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Martha Ozawa, MSSW '66, PHD '69 leaves \$6.5 million dollars to fund scholarships

Students can receive full-tuition scholarships thanks to an incredible gift from Martha Ozawa, one of the school's first PhD graduates. Dr. Ozawa, a renown social work professor and researcher, passed away in 2016 after an illustrious career.

Professor Ozawa spent most of her four-decade long career on faculty at the Brown School of Social Work at Washington University in St. Louis where she studied income security, health, long-term care, and American public-assistance programs. She was the author of more than 150 peer-reviewed articles, 28 book chapters, and three books and in 2013 we recognized her contributions to the field awarding her our Distinguished Alumni Award.

"Some of our most talented applicants and potential applicants have been choosing not to pursue a master's social work degree with us because of lack of funding," says Director Stephanie Robert. "Professor Ozawa wanted her gift to bring highly talented people into social work, and we are grateful for this opportunity to make her wish a reality."

Dr. Ozawa's gift, combined with last year's Harriet and Sandra Rosenbaum Scholarship, funded by Joel Berman, will allow us to provide full scholarships to more prospective students than ever before.



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Letter from the Director

Students come to the School of Social Work to prepare to enter a profession in which they work to make the future more hopeful for individuals, families, and communities. With so many challenges

today, this work can appear daunting to most of us. From mitigating the effects of climate change to confronting oppressions of all types, the trials of the present and future can, in all honesty, feel insurmountable and the temptation to escape or ignore (for those who can) appealing. But that's not our students.

Our students are committed and courageous. They know that social workers reside at the front line of naming injustices and laboring to confront and correct them while enhancing the dignity and self-determination of all people.

Working toward a better future is imperative, as we have seen a rise in demonstrations of bigotry, hate, white nationalism, and violence. As social workers, it is our duty to not simply lift voices, but to ensure the framework in which voices are heard

is equitable and just — from the classroom to the halls of Congress.

We challenge our students and ourselves to constantly question long-held beliefs; to critically assess perspectives; to examine data; to change the structures and systems that are built to divide. Preparing for this work is serious. At times it is difficult.

But it is also hopeful.

Thankfully, many of our alumni model for our students strong commitment and courage — from Ada Deer, who was the first woman to lead the Bureau of Indian Affairs to the late Dr. Dorothy Pearson, a social work pioneer who was the first African American to receive a PhD from the UW-Madison School of Social Work. Our alumni model commitment and courage, motivate us to act, and give us hope.

Here's to a hopeful 2019–20!

Stephanie Robert

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Professor Schroepfer Receives National Hospice and Palliative Care Award

Professor Tracy Schroepfer's work focuses on determining the best strategies for meeting the psychosocial, cultural, and spiritual needs of terminally ill elders, and bringing the social work perspective to national discussions on end-of-life care. Recognizing her national leadership, she received the Project on Death and America's 2019 Career Achievement Award from the Social Work Hospice and Palliative Care Network. Gary Stein, of Yeshiva University, summarized Professor Schroepfer's contributions:

"Dr. Schroepfer has been an organizational leader in our field, as an advocate for palliative social work, psychosocial palliative care, and gerontological social work. Most recently, Dr. Schroepfer has advanced the field of palliative social work as Co-Chair of the National Consensus Project (NCP) for Quality Palliative Care's Community-Based Palliative Care Guidelines Writing Workgroup. Dr. Schroepfer has been a steering committee member for NCP, a committee member of the National Quality Forum (NQF) Geriatric and Palliative Care Standing Committee, and a committee member of the NQF Palliative and End-of-Life Care Standing Committee. Dr. Schroepfer was President of the National Association for Gerontology in Education in Social Work from 2010–2016... she is a wonderful colleague... with a sense of humor and a joy in her work."

We couldn't agree more. Congratulations Professor Schroepfer!



School of Social Work Emerita Faculty and Long-Time Activist Ada Deer Publishes Memoir

Ada Deer, a long-time distinguished lecturer at the School of Social Work and American Indian Studies and the first woman to serve as the head of the Bureau of Indian Affairs, recently published a stirring memoir, *Making A Difference: My Fight for Native Rights and Social Justice*. "I was born a Menominee Indian. That is who I was born and how I have lived," Ada explains.

