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

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Faculty member's project to address gaps in juvenile justice system



Associate Professor Jeff Shook and his colleagues from the Duquesne University Law School were selected for the Interdisciplinary Research Leaders (IRL) program, part of the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, for their project "Improving Juvenile Indigent Defense and Health through Holistic Representation" [Read more.](#)

BASW student shares his experience



BASW student Brandon Thomas hopes to create positive change in mental health care through his work. Thomas is leading groups through a one hour training to address stigmatic attitudes toward patients who visit the emergency room with mental health and substance abuse disorders. Read more in [PittWire.](#)

Faculty members receive Year of Creativity grant



New faculty members Deborah Moon and Rachel Gartner have received a new grant award from the University's Year of Creativity for their project entitled "Liberation Poetry Workshop with Moor Mother and Social Work Students". This is a collaborative effort with Dr. Gantt from the Department of Music to engage social work graduate students enrolled in the Human Behavior and Social Environment

class in an experiential poetry workshop led by Moor Mother, a musician, a poet, and a social activist, to tap into students' innate creativity and fuel social action by bridging social work practice with artistic expression.

Shook talks about minimum wage



Associate Professor Jeff Shook spoke to the Pitt News about increasing the minimum wage and its impact on students. [Read more in the Pitt News.](#)

Watch Dr. Larry Davis's parting lecture



Dr. Larry Davis, dean emeritus of the School of Social Work and the founding director of the Center on Race & Social Problems, reflected on his evolution as an academic at his parting lecture, "A Conversation on Race." [Now available to watch online.](#)

Upcoming Events

October 15, 2019: **Inclusive Language Training.** 12-1pm. 2017 Cathedral of Learning. [Read more.](#)

October 21, 2019: **SSW Research Break with Dean Betsy Farmer.** 12-1pm 2017 Cathedral of Learning. [Read more.](#)

October 22, 2019 **Political Candidate Forum** 5-6:30pm 2017 Cathedral of Learning. [Read more.](#)

October 29, 2019: 2019 **Pitt Social Work Alumni Awards and Reception.** 3-7pm University Club. [Read more.](#)

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