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School of Social Work Evaluation,
Suggestion, and Feedback Form
(Anonymous)

Congrats BASW Fall '24 Graduates!

Fall 2024 Commencement ceremony will be on Thursday, December 19th at 6:30pm in the Event Center. For more information, please click the link below!

[Commencement
Information](#)

Congrats again to our graduates!

We're so proud of you all!



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Here are some announcements/events from the School of Social Work!

Back Area

Students able to reserve for meetings, or available for a study area during School of Social Work office hours if not booked for a meeting. Office hours are 8am-5pm, every week day.



Tips for the New Term

As we head into a new semester, below are some tips related to Canvas/classes:

- Turn on notifications on the Canvas app so you know when something is due
- Use an app or spreadsheet to track any assignments once you have access to all of your syllabi, that way you can see if there are overlapping due dates
- customize and re-organize your classes on your Canvas dashboard using the "three dots" symbol next to each class

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Note from the Field Office

Please confirm that you have add codes and are enrolled in your Spring '25 Field classes before beginning any internship in January.

Field Fair Information

The field fair will be in person on *January 7th* from 9am-2pm. This is mandatory for:

- On Campus BASW juniors (who will be seniors)
- • On Campus 1st year MSW students in the 2-Year Full-Time program
- (those going into final year Fall 2025)
- • On Campus 2nd-Year MSW Students in the 3-Year program
- (those going into final year Fall 2025)
- * Online MSW students going into the final year Fall 2025 are also welcome to attend the in-person field fair event.

Not mandatory for:

Title IV-E and Work Study students

Virtual Field Fair announcement coming soon! This will be mandatory for online/hybrid 1st year MSW students (who will be in their final year) and not mandatory for Title IV-E and Work Study students

Internship Search Orientation is online *Monday, January 6th* at 9am-12pm and MANDATORY.

[Link to Internship Search Orientation](#)

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Field Fair Information

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JANUARY FIELD FAIR

In person Field Fair

Tuesday January 7th 2025 | 9:00AM - 2:00PM

Agency Check-in: 9:00AM | Student Check-in: 10:00AM

Location: Student Union Ballroom

One Washington St, San Jose, CA 95192

Mandatory for:

On Campus BASW juniors (who will be seniors) On Campus 1st year Full Time MSW students (who will be in their final year) On Campus 2nd-Year MSW Students who are in the 3 Year Program (who will be in their final year in 2025-2026) Not mandatory for Title IV-E

Virtual Field Fair

Agency & Student Start Time: 9:00AM

30 minute information sessions (Please stay tuned for follow up email with zoom links for agency reps)

Location: Agency meeting links & Schedule to be shared via email

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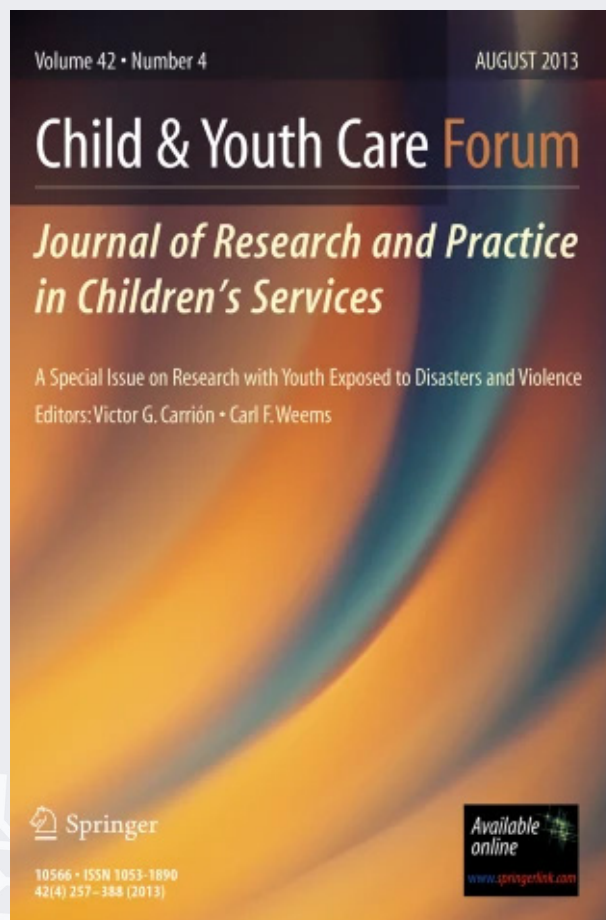
Online/ hybrid 1st year MSW students (who will be in their final year). Those who attend the In Person Field Fair are welcome to join. Not mandatory for Title IV-E

Attendance at both Field Fairs is required for those entering their final year of the MSW program or BASW seniors.