Deer grew up in poverty on the Menominee Reservation in Wisconsin, but with the encouragement of her mother and teachers, earned degrees in social work from UW–Madison and Columbia University. As her publisher says, "Armed with a first-rate education, an iron will, and a commitment to justice, she went from being a social worker in Minneapolis to leading the struggle for the restoration of the Menominees' tribal status and trust lands."

Many alumni were impacted by her classes, experiences, and commitment to social justice. Recently Deer returned to campus as the first "Culture Keepers/Elders-in-Residence," which aims to strengthen partnerships between tribal nations and the university. The university will honor Deer at a book signing in November.



Students Win Highly Competitive Awards



Graduating MSW student **Kianna Goodwin** was selected by the National Association of Social Workers (NASW) as a 2018–19 Verne LeMarr Lyons Scholarship recipient. The scholarship is awarded to master's degree candidates in social work who demonstrate an interest in or have experience with health/

mental health practice and a commitment to working in African American communities. Goodwin returned to school after several years of working in crisis intervention as an advocate for victims of sexual assault and domestic violence in Madison as well as working with women and minorities experiencing violence and discrimination in Goa, India.



Recent graduate **Elizabeth Kunze** was selected as a 2019–20 Fulbright Combined Award Scholar. She will pursue research and courses at Vienna University of Economics and Business and Vienna University of Technology in Austria. Kunze will focus her work on housing, including learning about

Vienna's Smart City Strategy and the politics of public space.



Doctoral student **Melody Waring** received a Dissertation Fellowship Award from the Center for Retirement Research at Boston College. Through her project, "Caring for Aging Parents: Stratified Effects of Labor Force Participation," Waring studies the relationship between caregiving and

participation in the labor force by socioeconomic status. The year-long fellowship includes the opportunity to present to the Social Security Administration, which funds the program.



Innovative Study Will Give Low-Income Moms \$4,000 a Year

Social Work Professor and Director for the Institute of Research on Poverty, Katherine Magnuson, is one of six researchers nationally whose innovative study, "Baby's First Years," will provide \$333 monthly to 400 low-income mothers for three years (600 other mothers will serve as a control group and receive \$20 per month). Magnuson explains that the researchers hope to see whether, "money has a causal impact on children and families."

The researchers theorize that while the money could help with childcare or housing, it can also affect how mothers feel about themselves, reduce stress, and positively impact their interactions with their children.

Researchers will measure the children's overall health and brain activity with EEG scans, behavior, language development, and, starting at age two, their IQ among several other outcomes. The mothers will also be followed, with researchers looking at their health, stress levels, and how they talk to and interact with their children. The study will track each household's financial stress level, including whether they're able to pay bills on time or whether they've experienced an eviction or homelessness.

The findings from this unique study will guide policies and programs that affect low-income families like the Earned Income Tax Credit and the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, and potentially for discussions around a national Universal Basic Income Program.

(This story drew on an article by Leslie Albrecht, *Marketwatch*, May 12, 2019).

School Lecturers Play an Important Role in Educating Students

The school relies on skilled practitioners to teach courses in their areas of expertise. Here are a just a few of their accomplishments:



Jen Rubin's book, *We Are Staying: Eighty Years in the Life of a Family, a Store, and a Neighborhood* tells the story of her family's Radio Clinic store in Manhattan over an 80-year history.

Teresa Thomas wrote an essay, "Don't Waste Your Life," which is featured in the book *Breakthrough*, a collaborative project of people who have overcome adversities.



Jacquelyn Boggess was honored at the YWCA of Madison's annual "Women of Distinction" event in May. Boggess is the Executive Director of the Center for Family Policy and Practice.



Lucas Moore was appointed to the Council on Social Work Education's task force to develop competencies and curricula resources in the area of substance abuse.

Julie Tallard Johnson is the author of 11 books. Her most recent, *The Zero Point Agreement: How to be Who You Already Are* offers the science behind personal spiritual experiences and creativity.

