

News from UMSL's School of Social Work Spring 2025

2025 Graduate and Alumni Reception



We celebrated our graduates and our outstanding Alumni of the Year & as well as our Field Instructor of the Year at our Graduate and Alumni Reception held on May 12th.

Alumna of the Year



We would like to congratulate
Christy Ivory
for receiving the Alumna of the Year award. After receiving the award at our reception, she noted, "I knew I made the right decision of choosing UMSL because of the support I received. [...] I have extreme gratitude for the School of Social Work. I love interacting with current students and sharing my UMSL experience with them".

Field Instructor of the Year

We would like to congratulate

Mary Harden

for receiving the Field Instructor of the Year award. We honor her as an individual who excels in educating and monitoring social work students during their field placements. She is currently working on campus as the Program/Project Support Coordinator in the College of Education as well as the Midwest Inclusive Post Secondary Alliance (MIPSA) coordinator in the Office of Inclusive Postsecondary Education.



Academic Excellence Awards



We would like to congratulate

Joseph Govreau

for receiving the Academic Excellence Award as a BSW student.



We would like to congratulate

Nicole Warrington

for receiving the Academic Excellence Award as an MSW student.

We honor these students who have demonstrated exceptional intellectual prowess in their studies and contributions to our community and their respective fields.

Outstanding Practicum Awards

We would like to congratulate
Moniqui Carter & Kierra Montgomery
for receiving the Outstanding Practicum Awards for BSW and MSW respectively. Both students demonstrated exceptional engagement and excellence in their clinical or practicum experiences.

Outstanding Service Award



We would like to congratulate
Brianna Jones
for receiving the Outstanding Service Award. Brianna provided exemplary service and dedication in her role as President of the Student Social Work Association.

Graduating Graduate Teaching Assistants

We would like to recognize
Ashley Robinson, Lydia Schuchard
(pictured left), & Irene Travis (pictured right)
as exceptional Graduate Teaching Assistants who helped support our faculty and staff.



Behavioral Health Workforce Education and Training (BHWET) Students



BHWET Students from Left to Right:

Emily Cooper
Brendan Lally
Christy Ivory*
Felesha Clarke
Lauren Myers
Abubakarr Muray
Crystal Johnson**
Lydia Schuchard
Taylor Elmore

*Christy Ivory - former BHWET student

**Crystal Johnson is the adjunct professor who teaches BHWET students

We would like to congratulate these students for completing the Behavioral Health Workforce Education and Training (BHWET) program as part of their education here in the School of Social Work.

Other BHWET Students not pictured:

MaKenzie Borchers
Sira Diop
Stacy Fowler
Luz Bwanga Mabonghot
Jory Marcinczyk
Danika Miller
Kierra Montgomery
Angela Pytleski
Ashley Robinson
Mickayla Vangyia

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:

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Embodied Ethics

EMBODIED ETHICS: DAILY PRACTICES OF MEDICAL SOCIAL WORKERS

Share your professional stories to help improve ethics training and decision-making in medical social work!

WHO AND WHAT?

- MSW working in medical setting
- Employed in your current setting for at least one year
- Participate in 3 small-group interviews (3-5 participants) on Zoom
- Write 3 short reflections before meetings

If Interested, message Renata Sledge, PhD, LCSW
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Research Study: Embodied Ethics – Daily Practices of Medical Social Workers

🔍 Seeking participants for a study exploring how ethics shape everyday social work practice in medical environments.

💬 **What's involved?** Three small group Zoom interviews + written reflections.

🎁 **Incentive:** \$75 for your time!

Your insights will help improve training, supervision, and policy to better support social workers in healthcare.

📅 If you've worked in your current medical setting for **at least one year**, sign up today!

✉ Email Dr. Sledge to learn more & determine eligibility: rsledge@umsl.edu

Please **like, share, and tag** fellow social workers who might be interested! Your voice matters!
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