



DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL WORK

FIELD NEWSLETTER

FALL 2020

Welcome to the 2020-2021 academic year! The ISU Department of Social Work, Field Department, is sending you this Field Newsletter to keep you informed about ‘everything Field’. Please contact the Field Director [JoEllen Henson](#) if you or your agency has an update that you would like to have included in a future newsletter. Thank you for your continued support of our students and your ongoing dedication to our program!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please mark your calendars:

- **August 11, 2020** Field Instructor Orientation/Training (9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.) presented by JoEllen Henson at the ISU College of Health and Human Services, Room #C007
- **August 21, 2020** ISU and HCI Collaborative Conference “Palliative Care” presented virtually by Dr. Robin Bonifas
- **November 6, 2020** ISU and HCI Collaborative Conference “Gender-Affirming Clinical Treatment Strategies for Adult Transgender and Gender Non-Binary Clients and Their Partners” presented virtually by Diane Gottlieb, MS, LMFT
- **November 6, 2020** Field Meeting (12:00-1:00 p.m.) presented virtually by JoEllen Henson
- Please refer to the attached “Fall 2020 ISU Department of Social Work Field Calendar” for other important Field-related dates

NEW FACULTY—Julie Campbell-Miller, MSW, LCSW

Pronouns: She, Her, Hers

Welcome Julie Campbell-Miller, a new faculty member this year teaching in both the BSW and MSW programs with the ISU Department of Social Work!! Mrs. Campbell-Miller is also an alumnus of ISU, having achieved her BSW and MSW through the Social Work program. She will be teaching SOWK 352 and 401 in the BSW program and SOWK 503 and 610 in the MSW program during the Fall 2020 semester. Mrs. Campbell-Miller is excited to further the education of students and provide opportunities to students for continuous exploration. She emphasized

that she is truly excited to begin her career with the Department of Social Work at ISU, as it has been one of her goals since graduation. She has always wanted to teach and she's eager to continue the growth of the department with colleagues. She has a background in community mental health of four years, working as an LCSW as an individual and family therapist at Cummins Behavioral Health Systems. For two of those years, Mrs. Campbell-Miller mainly worked as an intake specialist. The populations she predominately served included children and adolescents. Her passions for social work surround LGBTQ+, trauma and human trafficking, as well as the value of social justice. Mrs. Campbell-Miller looks forward to teaching students, as well as learning their passions and interests. She hopes students find her classes engaging, as her teaching philosophy surrounds getting to know her students and ensuring they are comfortable with seeking guidance. Congratulations, Mrs. Campbell-Miller on achieving your goals and becoming an asset to the Department!

Interview by Kendra Solana, Field G.A., Summer 2020

SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

Congratulations to our Spring 2020 Scholarship Recipients!

Social Work Scholarship--Jennifer Kimpan

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The Social Work Scholarship was awarded to Jennifer Kimpan, a full-time BSW student. In the Fall 2020, Jennifer will be continuing her education through the Indiana State University social work program and pursuing her BSW Senior internship with DCS. The Social Work Scholarship will provide Jennifer with many new learning opportunities. She recommends future applicants and students in the BSW program to keep an open mind and explore the different avenues of social work practice. For Jennifer, social work means helping others and providing opportunities to those who seek to improve their quality of life. She stated, "I want to thank the Department of Social Work and professors for the opportunities provided." She will be fulfilling her two-year contract with DCS after graduation, and then pursuing her MSW.

Congratulations, Jennifer!!

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Lena M. Reading Scholarship – Paige Lett

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In Fall of 2020, Paige Lett will be a senior in the BSW program at Indiana State University. She was the recipient of the Lena M. Reading Scholarship, which will provide her with many opportunities. Paige fulfills an active role here on campus and within the Terre Haute community. During this past year, Paige was the secretary of SSWA and reported having lots of rewarding experiences through the organization and the university. She feels the dedication to service and speaking for populations who can't speak for themselves are notable values of the profession that she strives to uphold. The Lena M. Reading Scholarship will allow for Paige to continue her education. Paige has received strong guidance and support from her professors here

at ISU, and her advice to future applicants of the scholarship/ students in the BSW program is to build relationships with professors, as well as go out of their comfort zone. Paige plans on continuing through ISU for her MSW. She is interested in working within either adoption or domestic violence services. She aspires to bring her experience from Indiana State University and develop a shelter for domestic violence survivors within her hometown. Congratulations, Paige!!