School Project Wins Alliance for the American Dream Funding



Two teams from Wisconsin, including one with faculty in the School of Social Work, won a major funding competition to raise net incomes of Dane County families.

"We Care for Dane Kids," in partnership with School of Social Work Professor Katherine Magnuson, is a multi-pronged approach to transforming early childhood and after school care by supplementing income for workers and child care costs, reducing expenses, and creating a child care benefit program. The award comes with \$300,000 in provisional funding and an extra \$100,000 for being voted as one of the most exciting proposals. Funding came from Schmidt Futures and the Alliance for the American Dream.



Curtis and Colleagues Explore Housing Instability's Effects

Professor Marah Curtis and colleagues received a "Contemporary Social Problems Initiative" grant to explore the relationship between housing stability during pregnancy and short and intermediate health outcomes of families with infants. The researchers will explore the use of health care services, low birth weight, and pre-maturity for infant children.

While the project will look at diverse populations in Wisconsin, it will work closely with the Great Lakes Inter-Tribal Council to over-sample women who identify as American Indian/Alaskan Native.

Curtis, an expert in housing policy, is also continuing to work on a project in Milwaukee and other Wisconsin counties around housing quality, affordability, and stability and its effects on public health.

New Faculty and Advisors Join School



Jessica Pac, PhD Columbia University, has joined the school as an Assistant Professor. Jessica's teaching and research focuses on child welfare, especially child maltreatment prevention, early health disparities, public and social policy, and poverty and inequality. Prior to returning for her graduate education, Jessica worked at the Department of Housing and Human Services in Boulder, Colorado.



Latoya Kirton, MSW, is our new Part-Time MSW Program academic advisor. Formerly a family advocate with the Milwaukee Center for Children and Youth, Latoya received her BA from the University of West Indies and MSW from UW-Milwaukee.



Sarah Golla, MSW, joined the school as an academic advisor working with undergraduate and graduate students. A graduate of our MSW program, for the past three years she has been an advisor in the College of Letters and Science Academic Advising Service at UW-Madison. During this time she developed particular expertise around career-related advising.

MSW Student Attends UN Meetings on Status of Women

Jane Benzschawel, an MSW student in our Part-Time Program, was selected as a delegate to the Commission on the Status of Women at the United Nations. She attended commission review meetings in New York. The school supported her travel thanks to the Maureen Pelton Hartwell Fund for Women's Rights.



Mother and daughter duo, Shelby and Stephanie Bandsma, graduated from the School of Social Work in May.

Four Long-time Faculty and Staff Retire



Bill Heiss, Assistant Director, started at the school in January 1988. His knowledge of the school's and UW-Madison's policy and procedures has helped countless students. Bill helped develop our course offerings, wrote the school's accreditation documents, and provided consultation to students, faculty, and alumni around myriad issues. Bill continues to serve on the Council on Social Work Education's Commission on Accreditation.



Jan Greenberg, Professor, joined the school in 1986. His research on people with developmental disabilities and mental health concerns and their families has been prolific and impactful. A recent study cited Jan as one of the 100 most influential social work researchers in the U.S. In addition to teaching and research, Jan previously served as Director of the school. He has most recently served as UW-Madison's Associate Vice Chancellor for Research and Graduate Education.



David LeCount taught our field unit in Community Mental Health Services for 14 years. A leader in community mental health services in Dane County, David brought years of experience, knowledge, and compassion to his work with students.



Steve Tupper taught our field unit in Juvenile and Criminal Justice for 32 years. Prior to that, and during his time teaching, Steve had a long career in criminal justice. He supervised probation and parole agents and managed several field offices in Rock, Green, Walworth, and Lafayette counties, and was a treatment provider at Sand Ridge Correctional Center.



Worth Noting

Professor Katherine Magnuson was elected as a Fellow of the American Academy of Social Work and Social Welfare for her excellence in research on the well-being and development of economically disadvantaged children and their families.

Assistant Professor Lara Gerassi was selected as a Morgridge Fellow—a new professional development program at the Morgridge Center for Public Service designed to further institutionalize and support community-engaged scholarship.

