

Impact eNews from the UW School of Social Work



Message from the Dean

As we come to the close of another extraordinary school year, I marvel at the many ways our students, staff and faculty commit to creating a more just, inclusive and caring society. The stories and articles in this Spring 2022 Impact e-newsletter are celebratory. They showcase some of our students' and faculty's many recent accomplishments and accolades. Warmest congratulations to these School of Social Work luminaries—and to all our soon-to-be graduates of 2022!

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Eddie Uehara
Professor and Ballmer Endowed Dean in Social Work



School ranked #2 in nation

Out of 298 social work programs, the School ranks second in the nation — its highest rating ever — according to the newly released [2023 Best Graduate Schools](#) report by *U.S. News & World Report*.



First WDI cohort set to graduate

Washington's Behavioral Health Workforce Development Initiative was created in 2021 to expand the diversity and number of social work and mental health practitioners. [See what's new](#) in the past year.



Rosalie Fish named Truman Scholar

Social work student, athlete and activist [Rosalie Fish](#) was named a Truman Scholar, one of only 58 students in the nation selected for this prestigious honor.



Four social work students named part of Husky 100

Three MSW students and one undergraduate student attending UW Tacoma are [part of the Husky 100](#) cohort for 2022, chosen for their leadership, passion, creativity and commitment to change. All four will graduate in June.

School Highlights

[Grant creates center for caregivers recovering from opioid use.](#) With a \$1.5 million grant, the School's Social Development Research Group will open the Northwest Center for Family Support, a first-of-its kind technical assistance and training center to deliver culturally responsive and evidence-based interventions supporting caregivers with opioid addiction.

[First-of-a-kind study evaluates interventions for children at risk for abdominal pain.](#) Chronic pain often clusters in families, says Associate Dean for Research Rona Levy, who is co-principal investigator on a \$3.8 million grant to study whether modifying parental behaviors, such as anxiety and stress, can reduce abdominal pain in young children.

[Researchers among top 2% in their field.](#) Nine School researchers are among the top 2% of the world's most influential scientists in their field, according to a Stanford University-Elsevier study which documents how often a researcher's work is cited in another scientific publication.

[Takeuchi receives Inclusive Voices award.](#) Associate Dean for Faculty Excellence David Takeuchi, along with co-principal investigator and Harvard professor Margarita Alegria, received the Inclusive Voices award from the American Association for Public Opinion Research for their groundbreaking work on the National Latino and Asian American Study.

[Magnuson Scholar announced.](#) PhD candidate Jessica Lapham was awarded a distinguished Magnuson Scholarship for 2022-23. Lapham focuses her research on how social structures and policy contexts can protect or degrade health, particularly for economically disadvantaged groups.

FACULTY UPDATES

Two faculty receive Roffman Fellowships for Antiracism

Assistant Teaching Professor Khalfani Mwamba and Lecturer Jenn Ozawa are recipients of the [2022 Roffman Term Faculty Fellowships for Antiracism](#). The awards allow these scholars to carry out professional activities that will strengthen their knowledge of racism and social justice.



COMMUNITY NEWS & EVENTS

Graduation is back and in person!

After two years, the School's 2022 graduation celebration will be held in person on Thursday, June 9, at 7 p.m. The format includes welcoming remarks, awards recognition, student performances, conferring of degrees and a keynote speech, presented this year by King County Councilmember and social justice advocate Girmay Zahilay. [Learn more.](#)



Three distinguished alumni recognized

Three School graduates, each at a different point in their impressive careers, are the recipients of the 2022 alumni awards, recognized for their innovation, leadership, impact and commitment to social justice. [Meet them.](#)



IN THE NEWS

[Smokers who switch to e-cigarettes may adopt other healthy routines](#), *UW News*, May 12, 2022 (Research scientists Rick Kosterman and Marina Epstein, Social Development Research Group)

[HEAL Prevention Cooperative Scientist Spotlight: Dr. Margaret Kuklinski](#), *NIH HEAL Initiative*, May 2022

[Researchers find patterns of handgun carrying among youth in rural areas, building foundation for injury prevention](#), *UW News*, April 4, 2022 (Social Development Research Group)

[Improving data collection and abstraction to assess health equity in trauma care](#), *Journal of Medical Systems*, March 9, 2022 (Associate Professor Megan Moore)

[COVID-19 has taken many children's parents. Their relative caregivers face host of hurdles](#), *USA Today*, January 11, 2022 (Associate Professor Angeliq Day)

[A deep divide in beliefs keeps the U.S. child care system fractured](#), *Investigate West*, December 12, 2021 (Professor Jennifer Romich)

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