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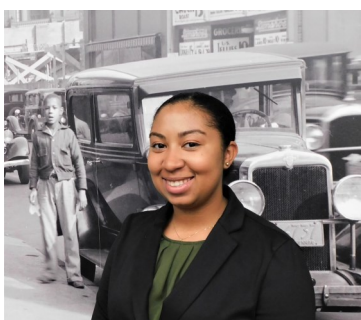
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Faculty member wins SSWR award



Congratulations! Assistant Professor Jaime Booth has been awarded the 2020 Society for Social Work and Research Deborah K. Padgett Early Career Achievement Award. SSWR recognizes that Booth's accomplishments reflect innovative scholarship, a rigorous approach to social work research, and work that exhibits an emerging influence in the field.

Alumna joins Homewood CEC



BASW alumna Anika Jones has taken a new position at the Homewood Community Engagement Center. In her new role, Jones is responsible for engaging residents and encouraging participation in CEC programs and activities. [Read more.](#)

MSW/PhD Student earns first journal publication



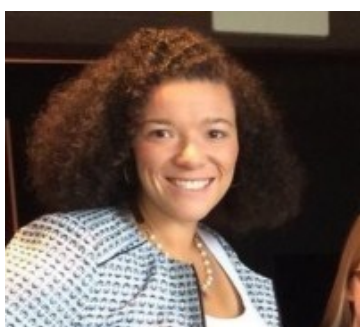
MSW/PhD student Ana Flores' article "Prescribing Technology to Increase Uptake of Depression Treatment in Primary Care: A Pre-implementation Focus Group Study of SOVA (Supporting Our Valued Adolescents)" was published by the [Journal of Clinical Psychology in Medical Settings](#).

COSA alumna still a leader in local blogging community



MSW alumna Sue Kerr is among those who have been able keep her blog — the award-winning Pittsburgh Lesbian Correspondents — going for a decade and a half while parlaying her longtime activism for the LGBTQ community in Western Pennsylvania. [Read more about her life and career.](#)

MSW students pens LinkedIn article



MSW student Annamarie Green wrote an article for LinkedIn about Social Work and the for-profit sector. [Read it here.](#)

Distinguished Award winner recognized



MSW alumna Kate Garvey, Director of the Department of Community and Human Services of the City of Alexandria, VA. was honored with the Distinguished Alumni Award from the University of Pittsburgh School of Social Work. [Read more.](#)

PhD alumna's opioid study gains attention authors



Doctoral alumna Valerie Hruschak and colleagues found that depressive symptoms were linked to an increased risk for opioid misuse in adults with PTSD [Read here.](#)

MSW alumna talks to CBS about sports gambling addiction



MSW alumna Jody Bechtold talks about the dangers of sports betting. [Watch here.](#)

Upcoming Events

December 5, 2019: **CRSP Speaker Series: "Ring the Alarm: A Looming Crisis for the Mental Health of Black Youth"** 12-1:00pm 2017 Cathedral of Learning. [Read more.](#)

December 9, 2019: **Pitt SSW Research Break: "Viewing the Mental Health of Black Youth Through a Biopsychosocial, Social Stigma, and Critical Race Theory Lens"** 12-1:00pm 2017 Cathedral of Learning. [Read more.](#)

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