

# *School of Social Work*

## PROGRAM

<i>Welcome</i>	SUSAN DAVIES, PhD, MEd Dean of the School of Social Work
<i>Land Acknowledgement</i>	DELANEY MCLAUGHLIN MSW candidate '26
<i>Doctor of Social Work (DSW) Student Speaker</i>	JUSTIN TYRONE GUY, LCSW-BACS, CCM DSW graduate '25
<i>DSW Student Awards</i>	FRED BUTTELL, PhD, LCSW Director of DSW Program
<i>Master of Social Work (MSW) Student Speaker</i>	GREGORY DUANE WATSON MSW candidate '26
<i>MSW Student Awards</i>	REGINALD PARQUET, PhD, LCSW-BACS (MSW '78, PhD '12) Associate Dean of Student Affairs
<i>Disaster Resilience Leadership Academy (DRLA) Student Speaker</i>	KAITLYN KELLY MOYKA MSW graduate '25, MS-DRL candidate '26
<i>DRLA Student Award</i>	REGARDT FERREIRA, PhD Director of DRLA Program
<i>Faculty Awards</i>	CANDICE BEASLEY, DSW, LCSW-BACS (DSW '17) Interim Associate Dean of Academic Affairs
<i>Graduate Student Network Recognition</i>	VALERIE GORDON-GAROFALO, PhD, LCSW Clinical Associate Professor
<i>Phi Alpha Honor Society Recognition</i>	CANDICE BEASLEY, DSW, LCSW-BACS
<i>Commencement Address</i>	SIDNEY BARTHELEMY (MSW '71) Former Mayor of New Orleans
<i>Hooding Ceremony, DSW</i>	LISA HAWKINS, MBA DSW Program Manager STEPHANIE HOLDEN (SLA '21, SOPA '26) Communications Specialist
<i>Candidates for MSW, MS-DRL, &amp; C-DRL</i>	STEPHANIE MOORE KREAMER, MEd Academic Success Coach CHELSEA DERRICOTT, MSW (MSW '16) Admissions Counselor
<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 8, 2026.  
Formal verification of degrees received must be obtained from the  
Office of the University Registrar.



## CANDIDATES FOR DOCTOR OF SOCIAL WORK

Linda Nicole Bakely  
*Effectiveness of Eye Movement  
Desensitization and Reprocessing- Based  
Interventions Versus Treatment as Usual  
for Reducing Trauma Triggers and  
Substance-Related Craving in Adults with  
PTSD and SUD: A Systematic Review and  
Meta-Analysis*

Natalia Betancur Henao  
*Are Cognitive Behavioral Therapy and  
Exposure Response Prevention Effective  
for Adolescents with Anxiety and Obsessive  
Compulsive Disorder?*

Nandranie Busjit Bhalai  
*School Crisis Response Frameworks  
in the Aftermath of School Shootings:  
A Narrative Literature Review of U.S.  
Models and the Role of School Social  
Workers*

Holly Raquel Carter\*  
*Prevention Through Connection: A  
Community Mental Health Initiative for  
Military Veterans in Northeast Louisiana*

Caitlin Ann Caswell\*  
*“There’s So Much Power Being a Young  
Person”: A Phenomenological Exploration  
of Youth Activism and the Experience of  
Political Invisibility*

Ashley Rose Charwood  
*Power, Equity, and Relational Teaching: A  
Qualitative Study of Social Work Faculty  
and Anti-Oppressive Practices*

Sanara R. Coleman  
*Examining Older Adults’ Perceptions  
of Telehealth Adoption for Behavioral  
Healthcare in Rural Acadiana, Southern  
Louisiana: An Exploratory Study*

Terrill Anthony Coles  
*Architects of Safety: A Scoping Review of  
the Invisible Labor of Black Male School  
Social Workers in Urban K–12 Settings*

Skip Maureen Dettman  
*Policy Analysis of the Illinois Pre-Trial  
Fairness Act*

Juliette Dixon\*  
*Enhancing Digital Confidence and Patient  
Engagement in Older Adults and Care  
Partners: A Trainer-Led MyChart Quality  
Improvement Pilot Study*

Cicely Marie Edwards  
*Reconnecting with the Direct Descendants  
of Africatown: A Qualitative Study of  
Cultural Experiences*

Natalie Ellis  
*Somatic Experiencing in Breast Cancer  
Survivorship: An Integrative Narrative  
Review and Implications for Trauma-  
Informed Oncology Social Work*

Kristala Anjanette Evans  
*Breaking the Cycle: Investigating  
Socioeconomic Factors Affecting the  
Duration of Public Assistance and the  
Transition to Economic Self-Sufficiency  
Among Single Black Mothers*

Catherine D. Galarza\*  
*Community Well-Being and Income in  
African American Mental Health: Testing a  
Moderating Relationship*

Susan Gardner-Bonds  
*The Long-Term Outcomes of Young Adults  
Who Experience Out-of-Home Placement  
During Adolescence: A Scoping Review*

Patti Green-Slaughter  
*Reentry Supports and Recidivism  
Outcomes Among Justice-Involved  
Individuals with Serious Mental Illness*

Justin Tyrone Guy\*  
*Addressing Depression in African  
American Men: A Narrative Literature  
Review of CBT Effectiveness*

