

December 2021 Afternoon of Recognition  
School of Social Work  
University of Pittsburgh



William Pitt Union  
Sunday, December 12, 2021  
1:00 PM

## AN AFTERNOON OF RECOGNITION

**Procession of Graduates**

**Opening Welcome.....**Keith Caldwell, Associate Dean

**Dean's Welcome.....**Elizabeth M.Z. Farmer, Dean

**Student Reflection.....**Mikhaila Fogel, MSW

**Commencement Speaker.....**Yodit Betru, MSW Program Director

**Presentation of Graduates**

**Student Reflection.....**Shirley Williams, BASW

**Ceremony Closing.....**Keith Caldwell, Associate Dean

**Reception and Refreshments.....**Kurtzman Room

## CLASS OF DECEMBER 2021

### MSW

Vincent Aldazabal	Emily Merhaut
James Barnhart	Kayli Metheney
Molly Berntsen	Jessica Mihalak
Kaylee Beyers	Tayler Moesta
Kassandra Brown	Lauren Myers
Kelly Calve	Anna Organ
Danielle Copelin	Caia Ozmandia Smith
Rebekah Dragus	Kiara Parker
Emily Eichner	Jenielle Perkins
Claire Engels	Kelly Polosky
Carly Fleetwood	Kelsey Probst
Mikhaila Fogel	Gabrielle Quinten
Abby Frazer	Emily Reed
Charlene Gardner	Teresa Reiter
Evelyn Garon	Siobhan Rubio
Julianna Giannantonio	Sarah Schaffer
Victoria Glass	Jessica Seachrist
Emily Halicek	Nichole Sheets
Cecelia Hermankevich	Erica Shurina
Gwynne Hernandez	Emily Staley
Alexandria Hickman	Shante Talley
Shekiah Hines	Brandon Thomas
Katherine Holler	Charles Tre Tipton
Samantha Holtz	Melanie Tunaitis
Emily Hurley	Molly Updegrove
Sarah Kaempf	Makesha West
Maura Kelly	Laura Wister
Nisa Konstantin-Raz	Hayley Wusinich
Hope Lowry	Genevieve Zajac
Ryan Martin	
Aubrey Masters	
Catherine McAllister	
Anna McGovern	
Chloe Mellinger	

BASW

Teshiana Smith-Nichols  
Shirley Williams

Ph.D.

Christina Huerta  
Hae Ran Song



## School of Social Work Faculty

### Full-Time Faculty

James Andrews, MSW

Yodit Betru, DSW

Jaime Booth, PhD

Laura Borish, MSW

Helen Cahalane, PhD

Keith Caldwell, EdD

Melvin Cherry, Jr., MSW

Kyndra Cleveland, PhD

Valire Carr Copeland, PhD

John Dalessandro, MSW

Amy DeGurian, MSW

Aliya Durham, PhD

Shaun Eack, PhD

Stephanie Eckstrom, MSW

Rafael Engel, PhD

Elizabeth M.Z. Farmer, PhD

Victor Figuereo, PhD

Rachel Gartner, PhD

Sara Goodkind, PhD

Catherine Greeno, PhD

James Huguley, PhD

Leah Jacobs, PhD

Alicia Johnson, PhD

Nev Jones, PhD

Toya Jones, EdD

Travis Labrum, PhD

Aaron Mann, PhD

Alicia Melnick, MSW

Deborah Moon, PhD

Elizabeth Mulvaney, MSW

Christina Newhill, PhD

Mary Ohmer, PhD

Marlo Perry, PhD

Helen Petracchi, PhD

Mary Elizabeth Rauktis, PhD

Brooke Rawls, PhD

Deborah Robinson, MSW

Daniel Rosen, PhD

Jeffrey Shook, PhD

Bobby Simmons, MSW

Tonya Slawinski, PhD

Fengyan Tang, PhD

John Wallace, PhD

Liz Winter, PhD

Misha Zorich, MSW, MDiv

## Adjunct Instructors 2020-2021

Adrian Ballard, MSW, LCSW

Ashley Barr, PhD

KaRon Spriggs-Bethea, MSW, LCSW

Sinika Calloway, MSW, LCSW

Jennifer Caruso, M.Ed

David Coplan, MSW

Cory Coppersmith, MSW, LCSW

Nicolette Covington, MSW, LCSW

Traci Day, MSW

Diane DeSarno, MSW

Jose Diaz, MSW

Julie Evans, MSW

Jacob Gordon, MSW

Michelle Gordon, PhD

Eric Horwith, MSW

Barbara Ivanko, MSW

Soobin Kim, MSW

Tammy Makoul, MSW

Erica Maloney, MSW

Sharon Manella, MEd, PsyD

Heather Martin, MSW, LCSW

Alexandra Mattina, MSW, LCSW

Laura McCarthy, MSW, LCSW

Stephanie Marcus, MSW

Jamie Mesar, MSW

Vickie Piontkowski, JD, MSW

Miryah Rasheed, MSW

Brittney Singletary, MSW, LCSW

John Silipigni, MSW

Kathryn Vargas, MSW

Virginia Vayda, MSW

Yan Yuan, LCSW, PhD

As you graduate and go forth in the world to live a life of impact, Pitt Social Work wants to hear from you! It is important for us to keep track of our graduates as they take on new challenges here in western Pennsylvania, across the country, or around the world. Please visit <http://www.socialwork.pitt.edu/alumni> to keep us posted on your contact information—address, phone, email, employer, job title and more—so we can stay in touch. We want to keep you in the loop on the great things happening at your alma mater and we want you to let us know where life takes you from here. We wish you the very best in your meaningful work. Congratulations!





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