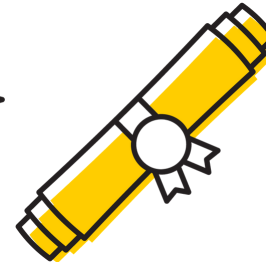
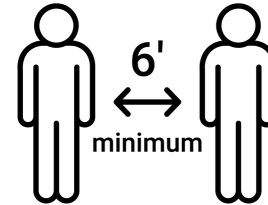




CLASS OF 2021



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School of Social Work

*Virtual
Graduation
Ceremony*

2021 Online MSW Graduates

Emma E. Andeway

Lauren Baeth *

Travan Bell

Breanne Benson

Hannah Bond §

Elizabeth Victoria Brown

Sara D. Butler Shoop *

Melissa Leann Ginther*

Justin Hamilton *

Lucy Hoffman *

Joel Ivarson

Stephanie Ashley Lecci *

Samantha Magpie

Addie Martinez

Monica McWilliams *

Morgan Sue Newman

Ashley G. Parker

Tiffany Schliemann *

Abby Schueller

Allen Taylor

Courtney Vestal

Erin Wolter

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§ School Social Work Endorsement



Summer 2021 PhD in Social Work

Elizabeth Byram, MSW

Dissertation title:

Quality of Life of Older Adults with Intellectual Disabilities:
The Role of Social Networks and Social Support

Committee:

Mercedes Bern-Klug (chair), Miriam Landsman, May Guo,
Megan Gilster, Sato Ashida



2021 Des Moines MSW Graduates

Brandon Akes	Gryphan Lott
Anna Anker	Mohsina Mandil *+
Lauren Baker	Alyssa McDermott
Mackenzie Brees	Rebecca McDowell
Jessica Brown	Annie Nelson
Lily Buschette	Kara Niles
Hanna Callahan	Elizabeth Patten
Madison Cohen §	Kristen Peerbaccus
Kira Conard +	Nina Pressman
Brittany Hanus	Alexandr Regenold
Sydney Rose Holland	Angela Rothfus
Carolyn Hollister	Sabrina Sartori Rocha Chouinard *+
Ashlley Houge	Kylie Spies +
Cindy Huerta +	Mason Stumberg
Emma Johanson	Carlyn Waetke
Emily Johnson	Brian Walker-Moreno
Erin Jones	Devin Waterhouse
E'Shayla Kelson	Annie Weinberg
Hannah Miller Klausner	
Paige Klinkenborg	
Nicole Lepley	

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2021 Des Moines BA Graduates

Keelee Barton (T)	Erica Kiley
Steffany Bergmann (T)	Gabby Melendez Chavez (T)
Kairee Bishop	Cristina Olson
Margaret Boelman	Kimberly Reyes (T)
Maya Bromolson	Rudra Sharma
Shelby Brown	Tom Wills*

(T) Certificate in Resilience and Trauma-Informed Perspectives
* Phi Alpha Honor Society



Welcome:
Sara Sanders, PhD

Dean
College of Liberal Arts and Sciences

Professor and former Director
School of Social Work

**Presentation of
Director's Awards**
Mercedes Bern-Klug, PhD
Professor and Director
School of Social Work

Recognition of BA Students
Carolyn Hartley, PhD
Associate Professor and BA Program Director

Recognition of MSW Students
Stephen D. Cummings, MSW, LISW
Clinical Associate Professor
MSW Program Director
Distance Education Administrator

Recognition of PhD Graduate Elizabeth Byram
Megan Gilster, PhD
Associate Professor and PhD Program Director

Video message

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Special Distinctions & Awards

Director's Award- Honorary award for graduating students who demonstrate outstanding scholastic achievement, creativity, leadership and service. The director selects recipients from those nominated by faculty. Thanks to the bequest of our former Director Frank Glick and his wife, Mary Belle Glick, the School is able to offer a monetary scholarship in conjunction with the award.

