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SCHOOL OF SOCIAL WORK HOSTS 13TH ANNUAL CONFERENCE

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The 13th annual BYU School of Social Work Conference explored the topic of substance abuse treatment. Professionals, students, and community members alike attended the conference to learn more about issues and trends relevant to substance abuse treatment and to improve their understanding of evidence-based substance abuse treatment. The daylong conference was sponsored by the Marjorie Pay Hinckley Endowed Chair on November 2, 2018 and provided 479 attendees 7 free continuing education credits.

BYU School of Social Work student Savannah Anderson stated: "I felt deeply enriched while learning from experienced professionals and leaders working in substance abuse treatment. I enjoyed the diversity of personalities, approaches and topics of discussion provided by the presenters. And I think providing free CEU credits to professionals is a testament to Brigham Young University's generosity and desire to provide education and learning opportunities for the entire community."

Dr. Scott Tonigan, interim director at the University of New Mexico's Center on

Alcoholism, Substance Abuse, and Addictions gave the first presentation titled: *Improving 12-Step Treatment by Understanding AA Better: Current Research Findings About How and Why AA is Beneficial.*

Dr. Tonigan discussed his research regarding the effectiveness of AA in treating substance use disorders. BYU School of Social Work professor Dr. Stacey Shaw commented, “It was a great conference--I learned a lot about AA in particular and appreciated the examples of group work.”



DR. SCOTT TONIGAN

The second speaker, Dr. Mark Keep, Medical Director at Steps Recovery Centers, titled his presentation: *Addiction: How Do We Combat a Disease that Persuades Us We Don't Have it.* Lighthearted at times, yet appropriately serious at others, Dr. Keep authentically shared his personal battles with grief and addiction. He presented risk factors for developing substance use disorders, including grief, and other factors that aid the recovery process. With his extensive medical background, Dr. Keep highlighted the importance of self-care and wellness

practices among professionals working with this population. His presentation was well received by those in attendance.

Beverly Roesch, an LCSW, was the third presenter. Her presentation was titled: *Dynamic Group Work in Substance Abuse Treatment.* Attendees also appreciated the various mindfulness techniques and experiential approaches to groupwork in substance abuse that Ms. Roesch demonstrated. Of her presentation, Jenna Labrum, a social work student at BYU, stated: “The part of the conference that struck me the most was when Beverly Roesch spoke about the importance of not referring to people in recovery as ‘addicts.’ It was something I never really thought about, and I love that it sends the message that I want to see someone with their potential in mind.”



DR. MARK KEEP

Dr. Adam Gordon, M.D. and Dr. Gerald Cochran, PhD, were the final presenters at the conference. Their presentation: *Advancing Evidence-based Care for Opioid Use Disorders: The Role of Non-specialty Settings* was timely and well received by those in attendance, given the current local and national opioid crisis.

The conference concluded with all presenters participating in a panel discussion. Attendees were able to ask questions of the five presenters. The BYU School of Social Work's 13th Annual Conference was a very successful and informative conference, one that many learned from and will be able to incorporate into their own work and schooling.



PARTICIPANTS LISTEN TO VARIOUS LECTURES DURING THE ANNUAL SOCIAL WORK CONFERENCE



FROM THE DIRECTOR

DR. GORDON LIMB

School of Social Work Mission Statement

The mission of the School of Social Work at Brigham Young University is to support the overall mission of BYU and the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints by generating new knowledge and by educating and training students to use the appropriate knowledge, values, and skills of the social work profession to serve children and families within their environment and the context of their specific cultures.

Oh what a year! It has definitely been a time of endings and beginnings. We are sad at the loss of our esteemed colleagues Kevin Marett, Lynn Pehrson, and Genevieve De Hoyos. Each of their contributions to the School of Social Work is beyond measure. But we are also excited for new beginnings. We were able to hire Sherinah Saasa and Steven Hoffman to join our great faculty. Both will help us in building a great core of faculty to continue the wonderful legacy of those who worked before us.

I know many of you, like me, have found the current political environment to be challenging. My family and I were able to spend Summer 2017 in Washington DC, overseeing BYU's Washington Seminar program. While there, we visited the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum. It was a poignant reminder of what happens when we do not view each other as brothers and sisters. Particularly difficult was the "Remember the Children" exhibit. I will never forget seeing the photos and reading the stories of the children who went through this difficult time. It reminded me of a story that I read about Master Sergeant Roddie Edmonds. During World War II, he was captured by Nazi forces and sent to a German POW camp. While there he was the senior noncommissioned officer and responsible for over 1,200 American POWs.

As it became clear that Germany would lose the war, the camp commander ordered Edmonds to have all Jewish-American soldiers report so they could be separated from the other prisoners. Edmonds disobeyed the order and had all 1,200+ POWs report. The furious German commander shoved a pistol against Edmonds' head and demanded that he identify the Jewish soldiers. Edmonds replied "We are all Jews here," and told the commander that if he was going to shoot the Jews that he'd have to shoot all of the prisoners. Roddie Edmonds' actions saved up to 200 Jewish-American soldiers from possible death. I am amazed at stories like this where people of different religious or racial backgrounds come together in love and support. Our profession enables us to work with people from very different backgrounds. I am thankful to be involved in the training of the next generation of social workers and hope I can be a good example of respecting the inherent dignity and worth of all people. For "we are all sons and daughters of God here."

Gordon Limb, PhD
BYU School of Social Work
Director and Graduate Coordinator



FROM THE ALUMNI PRESIDENT

RUTH AGUIRRE



Greetings Alumni!

I want to express my gratitude to you for choosing and continuing to choose to do social work at such a critical time in life. At some point or another, we have been exposed to a diverse world of social issues or concerns, whether that is through our clients or in our personal life. Brené Brown said it best when she stated that “sometimes the bravest and most important thing you can do is just show up. We don’t have to do all of it alone. We were never meant to.” Thank you for showing up and teaching the people around you to show up and embrace the vulnerable situations that will empower them for change within and outside of themselves. Being part of the alumni association also means that we are also connected to each other and our experiences, in the classroom and in the field, as we help and reach out to one another for help, networking and friendship. It is always fun to see alumni at conferences and catch up!

We had another great conference this year that centered on substance abuse treatment issues, trends and approaches that are used as treatments for improving individuals and families with this disorder. We were educated about evidence-based practice with substance abuse, research data on Alcoholics Anonymous as well as opioid misuse and treatment. Make sure to mark your calendars for our next conference during the Fall of 2019. As always, there are free CEUs and this year there was free lunch as well. I would love to see you there!

If you have any questions or concerns, or would like to form part of the social work alumni association at Brigham Young University, please feel free to contact me at ruthaguirrecounseling@gmail.com.

Until next time,

Ruth Aguirre
BYU School of Social Work
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WELCOME TO BYU, DEAN ANDERSON!

The BYU School of Social Work is excited to welcome Dean Anderson as the new alumni president! Dean grew up on a farm in Elsinore, Utah, served a mission in the Philippines, and earned both his BSW and MSW from BYU. Since graduating in 1987, he has worked primarily in mental health services, with Tooele County Health and Human Services, Wasatch Mental Health, and in his private practice, Lighthouse Counseling in Provo. He has been married for 36 years, has five children and eight grandchildren. Dean is blind from a disease called retinitis pigmentosa, which he says adds a layer of uniqueness to his life and career. Dean has been a BYU fan for as long as he can remember--he has had season tickets to the football games for many years! His dream as a youth was to go to BYU and his dream as an adult is to one day teach a few classes at BYU.



Because BYU Blue runs in his veins and BYU has contributed so much to his life, he embraces this position as an opportunity to give back to the university and the Social Work program that he loves so much. Dean is excited to get to know more of his fellow alumni and rub shoulders with the great BYU MSW faculty and staff.

WELCOME TO BYU, DR. STEVE HOFFMAN!

After serving a mission in Chihuahua, Mexico, Dr. Hoffman realized he had a passion for helping others and decided he wanted a career that would allow him to help others professionally. He returned to Brigham Young University-Idaho and initially pursued psychology, but various perceptive professors steered him to social work.

Dr. Hoffman greatly enjoyed his undergraduate studies at BYU-I where he was able to study and learn within a gospel context. His familiarity with, and appreciation for, LDS institutions is what led him to BYU. It is important to Dr. Hoffman to be able to incorporate the spirit into teaching and learning.