Assistant Professor Tova Walsh received a prestigious UW-Madison Vilas Associates Award which “recognizes new and on-going research of the highest quality and significance.”



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Faculty member and long-time UW-Madison and UW System campus administrator Aaron Brower was appointed Executive Director of UW-System’s Extended Campus. The program works to support adult and professional students to close the skills gap in the Wisconsin workforce.

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Professor and Director Stephanie Robert received the 2018 Distinguished Alumni Award from the University of Michigan School of Social Work. The honor recognizes, “her long career in health equity, gerontology, and social work education.”

Professor Katherine Magnuson and partners received a \$1 million Wisconsin Partnership Program grant to promote the social and emotional health of children.



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Distinguished Alumni Award: Lynn Green

Long-time leader in public social services, Lynn Green MSSW '76 received the school's 2019 Distinguished Alumni Award. Lynn recently retired from her position as Director of Dane County Human Services. A long-time advocate and public servant, Lynn oversaw a \$250 million-dollar budget and an agency where she championed client-centered, community-based programs to address the needs of individuals and families and the root causes of the challenges many Dane County residents face.

More than 225 people attended a reception, which also honored her retirement after 50 years of public service. Donations from her colleagues, friends, and family (and matching funds from Joel Berman) established the Lynn Green Scholarship for Public Social Services which will be awarded annually to a student who shares Lynn's passion for public social services.

Thanks in large part to Lynn, and the many outstanding social workers at the Dane County Department of Human Services, more than 500 School of Social Work students have received outstanding field placement training in child welfare and public social services at the agency.

Alumnus Receives UW-Madison “Forward Under 40 Award”



Owen Karcher, BSW '08, was selected as a 2019 Wisconsin Alumni Association “Forward Under 40” award recipient, which honors younger alumni who live out the Wisconsin Idea.

Owen, an artist, advocate, and educator, seeks to grow awareness about the importance of equitable health care services and affirming public spaces for those who identify as LGBTQ+. He helped establish the Wisconsin Transgender Health Coalition, frequently presents workshops about accessibility and inclusion, and is the co-owner of the Center of Community Healing.



The School hosted an alumni event in Milwaukee with the Board of Visitors. Board members Daniel Burrell and Caroline Gomez-Tom spoke.

Three Alumnae Join Board of Visitors

The school has an active Board of Visitors, which assists with alumni relations, fundraising, and development. We are pleased to highlight three new members who joined the board recently.



Stephanie Lozano, MSW, '15

Stephanie Lozano is the Tribal Liaison for the Wisconsin Department of Children and Families where she works to strengthen intergovernmental relationships between the department and the 11 sovereign Wisconsin tribes. Prior to joining DCF, Stephanie provided social work services to the Ho-Chunk Nation and later became their Executive Director of Social Services. Stephanie was a member of the team that codified the Wisconsin Indian Child Welfare Act in 2009 and she continues to serve as a trainer and subject matter expert in the field of Indian Child Welfare.



Meghan Morrissey, BA, '83

Meghan Morrissey received her MBA from New York University. After working in student affairs and international consumer marketing, she retired from active employment after her children faced a number of challenges necessitating her advocating for services and managing education and treatment. An active community member, Meghan volunteered extensively in her local schools and served on her school district's Special Needs Committee. She is also a member of the Board of Trustees for Whittier College in Los Angeles.



Michelle Watts, MSSW, '91

Michelle Watts is a Licensed Clinical Social Worker currently working at the Milwaukee Medical Center. She has extensive experience working with diverse and vulnerable populations in county, state, and federal agencies. Michelle has worked collaboratively with UW-Madison, Medical College of Wisconsin, UW-Milwaukee, and the National Association of Social Workers on various research activities including violence prevention, adolescent health issues, and youth educational attainment. She is also a trained facilitator for the National Association of Social Worker's HIV/AIDS Spectrum Project.

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1950s

Carol Bagley, MSSW '50, worked in the mental health area until her retirement at age 84. Her first field placement was at Children's Service Society in Milwaukee, WI.

