Faculty Research/Interest Areas

Fall 2020

1. Tenured and Tenure-Track Faculty
   • Dr. Dianne Ciro: Trauma, Latino mental health, and health disparities
   • Dr. David Engstrom: International Social Work, Cross-border and immigration issues, survivors of torture
   • Dr. Mario Garrett: Aging and the brain, racial/ethnic issues in aging
   • Dr. Loring Jones: Child Welfare, child and family policy, international social work
   • Dr. Eunjee Kho: Aging, racial and ethnic disparities in accessing and utilizing health services
   • Dr. Yawen Li: Aging, health disparity, social environment, health outcome, and health behavior
   • Dr. Jong Won Min: Health disparities, social determinants of health, minority aging,
   • Dr. Frances Nedjat-Haiem: Health disparities, palliative/end of life care, immigrant issues and vulnerable populations, Latinos and Veterans, interdisciplinary health/behavioral health care interventions
   • Dr. Tom Packard: Organizational change, leadership, and organization effectiveness
   • Dr. Eileen Pipitan: HIV prevention interventions; alcohol and drug use; health equity; psychological and socio-structural factors underlying health behavior and disease; marginalized and disadvantaged communities; advanced quantitative methods
   • Dr. Lucinda Rasmussen, LCSW: Child sexual abuse, risk assessment, trauma effects on youth
   • Dr. Lianne Urdang: Human trafficking, homelessness, historical community trauma, substance use, health disparities, women and HIV, community-based intervention research
   • Dr. Lauren Willner: Social Justice and Human Service Nonprofit Organizations, Community-Based Participatory Research, Institutional Racism and Oppression, Social Justice Pedagogy, Qualitative Research Methods
   • Dr. María Luisa Zúñiga: Substance use, mental health, HIV and care engagement among Latino and other underserved populations

2. Faculty Emeritus
   • Dr. Dan Finnegan: Information system design for social agencies/social problems
   • Dr. Anita Harbert: Aging, Child Welfare, Social Welfare Policy, Social Agency Collaborations
   • Dr. Melinda Hohman: Motivational Interviewing; substance use, intimate partner violence, trauma
   • Dr. Sally Mathiesen: Mental health, co-occurring disorders, evidence-based practice
   • Dr. Susan Woodruff: Tobacco and drug use research in the military/veterans setting

3. Lecturer Practice/Research Areas
   • Silvia Barragan, LCSW: Child Welfare, cultural competence, mental health
   • Richard Bradway, LCSW: Co-occurring substance use and mental health disorders, Motivational Interviewing, Process improvement and social entrepreneurship
   • Paul Brazzel, PPSC, LCSW: School Social Work, Restorative Practices, Trauma Informed Practices, LGBTQIA
   • Jennifer Cosio, MSW, PPSC: Community org., youth in foster care, access to higher education, grantwriting
   • Rosalind Corbett, MS: Motivational Interviewing, Diversion and Inclusion, Co-occurring Disorders
   • Sarah Dooling, LCSW, PPSC: Practices and treatment innovations for anxiety, trauma, compassion fatigue, and mood disorders
   • Dr. Dahlia Fuentes: Health/mental health services, community engagement, aging, cross cultural, diversity
   • Sarah Glass, MSW: child welfare practice / policy and continuous quality improvement in child welfare
   • Steve Hornberger: Child welfare, administration, policy, Behavioral Health, ACEs, Aging and Older Adults, and Cross System Innovation
Norman Jackson, MS: aging, health disparities, substance use disorders, criminal justice sanctions, workforce capacity building, racial inequality, incarceration and rehabilitative programs, African diaspora, human resilience and adaptability

Cheryl James, LCSW: Mental health, depression, anxiety, children/teens, trauma

Dr. Annie Keeney: social and political factors that affect child, family, and community health and safety outcomes in rural, high agriculture production areas; program assessment

Amanda Lee, LCSW: older adults, mental health, LGBTQ, and Asian Pacific Islanders

Carolyn Levenberg: Child, Family, and Elder Law

Carlos McCray: Community organizing, foster youth, positive psychology

Iyas Masannat: Pharmacology


Katherine Morrill, LCSW:

Dr. France Nguyen-Grozavu: HIV/AIDS, international health, health disparities, health policy, smoking-related disparities as well as cancer-related disparities

Kathleen Phelps, LCSW: complex trauma issues, trauma related to health issues including chronic illness and pain, eating disorders; PTSD

Carmen Robles, MSW, LCSW: Child welfare, social work field education

Barbara Ryan, LCSW: Social work direct practice, psychopathology, vulnerable child courses, human behavior and social environment

Marci Siegel, LCSW: Mental health, law and ethics, supervision, risk management, LGBT issues

Tamara Strohauer, MSW: Trauma, addiction, historical trauma, California Indian History, work with indigenous social worker

Dr. Marilyn Thoman: Biology of Aging

Saman Yaghmaee: Aging, macro social work