In his short time here at BYU he has developed a profound respect for the faculty and students. He feels a great sense of purpose here and appreciates sharing common goals with those around him. Dr. Hoffman feels privileged to teach at BYU and appreciates the opportunity he has to work with bright students who want to succeed.

Dr. Hoffman enjoys regular date night with his wife, Heather, which almost always consists of going to the gym and eating dinner afterwards. He has been married for 14 years and has six children. Dr. Hoffman is a fanatic fútbol (soccer) follower, and enjoys training for competitive races (e.g. marathons, triathlons), hiking, and participating in other active adventures with his family.



WELCOME TO BYU, DR. SHERINA SAASA!

Dr. Saasa has been involved in the social work field her entire life. As a young child in Zambia, she worked alongside her father, a social worker, and the rest of her family in impoverished communities empowering others and promoting social justice. From a young age she knew she wanted to be part of this work she considers to be greater than herself.

Dr. Saasa appreciates BYU's unique learning and teaching environment that focuses on both spiritual and intellectual growth. Dr. Saasa acknowledges Jesus Christ as the greatest social worker who ever lived, and feels that to leave him out of the classroom where these subjects are being taught would be a disservice. She chose to return to BYU as a full-time professor because, as she says, "I always thought that if I was ever to be an effective teacher, it had to be in a place where the spirit was a big part of the learning process." Dr. Saasa greatly enjoys the warm and positive environment, the wonderful staff and faculty members, and the hard-working students.

Her research interests in sub-Saharan Africa look at the intersection of poverty, HIV/AIDS, gender, and education inequality on the socioeconomic and health trajectories

of orphans and vulnerable children. Since immigrating to the United States, Dr. Saasa has focused her research on African immigrants, specifically the determinants of social exclusion among Africans in America, and the role of coping mechanisms in buffering the negative effects of discrimination that immigrant groups of color typically experience.

Dr. Saasa is married with three children. A fun fact about her is that skydiving is on her bucket list...although she is terrified of heights!



WELCOME, RUTH AGUIRRE, AS THE NEW FIELD LIAISON!

Ruth Aguirre became interested in the field liaison position shortly after teaching an Introduction to Social Work class last summer at BYU. With her background in clinical settings, she found working with prospective social work students refreshing. She enjoyed sharing her experiences and knowledge with them as they moved forward in their individual career paths. When the field liaison position opened in the BYU School of Social Work, she felt it was the right career move for her and her family. She is excited to grow professionally and continue working with BYU students.

While she was born and raised in southern California, Ruth's parents came to the United States from Guatemala in search of better opportunities, specifically for their posterity. Their legacy of sacrifice has shaped Ruth into the person she is. Ruth is a first-generation college student, having earned both her bachelor's degree (2009) and master's degree (2011) from BYU. Ruth is fluent in Spanish, loves to dance, and is married with four children.

Ruth is enthusiastic about returning to a university that has already given her so much and that has completely changed her life. She loves BYU and "bleeds blue," as she told the first-year cohort at her first training with them. She is excited to be part of the BYU School of Social Work team!



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FACULTY UPDATES

DR. GORDON LIMB



Dr. Gordon Limb enjoyed taking second year BYU MSW students to Topaz, near Delta, Utah, to look at the WWII Japanese Internment Camp found there, as well as taking students to Utah Capitol Hill to learn more about the legislative process. Earlier this school year, Dr. Limb attended the Council on Social Work Education's conference in Orlando, Florida, where there were many great presentations from nationally known American Indian scholars. Dr. Limb has a daughter who recently returned from serving a mission in Houston, Texas and looks forward to having three children at BYU next fall semester.

CHARLENE CLARK

Charlene Clark has been working at the BYU School of Social Work for 10 years now and loves her job! She and her husband, John, have four children and five grandchildren. All she wanted for this last Christmas was a family photo. It was a difficult feat with young grandkids, but the experience made for a great memory.

Charlene loves to spend time with her family, quilt, do puzzles, and read.



NANCI SHUMPERT

Nanci Shumpert welcomed three new grandbabies into her family last summer, which makes nine grandchildren altogether. All but two of them live close by for convenient spoiling. This summer Nanci will visit her two grandchildren who live in California, as well as celebrate seven years with the BYU School of Social Work.



DR. STACEY SHAW

Dr. Stacey Shaw remains involved in various research projects related to understanding refugee needs, as well as interventions to promote wellbeing. Such interventions include mental health groups, parenting groups, individual mental health intervention in Malaysia, case management and mental health intervention in the United States. Dr. Shaw went to Malaysia during summer 2018 to follow up on previous projects and begin a new one. Her new project involves testing brief mental health interventions within Rohingya and Afghan refugee communities. In early 2018, she attended SSWR in Washington, D.C. and presented at the CSWE conference in Orlando, Florida in November 2018.



WENDY SHEFFIELD

Wendy Sheffield has worked hard on the BYU School of Social Work field education program. Thanks to her direction, the field education program is strong and well-organized. Wendy completed the Justice Research Institute's Certification Program in Traumatic Stress Studies, which reinforced the imperative of providing trauma-informed social work services. She worked in conjunction with Dr. Dave Wood and Dr. Cory Dennis to create the BYU School of Social Work online "Trauma-Informed Social Work Practice" elective and the Trauma-Informed Clinical Social Work Practice Certificate. Wendy loves spending time with her two grandchildren and is looking forward to a trip to Maui later this year.



DR. CORY DENNIS



Dr. Cory Dennis is currently conducting a clinical data mining study with the huge help of student research assistants. They are nearing the data extraction process and plan to analyze the data to address questions relevant to everyday substance abuse treatment. He also continues to provide clinical supervision to four former BYU MSW students at Steps Recovery Centers and maintains a small private practice. Dr. Dennis organized the 2018 Annual Social Work Conference on substance abuse with the help of student assistants and the BYU School of Social Work faculty and staff. His family is enjoying the addition of a family dog (Dr. Dennis, maybe not so much).

DR. DAVE WOOD

Dr. Dave Wood co-authored an *Ensign* magazine article with Greg Hudnall earlier this school year about suicide. He hopes to continue improving mental health service delivery and promoting community-based suicide prevention efforts and programs. Dr. Wood has also worked alongside Hope4Utah by doing research, and by extension, doing community intervention by promoting suicide prevention programs. He attended both CSWE and SSWR conferences this past school year. His major takeaway was the enjoyment of mentoring students with research projects and presenting with them at these conferences. Dr. Wood is still bishop of his family ward and appreciates the blessings and challenges that come with that service opportunity.



LILLY VASQUEZ-BEAL, INAUGURAL SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT OF THE KEVIN & LORI MARETT ENDOWED FUND IN SOCIAL WORK

Chosen by the Social Work faculty, Lilly Vazquez-Beal is the first recipient of the Kevin & Lori Marett Endowed Fund in Social Work. Lilly was asked to give the opening prayer at the Annual Social Work Conference held early in November of 2018. It was then she heard her own name announced not for the opening prayer, but as the recipient of the generous scholarship. Having been nominated by professors, she was taken completely by surprise. Faculty members were asked to nominate students who exemplified the social work values. Lilly was nominated because of her extreme kindness and commitment to the social work field.



Lilly was born in Mexico and raised in Lake Dallas, Texas. She is the first in her family to obtain a bachelor's and master's degree. Lilly's passion for working with individuals with substance abuse issues is apparent at her current internship at the Utah State Prison where she works with male inmates. She foresees herself working with this population in her career. Lilly summarized her gratitude by saying: "I am so thankful to accept the first Kevin & Lori Marett Scholarship. To be chosen to represent the Social Work program at BYU is a true honor for me."

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NEW STUDENT ORIENTATION

The combination of excitement and nervousness was unmistakable as the Class of 2020 gathered together for the first time at New Student Orientation. Held in the picturesque Provo Canyon, the day began with a BYU-catered breakfast and an overview of the program provided by the director of the school, Dr. Gordon Limb, and other faculty members. Students listened intently as their future professors introduced themselves and gave tips for a successful graduate school experience.

Following the morning activities, students participated in get-to-know-you games and other ice-breakers. First year student Stefan Chase recalled: "I was fairly nervous to meet everyone for the first time, but the faculty's warmth and openness quickly dispelled my fears. Between chatting during lunch and the get-to-know-you games, it was easy to learn about my classmates and feel a lot more comfortable on the first day of classes."

