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LETTER FROM THE DIRECTOR



As I step into the role of director for the Sandra Rosenbaum School of Social Work, I am honored and excited to lead a school that has had such a profound impact on social work education, research, and practice. As a proud Badger and alum (PhD '09), it is especially meaningful to return to a community that was essential in shaping

my commitment to social work and social work research.

This past year has been one of growth and transition for our school. Stephanie Robert stepped down after nine years of service as director. Steph was a transformative leader---securing a \$25 million gift resulting in the renaming of the school to the Sandra Rosenbaum School of Social Work, increasing student scholarships 7-fold, from less than \$100k annually to close to \$800,000 last year, and implementing important investments to our doctoral program, faculty supports, and diversity, equity, and inclusion efforts. Steph has also been exceedingly generous to me, offering her time, guidance, and insights on my new role. We are thrilled that Steph remains a professor at our school and grateful for her nine years of service and leadership.

As always, our students continue to inspire us with their passion, creativity, and drive to make a real difference. They come from diverse backgrounds, bringing fresh perspectives that enrich our classrooms and push us all to think more critically about the challenges our communities face. Whether advocating for reforms, working directly with individuals and families, serving in grassroots organizations, or organizing voter registration events, our students embody what it means to be committed to social justice.

While I plan to take my first year to listen and learn from our community, I'm excited to explore new ways to move our school forward--especially by expanding student scholarships and adapting to the evolving needs of our field. As a first-generation college student, I know firsthand the challenges many of our students face. Scholarships and fellowships made my education possible, so I personally understand how much alumni and donor support can change lives. As the new director, I've come to appreciate even more how your contributions--whether financial, through mentorship, or active involvement--shape the future of our school, students, and the profession. I'm grateful for your support and look forward to connecting with you in the years ahead.

Warm regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Marci Ybarra".

Marci Ybarra, MSW, PhD

Director, Sandra Rosenbaum School of Social Work

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Students at graduation in May.

ASSISTANT PROFESSOR
JESSICA PAC IS LEAD AUTHOR ON
“**BEST ARTICLE OF THE YEAR**” BY
PRESTIGIOUS SOCIAL WORK JOURNAL



Students present at Field Poster Symposium.

CLINICAL FACULTY BRING
PRACTICE EXPERTISE TO THE
CLASSROOM



CONGRATULATIONS TO ASSISTANT PROFESSOR JESSICA PAC, Professor Lawrence M. Berger, and collaborators, whose study entitled, “The Effects of Child Poverty Reductions on Child Protective Services Involvement” was awarded The Frank R. Breul Memorial Prize which recognizes the best paper published in *Social Service Review*

in the previous year. The paper was selected for its “originality, rigorous methods, and contributions to the broader field of child welfare and child policy studies.”

A 2019 National Academy of Sciences consensus report proposed four packages of policies to halve child poverty, including the introduction of a near-universal child allowance and expanding the Earned Income Tax Credit, the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, and the federal minimum wage. Among the important questions addressed by Pac, Berger, and colleagues is whether strengthening economic supports vis-à-vis three of the four packages of policies reduces rates of Child Protective Services (CPS) involvement among families.

Using rigorous microsimulation methods, Pac and co-authors found that reducing child poverty by up to 50 percent would lead to a reduction in CPS involvement by approximately 11.3–19.7 percent. Moreover, the effects among Black and Hispanic children are 2–3 times that of white children, indicating that such generous expansions to the safety net would erase racial disproportionality in CPS. Findings not only supply policymakers with evidence on the child safety benefits of expanding the social safety net, but also provide novel insight into the potential effects of implementing a near-universal child allowance akin to the 2021 expanded child tax credit.

The school’s long-term commitment to supporting its social work practice teaching by hiring full-time clinical faculty who bring their practice experience and expertise to the classroom while also disseminating knowledge to the professional and general community, goes back more than 50 years. Earlier graduates may remember clinical faculty members Dean Schneck, Rosemarie Carbino, Mona Wasow, Bev Flanigan, and others who were important contributors to the school for many years. Today, we continue to ensure a strong commitment to teaching social work practice with clinical faculty, several who also have major leadership roles.

Below are short bios of two recently hired clinical faculty members and two of the six clinical faculty currently on the clinical faculty.