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MSW STUDENT SPOTLIGHT—Jiali Zhou

The Master of Social Work program at Indiana State University is an amazing program that has enhanced my student life. I have been a member of the Master of Social Work Student Association, engaged in different kinds of volunteer work, and attended many interesting simulations. I also had an opportunity to be a research assistant during which I learned several skills and received the Graduate Student Research Fund. Although I am a foreign student, all prior concerns were eliminated due to the supportive instructors and friendly classmates. Professors are responsible and skillful at teaching. Courses are engaging and beneficial. All of the above factors have empowered me and helped me to build my self-confidence. I believe the next year will be even more wonderful and I look forward to it!

BSW STUDENT SPOTLIGHT—April Burns

Hello! My name is April Burns and I am eager to start my senior year as a BSW social work student this fall. I feel extremely lucky to have spent the past three years at Indiana State University and am grateful for all I have learned during my time here. I am originally from the St. Louis area but ISU has become my second home where I have built so many positive relationships and gained experience I never thought possible. I spent the second half of my junior year interning with Jana Piantedosi at Harsha Behavioral Center in Terre Haute. The micro therapy/treatment aspect of social work has drawn my interest and I hope to move forward in this area in the years to come. Also, my internship combined my love for psychology with the structure of a hospital setting which was the environment I had been hoping to observe. Although, our school year took an unexpected turn, we all learned how to adapt to unforeseen challenges which is what the field of social work is all about. Even amidst a time of total uncertainty, I grew as a student in unprecedented ways. I relied heavily on the support from my peers as well as my instructors, like Jody Pomfret, and was able to finish the 2019-2020 school year strong. As for my upcoming senior year at ISU, I plan to intern at Hamilton Center's Wraparound Program (in Vigo County) as well as spend time working and making my final Indiana State memories with my friends.

FIELD INSTRUCTOR SPOTLIGHT—Stacy Webber, MSW, LCSW

Stacy Webber is a licensed clinical social worker who practices therapy at the Hamilton Center in Terre Haute. Her main focus is in trauma, where she uses her therapeutic techniques to treat military personnel, first responders, police officers, and any other civilians who suffer from trauma. The topic of trauma is often times very sensitive and difficult to discuss. However, Stacy uses various types of therapy to help clients feel more comfortable when processing their own traumatic events. She feels as though it is important for individuals to be able to process their trauma without re-traumatization; thus overcoming negative thoughts and moving forward to a healthier life. Before focusing on trauma therapy, Stacy obtained her Master's in Social Work in the state of Illinois. She worked in two different state hospitals in Illinois before finding her niche at the Hamilton Center. Since being in Terre Haute, Stacy holds the title of being one of the only therapists in this area that practices EMDR (eye movement desensitization and reprocessing). She has found that this type of therapeutic process helps individuals overcome and process their past experiences. She favors this type of evidence-based practice, as it helps a numerous amount of her clients.

Stacy has been able to provide an abundance of information regarding field, practice, and therapeutic techniques to her very first intern, during the summer semester. Stacy is very knowledgeable when it comes to the field of mental health. She is able to diagnose clients easily and share her knowledge as a teaching opportunity. Stacy is open to helping anyone and everyone; whether it be on a client level or student level, Stacy helps in any way she can. Stacy is always available to answer questions about her practice, as she feels it is necessary to prepare students for entering the “real” social work environment.

Submitted by Desiree Hollingsworth, MSW Student

FIELD AGENCY SPOTLIGHT— Vigo County Superior Court Division Two with the Honorable Judge Lakshmi Reddy

Judge Reddy has presided over Division Two since winning the general election in Vigo County in 2014. Judge Reddy serves on a variety of nonprofit boards including Wabash Valley Community Foundation, Wabash Valley Education Foundation, and the Commission for Race and Gender Fairness.

Superior Court Division Two primarily oversees domestic relations and mental health concerns: marriage dissolutions, parenting time disputes, adoptions, emancipations, mental health commitments, and various other civil matters of the Court.