Advisors met with their respective students during lunch, who were then were able

to interact and ask questions in a more informal way. Students were also introduced to the National Association of Social Workers (NASW) by Candi Child-Illum, a second year student.

Guest speaker Kris Belcher was the highlight



The newly minted class of 2020 poses with faculty for their first picture as a cohort.

of the orientation. She focused her remarks on resiliency and kindness. Her sincere experiences touched many of the students' hearts, confirming to them again they were exactly where they should be.

The New Student Orientation was both fun and informative. Thank you to all the staff and faculty members who made it possible!

STUDENT COMMENTS REGARDING NEW STUDENT ORIENTATION



"After receiving my acceptance letter, I nervously awaited for the program to begin. My imagination was a bit busy conjuring tons of "what if's" and all the unknowns. But, after meeting 42 of my new best friends at orientation, my worries relaxed a little. Everyone that I had the opportunity to interact with that day was amazing. I couldn't wait to get to know each one of them more. Meeting the kind faculty and having so many of my questions answered was also reassuring." Gwen Skeen

"When I went to orientation I felt like I began to get a taste for the professors, the program, and what being an MSW student at BYU would really be like. I am amazed that it was less than a year ago because of the speed and depth of learning from professors, connection to other students in our cohort, and commitment to the social work profession that has occurred in a relatively short amount of time." Naomi Christiansen

"Student orientation was a great experience for me. The professors did a wonderful job normalizing all of our feelings of nervousness and inadequacy, which I think really helped us feel connected as a cohort. I remember thinking, "Wow, everyone is so nice and genuine." I also enjoyed hearing inspirational stories from the guest speaker and some of the professors. I remember leaving feeling confident that I belonged in the MSW program at BYU. I felt inspired to work hard and overcome any struggles that might arise. Student orientation was a very positive and important start to my experience as a MSW student and I am grateful that I was able to attend." Nicole Greenwood

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MSWSA OPENING SOCIAL

This year's MSW Student Association opening social potluck was a success! The event was well-attended and students and their families were well-fed. As with any good potluck, there was a variety of food and plenty of it. The informal dinner was held in a church gymnasium shortly after the beginning of the semester. There, the activity provided both cohorts with the opportunity to make new friends and establish connections, largely as a result of being assigned mentors. First year Olivia Nash stated, "I enjoyed getting to know fellow students on a personal level outside the classroom." Mallory Funk, also a first year student, added, "It's fun talking with and relating to students who have been in our same shoes."

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Students of both cohorts chatted while eating at the SWSA Opening Social.

SHUMWAY LUNCHEON

The annual Shumway Luncheon, in honor of BYU's School of Social Work founder Dr. Gene Shumway, was held on October 19, 2018. Well-attended by faculty and members of the MSW Student Association, the luncheon provided a venue to discuss various advocacy opportunities and experiences. Ashley Mendoza, winner of this year's Shumway Paper Contest, reflected: "The Shumway Paper Contest gave me a chance to better understand



MEMBERS OF MSW STUDENT ASSOCIATION POSE FOR A PICTURE WITH DR. GENE SHUMWAY

how to apply social justice. I may not have realized I had even done anything that related to social justice if it weren't for the paper helping me to reflect on it!" Ashley confidently spoke to those in attendance about her current internship and the opportunities she found there to promote social justice, specifically among those in the Hispanic community.

Dr. Shumway was a great sport to take pictures with students and to answer their many questions. It was a privilege for all to interact with him in such a personal, friendly manner.

FIRST YEARS HALLOWEEN BASH

The class of 2020 both works hard and plays hard. This was evident during their student-led Halloween party on Wednesday, October 31st. During the lunch break between classes, first year students gathered together to eat, socialize, and display their costumes. Of the party, Eric Hales said: “The idea came when we realized that we’d be in class on Halloween. The party was a blast--the potluck lunch was great and there were some pretty rad costumes.” His thoughts were echoed by Kim Ibarra: “The Halloween party really brought us together. I mean, food always seems to do that. We were able to socialize outside the classroom and show off some of our quirky sides with our costumes.”



Gwen Skeen, dressed as Harry Potter, was the winner of the costume contest. It was a close competition though!

MSWSA ANNUAL TURKEY BOWL

Frozen fingers and frozen toes couldn't keep these turkeys from playing touch football in the annual Turkey Bowl! Hosted by MSW Student Association members less than a week before Thanksgiving, both first and second years enjoyed the chance to celebrate the season. Kristen Grant, a second year student, reported: "It was a really fun game all around!" The rivalry that existed during the game quickly ended as students mingled over muffins and hot chocolate. It was the perfect kickoff to Thanksgiving break!



BROWN BAG LECTURE

Marnie Maxwell, clinic intake director of Division of Child and Family Services (DCFS), presented to students at the semi-annual Brown Bag Lecture in November of 2018. Her comments related directly to current reporting laws in Utah and reporting procedure. According to Jessica Meyers, a second year student, “It was great and we had an awesome turnout.” Marnie focused her presentation around when to report, how to report, what to report, what happens after a report is made, and other ongoing DCFS services. Students appreciated learning from someone who is both knowledgeable and practiced in this field and realized how invaluable the information she shared will be to their future practice as social workers.

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The Center for Service and Learning (Y-Serve) provides BYU students with service opportunities in the local community. They have 56 programs, many aligned with nonprofit agencies, and each one fulfilling a specific community need. Their programs fall under these categories: children/youth, education/mentoring, humanitarian, disabilities/elderly, health/sports, and self-reliance. Their mission is to provide every student with a meaningful service opportunity. If you'd like to have a meaningful service opportunity, you can contact them at (801) 422-8989 or at centerforservice@byu.edu, or find them online at <http://yserve.byu.edu>.

MSW CHRISTMAS PARTY



‘Twas the week before finals, and all through campus...social work students put away their laptops and textbooks to socialize with each other at the annual Christmas party. Members of the MSW Student Association did a fantastic job organizing catering services and decorating the large room in the Wilkinson building, making it feel warm and cheery for the holiday party. Students mingled with classmates and faculty members as they ate a full lasagna dinner and a dessert buffet. Abigail Hardy, a first year student said, “I had been so worried about finals and everything I had to get done before leaving for winter break. The MSWSA Christmas party offered the perfect reprieve from my stress!”

Following dinner there was the annual crowd-favorite ugly sweater contest. Although many participated, it was Hayley Fox and her husband who walked away as winners. The party continued with a White Elephant gift exchange and a rousing crowd rendition of “The 12 Days of Christmas.” Second year student Emma Worlton shared: “It was a great chance to see everyone in a fun and festive environment. It felt like we were all connected.” Her comments were echoed by many others.

CHRISTMAS PARTY PICTURE POSES



VISITING PROFESSOR, FLAVIO MARSIGLIA

The BYU School of Social Work was proud to host Dr. Flavio Marsiglia on February 12-13, 2019. Dr. Marsiglia is a Regents' Professor and the Distinguished Foundation Professor of Cultural Diversity and Health at the Arizona State University (ASU) School of Social Work and Director of the Global Center for Applied Health Research. Of his visit, first year MSW student Allison Barnes Whitney said, "It was really neat to be able to meet and talk with him. I was able to get to know him and his research. It was fun to recognize some of his research projects from Brother Hoffman's research methods class."

Dr. Marsiglia offered one-on-one consultation slots with MSW students while he visited BYU. He also accompanied faculty members and students to various functions, including tours of campus and Temple Square in Salt Lake City, devotional, and meals. A highlight of Dr. Marsiglia's visit to BYU was his lecture

to second year MSW students. Students appreciated the opportunity to learn from him and ask questions about his research and career. First year student Mallory Funk stated, "I loved talking with Dr. Marsiglia! It was rewarding to hear about the international work he has done in the field of social work. He has had many unique experiences as a researcher in different parts of the world. I felt like this experience was really valuable in terms of learning about the different avenues through which social workers can contribute as professionals."



