



SAN DIEGO STATE
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School of Social Work

San Diego State University School of Social Work

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. Eunjeong Ko: 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 Urada: 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, grant writing
- 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
- Amalia Hernandez: Child welfare, child welfare education, School Social Work, Restorative Practices.
- **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 Strohauser, 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