Iowa City BA: **Ruth Kahssai**

Iowa City MSW: **Megan Wood**

Des Moines BA: **Margaret Boelman**

Tom Wills

Des Moines MSW: **Sabrina Sartori Rocha Chouinard**

Kylie Spies

Online MSW: **Melissa Leann Ginther**

Phi Alpha Delta Nu Honor Society: Honorary society of social work students who have earned a grade point average of 4.0 or above for graduate students and 3.44 for BA students. Students who have earned this honor and requested membership are noted in the program.

Undergraduate Honors in Social Work: Undergraduate students who have met the minimum GPA requirement and have completed an honors project. This year's undergraduate Honors students are **Paisley Meegan** and **Sarah Smith**.

Former Faculty Scholarship Award: This award may be given annually to two social work students. Scholarships are funded by donations to the School in memory of deceased faculty or in honor of retiring faculty recognizing their contributions to the School during their tenure. Criteria includes creative activities that advance the profession of Social Work or a demonstrated interest in international issues. Recipients graduating this year are **Emma Johanson** and **Caroline Wagner**.

2021 Iowa City BA Graduates

Talia Rivka Aloush (T)

Matt Bauman

Maddilyn Boche

Paige Borders

Gabriel Bullock ©

Christie Cellman

Mariana Jaramillo Chavez

Mya Elise Christopher

Evelyn Curran

Kristyn Eaves (UH)

Evelyn Espinoza-Leyva (T)

Jordan Tayler Fraley * (T)

Olivia Gaul

Nigel Gawa

Max Goldberg

Jess Graham © (T)

Taylor Grider (T)

Enisa Imsirovic

Jade Irish

Melissa Ivy

Katie James

Meghan Jones

Amiya Jones

Ruth Kahssai

Malaika Kigen

Emma Jean Kolpek (T)

Kaitlyn Rose Kuker

Maeve Levy (T)

Lucy Lilienthal

Zoe Lynch

Jordan Marshall ©

Dayanna Stephanie Martinez-Soto

Chloe Elizabeth Masten

Cierra McArtor

Paisley Meegan (UH)(DH)

Jordyn Nicole Mudge (T)

Danielle Oberman (UH)

Carlyn O'Hearn

Natalie Paulson (T)

Livy Pollitt ©

Jessica Putnam * © (A)

Jiselle E. Ramos ©

Madison Mae Roe

Lanie Smith

Sarah Smith (T) (DH)

Toni Stark

Ann Elizabeth Stubing

Autumn Tallman

Felicity Watson

Jacob Wenck

(T) Certificate in Resilience and Trauma-Informed Perspectives

© Certificate in Critical Cultural Competence

(UH) University Honors

*Phi Alpha Honor Society

(DH) Departmental Honors

(A) Certificate in Aging & Longevity Studies

Special Distinctions & Awards

Mildred J. Snider Scholarship Fund

The Mildred J. Snider Scholarship Fund was created in memory of a former faculty member who was active in advocacy and policy change. It makes possible an award to be given annually for a social work graduate student who demonstrates a strong potential for advancement of social policies related to community development and social service integration. The recipient will engage in policy studies that involve the systematic analysis of the mix of government and non-government policy and program development in social welfare at federal, state, and local levels.

Graduating this year is recipient **Kylie Spies**.

The **Graduate Diversity Scholarship** is an initiative through the University of Iowa Graduate College to aid in building and sustaining an inclusive graduate community at the University of Iowa, which is essential to enhancing the quality of the intellectual environment for all of our students and faculty. Students who are underrepresented in their field of study apply and are reviewed for previous academic success and potential contributions. Selected recipients receive tuition scholarships for up to two semesters. Students who have earned this honor are noted in the program.