In Vigo County Superior Court Division Two, the disparities of income, race, sex, education, and healthcare are recognized. As a social work intern in Division Two, you can expect to assist Court staff in understanding the systemic barriers litigants face when entering the criminal justice system. Additionally, social work interns play a vital role in providing insight into litigants' person-in-environment history. Further, social work students will assist by providing individual litigants with community resources such as medical care, counseling, transportation, and housing.

As with any legal-related profession, precise writing skills are necessary. Social work students will be engaged with clients but also with research, report writing, and detail-oriented case notes. Students with effective communication skills and a passion for social justice should reach out to JoEllen Henson for more information.

Submitted by Jill Garland, MSW Student

MSW DCS SCHOLARS PROGRAM

The Department of Child Services (DCS) encourages and supports its staff to improve their education and employment status. DCS staff are able to apply for the IVE Scholarship if accepted into a participating MSW program. Specifically, the DCS office in Vigo County currently has five Scholars enrolled at Indiana State University, Elizabeth Smith, Mister Parker, Heidi Decker, Erin Boyll and William Welch (pictured). Elizabeth, Misty, and Heidi are concluding their work-based practicums this summer. Each student is working on individual projects within DCS.

Elizabeth Smith- I have been with DCS for approximately five years. I took a short leave from the agency due to moving overseas where I practiced as a social worker in Children's Social Care. The opportunity to enhance my development as a social worker in the child welfare field has always been a goal of mine, and I am grateful for the MSW Scholar's Program to allow me to do this. During the summer internship, I concentrated on reviewing repeat maltreatment within Region 8 due to the region having one of the lowest absence of repeat maltreatment numbers in the state. A large portion of my time was spent reviewing and analyzing data in relation to victims of repeat maltreatment from 2019-2020, and I identified areas for growth in regards to standardization of processes as well as monitoring additional practice indicators including application of evidence-based tools utilized by the agency. As a result of my research, DCS will be conducting a Rapid Improvement Event where the team will work on developing long-term solutions to address repeat maltreatment numbers in Region 8.

Misty Parker- I have been with DCS for almost ten years. I have always been interested in working with families to improve outcomes. I am very grateful that the MSW Scholarship Program has provided the opportunity to continue my education and further develop my social work skills. During my summer internship I have worked with the Focused Needs Director at DCS on a Human Trafficking Project. My project entailed researching best practice, tools policy, and research from a variety of national resources. I also have attended many virtual meetings and trainings to increase my knowledge in the area. As a result a new training has been created to provide to field staff. New tools, a desk guide, and resources lists have also been created for field use. We anticipate this work will increase the knowledge staff has about human trafficking as well as make them more proficient in their case management.

Heidi Decker- I have been working for DCS for almost 20 years. Being able to enter graduate school has been very exciting, I have learned so much thus far in the MSW Program. During the summer internship my concentration has been developing a secondary traumatic stress and

compassion fatigue training that assists child welfare workers in completing their own self-assessments and developing their own self-care plans. Along with self-care education, I have also focused on youth that are placed in Residential Treatment Facilities. With this, I have formalized strategies at the local office to facilitate staffing youth in residential treatment, track data within the local county regarding residentially placed youth, and identifying evidenced based practices for youth placed residentially and their families to support reunification.



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Tuesday, August 18	Fall Semester Begins: Students may begin placements after in-class orientation
Friday, August 21	HCI and ISU Virtual Conference on Palliative Care (Dr. Robin Bonifas)
Monday, September 7	Labor Day: University Closed
Tuesday, September 8	August Timesheets Due
September 21-22	NASW Indiana Chapter Annual Conference (virtual)
Friday, October 9	Fall Break (No Day or Evening Classes)
Tuesday, October 13	September Timesheets Due; Midterm Evaluations Due
Saturday, October 24	Homecoming: Indiana State University vs. TBD

Friday, November 6	HCI and ISU Virtual Conference 12:00-1:00 Virtual Field Instructors Meeting
Tuesday, November 10	October Timesheets Due
Friday, November 20	Last possible day of Field Placement
November 23-27	Thanksgiving Break
Monday, November 30	November Timesheets, Completed Learning Plans, Final Evals
November 30-December 4	Study Week
December 7-11	Final Examinations
December 12	Commencement

Please feel free to view the [ISU Calendar](#) as well as the [Department of Social Work Events](#) for additional campus events and information.

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