Jaime Goldberg, PhD, MSW, brings years of practice experience in health and palliative care to her teaching around health and aging. Jaime previously worked as a Social Work Specialist for the Cedars-Sinai Supportive Care Medicine team and as palliative care social worker for the Veterans Administration of Greater Los Angeles. Recently, Jamie’s work on caregiving was featured in the PBS publication *Next Avenue* which focuses on the needs of older adults.



Amanda Zuehlke, MSW, has worked in the child and family welfare area for many years, most recently as a Supervisor for Family Works, a foster care agency in Dane County. She has also provided supervision to

MSW students throughout that time. After teaching part-time for the school for several years, Amanda accepted a full-time Clinical Assistant Professor position.



Laura Dresser, MSW, PhD, who teaches macro practice and social policy, has extensive experience working on policies about work, labor, and employment with a special commitment to practice and policies to improve the wellbeing of workers. Recognizing her "contributions of unusual distinction to the field," Dr. Dresser was recently named an Academic Fellow by the Labor and Employment Relations Society.

Angela Willits, MSW, teaches in our mental health focus area and is the Director of the school's Part-Time MSW Program. For almost a decade she worked as a social worker at the William S. Middleton Memorial Veterans Hospital's Mental Health Clinic and PTSD Clinical Team. In addition to her classroom teaching, Angela has created and organized multiple advanced mental health training opportunities for our students.

To learn more about all clinical faculty see socwork.wisc.edu/directory-faculty/ and find those with "clinical" as part of their titles.



PHD PROGRAM IN SOCIAL WELFARE

Since the late 1960's, the school has offered a PhD program in Social Welfare. The program strives to develop scholars, leaders, and social work educators who will advance knowledge about social work, social welfare policy, and intervention strategies from a behavioral and social science perspective to improve the quality of life of individuals, families, groups, communities, and organizations.

While most students enter the program with an MSW, there are also options for those without that degree. In addition to coursework within the school, students can choose from a wide selection of courses in world-renowned social and behavioral science departments and UW-Madison award-winning research centers and institutes, including the Institute for Research on Poverty, Institute on Aging, Waisman Center, School of Medicine and Public Health, and more.

Graduates of the program often enter academic institutions, research programs and government services. Below are examples of several recent grads and their current positions.

Seungmi Cho is an assistant professor of social work at the University of Vermont.

Michael Hoffmeister is the Director of Research and Evaluation at the Center for Advanced Studies in Child Welfare at the University of Minnesota.

Luke Muentner is a Justice Researcher at RTI's (Research Triangle Institute) Corrections and Reentry Program

Marissa Abbott is a Social Science Analyst at the US Department of Health and Human Services.

Find out more at: socwork.wisc.edu/programs/phd/

TRANSITIONS



TRACY SCHROEPFER RETIRES

Professor Tracy Schroeffer has retired. An outstanding teacher, mentor, and researcher, her work focuses on determining the best strategies for meeting the psychosocial, cultural, and spiritual needs of terminally ill elders, as well as reducing health disparities faced by medically underserved communities. Tracy has received Career Achievement Awards from the Association for Gerontological Social Work and the Social Work Hospice and Palliative Care Network. She was earlier named Social Worker of the Year by the National Association of Social Workers – Wisconsin, among a long list of honors.

NEW FACULTY JOIN THE SCHOOL

In addition to two new clinical faculty who joined the school last winter, two new tenure-track faculty joined the school this fall.

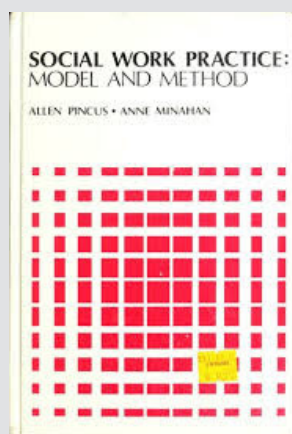


CALLIE FREITAG who received her PhD from the University of Washington, is a mixed-methods policy researcher and demographer. Her research and teaching interests include poverty and social policy, with a focus on older adults and people with disabilities. She brings prior experience as a policy analyst, most recently with the County Welfare Association of California.



CELINA DORIA received her PhD from the Crown School of Social Work at the University of Chicago. Her teaching and research focus on reproductive justice, gender-based violence, state violence, abortion, and trauma-informed research practices.

