

PITT SOCIAL WORK

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

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Pitt School of Social Work Responds



In light of the continuing protests and unrest sparked by the killing of George Floyd, the Pitt School of Social Work expressed its support for the ongoing battle for social and racial justice in the United States. [Dean Betsy Farmer](#) released a statement, as did Associate Dean for Student Success [Keith Caldwell](#). There is also a listing of resources on the [SSW website](#) that includes guides for being a strong ally.

Faculty member receives National Institute on Aging grant



Professor Dr. Fengyan Tang (PI), along with collaborators from the University of Pittsburgh (Beth Snitz, Andrea Rosso) and Rutgers (XinQi Dong), has received a new grant award from the National Institute on Aging for \$2,223,556 titled: "Preventing Cognitive Decline and Dementia Among Older Chinese Immigrants: The Role of Activity, Engagement, Immigration Experience, and Neighborhood Environments".

[Read more.](#)

Associate Dean receives NIH grant



James and Noel Browne Endowed Chair, Associate Dean for Research, and Professor of Social Work and Professor of Psychiatry Shaun Eack, along with his Co-PI Carla Mazefsky from the Department of Psychiatry have just received a \$2.9 million grant from the National Institutes of Health/National Institute of Child Health and Human Development for their project "Change-Sensitive Measurement of Adult Functional Outcomes in Developmental Disabilities." [Read more.](#)

Professor's new book released by Springer



Professor Christina Newhill's new book "Dynamics of Family and Intimate Partner Violence", co-authored with Irene Frieze and Rachel Fusco, has just been released by Springer. Doctoral alumna Allison Little, contributed several cases to the book from her child welfare practice experience in Appalachia and in the UK, and faculty member Beth Mulvaney also contributed a couple of gerontology cases. [Read more.](#)

CRSP Director joins Office of Diversity and Inclusion town hall



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 COVID-19" town hall series on May 27, which examined recent events of xenophobia and hate crimes that have taken place during the pandemic. Read more in the [University Times](#).

New faculty promotions and a new staff member joins the SSW



There have been two faculty promotions: Mary Beth Raultis has been promoted to Research Associate Professor, and Beth Mulvaney has been promoted to Clinical Assistant Professor.

The School also welcomes Jocelyn Horner who will be joining the SSW as the new director of development.

Alumna and Distinguished Alumni 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 (2001-2013), 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 4, 2020: **Stay Positive, Test Negative feat. PhD student Laurenia Mangum** 6-7pm. [Register here](#)

June 5, 2020: **Continuing Education: On the Artificiality of Conflict: Emotional Process in Systems.** 9am-4pm. [Register here.](#)

June 11, 2020: **Continuing Education: Tell It Like It Is: Cultivating Authentic Communication in the Workplace.** 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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