Pitt School of Social Work Responds

In light of the continuing protests and unremitting sparked by the killing of George Floyd, the Pitt School of Social Work expressed its support for the ongoing movement to combat racism in the United States. Dean Betsy Farmer released a statement, via Pitt's Associate Dean for Student Success Keith Caldwell:

There is also a lot being discussed on the SSWM website that includes guides for being a strong ally.

Faculty member receives National Institute on Aging grant

Professor Dr. Fei Tang (PI), along with collaborators from the University of Pittsburgh (Beth Silk, Andrew Rosnow) and Rutgers (Xin Qi Dong), has received a new grant award from the National Institute on Aging for $2.233 956, titled “Preventing Cogntive Decline and Intimate Partner Violence: An Interventions and Inperson/Telehealth Approach for Immigrants: The Role of Activity, Engagement, Immigrant Experience, and Neighborhood Environments.” Read more.

Associate Dean receives NIH grant

James and Noel Brison Endowed Chair, Associate Dean for Research, and Professor Dr. Carla R. Tapia (PI), along with collaborators from the University of Pittsburgh (Beth Silk, Andrew Rosnow) and Rutgers (Xin Qi Dong), has received a new grant award from the National Institute on Aging for $2.233 956 titled: “Preventing Cognitive Decline and Intimate Partner Violence: An Interventions and Inperson/Telehealth Approach for Immigrants: The Role of Activity, Engagement, Immigrant Experience, and Neighborhood Environments.” Read more.

Professor’s new book released by Springer

Professor Christina Newman’s new book “Dynamics of Family and Intimate Partner Violence” co-authored with Jana Peñuelas and Linda B. Stewart, has just been released by Springer. Doctoral alumn Elizabeth “Betsy” Clark has passed away. Dr. Clark was a BASW and MSW alum who will be joining the SSW as the new associate director of development.

CRSP Director joins Office of Diversity and Inclusion town hall series

James Huguley, interim director of the Center on Race and Social Problems, spoke at the This Is Not Normal: Allyship and Advocacy in the Age of Coronavirus town hall series on May 27, which examined recent events of xenophobia and hate crimes that have taken place during the pandemic. Read more.

New faculty promotions and a new staff member joins the SSW

There have been two faculty and one staff promotion. Mary Beth Rauktis has been promoted to Clinical Simulation Research Associate Professor, and Beth Mulvaney has been promoted to Clinical Assistant Professor. The School also welcomes Jocelyn Horner, Assistant Professor.

Alums and Distinguished Alumn Award winner passes away

BASW and MSW alum Elizabeth “Betsy” Clark has passed away. Dr. Clark was a Distinguished Alumni Award winner, served as NASW’s ninth Executive Director / Chief Executive Officer (2001-2003), and held academic administrative and teaching posts at numerous universities. Read more about her life and work.

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 5, 2020: Continuing Education: On the Artificiality of Conflict: Dynamics of Family and Intimate Partner 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 go to the Pitt School of Social Work website.

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