Jody Schmitz, BA '51, MSSW '87, celebrated her 90th birthday in April with a party at the Memorial Union on campus. Jody was a former School of Social Work advisor and long-time employee at the union.

Alan Wade, MSSW '52, received his PhD from the University of Chicago and served as the first Dean of the Sacramento School of Social Work. He writes, "The UW-Madison School of Social Work was a major influence not only in my career, but in my life. Besides, I am a Badger through and through." At 92 Alan maintains an active volunteer life including serving as former president and current board member of Save the American River Association in Sacramento.

1960s

John Helf, MSSW '67 is a marriage and family therapist in Madison, WI.

1970s

Robert Schilling II, MSSW '72, Emeritus Professor of Social Welfare at UCLA, has published more than 100 professional articles, books and book chapters, and was elected to the American Academy of Social Work and Social Welfare.

Don Mueller, BS '73, was a police officer for Middleton, WI. Prior to his retirement, Don began an outreach program that linked officers with social welfare agencies, family members, landlords, and other interested parties to assist their clients.

Bernard J. Baca, MSSW, '74 has been in private practice specializing in couples' therapy in Indianapolis for over 28

years. His recent book, *The Intimacy Game*, draws on his extensive experience to help couples facilitate understanding and empathy for themselves and their partners.

Anne Mikkelsen, MSSW '74, writes, "While my long term career interests were in policy development and managing programs... with the Wisconsin Department of Corrections and the Department of Health and Social Services...I know my education at the school and my direct service experience taught me how to 'walk in another's shoes' and carry this over through the years to my work in policy and program development and administration."

Dick Goldberg, MSSW '75, is a radio and television talk show host, author and veteran therapist. You can listen to his podcasts at dickgoldbergradio.com, where he interviews guests on a variety of topics.

Julie Aimen, BSW '79 is an attorney specializing in civil rights, family law, and criminal defense in Chicago.

1980s

Gary Cohen, MSSW '80, Board of Visitor's member, and owner of Employee Resource Systems in Chicago, was a speaker at the "Working Well: Innovative Strategies in Workplace Well-Being," conference in Chicago.

Mary Kurfess, MSSW '83 is returning to the Council on Social Work Education to serve as the Director of accreditation. Mary worked at CSWE for many years in the research and accreditation departments. Prior to CSWE, Mary served as the Director of International Tracing Services at the American Red Cross national headquarters, which reflects her interests in the field of adoption and international services.

Lesley Sager, BSW '85, teaches design at the School of Human Ecology at UW-Madison. Leslie is the founder of "Merry-go-Strong," a non-profit in Kenya that "works in partnership with the communities in Kenya, by supporting

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women and children to expand their craft, mind, and resources.” Find out more about the organization and consider purchasing their baskets and other goods at merrygostrong.com.

1990s

Bonnie Brandl, MSSW '90, is the Founder and Director of the National Clearinghouse on Abuse in Later Life (NCALL) and a recognized national leader within the elder abuse field and violence against women movement.

Laura Pietan, BSW '91 former Deputy City Attorney for St. Paul, MN was appointed judge in Minnesota's 10th Judicial District. Prior to becoming an attorney, Laura worked in social services as the program manager for Apprenticeship and Nontraditional Employment for Women.

Brenda Szumski, BA '94, (MSW/MBA), is VP of Operations for MST Services, an evidenced-based intervention for at-risk youth.

Tanya R. Atkinson, MSW '97, is President and CEO of Planned Parenthood WI. She provides leadership to the organization which serves more than 60,000 individuals in 21 health centers across Wisconsin.

2000s

Sarah Lim, MSW'04, is Community Development Specialist with the City of Madison where she manages programs and projects in the areas of homeless services including street outreach, day and overnight shelter, rapid re-housing and eviction prevention.

Ilana Shure, BSW '05, works as an advisor for Boston University's Online MSW program. Based in Atlanta, she received her MSW from BU and advises students in the southern states. Congrats too on the recent birth of her 3rd child.

Melissa Mennig, MSW '08 is Program Director at The Road Home, a program providing a wide range of services to homeless families in Dane County.