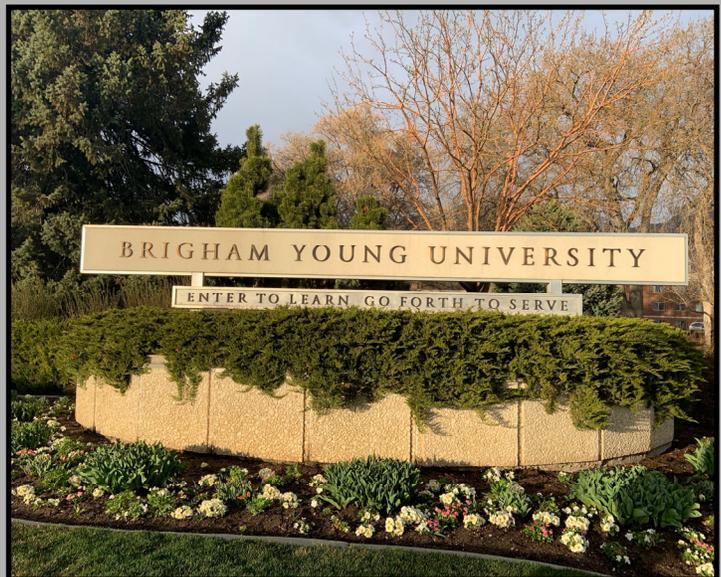
DR. STEVE HOFFMAN & DR. FLAVIO MARSIGLIA

ADVISORY COUNCIL



Back Row: Layne Daybell, Barbara Robinson, Kevin Raff, Gene Gibbons,
Doran Williams, Ruth Aguirre, Ashley Mendoza

Front Row: Gordon Limb, Margaret Nell, Marcie Remington, Holly Brassfield



MSW STUDENTS VISIT CAPITOL HILL



Second year BYU MSW students visited the Utah State Capitol on February 26, 2019.

While there, they observed the Utah House of Representatives in session. There was an electric buzz as pant-suit clad individuals dashed around from room to room and floor to floor. Students shuffled into the large House of Representatives, where the energy drastically changed. Rather than the sounds of loud, talkative people, students then heard only one individual at a time, arguing for or against various House bills. Students were able to watch the law-making process in close proximity.

Representative Ken Ivory, (R, W. Jordan) argued for the bill he sponsored, House Bill 287, which intends to protect minors from sexual abuse from college professors and instructors. It is cleverly named “predatory professors,” although the name may likely change in an effort to gain more support. Of his passionate declarations, Ben Schilaty stated: “I got to speak to Representative Ivory after his time on the floor about why he chose to sponsor a bill. It was informative to be able to talk to someone so close to the law-making process and hear his personal perspective.”

Representative Ivory graciously chatted with the cohort for a few minutes following his time on the floor, explaining some of the groundwork it took to get the bill heard. He connected well with the students and urged them to stay involved in the political process. Representative Ivory thanked them for choosing social work as a career. Noelle Bellows said: “I liked getting to see the legislative process happen in real life, including meeting legislators who are passionate about what they do and have personal reasons for their involvement with specific bills. It helped me realize the legislative process is more accessible than I thought, and I’d like to be more involved.”

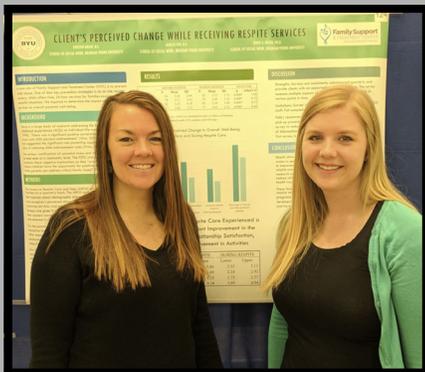
Thank you to Dr. Gordon Limb, Dr. Stacey Shaw, and Richard Nance, as well as all others who helped make Day at the Legislature happen. Thank you for organizing the day’s activities and for the pizza lunch!



DANIELLE CALDER, JESSICA MEYERS, AND BEN SHILATY POSE IN FRONT OF THE CAPITOL BUILDING.

MARY LOU FULTON POSTER CONFERENCE

Kristen Grant and Hayley Fox surprised themselves, but not their mentor, Dr. David Wood, when they placed first at the Mary Lou Fulton Poster Conference. While they had prepared well, this was their first time presenting, and they understandably felt out of their comfort zone. Hayley said, “Dave did a great job of encouraging us and giving us the tools we needed to be successful.” Kristen added, “He was patiently there for us through the whole process; we felt empowered to try something new.”



Hayley and Kristen’s presentation was centered around the Family Support and Treatment Center’s crisis nursery. The project evaluated the effectiveness of the crisis nursery’s ability to help parents feel less stressed. Dr. Wood, commented on their research project. “Kristen and Hayley did their project on a topic that had direct benefit to the agency where they intern. They connected two important elements: data analysis and human services. In this way they engaged in an important aspect of social work, which is practice-informed research and research-informed practice. The field needs these skills!”



BYU Master’s of Social Work student Hannah Denney placed third at the Mary Lou Fulton Poster

Conference. Hannah reported being “pleasantly surprised” that she placed. Inspired by the film “The Mask You Live In,” Hannah’s research poster revolved around helping men better recognize and describe their emotions, and as such, improve their mental health. She concluded: “There is a high correlation that exists between masculine norms and depression, but that correlation is significantly reduced when alexithymia [the inability to identify and describe self emotions] is included in the analysis.” Hannah, too, had a positive experience with her mentor, Nathan Jorgensen. She reported enjoying his teaching and was especially appreciative of his support and great ideas.

When asked what advice they would share with future student competitors, all three women responded similarly. They suggested utilizing your mentors, believing in yourself, and applying what you’re learning in classes and then using those skills to help in your community.

MEET THE MSW CLASS OF 2020!

{SAVANNAH ANDERSON}

Utah-native Savannah Anderson currently lives in Springville with her two dogs. Her husband, a “dreamboat army man,” is stationed overseas, so she has thoroughly thrown herself into her graduate studies. Savannah is studying social work at BYU because she loves working with and advocating for others. She foresees herself working as a medical social worker or as a child/adolescent therapist in her career. She enjoys all sports and all things North Carolina (besides Duke basketball).



{ALLISON BARNES WHITNEY}

Allison Barnes Whitney, recreation therapist and collector of unique instruments, eagerly looks forward to gaining experience as a social worker. She appreciates learning from others and is excited to see how social work fits into the frame of the gospel. Allison hopes to work with poor, oppressed, and vulnerable populations in her career, as well as become a more Christ-like individual with “sweet skills.”





{MIRANDA WILCOCK}

It was after Miranda Wilcock's mission to the Philippines that she realized she wanted to become a social worker. Now in the BYU MSW program, she hopes to become a better listener. In her career, Miranda anticipates spending time in other countries creating social programs to help families in trauma. Some of Miranda's hobbies include swimming, hiking, and crocheting--she recently bought over 6,000 yards of yarn to complete a project!

{GWEN SKEEN}

Gwen Skeen loves Australia, chocolate chip cookies and helping others, and is proud of many things, but especially proud of her four daughters and her 25-year-marriage. She is passionate about helping to strengthen families, especially the parent-child bond. In her career, Gwen would love to help mothers in their third trimester of pregnancy and into the first year of their baby's life. She wants to assist women who need help with their struggles between substance abuse, mental health and postpartum depression.



{ERICA MCMAHON ARREDONDO}

The core values and principles of social work resonated with Erica McMahon Arredondo in an undergraduate Introduction to Social Work class, prompting her to apply to BYU's MSW program. Now in the program, she is excited to use some of her family studies skills while working with clients and hopes to become more compassionate and understanding. She enjoys running, traveling, and spending time with family.



{TANIA BARR}

Although originally from Oaxaca, Mexico, Tania Barr has lived in Utah for the past several years for school. Her undergraduate degree is from BYU in psychology. Tania hopes to work with children, most likely in the Latino community, who have experienced trauma. In the MSW program at BYU, she appreciates how respectful and open her classmates are and is excited to see correlations between the gospel and social work. Tania has been married for four years, and in her free time, she enjoys watching sitcoms and reading novels.



{SARAH BARTHOLOMEW}

Sarah Bartholomew chose social work because of its core values, especially the value of service. In her graduate studies, she is excited to learn the skills that will help her become a great social worker and also learn how to implement spiritual things while working with clients. If Sarah isn't doing school work, she is likely playing tennis, running, or hiking.



