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

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School of Social Work Community Project RFP: Due August 28th



Students in the COSA (Community, Organization and Social Action) Concentration in the MSW Program develop and implement projects as part of their central grades in two of our core courses. Since the Fall of 2017, they have engaged community organizations and students in completing 24 community

projects. [The RFP for the Fall 2019 Community Organizing Class](#) is due August 28th.

Doctoral student successfully defends dissertation



Jessica A. Wojtalik, MSW successfully defended her dissertation entitled, "Functional Significance of Gray Matter Plasticity Following Cognitive Enhancement in Early Schizophrenia." Her dissertation was supported by an F31 grant from the NIMH, and her committee consisted of: Christina E. Newhill, Ph.D., Professor, School of

Social Work, University of Pittsburgh; Rachel Fusco, Ph.D., Georgia Athletic Association Professor of Health and Well-Being, School of Social Work, University of Georgia; and Konasale Prasad, M.D., Associate Professor, Department of Psychiatry, School of Medicine, University of Pittsburgh.

MSW student receives BME Vanguard Fellowship



MSW student and Pitt Vets President Anette Nance (second from left in photo) was recently featured in the [New Pittsburgh Courier](#) for being awarded the BME Vanguard Fellowship. The 2019 Fellows will work to present a fuller and more accurate narrative of Black veterans in American life following their military service.

Faculty featured in Pitt Magazine



Dr. Mary Beth Rauktis' research on pets and food insecurity is featured in *Pitt Magazine's* [Fall 2019 issue](#).

Upcoming Events

August 22-23, 2019: [School of Social Work Orientation](#). Various location, please check agendas on the website.

August 23, 2019: [Free Ice Cream](#), 12-1 2017 Cathedral of Learning

September 21, 2019: [2 workshops in Team-Based Learning™ \(TBL™\)](#) in Mechanicsburg, PA.

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