2010s

Caroline Gomez-Tom, MSW '10, Board of Visitor's member, was appointed to a newly created board intended to provide citizen oversight of the Milwaukee Health Department.

Lindsay O'Connell, MSW '12 is Director of Social Services for the Cardinal Capital Management Group, a housing provider in Wisconsin.

Emily Erwin-Frank, MSW '18, was named a “Woman to Watch” in *Brava Magazine*. As a student Emily began “Upstage Stigma,” an annual show in Madison where individuals share stories of mental health challenges and emotional struggles through various art forms. She now works for Community Treatment Alternatives in Madison.

June Paul, PhD '18, an Assistant Professor at Skidmore College, received the Outstanding Social Work Doctoral Dissertation Award from the Society of Social Work and Research. The title of the dissertation is, “Under the Radar: Exploring Support for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer and Questioning (LGBTQ) Youth Transitioning from Foster Care to Emerging Adulthood.”

Hazel Dulmes, BSW '19, organized the Beacon Talent Show to highlight the “often-hidden talents” of participants at The Beacon homeless day resource center. Hazel is now a student in our MSW program.

IN MEMORIAM

Carol Schulke, MSSW '60, November 2018, taught in the social work program at UW-Oshkosh and helped other schools of social work become accredited programs.

Katherine (Katy) Ostrander, MSSW '61, January 2019, taught at the school in the 60s and early 70s and later founded the social work program at Salve Regina College.

Donna Orr, MSSW '63, December 2018, was a therapist at the Mental Health Center of Dane County (now Journey Mental Health) for 33 years until her retirement.

Ursula S. Myers, MSSW '70, October 2018, was the Director of Rock County Department of Social Services in Wisconsin.

Elizabeth Cordova, MSSW '75, May 2018, was Director of Social Services at the Summit at First Hill in Seattle, WA.

Dr. Steven Schinke, PhD '75, January 2019, was Professor of Social Work at Columbia University. His research on evidence-based interventions testing prevention programs aimed at improving the lives of youth resulted in many awards and honors.

Paul E. Bates, MSSW '78 (PhD Behavioral Disabilities), December 2018, was a Professor at Southern Illinois University where he taught in the Educational Psychology and Special Education departments.

Gail Pearson, MSSW '83, October 2018, was a social worker and a uniformed police officer with the Madison Police Department.

Linda (Sielaff) Rasmussen, MSSW '83, September 2018, was the Hospice Volunteer Coordinator at Monroe Hospital, Monroe, WI.

Dr. Dale Whitney, PhD '87, February 2018. Upon retiring from the Air Force as a Lt. Colonel after two plus decades of service, Dale was in private practice in Tucson, AZ.

Kathleen Todar, MSSW '93, October 2018, was a school social worker in Madison. She was also an excellent teacher and taught a number of courses for the school.

Dr. Andy Zinn, PhD '06, December 2018, was Associate Professor of Social Work at the University of Kansas where he focused his work on child maltreatment, child welfare services, and the service needs and outcomes of disadvantaged children and families.



Dr. Dorothy Pearson, PhD '73, May 2019, was a leader in social work education and named a "Social Work Pioneer" by the National Association of Social Workers. She was the first African American to whom the

UW-Madison School of Social Work conferred a PhD. She served on our Board of Visitors and was a long-time supporter of the school, establishing a lecture series in equity and social justice as well as a graduate fellowship.

DONOR REPORT



Social Work Alumni and Friends Give Back

Social work alumni and friends give their time, energy, and talents in service to others. We are grateful that each year a growing number of alumni and friends choose to support our students by providing money for scholarships and other opportunities.

This year, **Joel Berman**, who made a \$5 million gift to the school in 2017 to establish the Harriet and Sandra Rosenbaum Scholarship and Opportunity Fund, provided \$250,000 in funds to match donor gifts. This opportunity increased gifts to our existing funds and helped in the development of several new scholarships and funds.

Below we highlight several new funds and examples of how we use the support.

Martha Ozawa Scholarship – see back cover.

Joyce Carpenter Degenhart '57 Scholarship – Joyce, a BSW alumna who received her MSW from the University of Denver and a PhD in Counseling Psychology, worked in mental health and co-founded several mental health clinics and a day treatment program in Milwaukee.

