





Letter from the Dean

Dear Social Work Graduates:

Congratulations on your graduation today from the faculty and staff at the Graduate College of Social Work. This celebration marks the end of at least two years of hard work and the beginning of a career in one of the most honorable professions in the world. We would be remiss if we failed to acknowledge not only your accomplishments, but also the support of your family, significant others, and classmates who have helped along the way. And of course, I hope the encouragement and counsel of our incredible faculty and staff have also contributed to your success.

Your motivation and perseverance to complete this degree have prepared you to be of service to those who are in need. I hope that you also will use your knowledge and skills to address the social, racial, economic, and political injustices that exist in our society and around the world. Now more than ever, social workers are needed to confront these injustices and to create a society where justice is no longer an aspiration, but a reality.

I, along with the faculty and staff of the Graduate College of Social Work, wish you every success in the coming years and we look forward to your continued involvement with our College and with our Graduate College of Social Work Alumni Association. We honor you today on your achievement and hope that your future is enriched through a successful and significant social work career.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Alan J. Dettlaff". The signature is written in a cursive style.

Alan J. Dettlaff, Ph.D., MSW

Dean and Maconda Brown O'Connor Endowed Dean's Chair

University of Houston
Graduate College of Social Work

Convocation

Thursday, May 11, 2017, 2 p.m.
Cullen Performance Hall

OPENING PROCESSION

WELCOME Alan Dettlaff, Ph.D.
Dean
Maconda Brown O' Connor Endowed Dean's Chair

AWARDS Questella Alfred
GCSW Student Association Award Presenter

SPEAKER Darla Spence Coffey, Ph.D., MSW
President and Chief Executive Officer
Council on Social Work Education

PRESENTATION OF Dean Dettlaff
DOCTORAL CANDIDATES

HOODING OF PH.D. CANDIDATES Dissertation Advisors

PRESENTATION OF M.S.W. CANDIDATES Dean Dettlaff

CANDIDATE NAMES READ BY Robin Gearing, Ph.D.
Associate Professor

HOODING OF M.S.W. CANDIDATES Aabha Brown, LMSW
Clinical Assistant Professor

CLOSING REMARKS Dean Dettlaff

RECESSIONAL

Graduate College of Social Work

CANDIDATES FOR GRADUATION

Doctor of Philosophy

Maurya Glaude
Continuing Care Utilization among
Adolescents with Substance Use Disorders
DISSERTATION COMMITTEE CHAIR:
Dr. Sheara Jennings

Yi Ren
Impact of Public Medical Insurance on
Health Care Equity between Urban and Rural
Children in Mainland China
DISSERTATION COMMITTEE CHAIR:
Dr. Suzanne Pritzker

Fall 2016

Master of Social Work

Bathseba Abraham
Sharon R. Akinyi-Jones
Kristina Baker
Novella Bean
Maria Elena Bracco
Barbett L. Brashear
Beth Angela Bristow
Laura Brown
DeAndrea Chantel Brown
Jacyl Marie Calico
Jarvis Miguel Corbitt
Tammy Michelle Davis
Shanitra L. Dennis
Arthur L. Dewberry
Evelyn Mima Dohvoma
Gardenia Elizabeth Garza
Katherine Mae Hannan
Maranda T. Harris
Emma Rose Hartmann
Asia Simone Haynes
Holly Christine Heil
Skye Andrew Heller

Gema I. Hernandez
Angela Renee Hill
Rachel Michelle Holcomb
Lori Johnson
Tia Nicole Johnson
Katherine S. McCoy
LaSondra ChaShawn McElroy
Cecilia Maria Mendoza
Kristina Daniele Morehead
Nicole E. Obih
Raquel Olguin
DeEdra Rene Powell
Davida Rosser
Angellica Lynn Shaw
Leah Anne Stark
Ellen Faith Stein
Donna G. Stephens
Belinda Rochelle Stubblefield
Kirstie R. Thibodeaux
Jessavia Thomas
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Shartzia Nykia Warren
Cayla J. Wheaton
Sarah Shadae White