LOOKING BACK



In 1973, Professors Allen Pincus and Anne Minahan published *Social Work Practice: Model and Method*, which became the standard social work practice text used in schools of social work throughout the U.S. and internationally for many years. For several years prior to its publication, many classes previewed chapters and provided feedback for the final product. Their work was perhaps the first to apply general systems theory

to social work practice, identifying a common core of concepts, skills, tasks and activities essential to the practice of social work. Alums may well remember the four systems they articulated: Client, Action, Target, and Change Agent.



Mel Morgenbesser, Toby Cohen, and Michael Schultz (center) with graduating PhD students and Associate Professor Tova Walsh (right).

Former School Advisor Celebrates 100th Birthday Alumni who were at the school in the mid-1970s to the late 1980s may remember Toby Cohen. Toby was the advisor to most MSW and undergraduate students. In those pre-computer days, Toby kept your coursework on a small file card which she updated each semester. She provided course suggestions, insight, and support to hundreds of students each year.



WORTH NOTING



Audrey Conn

CLINICAL PROFESSOR AUDREY CONN received the prestigious Academic Mid-Career Award from the UW-Madison's College of Letters and Science which recognizes her contributions as Director of our Field Education Program and her teaching.

LYNETTE STUDER and colleagues presented "Assertive Community Treatment at 50 Years: Current Status and Future Directions" at the Annual Conference of the Society for Social Work and Research (SSWR), Washington D.C.

JENNY BRAUNGINN with Nic Dibble, presented "How to Advocate for Yourself and School Social Work (without losing your job)" at the annual meeting of the Wisconsin School Social Work Conference.



Dan Meyer (center) with graduating PhD students and Associate Professor Tova Walsh (right).

INTERNATIONAL INVOLVEMENT

When Professor Dan Meyer retired, he and his family, friends, and colleagues established the Family Policy Research and Dissemination Fund. This year, two faculty members and a doctoral student received support for their international presentations and collaborations:

Associate Professor Paja Charles will travel to the Netherlands to foster her relationship with collaborators at Utrecht University and the University of Amsterdam. They will discuss their mutual interest in intervention research for incarcerated parents and the importance of building evidence about strategies that prevent future incarceration and disrupt the intergenerational transmission of delinquency.

Anne Wackman Oros Associate Professor Tova Walsh was part of a symposium in Barcelona with colleagues from Portugal and Spain at the International Marcé Society for Perinatal Mental Health. She also visited the Universitat Internacional de Catalunya to present her research and meet with faculty and students in the department.

PhD student Anna Walther presented a paper, "Changes in 'Tag-Team Parenting' in the United States, 1997-2019," at the Work-Family Researcher's Network Biennial conference in Montreal.

RESEARCH GRANT SUPPORT

A testament to the expertise of school faculty is their involvement as Principal Investigators and members on research grants totaling nearly \$50 million. A few examples include:

Estimating the Impact of SNAP (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, WIC (Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children) and UI (Unemployment Insurance) in the Primary Prevention of Multiple Forms of Family Violence: A Causal and Computational Approach – funded by the U.S. Center for Disease Control and Prevention

Implications of Parental Incarceration for Child Health and Wellbeing – funded by the National Institute of Child Health and Human Development

Prenatal Opioid Exposure: Birth, Health, Socioeconomic, and Educational Outcomes of Mothers and Their Children funded by the National Institutes of Health

The Impact of Wisconsin's Long-Term Services and Supports Program Implementation on Outcomes for Autistic Adults – Funded by The Wisconsin Alumni Research Foundation

CLASS NOTES



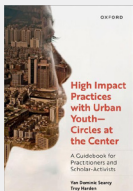
Craig LeCroy, PhD '83 and Kerry Milligan, MSW '83 received the Wisconsin Alumni Association's Tucson, AZ "Badger of the Year" Award.

Kim Wasserburger, MSW '88 long-timer provider and trainer of experiential education has opened Flying Pines, a consulting company, www.flyingpines.com/consulting.

Brenda Nelson, MSW '89, former Director of Safe Harbor Child Advocacy Center in Madison retired to Tucson, AZ. In 2023, she completed a short-term appointment as a behavioral health therapist for the Navajo Nation in Ganado, AZ.