Diane Kravetz Fund for Women, Leadership, and Social Change to promote women's leadership in the social work profession – leadership that promotes meaningful social change. Long-time faculty member, emeritus professor, and former Director of the School, Diane was instrumental in founding UW-Madison's Women's Studies Program.

The Anne Minahan Affecting Change Scholarship, named after a long-time faculty member who co-authored the seminal book *Social Work Practice, Model and Method*, will recruit and assist MSW-level students who demonstrate leadership and social change and have high financial need. Former chair of the Board of Visitors, Deb Rose and her husband Curtis, established the scholarship to honor Anne's legacy. "We hope that others who were inspired by Anne will join us in providing this opportunity to allow her teachings to live on," Rose says.

The Morrissey Family Fund – to support the school's efforts to expand opportunities for our school community, particularly in the area of mental health. This fund has allowed the school to create an annual mental health workshop for over 100 students. This year's workshop focused on motivational interviewing. Meghan Morrissey also serves as a member of the school's Board of Visitors.

The Lynn Green Scholarship for Public Service will support a graduate student's work in public sector social services.

Legacy Gift Provides Emergency Funds for Students

Kenneth Shimota, MSSW '59 passed away in April 2017 at age 90. A social worker in Superior Wisconsin, Ken also worked at the Waupun Correctional Institutes and for the State of Wisconsin. After Ken's wife Myrtle died in 2018, the school learned that Ken made provisions in his will to support the School of Social Work. Ken's \$500,000 discretionary gift allows the school the flexibility to fund pressing needs and unique opportunities. Using those funds, the school has established a student emergency fund, administered by UW-Madison's Dean of Students, to provide small but important emergency funds to social work graduate students facing emergency financial hardship.

Some of the projects made possible with donor funds:

Thanks to donor funds, we distributed more than 40 scholarships worth more than \$170,000. While we have been able to significantly increase scholarships to students, which is critical to both recruiting a diverse group of students and reducing their student loan debt, we continue to rely on support from alumni and friends to offer special opportunities to students to enhance their learning. For example, donor funds this year enabled us to offer the following opportunities:



Organized a Returning Prisoner Simulation for 100 students.

Purchased, *So You Want to Talk About Race* by Ijeoma Oluo for all students, faculty, and staff for the first school-wide community read.

Organized the second Mental Health Workshop for more than 100 students focused on motivational interviewing.

Advocacy Day—sponsored by NASW, students learned macro advocacy skills and met with Wisconsin legislators.

Racial Justice Workshops—faculty attended a three-day workshop, 28 students attended the YWCA's Racial Justice Summit, and we organized the annual Social Workers Confronting Racial Injustice Conference for 500 students and community members.



Janaya Kahn at the Social Workers Confronting Racial Injustice Conference.

Rwanda Global Mental Health Conference—co-sponsored three students to attend "The Generation After: Living with the consequences of the 1994 genocide against the Tutsi," in Rwanda.

Sent three students to the Latino Social Workers Organization conference in Chicago.

Sent two staff and 10 students to the Black Women's Leadership Conference.

Sent a student to the Commission on the Status of Women Meeting at the United Nations.

Co-sponsored and sent students to the 4W Summit on Women, Gender, and Well-being and the 42nd Wisconsin Women and Gender Studies Conference.

The school paid for several doctoral students to attend conferences to present their research.

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You may receive a call from the UW Foundation during its annual pledge drive. Please remember to designate your gift to the School of Social Work.

Donations from our alumni and friends help the school attract an outstanding and diverse student body, enable faculty to engage in research that addresses the increasingly complex needs of our society, support student activities, and foster an atmosphere conducive to the development of excellent social work practitioners. Your support keeps the school strong.

If you have questions or suggestions about supporting the school, please contact Mel Morgenbesser, Alumni Relations and Development (608) 213-8082, or Dr. Stephanie Robert, Director, School of Social Work (608) 263-3671.

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Thank you to alumni & friends who supported the School of Social Work January 2018 – June 2019!

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