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Spring and Summer 2017

Master of Social Work

Shajuan D. Alexander
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Chante D. Bacon
Miljana Bajic
Simisola R. Bakare
Denetra Virginia Baker
Karla Emilija Banic
Randall Ellis Bardin
Fabeain Damonte Barkwell
Jennifer Nicole Bergdoll
Fakiya Vernee' Blade
Jasmine Blue
Julissa Bravo
Nicole Allison Bright
Lindsey Rachel Brook
Minell Mae Brown
Matthew R. Browning
Jatoya Lynnise Brunn
Christopher Lyle Bryant
Leander Marcellus Burgess
Krishonta Natea Burke
Rodrigo Alberto Canedo
Karen Castellano
Nikesha T. Cooper Russell
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Madia Daniel
Arielle Lynn Day
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Trang-Thu Vu Duong
Heather Laurel Cash Dupree
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Jamie Denise Gabriel
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Rama Gerig
Kayla Gabrielle Gill
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Elizabeth Anna Hernandez-Bradford-Shaver
Angela Njideka Hicks
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Rita "Fabu" Houston
Caitlin L. Howell
Brittney L. Hughes
Ja'Quetta Jackson
Rahquia Mattie Jackson
Terry L. Jarvis-Daniels
Tamara Jean
Danielle Jenkins
Arely Sarai Jimenez Chavez
Verna Diann Johnson
Valerie Ann Jones
Suzonne Kakoolaki
Joel David Kissell
Priscilla Ko
Jessica Naomi-Marie Lamb
Holly Lark
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Richard Jacob Leoni
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Ashley Lauren McFarland Sims
Kylie Alee McNaught
Leah Catherine McNulty
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Elsa Mendoza
Sujeeta Menon
Emily Moore Netherton
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Zoila G. Palomo
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Jenny Beatriz Peraza
Rachel Peterson
Lindsey Ellen Phillips
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Teena Thomas
Kaitlyn Ryann Thompson
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Nguyet Anh Tran
Cynthia Lizbeth Varela
Sheila Wainwright
Trisha N. West
Alina Shavon White
Tiffany Merle Teate Williams
Abigail M. Wilson
Natalie Wilson
Jacquelyn Wright
Yuanmei Zhou

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SCHOLARSHIPS

Agencies for Gerontology Intercultural Field Training Fellowship (AGIFT)

Evelyn Mima Dohvoma
Davida Rosser

Sheila Wainwright

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Joel David Kissell
Elsa Mendoza

Tiffany Merle Teate Williams

Barbara and Ernest Henley Endowment for Family Health Scholarship

Susan Ruether Loredó

C.F. Reibenstein Endowment for Social Work Education

Brittney L. Hughes

Cheryl Lynn Vetter Memorial Scholarship

Sarah Lillian Stadnik

Child Welfare Education Project Stipend (CWEP)

Fakiya Vernee' Blade
DeAndrea Chantel Brown
Jamie Denise Gabriel

DeEdra Rene Powell
Trisha N. West

Dean's Advisory Council Scholarship

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Arielle Lynn Day

Jessica Naomi-Marie Lamb

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Shajuan D. Alexander

Monica Y. Tabb

George Foundation Scholarship

Martha L. Medrano

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Gerson David Gerontological Scholarship

Miljana Bajic

GLOBE Youth: Behavioral Health Workforce Education and Training for Professionals Stipend

Bathseba Abraham	Danielle Jenkins
Sharon R. Akinyi-Jones	Verna Diann Johnson
Shajuan D. Alexander	Priscilla Ko
Arielle D. Aranzamendez	Richard Jacob Leoni
Karla Emilija Banic	John Paul Lugo
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Simisola Bakare	Sujeeta Menon
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Danielle Jenkins	Nikeshia T. Cooper Russell
Sonia Sustaita Martinez	

