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

APRIL 20, 2020

Congratulations to Dr. Jaime Booth!



Dr. Jaime Booth has been promoted to associate professor with tenure. Her work focuses on youth development, the utilization of technology for better understanding contextual factors that affect youth (particularly risky behavior and substance use), and a youth-centered approach to collaborative and community engaged research. [Read more about Dr. Booth.](#)

Faculty member talks about grief and mourning during the pandemic



Field Education Coordinator and Lecturer Amy DeGurian spoke to the Huffington Post about grief in the age of COVID-19 and why it is important to stay connected. [Read here.](#) DeGurian was also interviewed on KDKA-TV's morning show. [Watch here.](#)

Alumnus selected for Fulbright

Alumnus Andre Stevenson, a social work professor at Walden University, was selected for a 2020 Fulbright-Hays Seminars Abroad Program to Taiwan. He will be working with faculty from various disciplines (in Taiwan) to learn more about how his program may partner with them to develop either study abroad or exchange opportunities for their students.



Adjunct faculty member's article published

Adjunct faculty member Dawn Brubaker is third author of the article *Challenges of Refugee Resettlement Policy and Psychosocial Factors*. This is a Policy Brief published by NASW. [Read here.](#)

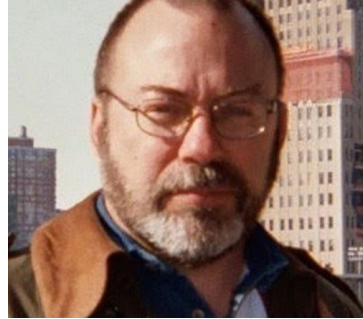


ICYMI: Regional Summit, Opioids and Other Substance Use in Rural Communities



The video recording of the Interprofessional Behavioral Healthcare Regional Summit: Opioids and Other Substance Use in Rural Communities, funded by HRSA is now available online. You may view and/or share the recording (with PowerPoint presentations) of the full day, 10 am-3 pm, at the link below. (The afternoon session begins at counter # 1:59:42 and afternoon panel presentation begins 2:41:42. Navigation pane is located on the right side of the window.) [Watch here.](#)

Alumnus publishes several articles



Alumnus Dave Feehan has written two journal articles for the Journal of Urban Renewal and Regeneration in London--one about the [Downtown Des Moines transformation](#) and the other about the [Des Moines Martin Luther King Jr. Parkway](#). Feehan also serves on the editorial board of the American Downtown Revitalization Review. Recently, he has been co-supervising a new research project with Merrie Benasutti, Coordinator of Community Partnerships, Office for Public Engagement, University of Minnesota.

Alumnus performs in fundraiser



MSW alumnus Evan Dean performed live online for the Pittsburgh Service Staff Aid Benefit Concert. Their goal is to raise at least \$20,000 for the Pittsburgh area service staff workers. Dean played in the 4pm-5pm time slot. [Watch here.](#)

Florence Stier Research Development Award now open!



The Florence Stier Research Development Award will provide 1 University of Pittsburgh School of Social Work faculty member with a 2-year \$15,000 research award to support a specific research project (including, but not limited to, small projects, pilot projects, and supplements to larger projects for specific purposes). [Read more details.](#)

More coverage for faculty mental health panel

The *University Times* covered the panel that Professor Christina Newhill participated in. Newhill spoke about the heightened anxiety for those already struggling with their mental health and encouraged listeners to take time to reach out to their coworkers, friends, families and loved ones who seem to be stressed. [Read more here.](#)



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 20, 2020: **Research Break: MURAL-LEARN a remote FREE collaboration tool for education.** <https://pitt.zoom.us/j/98019410437>
Meeting ID: 980 1941 0437

April 27, 2020: Virtual Career Fair. 10am. For information on how to RSVP as a student or employer please [visit the website.](#)

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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