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

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CRSP Director joins virtual town hall



Interim Center on Race and Social Problems Director James Huguley participated in KDKA Radio's Address The Unrest: A Solutions Summit. The panelists discussed a plan to thoughtfully move forward in order to bring peace to our region. [Watch here](#). Huguley also penned an op-ed for the *Pitt News*: [Racial Justice: Get Connected, Get Committed](#)

CRSP lecture confronts race and policing

The Center on Race and Social Problem's June 10 event, "The CRSPcast: Race and Policing with David Harris," featured Harris, a Pitt Law Professor, as well as James Huguley, the interim director of the center, and John Wallace, the senior fellow for research and community engagement, shared research on police brutality, as well as recommendations for solutions. Read or watch more in the [University Times](#), [Pittwire](#), [WTAE-TV](#), the [Pitt News](#), and

[WPXI-TV](#).

Should police be in Pittsburgh schools?



Associate Professor Jeff Shook, along with Tiffany Sizemore, who leads the Juvenile Defender Clinic at Duquesne University, alongside Shook, penned an open call for Pittsburgh Public Schools to stop using police to manage children in their schools. Instead, they want to see an investment in restorative practices, along with counseling and mental health services. Read more on [Public Source](#).

Can volunteering help heal our country's racial divide?



COSA Chair and Associate Professor Mary Ohmer spoke to the *Deseret News* about her research which shows that volunteering increases people's sense of community and ability to work together to solve problems. [Read more](#).

How can white people be good allies?



David E. Epperson Chair and Professor, Center on Race and Social Problems Senior Fellow for Research and Community Engagement John Wallace spoke to Diana Nelson Jones at the *Pittsburgh Post-Gazette* about how white people can activate as allies. [Read more](#).

Dean Betsy Farmer's new book released



Dean Betsy Farmer co-authored the *Handbook of Research on Emotional and Behavioral Disorders: Interdisciplinary Developmental Perspectives on Children and Youth* with Thomas W. Farmer, Maureen A. Conroy, and Kevin S. Sutherland. The book explores the factors necessary for successful implementation of interventions that foster productive relationships and ecologies to establish, reinforce, and sustain adaptive patterns of

emotional and behavioral functioning across childhood and into adulthood. [Read more](#).

Associate Dean for Research comments on new schizophrenia study



Associate Dean for Research and James and Noel Browne Chair Shaun Eack noted that the new trial of schizophrenia patients in Brazil still shows a gap in quality of life for schizophrenia patients. [Read more](#).

Alumna moved by the Healing Rivers exhibit



Alumna Gay Fogarty was moved to join the Center for Victims board after visiting the Healing Rivers Project provides a safe space for exhibit attendees to reflect on the meanings of trauma, support and self-care, as well as to seek ways to heal. Read more in the [Pittsburgh Jewish Chronicle](#).

Incoming MSW student takes deep dive into LGBTQ publications



With a \$4,000 stipend from the Kenneth P. Dietrich School of Arts and Sciences, incoming MSW student Regina Futcher is examining a decade of gay print media from the 1960s and 1970s, focusing in particular on two popular magazines, *The Gay Liberator* and *RFD*. Read more in [Pittwire](#).

Former Dean addresses racial injustice



Dean Emeritus and founding director of the Center on Race and Social Problems Larry Davis spoke about the state of race in America today to [The Globe and Mail](#) and about some of the historic roots in the [Pittsburgh Post-Gazette](#).

Nominate a Distinguished Alum Today!



While the format may look different depending on the status of COVID-19, the mission of the Distinguished Alumni Awards program remains the same: to celebrate social work excellence. Our nominations process is online. [Follow this link to learn alumna/alumna today](#). The deadline for nominations is June 30, 2020. Recipients will receive their awards in the fall.

SSW gets creative with mail delivery



With campus still closed SSW staff and faculty have been helping deliver mail to their colleagues. Professor Katie Greeno shared this photo of Director of Administration Megan Soltesz and her husband Ben on their mail route.

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

June 19, 2020: **Continuing Education: Stone Soup: Sharing Trauma-informed Practices for the Prevention of Trauma and Violence**. 9am-4pm. [Register here](#).

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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