

PITT SOCIAL WORK

A weekly update of news from the University of Pittsburgh School of Social Work

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Faculty member has new study published



Assistant Professor Darren Whitfield has a new article published in *AIDS Care*. The study is about the role of internalized racism on engagement in biomedical HIV prevention among Black gay and bisexual men in the United States. [Read here.](#)

Faculty member's SSWR presentation now online



Associate Professor Ray Engel's presentation "Social Work's Response to Anti-Semitism in the U.S." from the 2020 Society for Social Work and Research (SSWR) conference is now available online. [Watch here.](#)

Faculty member joins panel on mental health weigh in on the first week of online classes



Professor Christina Newhill participated in an online panel about mental health in academia. Read more about the event in the [Pitt News](#).

Alumnus working with families in need



Alumnus David Morris, a counselor at New Directions Counseling, offers advice to families struggling with the loss of routine for special needs children. [Read more.](#)

Alumnus overcomes accident and now helps others



Alumnus John Sikora recovered from an accident that left him paralyzed from the waist down. Today, he oversees the HOPE Network, based in Indiana Township, and serving the Greater Pittsburgh region, offers fitness, conditioning and wellness programs for the disabled, including wheelchair basketball, tennis, quad rugby, cycling, water skiing, snow skiing, golf, bocce, air rifle and pediatric sports. Read more in the [Tribune Review](#)

Alumna wins award



MSW alumna Jennifer Koget, who serves as the VA's National Program Manager [Fisher House & Family Hospitality Program](#), was selected to receive the 2019 American Hospital Association (AHA) Federal Health Care Executive Special Achievement Award. This recognition program was created by the American Hospital Association to recognize a federal career health care executive who has provided distinguished service through singularly significant leadership or innovative achievements that have contributed substantially to the mission of the federal health care system.

PhD student wins award



Laurenia Mangum, MSW, a rising doctoral student, has received a prestigious award from the Association of Maternal & Child Health Programs. She has been selected for the Go Beyond Maternal & Child Health (MCH) Graduate Student Scholarship in 2020, which will provide leadership development opportunities to emerging leaders in maternal and child health research.

MSW/PhD student interviewed on the radio



MSW/PhD student Ana Flores spoke to WPTS radio about the Latin American Graduate Organization of Students. Flores is President of the student organization. [Listen here.](#)

MSW student has letter published



MSW student Molly Kellam wrote to the *Pittsburgh Post Gazette* about the need for access to mental health services. [Read here.](#)

Essential information for nonprofits navigating COVID-19



The Pittsburgh Foundation is partnering with other Presenting Organizations (listed below) and with the global law firm Jones Day and other local and national experts to create a webinar series addressing the issues that nonprofit leaders tell us are at the top of their need-to-know list. [Learn more and register.](#)

Announcements:

Complete your Census today to show your community you care about its future! Visit <https://2020census.gov> or call 1-844-330-2020 to complete your 2020 Census response. Encourage others to do the same!

Upcoming Events

April 16, 2020: **Webinar w/ Link on Supporting Gay Latino and Black Sexual Assault Survivors** feat. PhD alumnus Daniel Jacobson. 11am-12pm. [Register here.](#)

April 20, 2020: **Research Break: MURAL-LEARN** a remote FREE collaboration tool for education. [Check back for Zoom link](#)

For the latest announcements, as well as faculty, staff, student, and community resources related to the COVID_19 pandemic please visit the Pitt School of Social Work [website](#).

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