Louise Marcoux, MSSW '90 was named a 2024 Commonwealth Heroine by the Massachusetts Commission on the Status of Women. Former Director of Religious Education at the Unitarian Church of Sharon, MA, Louise is part of an organization to welcome asylum-seeking families. Reflecting on her social work education, she writes, **"throughout this work, I have used just about everything I learned at the School of Social Work"** -- and shared my social work lens with fellow coalition members (who often respond, 'Oh wow! I never thought about it that way before.' Thank you for helping me be prepared to meet this situation with openness and grace. and humility."

Sara Elizabeth Perkins, MSW '92 worked in child welfare and at the Children's Hospital of Wisconsin in Milwaukee. She now runs a group for relative caregivers and offers meditation for foster parents and agency staff.



Yan Dominic Searcy, MSW '92 is the co-author of *High Impact Practices with Urban Youth—Circles at the Center: A Guidebook for Practitioners and Scholar-Activists* from the Oxford University Press.

Irene Wong, PhD '95 is a visiting professor at the National University of Singapore where she has been, "learning a lot about the social welfare system and social work profession in the city state."

Jill Jacklitz, MSSW '96, was recently named the Executive Director of Disability Rights Wisconsin. The non-profit state-wide organization with 70 staff members protects the rights of people with disabilities statewide.

Charity Douglas, MSW '98, once a welfare recipient, now leads the Riverside County California Department of Human Services. The department has 4,700 employees and serves one million community members.

Meeryoung Kim, PhD '01, was recently named Emeritus Professor in the Community Development and Welfare Department of Korea's Daegu University. She is the founder and president of the Golden Age Forum, an organization bringing together experts from numerous fields to advocate for the well-being of older adults through community engagement, research, and policy development. <https://international.wisc.edu/golden-age-advocacy>.

Dan Nordstrom, MSW '06, recently opened Northstream Counseling and Psychotherapy, a tele-health private pay practice <https://www.northstreamcounseling.com/>. Dan brings more than 20 years of experience to his new practice.

Matthew J. Smith, PhD '06 was recently named Associate Dean of Research and Innovation at the University of Michigan's School of Social Work.

Caroline Beidler, MSW '07 and Diana Dallas, MSW '81 held a book talk with the school about their new book, *You Are Not Your Trauma*.

Susan A. Cooper, MSW '10 is a partner and therapist with New Growth Mental Health Counseling in Madison, WI.

Hyunjin (Gina) Noh, PhD '12, Associate Professor of Social Work at the University of South Carolina, was chosen by Cambia Health as a Sojourns Scholar Leadership Fellow. This will support her project "Advancing a Care Planning Educational Intervention for Korean American Immigrants."

Sheng Lee Yang, MSW '14, is the Executive Director and Founder of Us 2 Behavioral Health Care (<https://us2bhc>).

[org/](#)) in Appleton, WI. A first-generation Hmong refugee, she is dedicated to integrating social justice and cultural humility into behavioral health.

Stephanie Lozano, MSW '14, Tribal Liaison for the Wisconsin Department of Children and Families, and Board of Visitors member for the School of Social Work,

was named one of Wisconsin's "Most Influential Native American Leaders."

Rebecca Wanta, MSW '18 a social worker at the VA Hospital in Madison, presented a discussion on "applying Religious Studies to a career in social work," for UW-Madison's Religious Study Department.

In Memoriam



PHYLLIS GULLICKSON JOHNSON, BA SW, '42, passed away in Madison at age 101. An active community volunteer in the Milwaukee area, Phyllis was also an elementary school teacher.

HEATHER MILNE SOUTHWICK, MSSW '53 passed away April 2024. She was a social worker in rural southern Ohio, part of Appalachia. Heather and her husband Charles lived internationally for many years where she did volunteer social work in several countries. In 2015 Heather established an endowed scholarship at the School of Social Work which will support graduate students in perpetuity.

CHRISTINE M. DURLAK, MSSW '68, passed away in May 2024 in Santa Fe, NM. She was a school social worker, working with students with special needs. After retirement she was quite active in her community, including being a docent at the Museum of International Folk Art in Santa Fe.

JOHN EDWARD PHILLIPS, SR., MSSW '69 passed away September 2023, in Middleton, WI. His career included

social work, being a Methodist Minister, and a chemist.

