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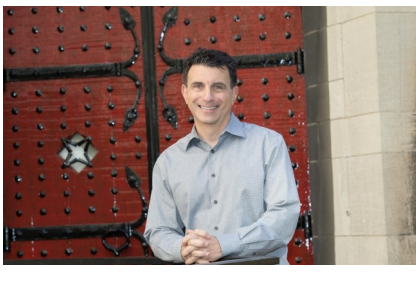
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Faculty member named Vice Provost



John Wallace, David E. Epperson Endowed Chair in the School of Social Work, has been named vice provost for Faculty Diversity and Development. Read more on [Pittwire](#) and in the [University Times](#).

Faculty member assisting with contract tracing efforts



Professor Danny Rosen is working with the Department of Health, the Jewish Healthcare Foundation, and colleagues from Pitt Social Work's offices of continuing education and field to help train social work students to participate in Allegheny County COVID-19 contact tracing efforts. [Read more](#).

Alumna named to new police reform taskforce



MSW alumna and Casa San Jose Executive Director Monica Ruiz was named to the new police reform taskforce by Pittsburgh Mayor Bill Peduto. Read more in the [Pittsburgh Post-Gazette](#).

PhD student abstracts accepted by national conferences



Serwaa S. Omowale, LMSW, doctoral student, abstract entitled "Workplace stress and discrimination: The experiences of Black women at work during pregnancy and postpartum" was accepted for an oral presentation at the American Public Health Association annual conference (October 24-28, 2020). She also had an abstract accepted for a poster presentation entitled, "Using Geographic Information System Technology in Social Work Education" for the Council on Social Work Education annual conference (November 12-15, 2020).

Faculty and alumna named to PTS board of directors



MSW alumna Ashely Smith Ashely and vice provost for Faculty Diversity, David E. Epperson Chair and Professor, Center on Race and Social Problems Senior Fellow for Research and Community Engagement John Wallace were named to the Pittsburgh Theological Society (PTS) board of directors. While recent MSW/MDiv graduate Kelcey Bailey was hired by the Pittsburgh Promise. [Read more in](#)

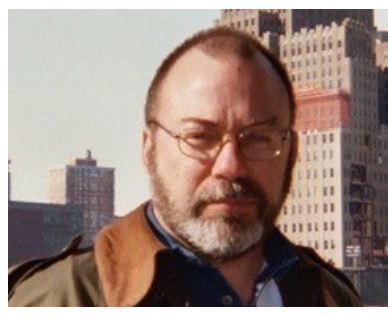
[the PTS Community News](#).

Look, Listen, Read



James Huguley, Interim director of the Center on Race and Social Problems and assistant professor in the School of Social Work, recommends books, music and more that can help build bridges of understanding and spur action toward equity. [Read his suggestions in PITT Magazine](#).

Alum shares Pittsburgh VISTA stories



Alumnus Dave Feehan wrote about the adventures of Pittsburgh VISTAs and their social work connections for Pittsburgh Quarterly. [Part One](#). [Part Two](#). [Part Three](#).

Alumnus ordained as priest



MSW Alumnus Matthew Hawkins has been appointed a clergyman for the newly created "personal parish" dedicated to the Black Catholic community. He will be Personal Vicar at St. Benedict the Moor Church in the Hill. [Read more](#).

New article on food security product of SSW grant



The new article "[Food Security Challenges and Health Opportunities of Companion Animal Ownership for Low-Income Adults](#)" published in the *Journal of Evidence-Based Social Work* stems from research funded by the Pitt School of Social Work Florence Stier Endowed Fund. Lead author Mary Elizabeth Rauktis was joined by Hyunji Lee, Laura Bickel, Holly Giovengo, Madeline Nagel, and Helen Cahalane.

MSW student starts new scholarship service



MSW student Daisia Williams founded Scholarship secured, an online masterclass created to educate students, especially minority students, about the importance of scholarships and teach them how to navigate the process. [Visit their website](#).

Alum Named Inaugural Vice President for Diversity, Equity and Inclusion



Doctoral alumna Dr. Gretchel Hathaway has been appointed to serve as Franklin & Marshall's first vice president for diversity, equity and inclusion. [Read more](#).

Announcements:

Complete your Census today to show your community you care about its future! Visit <https://2020census.gov> or call 1-844-330-2020 to complete your 2020 Census response. Encourage others to do the same!

Upcoming Events

- None at this time

For the latest announcements, as well as faculty, staff, student, and community resources related to the COVID-19 pandemic please visit the Pitt School of Social Work [website](#).

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