested in understanding labor relations and explores how workers operating in a socially and culturally structured system of capitalism are influenced and manipulated by economic institutions and policy.
- Stephen Viehweg, a Lecturer at the School of Social Work, was appointed to serve on the Indiana Professional Licensing Board as a social work representative.
- The IU School of Social Work's online graduate program at Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis is positioning itself to become a leader in preparing social work students for a new arena: telebehavioral health. Technology has created a new frontier for social workers to deliver clinical behavioral health services from a distance via electronic communications.

- Dr. Betty Walton directs the Child and Adolescent Needs & Strengths Assessment program. The assessment tool creates a common language to help link the assessment probes and the design of individual service plans.

Collaboration

- Professor Heather McCabe has been appointed to assist with advancing Interprofessional Health Education and Practice with IU's Health Sciences schools.
- A small Croatian agency, Proni that opened its arms to the Indiana University School of Social Work, was awarded the first Global Engagement Award by the Office of International Affairs at IUPUI. The award honors an overseas organization that enhances the campus's international efforts and is accompanied by \$3,000 to be used to help strengthen the partnership with the School of Social Work. http://socialwork.iu.edu/News-Events/News/Press_release_105.php
- Professor Heather McCabe received the Glenn W. Irwin Experience Excellence Award from IUPUI Chancellor Charles Bantz at the Chancellor's Honors Convocation. She was recognized for her exceptional willingness to help whenever asked. McCabe, who also has a law degree, mentors and meets with students from other disciplines like law and public health, regularly collaborates with colleagues across the campus on various projects and initiatives.
- Labor Studies Professor Joseph Varga, author of *Hell's Kitchen and the Battle for Urban Space: Class Struggle and Progressive Reform in New York City, 1894-1914*, and David Hyussen, author of *Progressive Inequality: Rich and Poor in New York, 1890-1920*, discussed some of the misconceptions about the famous reform era, and explored new directions in historiography and research. The dialogue took place in March in the Elebash Recital Hall, New York, NY. CUNY Distinguished Professor of History Mike Wallace, author of the Pulitzer Prize winning work "*Gotham: A History of New York to 1898*" moderated the exchange between Dr. Varga and Dr. Hyussen.

Best Practices

- The Indiana University School of Social Work and the Council on Social Work Education hosted the first-ever conference dedicated to exploring the best ways of providing distance social work education online. Nearly 400 social work educators from around the country arrived in Indianapolis eager to learn from each other and to discuss how to maintain quality social work education in whatever form it is being offered.
<http://socialwork.iu.edu/News-Events/News/swde-2015.php>
- The Indiana University Schools of Social Work, Nursing, and Medicine hosted a seminar with Carlo DiClemente, co-creator of the Transtheoretical Model of behavior change to address field supervisors in social work, nurse preceptors, and faculty preceptors from medicine as part of a Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) training grant. Dr. DiClemente's model is one of the most recognized and practiced models for health behavior change across the globe.
- Ivette Barbosa, the Bachelor of Social Work Student Services Coordinator, was named the Faculty Advisor of the Year. She plays an important role in the success of our BSW program at IUPUI and serves as a role model whom social work students want to emulate when they graduate and enter the social work field.
- Dr. Carolyn Gentle-Genitty, Director of the BSW program at IUPUI, has received the 2015 Truehart Titzl Alumni Award from the Spalding University School of Social Work. The award is given to an alum that has made a significant contribution to the social work profession. Dr. Gentle-Genitty was recognized for the development of her Perception of School Bonding Instrument and her work with the Caribbean Community.
- Dr. Jeremiah W. Jagers was recently appointed associate editor of the Journal of Forensic Social Work, the official journal of the National Organization of Forensic Social Work. The *Journal of Forensic Social Work* is the principal, peer-reviewed journal guiding practitioners and researchers involved in day-to-day practice issues with the legal system. The journal addresses a broad range of issues faced by social workers and other professionals who practice in the judicial arena.

