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 student’s 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!

Eddie Uehara
Professor and Balmer 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 2022 Best Graduate Schools report by U.S. News & World Report.

First WB 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 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 MWS 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.
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.
Children often suffer in clusters in families, says Associate Dean for Research Nora 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.
The School researchers are among the top 2% of the women most influential in their field, according to a Stanford University-Ellsberg study which documents how often a researcher’s work is cited in another scientific publication.

Takemoto receives Inclusive Voices award.
Associate Dean for Faculty Excellence Brand Takemoto, 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 Ruffin Fellowships for Antiracism
Assistant Teaching Professor Khafani Muamba and Lecturer Jenn Ozwala are recipients of the 2022 Ruffin Team Faculty Fellowships for Antiracism. The awards allow those teachers 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 Larry Gossett. 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
May 17, 2022 Prevention Science, Health Psychology, and AIDS Prevention Research Group

Researchers find patterns of Rett syndrome among youth in rural areas, build trust for future prevention
GW News, April 4, 2022 (Social Development Research Group)

COVID-19 has taken many children’s parents. Their relative caregivers face host of challenges, USA Today, January 11, 2021 (Associate Professor Angelique Day)

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