{CARLEE BEYER}

Carlee Beyer is spunky and passionate, especially about people and social justice. She would like to someday become a sex therapist and open her own practice. There, she intends to focus on spirituality in the healing process. Carlee enjoys reading, rock climbing, camping, travelling, and going to concerts...that is, when she is not actively being the Utah Jazz's #1 fangirl.



{EMMA BLACK}



Emma Black is a native Texan raised on BBQ, Dr. Pepper, and Dallas Cowboys football. She earned her bachelor's degree in Parks and Recreation from Texas A&M University and loves to play outside. Professionally, Emma is very interested in working with military members and their families. She came to BYU because she wanted to develop strong clinical skills and learn about social work from a gospel perspective.

{HOLLY BRASSFIELD}

Holly Brassfield loves chatting with friends, baking, and sewing. She is even making a swimsuit this semester in her sewing class at BYU! Holly hopes to become a well-rounded and knowledgeable social worker as a result of her graduate studies at BYU, and she appreciates how kind and respectful all of her classmates have been to each other.



MADELINE MILLER-WILCOCK

Well-rounded Madeline Miller-Wilcock has many hobbies, including reading, writing, drawing, singing, and skiing. She has been happily married for over two years. In that time, she graduated from BYU with a major in psychology and a minor in Spanish. Following graduate school, she would like to become an LCSW, open her own practice and several charity organizations, and utilize her Spanish skills in counseling services.



{MACKENZIE QUINTERO}

Mackenzie Quintero loves listening to music and being outdoors, as well as helping others. Professionally, she would like to work with children and their parents. She is excited about the many experiences she will have in her internships and hopes she can learn more about how to be a positive influence in people's lives.



{KIM IBARRA}

A native northern Nevadan, Kim Ibarra enjoys spending time outdoors with her husband and puppy. Kim got into the social work field because of her desire to help



people, specifically children with both physical and mental disabilities, and hopes this program will make her a more competent, kind social worker.

Other passions of hers include traveling and eating street tacos. She really loves tacos--she was the first place female winner at a taco eating contest last year.

{HANNAH RUSSON}



A self-declared extroverted-introvert, Hannah Russon was raised in Centerville, Utah where both of her parents work in helping careers: her father as a mortician and her mother as a nurse. She hopes to work within her family's mortuary business as a children's therapist and grief counselor. Hannah is the youngest of five kids and aunt to 17 nieces and nephews. And she loves artichokes!



{ANDREA CALL}

Andrea Call was raised in both Utah and California and served a mission in Brazil. She has previously earned an undergraduate degree in therapeutic recreation and a master's degree in school psychology. Professionally, Andrea would like to work with LGBT youth/young adults and their families, helping them find the courage to tell their stories and feel accepted no matter what path or journey they are on.



{CHELSEY WOOD}

An enthusiastic quilter and kickboxer, Chelsey Wood loves her cohort and appreciates how capable, kind, and compassionate her classmates are. Though originally from Springville, Utah, she has ties to Chicago, Illinois because she spent much of her adult life there. Chelsey is passionate about her family, sleep, food, and someday perfecting the skill of speed reading. She hopes to work with victims of trauma in her career.



{ANDREA WILSON}

Originally from West Jordan, Utah, Andrea Wilson is excited to learn and gain skills while in graduate school at BYU. She graduated from BYU in public health and has worked in addiction recovery as a case manager for the past several years. Andrea advocates for those with mental health struggles and constantly looks to Christ as the prime example of service. She is an incredible dancer and enjoys fishing, as it's an excuse to sit outside and do nothing!



{JENNA HILLMAN}

Jenna Hillman values the importance of relationships, feeling heard and understood, and being empowered. With values like those, it's no wonder she found her place at BYU's social work program. Jenna is from a small town in eastern Utah, went to BYU for her undergraduate studies, and was recently married in the middle of her first semester of graduate school. Jenna loves the simple things in life, like volleyball, dance parties, and chips and salsa.



{KATHLEEN SEAY}

Taco aficionado Kathleen Seay is from Vermont but has been in Provo for several years, earning her undergraduate degree in sociology from BYU. She hopes to help people and gain practical skills while in her graduate studies. She values all people feeling heard, validated, and included. Professionally, she is open to working with all people but especially has a soft spot for the prison population.

{CHARLEENE TIATIA}

An avid traveler, Charleene Tiatia hails from the beautiful country of New Zealand. Graduate school at BYU is not her first time away from home though; she received her bachelor's degree from BYU-Hawaii and served a mission in the Marshall Islands. She hopes to learn new skills in the program and refine the skills she already has. Charleene is quiet yet kind and desires to help others. These skills will be essential to her in her career, where she anticipates working with youth and children.



{REBECCA CARLSON}

Rebecca Carlson--born in California but raised in New York--was a music major specializing in early vocal literature before switching to family studies at BYU. She plays multiple instruments and is passionate about writing music in her spare time. Rebecca is also passionate about working with children and families but is open to working with different populations as well. She hopes her internships will provide clarity about which population she would most like to work with.



{BRYNN CELESTINO}

Brynn Celestino, lover of national parks and dark chocolate, has had the desire to help people for as long as she can remember. She considers social work an avenue through which she can become more like the Savior. She is grateful for the friendships she is making in her classes and is excited to learn skills to empower others, specifically those in poverty.



{BRIA CARLSEN}

Bria Carlsen hopes to get real, practical experience during her time in graduate school at BYU. A naturally caring and compassionate individual, Bria served a mission in Spain, graduated with the bachelor's degree



from the University of Utah, and married her sweetheart a few weeks prior to starting the social work program. Bria is passionate about adoption and foster care and anticipates working with that population in her career.



{STEFAN CHASE}

Stefan Chase enjoys learning and appreciates how dedicated the social work professors at BYU are to their students. With his psychology background, Stefan hopes to work with young adults and adults struggling with mood disorders. By doing so, he anticipates making the world a better place, or at least, that is his dream. A self-titled “pretty big nerd”, Stefan loves Dungeons and Dragons and other tabletop role-playing games. If you don’t know what those are, just ask him!



{ERIN CHRISTENSEN}

Erin Christensen can either be found traveling around eastern Europe, ice skating in her BYU ice skating class, or working with women and children affected by domestic violence. She found her passion for social work during her undergraduate studies at Utah Valley University, which prompted her to apply to BYU’s MSW program. In this program, she hopes to become more self-aware of her strengths and weaknesses and learn more about the Savior.



{ASHLEY OLSEN}

A naturally compassionate person, Ashley Olsen has a soft spot for the homeless, individuals with mental illnesses, and those with pornography addictions. She received her bachelor’s degree from BYU in psychology prior to starting the social work program. Now in the program, Ashley hopes to learn about and practice multiple therapeutic techniques, as well as dive into the DSM-5. She and her new husband enjoy cooking and, most importantly, just spending time together.



{ABIGAIL HARDY}

Abigail Hardy appreciates how kind and supportive her classmates have been to her, especially through the difficult classes of research methods and statistics! She earned her bachelor's degree in social work from BYU-Idaho and hopes to work in geriatric care in her career. She found her passion for working with older adults as a child, spending her afternoons with her grandparents. Now as an adult, hobbies of hers include running marathons, playing games with friends and families, and vacationing in Mexico!



{KATHY SPENCER}

Happiest in the water, Kathy Spencer has worked for the Center for Change, an eating disorder treatment center, for the past 12 years and would like to continue working with eating disorder clients in the future. She chose social work because she likes working with people. She hopes to become more knowledgeable and more courageous as a result of her graduate studies in social work.



{MCKENZIE ROBERTSON}

McKenzie Robertson feels fulfilled when she is able to work with, learn from, and support others. She is passionate about supporting human strengths and encouraging people to love themselves. She is grateful that her classmates are open and accepting. She anticipates working with victims of abuse/ domestic violence and families. A modern-day hippy, McKenzie is most content with her husband, in nature, loving people and being at peace.



{NAOMI CHRISTIANSEN}

Naomi Christiansen, a long-time volunteer in the social science field and mother of three, taught various English classes before starting her graduate studies at BYU. She is interested in working with children and adolescents and possibly doing family therapy. She hopes to become a better listener, develop practical skills, and balance her family life between school and a career.



{ALANNA CONLEE}



Alanna Conlee is happy to be back at BYU after several years away. Alanna has a strong desire to help individuals with addiction and mental health issues, as she has a lot of experience in this area and feels a great deal of compassion for those suffering from those diseases. A native Canadian, Alanna loves baking and eating said baked goods!