For more info, contact: socialworkfieldeducation@sjsu.edu

Dr. Jennifer Price Wolf

Dr. Wolf has recently published an article with other colleagues titled "Characteristics of Parents Who Spent Time Away from Home During Stay-At-Home Orders and Relation to Parenting Behaviors in Ohio". If you are interested in learning more about this, please follow the link below.



Dr. Wolf's Research Article

Congrats Dr. Wolf on this grand accomplishment!

College to Career Bootcamp

The College to Career Bootcamp will be held virtually on January 9th, 2025. It will be from 12pm-2pm (PST). It is required to *pre-register* in order to obtain the Zoom link.

Who's Invited: Fall '24 graduates, Spring '24 graduates, and rising seniors

[Register Here](#)

If you have any questions, please feel free to email careerhelp@sjsu.edu

Newsletter & Social Media Submissions

Are you interested in being featured in the next newsletter or social media posting? Please fill out the interest form below. We would love to showcase individuals within our community!

[Interest Form](#)

Message from the Director

Dear Social Work Students, Staff, and Faculty,

We continue to experience significant challenges and stress: ongoing political and social division, uncertain life situations, war, violence, economic shortages, and a bleak environmental future. Where is our hope?

Our purpose and passion to be social workers, especially during these extraordinarily trying times, are my sources for inspiration. We must recognize that our profession has contributed to social and systemic problems and injustice, and we must also realize that we can be strong, positive forces to create necessary changes. Difficult times are still when we need social work even more! Thank you for who you are and what you do to make lives, communities, and society better.

As we approach 2025, our university is one of the few CSU campuses that has strong enrollment, although we continue to face budget and resource limits that affect student success. We still have much to be thankful for. I have great appreciation for you all. Our faculty do an outstanding job of teaching, advising, and mentoring. Their solid work and commitment keep classes going and students on-track to graduate. Remember that the faculty and staff have their own challenges too. We often do not recognize how much they do to run the School! I am thankful that our School of Social Work administration is running strong. Our staff and student assistants, largely unseen and unrecognized, remain our backbone.

Our School of Social Work in the College of Health and Human Sciences is the new host for major local and statewide student training programs and grants, including those in Adult Protective Services, Public Behavioral Health, and Integrated Behavioral Health.

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This is a significant undertaking that will address workforce development and the need for professional social workers. These projects are in addition to the opportunities through the IV-E Child Welfare program, and our partnerships with Santa Clara County's Office of Education and the Department of Behavioral Health. We have also seen a resurgence in our BASW program through the largest junior class of social work majors in several years. We are anticipating future opportunities to train interested BASW students to become Certified Wellness Coaches. This fall, we added an additional cohort of Online/Hybrid MSW students, and started a new 3-year evening-only MSW Program option. Our programs are doing relatively well in the larger context. Our School remains the largest by enrollment in the Bay Area and one of the largest social work graduate programs in California.

As part of our new cycle of accreditation, we are continuing to refresh our curriculum. This includes the development of a new diversity course that will be added to the MSW program with potential future plans to include the BASW program. The School and faculty remain committed and involved on the journey promoting anti-racism, diversity, equity, and inclusion. Although the walk might be slow at times, we are being intentional in strategy. I am looking forward to implementing ideas and initiatives that will strengthen our School's ability to fulfill our mission and vision.

I am particularly thankful for our student leaders and student body as they contribute to the profession and bring ideas and accountability to our social justice emphases. There are high levels of stress and responsibility, and students remain engaged in education and learning while working and caring for families and loved ones. I am grateful for everyone's efforts to promote the success of our students and School.

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Achievements and awards are important. Also consider that marks of success are the lasting and quality impact we have on others and those we serve. Our terrible struggles, horrible days, and profound losses seem insurmountable. Each day is a new day; each moment is an opportunity to change or make a difference. Remember your goals, embody your purpose, and embrace those around you for encouragement and to encourage.

Social work is a professional identity, and it can guide us in our life attitudes and values. Stand-up, stand-proud, stand together. Stand-up for those in need. Stand proud for who you are as a social worker and as a person of worth able to use your talents, knowledge, and power to improve well-being. Stand together: no one succeeds alone in anything we do or in who we are.

It is a privilege for me to be in a position where I can exercise servant leadership. I am so glad to be here with you. Take the time to cherish what you have and to strive for what can be. Here's wishing you all good health and a joyful holiday season. Have a successful conclusion to the year, and see you in 2025.



Have a restful break everyone!