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

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Faculty member receives grant



Assistant Professor and Center on Race and Social Problems Director James Huguley has received a grant from the University of Pittsburgh Learning Research and Development Center. This one-year study is entitled "Can We Talk About Race? Racial Socialization in Homes and Schools, Youth's Critical Consciousness, and Academic Achievement." [Read more.](#)

Faculty member looks at the impact of COVID-19 on humans and their pets

Research Assistant Professor Mary Beth Rauktis has two recent pet-focused publications. A letter to the editor for the *Journal of Gerontological Social Work* entitled "[Animal \(Non-Human\) Companionship for Adults Aging in Place during COVID-19: A critical support, a source of concern and potential for social work responses,](#)"



and one for *Society Register*—"Animal Companionship: A Crucial Support for People During the COVID-19 Pandemic." with Professor Christina Newhill.

Faculty member and students published in journal

An article by Associate Professor Jaime Booth, PhD student Christina Huerta, and recent BASW graduate Brandon Thomas was recently published in *Qualitative Social Work*. The article, "[The role of bilingualism in Latino youth experiences of acculturation stress when living in an emerging Latino community.](#)" is based upon a study done with Latino youth.



MSW student wins CRSP Student Paper Award



MSW 2020 graduate Cindy Vicente won the Center on Race and Social Problems student paper award for their paper "Cuba y el Colorismo: El Socialismo es un Sueño Fallido de Equidad." The essay provided an outstanding analysis of the issues of colorism and equity in Cuba.

Adjunct and alumna fighting for worker's rights



MSW alumna and adjunct faculty member Gabriella Jones-Casey's work with the Service Employees International Union (SEIU) has given her the opportunity to organize workers around the country and help them fight for justice. [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

May 13, 2020: **Doctoral Pecha Kucha.** 3-5pm. [Join Zoom Meeting.](#)

May 15, 2020: **SSW Alumni Advisory Board (AAB) Virtual Information Session.** 12-1pm. [Register here](#)

May 16, 2020: **Continuing Ed: Practical Tips for Assessing and Working with Suicidal Teens.** 9am-4pm. [More information.](#)

May 8, 2020: **#CRSPcast: Race and Covid-19 Series: "Xenophobia and Covid-19: Strategies to Support Asian American Communities."** 12-1pm. [More information.](#)

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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