Hogg Foundation Scholarship

Sarah Jane Tadlock

Ira C. Colby Scholarship

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Jarvis Miguel Corbitt	Pilar Nicollette Hall
Kayla Gabrielle Gill	Zoila G. Palomo

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Ellen Faith Stein

Marjorie L. and Robert R. Jenkins Scholarship

Madia Daniel

Mehta Foundation Scholarship

Holly Lark

Michael Daley Scholarship

Gardenia Elizabeth Garza

R. J. DeBottis Scholarship

Madia Daniel

Shartazia Nykia Warren

Ruthmary Anderson Durham Goldman Scholarship

Tyler Dayne Anderson

Sandra A. Lopez Scholarship for Excellence in Clinical Practice

Natalie Wilson

SHINE: Students in Behavioral Health Increasing Diversity in Education and the Workforce Scholarship

Jasmine Blue
Krishonta Natea Burke
Ja'Quetta Jackson

Kelsey Reynolds
Stefani Rodriguez
Marquisa Nicole Rodriguez

Vicki Tidwell Palmer Fellowship

Holly Christine Heil

Wayne B. Duddlesten, Sr. Scholarship

Joel David Kissell

Tiffany Merle Teate Williams

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GRADUATE COLLEGE OF SOCIAL WORK
STUDENT ASSOCIATION AWARDS

Barbara Jordan Unity Award

This award is in the name of the first black woman elected to the Texas Senate and the first W. S. Representative for Houston's 18th District, known for her tenacity and perseverance. The recipient of this award is a part-time or Advanced Standing student who has demonstrated discipline, determination, and a high standard of excellence.

The Jane Addams Award

This award is named for one of the Social Work profession's founders and examples of conviction put into practice. This award is given to the student who best demonstrates service to the GCSW, professionalism, scholastic achievement, leadership, and the ability to establish and maintain faculty-student support and rapport.

Mahatma Gandhi Peace Award

Gandhi provides the inspiration for the GCSW's un-official motto, "We must become the change we want to see," and this award is given to the student who most exemplifies the power of this principle. This student is innovative in leadership style, thought, and character and is known as someone who embodies the change they work to achieve.

Martin Luther King Jr. Social Justice Award

This award is named for one of society's greatest contemporary examples of advocacy, empowerment, and the championing of social justice and is given to the student who embodies these same principles. As a leader, this award recipient has shown the power to cooperatively determine goals and unite others behind their causes.

Mary Richmond Award

This award is given in honor of one of the Social Work profession's community practice pioneers. The student who receives this award has performed exceptional community service beyond employment or field practicum. Additionally, the recipient of this award represents the epitome of social work values and ethics and supports a traditional casework philosophy.

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Community Organization and Change for Social Justice Faculty Award

This faculty has demonstrated dedication to building a movement of vulnerable population by working with the people to effect change. Through education, this faculty has engaged students and inspired commitment and action to attain social justice.

Outstanding Faculty Award

This award was initiated by the Student Association to honor and recognize a member of the GCSW faculty who demonstrates exceptional class performance, supportive student interaction, professional role modeling, and advocacy on behalf of students. The faculty member chosen for this award will have the honor of placing Master's degree hoods on candidates for graduation at today's ceremony.

Outstanding Staff Award

This award is given to honor a staff member who has provided outstanding friendship and support to students throughout the academic year. Although this person may not have instructional interaction with students, he/she is chosen based on their commitment to the GCSW and the promulgation of social work education, values, and ethics.

Humanitarian Award

This award is given to an individual from the community that exemplifies social work through their dedication and efforts to promote social justice and equality. This community leader embodies the core components of social work by promoting the well-being of individuals and communities through social change and honors people's right to self-determination.