Kenya C Hall  
*Meeting the Moment: Social Work  
Educators and Anti-Oppressive Pedagogy  
in a Politically Hostile Climate*

Angelina Harris\*

Tamara Nicole Jackson-Snowden  
*Comparative Effectiveness of EMDR and TF-CBT in Treating Grief and Trauma Following Firearm Homicide: A Dual Case Study*

Kionna Jenise Jones\*  
*The Impact of Perceived Community Well-Being on African American Mental Health: A Polyvagal Perspective*

Sarah Kim\*  
*Youth Who Remain in Care: Exploring Factors Influencing Participation in Extended Foster Care*

Carol Young Kim-Chung  
*Cultural Factors Influencing Mental Health Perceptions Among Older Korean Americans*

Amanda Cherie Lally  
*Navigating Trauma in Schools: An Exploration of Educators' Perspectives and Practices in New Orleans*

Emily Catherine Lawing-Roland\*  
*Adapting Targeted Violence Threat Assessment Models for Integration into Comprehensive Clinical Assessments: A Scoping Review*

Amber Leichtle\*  
*The Barriers and Facilitators to Substance Use Disorder Treatment in Northern New Mexico: A Peer Support Worker's Perspective*

Lauren Leone\*

Ana Luz Mendez Valencia\*  
*The Impact of the Father-Daughter Relationship on Suicidality Among Latina Adolescents: A Systematic Review*

Naaz Mirreghabie\*  
*Leveling the Playing Field: Transgender Inclusion in Athletics*

Cory Morris\*

*An Evaluation Pilot Study of Amplify, a headspace-Inspired Early Intervention Clinic*

Simone Elise Muschett  
*Rebuilding Relational Trust in the ESSA Era: A Conceptual Framework for Stakeholder Engagement in Public Schools*

Davina Hills Myles  
*Bridging the Gap: A Scoping Review of Strategies to Improve Mental Health Service Use in Black Communities*

Sophia Olan  
*Seeking a Just Solution to Immigration: A Qualitative Study Comparing Current Immigration Policy to the Arrival Experiences of Newcomers as Reported by the People that Interact with Them*

Alexandra Lee Pajak

Javalda T. Powell  
*Assessing the Impact of an Africentric Social Work Intervention on Academic Achievement and Student Engagement Among Black Middle School Boys: A Mixed Methods Study*

Grace Jennifer Randall\*  
*Intergenerational Trauma Transmission: Biomedical Mechanisms for a Psychosocial Audience*

Heide Rathbun\*  
*A Scoping Literature Review on FEMA's Individuals and Households Program*

Katherine Rella\*

Tremaine J. Riley  
*Inclusive Postsecondary Education at Historically Black Colleges and Universities: Exploring Institutional Capacity to Support Students with Autism and Intellectual Disabilities: An Exploratory Study*

Christina Rocha\*  
*Culturally Infused Suicide Postvention in Schools: Recommendations for Supporting Racially and Ethnically Diverse Youth*

Damaris Santiago  
*Practicing Cultural Humility When Working with Latino/a/x Clients: Strategies and Challenges for English-Speaking Therapists*

Danielle Scott  
*'Too Young' for Perimenopause: Black Women's Experiences of Early Symptom Dismissal: A Collaborative Autoethnography Across Healthcare Systems*

Juanita Catherine Simms  
*Aging Out of Early Intervention at 70 Years of Age: An Autoethnography*

Thomas Singleton  
*Rural Peer Support Workforce Gaps: Policy Implications for Veteran Mental Health Care*

Rebecca Marr Skinner\*  
*Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder Training for Foster Parents: Is It Happening in the United States?*

Robin Gardner Sontheimer\*  
*Resilience and Socio-Demographic Differences: Long-Term Recovery to Hurricane Katrina*

Alissa Michelle Starkey  
*Teacher Burnout and Job Satisfaction: Examining the Impacts of Emotional Intelligence and Social-Emotional Competency Using a Convergent Mixed Methods Approach*

Chelsea Lynn Taber-Cory\*  
*Secondary Caregiver Attunement in Schools: A Qualitative Study of Adolescents' Experiences*

Darius Lavell Taylor  
*Exploring Psychedelic-Assisted Therapy and Black Combat Veteran Trauma: A Scoping Review of Equity, Barriers, and Clinical Implications*

Tiffany Maria Taylor  
*Endurance and Embodied Recalibration: A Psychosexual Intimate Justice Framework for Black Women*

Adrian R. Thompson\*  
*Mindfulness-Based Interventions for College Athletes' Mental Health: A Narrative Review and Implications for Sport Social Work Practice*

Andrea N. Thompson\*  
*Examining Race-Based Traumatic Stress Through the Lens of Clinical Social Work and Mental Health Practice: A Qualitative Study*

Meghan Elisabeth Vogt\*  
*Prevalence, Screening, and Health Care Awareness of Disordered Eating in Perimenopausal Endurance Athletes*

Tyler White  
*Perceptions of Hospice and Palliative Care: Implications for Access and Equity in Gerontological Social Work*

Kenyatta Sheletha Williams  
*Attachment-Based Therapies Effectiveness in Increasing Attachment Among Child Welfare Adoptees and Their Families*

Isaac Lamont Wright  
*Intersectional Differences in Despair in a U.S. Probability Sample of Sexual Minority Adults*

## CANDIDATES FOR MASTER OF SOCIAL WORK

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