{DANIEL DEARDEN}

There are three things Daniel Dearden is always good for: bringing brownies, talking about cats, and showing off his cute baby. That is why he adds so much to his cohort!

Daniel chose the social work profession because he wants to have a meaningful career where he can help others. He is grateful for the support his classmates show him.



{KATELYN SUN TOOMBS}

Born in Taiwan but raised in Idaho, Katelyn Sun studied public health as an undergraduate with the intent of going to medical school, but fortunately for her decided the behavioral sciences were more her style. She anticipates working within the correctional system or with substance abusers in her career. When she is not bothering (her word!) her husband with social issues, she enjoys playing soccer, rock climbing, painting, and spending time with her loved ones.



{SAMANTHA ESCAMILLA}

An Oklahoma transplant, Samantha Escamilla earned her bachelor's degree in international relations from BYU. She has been married for almost two years and just had a baby boy at the beginning of January. Samantha has long been interested in working with survivors of domestic and intimate partner violence, and anticipates working with that population in her career. She is



most excited to learn social work in the context of the gospel and would like to become a Christlike social worker who listens with compassion and without judgment.

{PAULA DUDLEY}

Paula Dudley loves the outdoors, arts & crafts, and traveling...especially if there is a beach involved. She graduated in April of 2018 from BYU where she majored in family services and minored in sociology. Now in graduate school, she is nervous about the fast pace of the program, but is encouraged by her classmates' support and authenticity. She hopes to work with families in her career and feels like that will be very rewarding work.



{SARAH EVANS}

Ever-positive Sarah Evans hopes to gain both skills and confidence during her studies at BYU. Sarah comes from a military family and spent her childhood living around the world. She anticipates working with teenagers, most likely in a school setting--that is, when she is not continuing her travels around the world!



{TEANCUM FAUMUI}

Raised in Ephraim, Utah, Tiancum Faumui is proud of his Samoan heritage. He chose social work because he wanted to help others and anticipates working within a hospital setting or a residential treatment center for adolescents struggling with addictions. He is nervous about the academic rigor that being at a BYU student entails, but he looks forward to his graduate studies!

{OLIVIA NASH}

Olivia Nash's claims-to-fame include baking delicious lemon bars, spending last summer playing with babies while researching in Colorado, and wholeheartedly, genuinely loving all people. With her bachelor's degree in Human Development from BYU, Olivia is passionate about helping families with children on the autism spectrum and improving education and communication about sexuality in families.



{MALLORY FUNK}

Mallory Funk, from Greensboro, North Carolina, has always wanted to work with children, especially those who have experienced trauma or neglect. And after an internship at DCFS, she became passionate about child welfare case work. She is also interested in working with refugees or immigrants. After her graduate studies at BYU, Mallory hopes to become a licensed clinical social worker and utilize her skills in the realm of macro social work. Mallory enjoys being active, whether it's hiking, running, cycling, kickboxing, or yoga.



{LINDSAY GLEDHILL}

Lindsay Gledhill loves to experience new cultures and travel, especially to beautiful places. Understandably, it was at BYU-Hawaii where Lindsay earned her bachelor's degree in psychology from beautiful BYU-Hawaii. With her psychology background, and social work training, she hopes to be a caring, competent social worker in the schools. She loves helping people and appreciates those who have helped her.



{NICOLE GREENWOOD}

Nicole Greenwood grew up in Lehi, Utah and is the oldest child in her family. As a family, they like to go camping and hiking and do other fun outdoor activities together. Nicole did her undergraduate studies in behavioral science at UVU and chose to pursue a degree in social work because she is passionate about helping people overcome seemingly impossible circumstances. Nicole hopes to become a more Christ-like, caring person as a result of her graduate studies at BYU.



{ERIC HALES}

Some of Eric Hales' talents include making music and making others feel included. Eric graduated with a psychology degree from BYU, and after graduating, realized his passion for working in vocational rehabilitation and the corrections system. He is excited to gain new perspectives, clinical skills, and lifelong friends, as well as become more like the Lord.



{DENISE HANSEN}

Denise Hansen credits the help of a few incredibly gifted LCSWs in getting her through some overwhelming life challenges. Their empathy, acceptance, and tools for healing were exactly what she needed and were ultimately part of her decision to become a social worker. She hopes to work with all vulnerable populations. Denise is excited to learn all she can from such skilled and knowledgeable professors and mentors in her upcoming internships, although she is nervous about all there is to take in and learn. Denise enjoys nature, home design, great food, beaches, traveling, and baking.



MSW CLASS OF 2019

WHAT HAVE THEY LEARNED?



{CARLEY LISH}

Social work has helped me to be open. Open to listening to others' experiences, open to new experiences, and open to feeling my feelings. I've been able to grow so much and learn how to better connect with those around me!



{TIANA HOFFMANN}

I have personally gained a greater understanding of Heavenly Father's love for His children. It's amazing when I'm in session with a client and I start to understand how He must feel about them. The therapy room truly is a sacred place to be in.



{JESSICA MEYERS}

My heart has grown in a way I did not expect. I have come to love strangers quickly and see the great potential each individual has. I have also come to understand the Atonement better throughout this program. Social work has taught me that connection is the most important thing you give to others and that being present with someone is a gift you can give each time you talk to them.

{KELLEY SYKES}

I have found a deeper commitment to preserving the dignity and worth of all humans and have learned more about my own personal biases. I embrace diversity not only as a fact of life, but something beautiful that I seek after.



{EMMA WORLTON}

Social work has helped me to look at the world in a different way. It has taught me to look for the forgotten, see what is sometimes hidden, and fight to help others see what they can become.

{SAVANNAH ROLL}

I don't have to "be something" to be a good therapist. Just be myself and be present. My heart and soul have been stretched in the most beautiful way. My capacity to love and be patient has increased and continues to do so each day.



{REBECCA WIGINGTON}

I look at people differently now. When I hear about people's struggles, I recognize the strength it takes to make it as far as they have and respect them for it.



{HAYLEY FOX}

Social work has changed me as I come to clearly see that we are all unique and valuable. Each person has their own experience and perspective and strengths and difficulties. I knew this conceptually, but working with clients has made this concept much more obvious. Whether struggling with substance use, criminal sexual behaviors, trauma, self-harm, or mental illness—every single person holds value as a human being and deserves advocacy in some way. Judgments are difficult to make. It's hard to hate people up close.



{NOELLE BELLOWS}

Social work has really helped me see a clearer plan of what I want to do with my life and what will bring me purpose in my work. It has helped me develop a greater appreciation for the many different people in this world and their unique struggles. I look forward to continuing to learn and grow in this field!



{GAVIN CHATTERLY}

Social work has helped me to see that people who make unwise choices are often struggling with hidden pain.



{ASHLEY ALLEN}

I am a much better therapist than I was a year ago. More empathic, more well trained, more knowledgeable, more willing to try new and uncomfortable things.



{AISLINN WATSON}

Social work has helped me to become better at stepping into other people's shoes and looking at life through their eyes. And then to respond in an empathetic way. Heavenly Father LOVES each of His children here on the earth and He depends on us to bring that love to those around us.



AISLINN WATSON

{STEPHANIE NIXON}

Social work has helped me realize that we are all in need. No one is without challenges. It has helped me be less judgmental and more compassionate.



STEPHANIE NIXON

{EMILY BLACKHURST}

More than anything, social work has changed the lens through which I see the world. It has helped me learn to look past my immediate assumptions about a person, group of people, or situation and come to a more balanced perspective. It takes conscious effort, but people are so much more than the one dimension we often get to see.

{COREY ASTLE}

I love the people in our cohort. Everyone would do just about anything for anyone else in need. Each person is different and has something amazing to offer. I love hearing about their unique perspectives, goals, and background. Most of all I love everyone's goodness. Though each individual's motivations for choosing social work are different they are all founded on Christlike love and it is a powerful thing to watch and be a part of.

{ANGELA COX}

Social work has helped me to be more accepting and understanding of others and appreciate the diversity of the people around me.



ANGELA COX



EMILY BLACKHURST



COREY ASTLE

{JADE HURST}

Social work is a part of my being. It has allowed me to connect and learn about others from different backgrounds, with different struggles and different strengths. I'm changed through this dialogue and connection with others daily. It's what I love most about social work.



