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Field education is an integral part of the social work curriculum for the BASW and MSW Programs. In 2008, and reaffirmed in 2015, the Council on Social Work Education designated field education as the Signature Pedagogy where the classroom and the field of social work integrate. The Office of Field Education within the University of Pittsburgh School of Social Work offers students a wide variety of field placement options.

John Dalessandro is the director of field education. He has been a medical social worker and EAP counselor at St. Clair Hospital in Mt. Lebanon for many years. Prior to coming to the University's main campus, he was the MSW Program Coordinator at the University of Pittsburgh at Johnstown. Dalessandro's lectures focus on either the ethical management of end-of-life care or conflict resolution. His research interests include elderly women of color and their access to terminal care.

At the Baker Fellowship Seminar, John Dalessandro will be discussing essential leadership, problem solving, and decision making skills to help improve one's own conflict resolution style, as well as one's approach to the workplace before, during, and after conflicts.

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John V. Silipigni completed his undergraduate degree in Psychology and Economics at the University of Pittsburgh. He holds a Master of Social Work (MSW) from the University of Pittsburgh School of Social Work, as well as a Master of Business Administration (MBA) for healthcare professionals from Chatham University. He began his social work career working in the area of inpatient psychiatry, however, has spent the majority of his career working in acute care social work practice and administration at both UPMC Shadyside Hospital and UPMC Magee-Womens Hospital. Silipigni has done both podium and poster presentations nationally on issues related to inpatient acute care social work practice. He was a national board member for the American Case Management Association (ACMA) from 2016 -2018 and is an active member of the Western Pennsylvania Chapter of the American Case Management Association. In 2017, Silipigni was the recipient of the University of Pittsburgh's School of Social Work Outstanding Alumni Award and has been an adjunct professor for the school since 2015, teaching courses in the Integrated Healthcare Certificate track.