Faculty

Andrew Achenbaum, Ph.D.
Professor

Chiara Acquati, Ph.D.
Assistant Professor

Samira Ali, Ph.D.
Assistant Professor

Donna Amsberg
Clinical Assistant Professor

Jodi Berger Cardoso, Ph.D.
Assistant Professor

Reiko Boyd, Ph.D.
Visiting Assistant Professor

Nicole Bromfield, Ph.D.
*Associate Dean of Academic Affairs and
Associate Professor*

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Clinical Assistant Professor

Brené Brown, Ph.D.
Research Professor

Monit Cheung, Ph.D.
Professor

Ronda Dearing, Ph.D.
Visiting Research Professor

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Sheara Jennings, Ph.D.
Associate Professor

Patrick Leung, Ph.D.
Professor

Virginia Lucas
Clinical Assistant Professor

Christina Miyawaki, Ph.D.
Assistant Professor

Sarah Narendorf, Ph.D.
Assistant Professor

Jamie Parker
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Danielle Parrish, Ph.D.
Associate Professor

Suzanne Pritzker, Ph.D.
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Susan Robbins, Ph.D.
Professor

Allen Rubin, Ph.D.
Professor

McClain Sampson, Ph.D.
Assistant Professor

Isabel Torres, Ph.D.
Associate Professor

Luis Torres, Ph.D.
Associate Professor

Jody Williams, Ph.D.
*Distinguished Professor of Social Work
Nobel Laureate for Peace*

Staff

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Nicolas Cavallaro
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Christine Bakos-Block
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Deniece Christ-Rice
Meryl Cohen
Will Dickey
Shubhra Endley
Bolivar Fraga
Victoria Hansen
Mary Harlan

Kristin Mena
Lourdes Murillo
Lillian Ortiz
Steven Parks
Cynthia Reibenstein
Beverly Rodgers
Helen Stagg
Patricia Taylor
Ann Webb

Emeritus Faculty

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Dale Alexander
Steven Applewhite
Florence Clemenger
Gerson David
Maxine Epstein
Karen Holmes

Daniel Jennings
Jean Latting
Mary Lewis
George Magner
Paul Raffoul
Ellen Stevens-Roseman
Alexander Zaphiris



Letter from the Alumni Association President

Esteemed GCSW Graduates,

On behalf of The UH GCSW Alumni Association's volunteer Board of Directors, Congratulations! We share your excitement in your momentous accomplishment and are aware of the sacrifices you endured to achieve this great success. You have persevered and achieved higher education from our great college, The GCSW. We are very proud to have you be a part of the growing professional Social Work community.

As a new graduate, your UH GCSW Alumni Association welcomes and embraces you as a new member! Membership is free and rewarding! You will be aligning yourself with the brightest minds, leaders, and doers in the Social Work profession today and be on a fast track to a rewarding career. To activate your membership, you must take the next step. Please send me your contact information and you will be included in many valuable learning and career networking opportunities. We cannot obtain your contact information without you providing it to us so please don't delay and let us hear from you.

Your UH GCSW Alumni Association offers many career-growth opportunities by providing continuing education events for our Alumni and non-Alumni as part of our community outreach. We also provide mentorship opportunities for GCSW Students and Alumni to enhance self-efficacy by helping you navigate your professional development. We have proudly raised thousands of dollars at our Annual Scholarship Fundraisers that have allowed us to give scholarships to many GCSW Students over the years. In addition, our social networking activities serve to help you foster long lasting friendships and to strengthen and support you in your career and to enhance Alumni loyalty and pride.

We encourage you to stay connected to your Alumni Association and become an active member. You can either serve as a Board Member, cultivating and sharing your leadership skills, or you can simply choose to attend our events. By activating your membership and providing your talents and valuable input, you will set your career path on a winning course and together we can strengthen our Social Work profession.

Sincerely wishing your continued success,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Deborah (Deb) Elizondo-Brady".

Deborah (Deb) Elizondo-Brady, LMSW ('00)
President, UHGCSW Alumni Association