{TANYA RUMMIER}

As much as we love and understand, our love and understanding can always increase. My experiences at my internships and assignments that promoted community involvement heavily contributed to this area.



{JESSICA BAWDEN}

I have grown in my ability to love and care for others. I have also gained a huge testimony of the Atonement and I know that no matter where anyone has come from, they can change.



{JOEL WALLIS}

Don't try to be perfect, just be you. The program is designed to give you skills and knowledge that will help you help others, but those will be relatively useless if you are not genuine and authentic.



{KRISTEN GRANT}

I view everyone with a more holistic perspective. It's hard to remove the social work lens. I have greater empathy and I am a better listener.



{AMELIA HILBERT}

Social work has changed me as I have realized that so much about social work comes down to the connection that we have with others. Social work has changed the way I view and interact with others and has increased my empathy for those around me.



{AMY ADKINS}

One of the most beautiful things about social work is that you get to sit with another person in their pain. That is a very sacred place to be.



{CANDI CHILD-ILLUM}

My perspectives have been broadened in terms of opposing political views. I have a better understanding of issues of social justice and I am a better person because of it.



{TANRA CORNELL}

The challenges in my life and the rigor of the program have brought deep humility, dependence upon prayer and the direction of the spirit and profound awareness of the Lord's miracles in my life. This has increased my hope and faith and given me a greater understanding of my responsibilities and His purposes for my life. I have come to know myself, my weaknesses, capabilities and purpose on a much more significant level. This has been humbling and empowering.



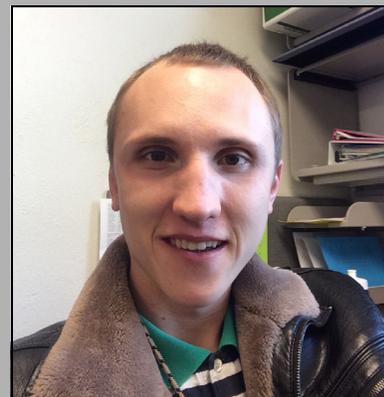
{HANNAH DENNEY}

This program has helped me to see people more as God sees them. I am also more aware of the needs of underprivileged populations. I have more compassion and understanding for populations that are often stigmatized. I have learned how to be a therapist, and I have learned how to better engage with people.



{ZACHARY LARKIN}

Social work has made me a more charitable person. It has helped me see the world through a lens of sensitivity, oppression, and mental health. It helps me to understand issues in my life and the lives of others so much better.



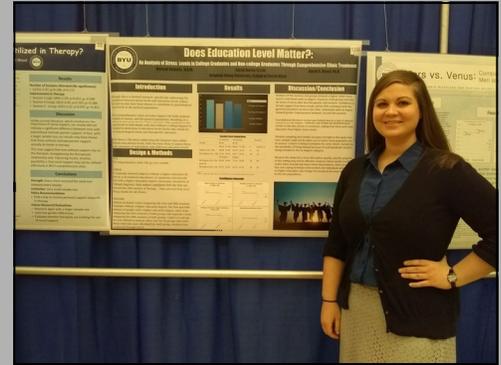


SARAH BOREN

I have been able to accept myself more than I ever have before. I obviously made some great friends, but I also feel that I have grown closer to the Lord through being present with his children in their pain.

{BECCA ROBERTS}

Social work has helped me become a more compassionate, empathetic, and caring person for those around me.



{ASHLEY MENDOZA}

This program has stretched me in ways I never expected and it has been a beautiful experience. My faith has increased and I have more gratitude for God and His love. I think I am more forgiving and patient. I truly believe that everyone is doing the best they can and they have great capacity and power within them.



{DANIELLE CALDER}

I've found that there is value in diversity- diversity of thought, strengths, lifestyles, and perspectives and that surrounding myself with people who may have a different perspective than me helps me to be well rounded. It helps me to avoid blind spots and pitfalls. It helps me to overcome my bias and stigma.

{BEN SCHILATY}

I have become a much more engaged listener. I do a better job of trying to understand before being understood. Well, I'm at least aware that I should be doing that, and I'm trying to be better.

I wish I had known before starting this program that people would be kind to me. I was expecting a lot of pushback related to being openly gay and I haven't felt that even a little. Quite to the contrary, I feel like I've been celebrated which I did not expect. My professors and colleagues are incredibly kind and affirming and I wish I had known that when I began the program.



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ALUMNI UPDATES



JENNIFER HIGHAM STEWART

Stafford, VA

BSW 1992

Case Manager

Family Advocate

I manage the Headquarters Marine Corp Exceptional Family Member Program. In addition to assignment coordination, we provide case management services and training and education opportunities to help families become their own best advocate.

LISA CALL
Los Gatos, CA
BSW 1984
Marriage and
Family Therapist



I am a retired elementary school teacher, but not too long ago, I went back to school for a Master's in Family Therapy degree. I currently work as an unlicensed Marriage and Family Therapist finishing my hours.

I enjoy traveling to see my grandchildren, paddle boarding, wakeboarding, performing at the Oakland Temple Hill Concert series, and learning to play the organ.



RICARDO MERCHAN

Burbank, CA

BSW 1997

I am a supervisor for social workers in LA County, investigating allegations of abuse and neglect and providing families with the tools to reunify when appropriate.

My daughter has already finished her freshman year at BYU and is leaving soon on her mission.



MARTY MATHESON
 Orem, Utah
 MSW 1995
 ScenicView Academy

I enjoy serving as Executive Director of ScenicView Academy in Provo, which serves young adults with high functioning Autism.

I love teaching undergraduate and graduate social work students at BYU and UVU. And I enjoy having a small private practice.

I love those in my cohort and enjoy the association we currently maintain.



I've been an investigator for Adult Protective Service for three years. Previously, I worked for Division of Child and Family Services for 16 years. I love my work.

Favorite memory of BYU: Hearing my daughter and her friends holler "Mom!" across campus. My daughter graduated the year before me.

NANCY GOULD
 Provo, Utah
 BSW 1998
 Adult Protective Services

CAROLINA BROG
 Logan, Utah
 MSW 2013
 Bear River Mental Health
 Suicide Coalition

I appreciated the great professors.

MEGAN PERKINS
 California
 MSW 2009
 Medical Social Worker
 (Hospice)

Favorite memories at BYU: The beautiful campus and the kindest people in the world.

KELSEY HAYMOND
 Provo, UT
 MSW 2015
 Private Practice

Favorite memory of BYU: graduating!

DELANIE DOYLE
Midvale, UT
MSW, 2018
Utah State Prison



Favorite memory at BYU: all of the time I spent with my classmates. The Class of 2018 was the BEST!

LLOYD CAMBELL
Monument, CO
BSW 1970
Retired

I stay busy with temple work, grandchildren, woodworking, service, all of it.



Be The Change



STEVEN L. MILLER
Cedar City, UT
BSW, 1973
Retired

I am retired, but I work as a part-time hospice chaplain for Applegate Homecare and Hospice. I also work as a chaplain and social worker for Alliance Homecare and Hospice. I enjoy hospice work, and it still leaves time to travel and see family. My wife and I have traveled to Branson, MO, my mission in southwest Britain, and are planning an upcoming vacation to Hawaii.

I am on the board of the Cedar City Children's Justice Center and a member of the Sons of the Utah Pioneers.

I spent the majority of my career (34 years) as a radio announcer, DJ, copywriter, talk host, production director, program director, and morning show co-host prior to starting my social work career in 2006 as a caseworker investigator for Child Protective Services. I retired in October 2016 after nine years there and had already begun hospice care.

Favorite memory at BYU:
climbing over the stadium
gates to run on the football
field at 2:00am.

N. ELAINE HUNTSMAN
Provo, UT
MSW 2018
LDS Family Services



KELSIE CHRISTIANSEN
Washington, UT
MSW 2017

Favorite memory at BYU: The
amazing group of professors
and classmates. Our cohort
really felt like a big family.



We recently bought a
house and our little baby,
Greyson, isn't much of a
baby anymore. He was
born about a month after
graduation and now he is
16 months and walking
around everywhere.



ANNA HORTON
Draper, UT
MSW 2012

I am an LCSW working in a
couple of dialysis clinics,
working with individuals with
kidney disease.

