

School of Social Work

PROGRAM

<i>Emcee</i>	LANE LUNEAU, MS, MA (SoPA '25) MSW Senior Academic Advisor
<i>Welcome</i>	SUSAN DAVIES, PhD, MEd Interim Dean of the School of Social Work
<i>Land Acknowledgement</i>	JEWEL N. CUNNINGHAM MSW/MS-DRL candidate '25
<i>Doctoral Student Speaker</i>	MICHAEL SCOTT RITCHEY DSW candidate '25
<i>Doctor of Social Work (DSW) Student Awards</i>	FRED BUTTELL, PhD, LCSW Director of DSW Program NGAWANG LEGSHE, DSW, LCSW-BACS (DSW '19, MSW '08) Assistant Director of DSW Program
<i>Master's Student Speaker</i>	BENJAMIN L. WILLIAMS LACY MSW candidate '25, MS-DRL candidate '26
<i>Master of Social Work (MSW) Student Awards</i>	TONA ZWANZIGER, LCSW, MS (MSW '14, MS-DRL '15) Interim Director of MSW Program STEPHANIE MOORE KREAMER, MEd MSW Academic Success Coach
<i>Master of Science in Disaster Resilience Leadership (MS-DRL)</i>	REGARDT FERREIRA, PhD Director of DRLA Program ANNE STEINBAUGH DRLA Administrative Coordinator
<i>Faculty Awards</i>	CANDICE C. BEASLEY, MSW, DSW, LCSW-BACS (DSW '17) Interim Associate Dean of Academic Affairs
<i>Commencement Address</i>	MARCUS ALEXANDER, DSW, LCSW-BACS (DSW '19) Senior Director of Operations, Gulf Coast Social Services
<i>Hooding Ceremony, DSW</i>	MICHAEL OWENS, MA (SoPA '24) DSW Academic Success Coach
<i>Candidates for MSW, MS-DRL, & C-DRL</i>	STEPHANIE MOORE KREAMER, MEd MSW Academic Success Coach
<i>Recessional Second Line</i>	

*The audience is requested to remain seated during the
Academic Procession and Recession.*

*The listing of candidates for degrees is accurate as of April 14, 2025.
Formal verification of degrees received must be obtained from the
Office of the University Registrar.*

CANDIDATES FOR DOCTOR OF SOCIAL WORK

Africa Roberts Bell

Still, I Rise: Using Black Feminist Thought to Explore the Marginalized Experiences of African American Women in Social Work Doctoral Programs

Tracy LeAndrea Bowers*

Quiet Weariness: Perceptions of Black Fatigue among Professional Black Women in the Workplace

Tisha Wynette Calhoun

Exploration of Mindfulness-Based Interventions in Decreasing Levels of Symptoms of Anxiety in Minority Youth: A Scoping Review

Amanda Jane Clark-Andrejkovics*

Global Perspectives: Quantitative Examination of Military Social Work Practicum Students Living Abroad

Marvin G. Clarke*

Breaking the Cycle: A Comprehensive Call to Action for Housing First Interventions and Support Services for Dual-Diagnosed Individuals Experiencing Chronic Homelessness

Terri A. Cooley-Bennett

Recommendations for transforming housing priorities: Addressing chronic and non-chronic homelessness with inclusive housing policies

Roberta Cotham*

Overcoming the Barriers to Providing Mental Health Services in the School System; A Call to Action

Janine Daniel Dunn

The use of Dignity Therapy to reduce symptoms of depression and anxiety within the terminally ill population

Lashonda Renea Eagels

Belonging Beyond Boundaries: Building Bridges in Education

Heidi Eastman

Self-Efficacy Theory and the Psychiatric Rehabilitation Model

Kelley Hunter Ellis

The difficulties of parenting when widowed: A qualitative study of the lived experience

Kyla Michelle Flanagan*

Quiet Weariness: Perceptions of Black Fatigue among Professional Black Women in the Workplace

Diana Brooke Gates*

Tsenacommacah Community Needs Assessment

Landon D. Hallbrooks

The Impact of Training on the Attitudes and Beliefs of Primary Healthcare Providers

Riane Suzette Hinton*

About Substance Use Disorders and Substance Use Disorder Treatment

Sharon Holloway*

Still I Rise: Using Black Feminist Thought to Explore the Marginalized Experiences of African American Women in Social Work Doctoral Programs

Harry Hunter, Jr.

The transtheoretical model of behavior change: Implications for social work practice.

Tiffany Marie Kasper

Exploring Supportive Supervision in Social Work: A Qualitative Study

Amanda Cherie Lally*

Navigating Trauma in Schools: An Exploration of Educators' Perspectives and Practices in New Orleans

Rachel Lynn Melvald

The Impact of Environmental Psychological Design on Trauma and Community

Heidi S. Mercer

Exploring Supportive Supervision in Social Work: A Qualitative Study

Diamond Perri Nickelson
Seeking Help for the Helpers: Stigma, Worry, and Fear Among Licensed Social Work

Joi Noelle Plain
Disparities Among Persons Seeking Treatment for Opioid Use Disorder from Capital Area Human Services District: A Seven Parish Region in Louisiana

Jasmine Sanders Polk
The influence is school closures on emotional regulation and social development of elementary students in Texas

Lemuel Napoleon Powell-Colon, Sr.
Decreasing the Recidivism Rate for African American Males: A Call to Action

Michele Elizabeth Price
Case study of invalid to valid shift in cognitive performance following successful treatment of psychogenic nonepileptic seizure events

Michael Scott Ritchey
American Veteran Suicidality and Adverse Childhood Experiences: An Exploratory Investigation of Risk Factors and Resilience

Kathryn Thomas Shoemaker
Effectiveness of competency-based training and peer consultation for licensed behavioral health providers: A mixed methods study

Azizi Thompson
Enhancing Academic Success: Using Yoga and Mindfulness to Foster Social-Emotional Learning

Sarah Reed Vollmann
Widows' fire: A qualitative exploration of sexuality and mourning in young widows

Delaney Rae Waters
Exploring Supportive Supervision in Social Work: A Qualitative Study

Vanessa White
End Veteran Suicide—Utilizing the Veteran's Health Administration to Train Veteran Peer Support Specialists at the Veteran Service Organization Veteran of Foreign Wars: A Call to Action

Monica L. Woodard*
Strengthening Support for Students with Disabilities: Revisiting Section 504 Compliance

CANDIDATES FOR MASTER OF SOCIAL WORK

Shellessa Donae Louise Boykin*
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Abigail Cardello
Armoni Franche Sheri Chaney*

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Yvonne Vazquez
Lisa White
Benjamin Williams Lacy
Joi Maria Yarbrough*
Isabella Skye Zigman

**CANDIDATES FOR
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WORK AND MASTER OF
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Jewel N. Cunningham
Jeri Lynn Herbert

**CANDIDATES FOR
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LEADERSHIP**

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Victoria Rooks

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LEADERSHIP**

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