2021 Iowa City MSW Graduates

Amber Alaniz +
Nia Britt
Jordan Conrad
Jennifer Cormaney
Kelsey Craig
Elizabeth Cropper
Kayla Dick
Mackenzie Fields
Annie Gudenkauf
Abigail Logan *
Tatiana Claire Lowell-Campbell
Skylar Miller-Baker
Megan O'Donnell

Bronis Perteit
Julie Sands
Ryan Schwartz
Rachel Slezak
Morgan Stangl
Karla Maria Steffens
Samantha Szlembarski
Caroline Wagner
Amy Jan Walter §
Megan Wood
Antonio Woodard

+ Graduate College Diversity Scholarship
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The School of Social Work is honored by several alumni and friends who have made donations to the School to assist students financially and give faculty an opportunity to acknowledge these students' accomplishments.

Janice Baumbach Scholarship Award: Janice Baumbach earned her MSW degree in 1971 from the School of Social Work and was a social worker for UI Psychiatric Hospital from 1971 until her retirement in 1986. This award is given to a second-year graduate student in the School of Social Work studying family counseling or mental health. Graduating this year is the 2020 recipient **Laura Cain-Schreiner**.

Cathy Houlihan Scholarship: Cathy Houlihan, a 1978 BA Social Work graduate, established this fund to support first-generation college students in the undergraduate social work program. The 2020 recipients who are graduating this year are **Cierra McArtor** and **Kaylee Parris**.

Special Distinctions & Awards

John Craft Excellence in Research Award: This award honors the memory of John Craft, former Professor of Research at the School of Social Work. Professor Craft was the author of a book on social work research methods and statistics that is used internationally, and he was published widely in the area of child welfare and protective services. John's widow, Professor Martha Craft-Rosenberg, maintains the award fund, which also receives donations from alumni. 2020 recipient **Amber Alaniz** graduates this year.

Dianne Orton-Howard & Stephen Grant Orton Scholarship Fund: Stephen Grant Orton graduated from the University of Iowa in 1970 with a BA in Science Education. He had extreme allergies and asthma and died from an allergic reaction in 1973. His sister Dianne established this award in his memory. It is given to a second-year MSW student who shows interest in medical social work. Graduating this year is 2020 recipient **Rachel Slezak**.

Lola Moeller Zook & Leslie G. Moeller Community Service Award: This fund provides annual scholarship support for a graduate student in Social Work who is studying, is active in, or intends to pursue employment in the field of community service. Preference is given to a student actively involved in community service. Graduating this year is recipient **Amber Alaniz**.

Stephen and Lynnette Anfinson Scholarship: Stephen Anfinson established a scholarship fund in memory of his wife, Lynette. This scholarship is to support an undergraduate social work student who exemplifies academic success, aptitude for and commitment to the profession as demonstrated in volunteer or work histories, and Iowa residency. Graduating this year is the 2020 recipient **Malaika Kigen**.

Jean H. Winter and Robin Odem Winter Award: Robin Winter Odem established this scholarship fund in memory of her mother, Jean H. Winter, to support an undergraduate social work student who is a resident of Iowa. The award is made in the student's junior year and received in the fall of their senior year, to recognize academic excellence and aptitude for and commitment to the profession, as demonstrated in the student's volunteer and/or work histories. Graduating this year is recipient **Taylor Grider**.

Megan Sloss Memorial Scholarship: Megan Sloss was a second-year MSW student at the University of Iowa when she died suddenly on September 18th, 2016. Megan is remembered for her kindness to all individuals, her passion for working with children and those affected by mental illness, and for her strong faith. Megan's family was one of the most important things to her, and she was always using anecdotes from her small-town community to provide insight into different social work topics. To honor Megan, a scholarship has been created in her name, to pass on her legacy to aspiring social workers. Graduating this year is the 2020 recipient **Cindy Huerta**.

Christine Coombs Zoulias Fellowship for Social Work Undergraduate Students in Field Placement: Christine Coombs Zoulias, a 1974 BA graduate of the School of Social Work, established the fellowship to support undergraduate social work students in their field placements. Graduating this year are recipients **Kairee Bishop, Mariana Jaramillo Chavez, Jess Graham, Taylor Grider, Melissa Ivy, Ruth Kahssai, Malaika Kigen, Cierra McArtor, and Cristina Olson**.