PEGGY ANN DOUGLAS (BURGDORFF), passed away May 2024 in Wayzata, IL. Recognizing her good work in the community, she was named 2012 "Wayzata Person of the Year."

KRISTIN JONES ADRYAN, BSW '74 passed away September 2023. A world traveler, she co-owned Dom-Em Travel in San Francisco.

ANDREA MARIE URBON, MSSW '74 passed away October 2023 in Madison. A social worker for 33 years in Pediatric Hematology/Oncology at UW-Hospital, she was a founding member of Thursday's Child which makes wishes come true for seriously ill children.

NINA NEUPERT, MSSW '75, passed away in October 2023 in Cambridge, WI. She was awarded the "Midwest School Social Worker" of the year," and became the president of Wisconsin School Social Workers Association.

MARK ALAN QUAM, MSSW '75 passed away in De Pere, WI in March 2024. Mark served as Director of Human Services for Jefferson, Brown, and Winnebago Counties in Wisconsin.

DANIEL NARAD, MSSW '75 passed away December 2023 in Green Bay, WI. Dan had a long career in public education including serving as the Superintendent for the Madison Metropolitan School District.

JOAN PENROD, MSSW '80 passed away in Dobbs Ferry, NY in March 28. A life-long learner, she also received an MBA and a PhD in Health Services Research.

VERLINE GEE, MSW '89, passed away in January 2024. She was a founding member of the Fountain of Life Church and the Nehemiah Center for Urban Leadership Development in Madison. A space in the newly constructed Center for Black Excellence will be dedicated in Verline's honor. To make a gift please go to [Verline Gee Tribute \(givebutter.com\)](https://givebutter.com/VerlineGeeTribute)

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Stephanie Robert and Leslie Ann Howard at the 2024 Distinguished Alumni Award reception.

LESLIE ANN HOWARD, MSSW '79, THE 2024 DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI AWARD RECIPIENT

We are pleased to announce that the Sandra Rosenbaum School of Social Work's Board of Visitors has named Leslie Ann Howard our 2024 Distinguished Alumni Award recipient. Leslie was President and CEO of the United Way of Dane County for 26 years and then served as a Senior Advisor to the CEO of United Way Worldwide for five years.

During her time at United Way Dane County, Leslie transformed the organization from primarily a grant-maker to an organization that tackles community issues 'at scale' working with the private sector, government, and nonprofits to develop strategic initiatives and measure outcomes of the work. In 2000, under her leadership, the United Way of Dane County created its Agenda for Change, a series of seven targeted goals focused on measuring and creating significant impact in the areas of education, safety,

and health. This impact model, first created here in Dane County was a catalyst for other United Ways nationally to make similar changes in their programs.

Leslie has received many honors. She was recognized by the Madison Chapter of the American Marketer's Association as the "Marketer of the Year," was a "YWCA Women of Distinction," received President's Award from the Urban League of Greater Madison and the 2014 Jeffrey Clay Erlanger Civility in Public Discourse Award from the City of Madison.

Leslie currently serves on the Board of Directors of American Family Insurance. She has also served on the Boards of the Federal Home Loan Bank of Chicago, Madison Area Technical College, the Community Action Coalition, and The Nature Conservancy-Wisconsin.

NEW BOARD OF VISITOR MEMBERS

Two alums recently joined the School's Board of Visitors.



William Goehring, MSW '72, retired after a 39-year career with the State of Wisconsin where he provided oversight to counties as they administered economic, child support, and behavioral health programs. He currently is a Board of Supervisor member for Sheboygan County, where he served as the Board Chair for five years and is a long-time (38 years) Town Chair of the Town of Sherman. Bill also helped establish Zion Housing, a non-profit providing housing for aging and disabled residents.



Kadijha Marquardt-Davis MSW '20, is the Founder and Program Director of ECCHO (Engaging Communities to Change Health Outcomes) a civic engagement training program that seeks to improve community health outcomes by engaging those most impacted by generational and systemic racism in Dane, Milwaukee, and Rock County. Kadijha served as co-chair of the school's Social Workers Confronting Racial Justice conference for the last two years. She recently received the 2023 Athena Young Professional Award which recognizes emerging leaders between the ages of 25-40 who strive for the highest levels of personal and professional accomplishment, devote time and energy to their community, and serve as role models for young women.

