

News from UMSL's School of Social Work Fall 2024

Job Well Done!!

U.S. News and World Report ranks UMSL's MSW program #67 nationally in its 2024 Best Graduate Schools rankings.

Read more here: [MSW Ranking](#)



Giving Request

Now is a perfect time to give or plan a gift to the School of Social Work. Please consider a donation toward scholarships or the SSW in general. Donations to SSW support our efforts to create community for our students. Visit our page on UMSL

Giving for more information:
[Giving to UMSL Social Work](#)

Faculty Spotlight



Faculty member **Lori Curtis**
receives UMSL Hero Award

Lori has been a part of the SSW since 1999 making her one of the senior members of our SSW Team. Lori serves as BSW Program Director and advising coordinator along with many other roles.

Read more about Lori's time at UMSL and why she is an UMSL Hero.

[Lori Curtis](#)



SSW welcomes new assistant professor **Dr. Renata Sledge**

We are pleased to have Dr. Sledge on our SSW Team. She is teaching advanced practice, advising MSW students & conducting research. She coordinates our Social Work Conversation Series.

Read more about Renata and her work and volunteer experiences.

[Renata Sledge](#)

Live/Virtual BSW and MSW

We are excited to announce We are offering the BSW and MSW in a Live/Virtual format. These unique program options offer the best of what online programs provide - **convenience** and what in-person programs provide - **connection**. Live/Virtual students attend classes via Zoom at the same time as other students taking the course allowing for weekly connection with the instructor and other students.

Alumni Spotlight

**Danielle Farnam-Vollmer MSW,
2017**

Danielle works as a School Social Worker at Morton Community Unit School District and she received her LCSW in 2020.

Alumni Updates

We would love to hear from you. Click the link to provide and update.

[Alumni Update](#)

Social Work Featured in UMSL Daily

Justin Bennett will lead Social Work
Interstate Licensing Compact.

[Justin Bennett](#)



Decades of teaching, service and research
acknowledged as long-time faculty retire.

[Decades of Service](#)



Dondi Ballwin advocates for
students and community members
with disabilities.

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Elexis Hubbard applies social work
skills and volunteer experience at
Community Innovation & Action Center

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