School of Social Work faculty involved in new Pitt initiative

School of Social Work faculty members Aliya Durham and Mary Ohmer, as well as MSW student Carrie Finkelstein, are working closely with associate vice chancellor for community engagement Lina Dostilio on the new Pitt Pandemic Service Initiative. Read more about how you can get involved on their website.

Faculty weighs in on the first week of online classes

Faculty members Cynthia Bradley-King and Mary Beth Rauktis shared their thoughts about the first week of online classes. Read more.

Social work students to join Housing Court next year

Pittsburgh’s Housing Court will be bringing in social work students to help those who are going through evictions and other housing cases. Read more in the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette.

SSW Project wins accolades

COSA Chair and Associate Professor Mary Ohmer and her team were honored at the Community Engaged Scholarship Forum with a Partnerships of Distinction award for their project Research for Equity and Power: A Pitt-Homewood Partnership to Foster Resident Civic Engagement around Equitable Development. The event also honored retired COSA Chair Tracy Soska by awarding the inaugural Tracy Soska and John Wilds Outreach and Engagement Leadership Award. Read more in the University Times, Pittwire, and @Pitt.

MSW alum named one to watch in 2020

MSW alumna Ash Love is making her mark on her community through activism, faith-based organizing, and other pursuits. Read more in the Salisbury Post.

MSW students write letters to the editor

MSW students have stepped up and made their voices heard during this pandemic. Students Samantha Walter, Rachel King, and Sasha Noorani have all had letters to the editor published. Read more.

Article spotlights Just Discipline program

An article in the Heinz Endowments magazine puts the spotlight on the Just Discipline project. Run by Center on Race and Social Problems Director and Assistant Professor James Huguley, the project seeks to address student behavior through a restorative approach. Read more.

PhD student’s article published

Doctoral student Craig Sewall, along with Pitt professor Danny Rosen and colleagues recently had their article “How psychosocial well-being and usage amount predict inaccuracies in retrospective estimates of digital technology use” published in the journal Mobile Media & Communication. Read here.

Upcoming Events

April 7, 2020: Caregiving and COVID-19 Webinar. 2pm. Register here.
April 7, 2020: Community Engagement Fellowship - Virtual Reception. 5pm. Read more.
April 9, 2020: CRSP Speaker Series: “Confronting Racial Bias in Social Media Data and AI Tools against Gun Violence” 12pm-1:30pm. Register here.
April 13, 2020: Research Break: Best Practices in Grants Submission. 12-1pm. Zoom link will be provided. Check website for updates.

For the latest announcements, as well as GALL, SAPP, student, and community resources related to the COVID_19 pandemic please visit the Pitt School of Social Work website.

To submit something for the weekly update please email shm87@pitt.edu by Friday morning.