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We are grateful to our more than 400 alums and friends who made gifts to our annual fund this year. Most are unrestricted gifts allowing us to meet pressing needs and respond to new opportunities, and most funds are used directly for student support. A few examples include an emergency student fund, sending students to workshops and conferences, scholarships, and our graduation ceremony attended by 1,000 students and family members.

DESIGNATED FUNDS

In addition to our annual fund, a growing number of alums, former faculty members, and friends have established designated funds which fund scholarships ranging from \$1,000 to full tuition annually, while others support special initiatives like work on reproductive rights, social justice in the community, guest speakers, and mental health training. We are proud that in addition to the generosity of our alums, several former school faculty have established such funds. These include:

- *The Diane Kravetz Fund for Women, Leadership, and Social Change*
- *Mary Ann Test Fund for Assertive Community Treatment*
- *Family Policy Research and Dissemination Fund – Daniel R. Meyer and others*
- *Rosemarie Carbino Field Faculty Professional Development Fund*
- *Mona Wasow Fund for Innovation in Field Education*

NAMED PROFESSORSHIPS

We are excited to share that two recent significant gifts have supported the establishment of the first two named professorships at the school. These professorships will allow us to attract and retain outstanding faculty who have and will continue to make significant contributions to research, teaching, and service.



The Anne Wackman Oros Professorship in Social Work

Anne Wackman Oros and John Oros, have been significant supporters of UW-Madison for many years. Both alums of the university, one of their lifelong passions has been fostering over 50 babies and they continue to be strong advocates for foster care, adoption, and child

well-being. In 2006, the United States Congress recognized Anne's work with an Angels in Adoption Award. Although they are no longer in the day-to-day work of fostering, they think of themselves as "foster grandparents" and have remained close to many families and children.

School of Social Work Associate Professor Tova Walsh will be the first Anne Wackman Oros Associate Professor in Social Work. Tova's work focuses on improving the health and well-being of often-overlooked populations of parents and their young children. She studies the experiences of families with young children, the needs and challenges they face, and the resources available to them, applying her findings

to contribute to improved health and well-being and a strengthened system of services for families.



Joel Berman's Gift Creates Named Professorship

When Joel Berman made a significant gift to the school in honor of his late wife Sandra Rosenbaum, we re-named the school the Sandra Rosenbaum School of Social Work. That gift continues to fund multiple scholarships and other major initiatives. This includes a recently funded named professorship which has been awarded to Professor Lonnie Berger. Professor Berger has named the professorship the "Shelia B. Kamerman and Alfred J. Kahn Professor of Social Policy," acknowledging two esteemed Columbia University Social Work Professors with whom he studied.

Professor Berger is among the top scholars in social work and social policy with his work on understanding of how financial resources, policies, and socioeconomic factors impact parenting and child and family well-being. He has published more than 100 articles in prestigious journals and attracted millions of dollars in grant support.

ESTATE GIFTS

As part of their estate planning, a growing number of school alums have established gifts to the school in their wills and living trusts. These funds, which will eventually come to the school, help ensure our future to remain one of the top schools of social work.

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Part-Time MSW Program

SANDRA ROSENBAUM SCHOOL OF SOCIAL WORK
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How would you describe your experience in the Part-Time MSW Program (PTP)?

I have had a very positive experience thus far in the Part-Time Program. The faculty I have met along the way have been very supportive. The small class sizes have given the opportunity for our cohort to build relationships with one another, which has enhanced the discussions during class. The pace of the Part-Time Program has helped me succeed as a student while allowing me to continue to be employed full-time in Child Welfare.



Student Spotlight:
Brianna Sanderfoot

How do you think the PTP has prepared you for entering the field of social work?

As someone who is already working in Child Welfare, the knowledge I have obtained in the Part-Time Program has greatly enhanced my practice with families and colleagues. Whether it be learning of policies that affect individuals, groups and communities to direct practice with individuals, the PTP has offered a variety of courses that deepened my knowledge of social work. I have also appreciated the emphasis on self-care and ensuring students have what they need to excel not only in the classroom but also once in the field of social work.

What would you say to someone who is considering the program?

The biggest piece of advice I could offer to someone is to go for it! There is never going to be the “perfect time” to start. As someone who had been out of school for four years, the thought of going back to school seemed daunting, but the knowledge I have gained to apply in my current case practice has been well worth the “leap” back into school. You won’t regret it!

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