RACHEL CRANDALL
Utah
BSW 1994; MSW 1999

I am a wife, mother, seeker
and sharer of truth, student
of the doctrine of Jesus
Christ.

LORI DRAPER-SMITH
Glenwood, MD
BSW 1997
Retired

I take care of my elderly par-
ents and grandchildren and
serve in my church callings.





ALLISON WALSH-DAY
Afton, WY
MSW 2005

I am currently a stay-at-home mother, although I had been working at an outpatient substance abuse treatment center in Jackson, Wyoming.

Favorite memory at BYU: The association with classmates and professors.

KATIE BARBER
Salt Lake City, UT
MSW 2012

I am a PRN social worker on the child and adolescent inpatient units at UNI.

JULIE POTTER
Kansas City, MO
MSW 2013



I work as a medical social worker at a hospital, and I also own a practice providing services to couples who are adopting.

I hope to start up another practice that focuses on services for people with infertility grief and perinatal mood disorders.



JOSE VALLE
Nampa, ID
MSW 1993

I am the Chief of Children’s Mental Health for the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare—Region III Program Director, and Region III First Episode Psychosis program.

MEGHAN ANDERSON
Fort Bridger, WY
BSW 2001

I am a school social worker for the Uinta County School District, as well as the Director of Connecting Hearts, a private adoption agency in Wyoming.



CHANEL NAGAISHI

Orem, UT

MSW 2015

I see a few clients in private practice, mostly dealing with depression and anxiety, and also lead a group for teen girls who are victims of sexual abuse and assault.

Favorite memory at BYU:

Dancing to the Spice Girls during the Christmas party. I'll never again be brave enough to embrace my inner Baby Spice like I did that night.

I feel so fortunate to have been one of the last cohorts to be instructed by Dr. Marett. His memory will live on in the work of his students.



NICOLE BLANCO

Springville, UT

MSW 2018

House of Hope

Too many favorite memories to mention from the six years I spent at BYU!

I work full time for the Church welfare department, specifically with the DI. This is my 10th year with them. I also work part time as an online adjunct faculty member for BYU-Idaho.

I love and miss my classmates and professors. Being able to learn and grow there was an amazing experience.

JESSICA (SAARI) ALVARADO-

GUADRON

Roy, Utah

BSW 2007 and MSW 2009



MOHEA CALDWELL

SPROUSE

Vernal, UT

BSW 1978

Substitute Teacher



JARED KUMMEE

Ephraim, UT

MSW 2009

Central Utah Counseling Center

Favorite memory at BYU: Football games and an MSW Christmas party.



JERRY COCHRAN

Farmington, UT

BSW

Faculty U of U
School of Medicine

Favorite memory at BYU:
the religion classes.



VALERIE PAYNE

Los Angeles, CA

MSW 2014

School Social Worker

I am currently a school social worker and am getting ready to start a private practice (January 2019). I am also involved with different organizations and have been involved in the LDS SSA/LGBTQIA scene in Los Angeles but nothing official at the moment.

I had many amazing memories from the BYU social work program. One was going to the Marjorie Pay Hinckley Dinner and being able to sit with Sister Hinckley's sisters. I respect Marjorie Pay Hinckley so much so it was an honor to sit with her sisters and learn more about her. I am so grateful for my time at BYU. I had an amazing cohort and AMAZING professors. I always felt like an individual and not a number. I learned so much because I was pushed to learn in different ways by different professors. I am so grateful for how much BYU prepared me to be a clinician.

LINNIE TAN

Oahu, HI

MSW 1998

I am currently the Program Director of an Early Intervention Program.

Favorite memory at BYU: Performing for Campus Luau twice—nightly practice, making costumes, etc. while working toward my MSW degree. So fun and rewarding!

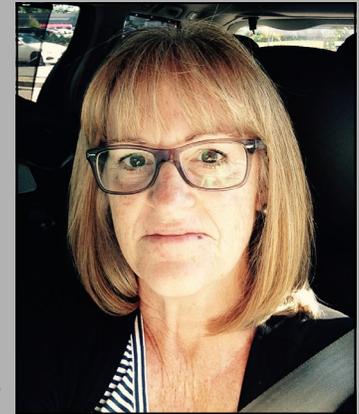
CARLA YAWNEY

Regina Saskatchewan, Canada

BSW 1977

Medical Social Work

Favorite memory at BYU: professors.



Christian Yeates

Orem, Utah

BSW 1987

Stonehenge Care

I never worked as a social worker, but I use the skills that I learned from my social work degree every day in my job.



STEPHEN WALKER

Green River, WY

MSW 2013

I provide clinical services in a long term therapeutic community where we treat co-occurring patients. I also am the agency liaison to our county's treatment court program. I also do crisis work at our local hospital and the agencies crisis line.

Favorite memory at BYU: Our group therapy class with Dr. Cox and my internship at the Utah State Prison. There were lots of wonderful memories of working with the professors and the members of our cohort.



KATRINA HUBBARD

Houston, TX

BSW 2010

Stay-at-home mother

Favorite memory at BYU: playing games all over campus on the weekends.



TRACY BURNHAM

Centerville, UT

MSW 2000

LDS Family Services

Favorite memory at BYU: good times with friends.



ROBERT RIGGS

Rochester, MN

MSW 1983

I enjoy participating in Renaissance Festivals across the country with my lovely wife.

Favorite memory from BYU: Watching both Jim McMahon and Steve Young as BYU quarterbacks.



C. LYNN WHITAKER

Medford, OR

MSW 2004

Retired

My current passion is family history and traveling to places my ancestors lived.

Favorite memory at BYU: The camaraderie with my fellow classmates in the Master's Program as well as from the professors. There was a thin hierarchy between the students and professors. We were treated as if we already possessed knowledge and abilities.

JAN OLSEN
Houston, TX
BSW 1997
Science Interventionist for
School District



SARA WILCOX
Anchorage, AK
MSW 2013

I am a mental health clinician in a psychiatric emergency room.

Favorite Memory at BYU: unofficially auditing philosophy classes as a graduate student.



MARC GILCHRIST
Alberta, Canada
MSW 2009
Private Practice

SHERRI LOWERY
Belmont, MA
MSW 2001
Stay-at-home mother



Amanda King
Texas
BSW 2000

Favorite memory at
BYU: teachers and
classmates.

John Stewart
Spanish Fork, UT
MSW 1992



Favorite memory from BYU: I loved the moments with classmates who had courage to share tender, painful experiences in class which taught me about their beauty and strength yet also how to more effectively work with people.

The MSW program was an excellent experience and a great foundation for my career.



CARY SHELTON
 Meridian, ID
 MSW 1994
 LDS Family Services

Favorite memory at BYU: Engaging in thought provoking or humorous conversation with classmates and teachers. I turned 50 this year and our family went on an Alaskan cruise to celebrate as that was the 50th state I had visited.



JAN EARNSHAW FELLOW
 Houston Texas Mission
 BSW 1974
 Retired

I am a recently retired high school counselor and currently serve as a full-time self-reliance missionary.

I loved my BYU years.

MASAMI PATTEN
 Thibodaux, LA
 MSW 2001
 School Social Work



I appreciated the clean campus and mountains.

KRIS STODDARD
 Springville, UT
 MSW 2003
 Mountain Country Foods



ALEXANDER GRAY
 Provo, UT
 MSW 2013
 Wasatch Mental Health

Favorite memory at BYU: being convinced to eat banana chips.

JULIE LAMB
 Katy, TX
 MSW 2005
 Insight Counseling Centre



MOISES AGUIRRE

Pleasant Grove

MSW 2009

BYU Multicultural Services

Favorite memory at BYU: When President Gordon B. Hinckley spoke in our graduation. That was very impactful and encouraging.

I will always be grateful to the director, faculty and staff from the MSW program for the wonderful education I received and the life long training. Thank you for the hard work and dedication in preparing leaders and wonderful citizens.

COLETTE DALTON

Draper, UT

MSW 2012

LDS Business College

JAYNE GUCKERT ATWOOD

Stratford, CT

BSW 1983

I just retired from the State of Connecticut, Department of Children and Youth Services. I started as a social worker there in 1985 and retired as the Area Director in Bridgeport Connecticut.

I found the gospel at BYU and was baptized at the end of my freshman year.



SHANDRA CARLSEN

Corona, CA

BSW 1992

Favorite memory at BYU: hiking straight up the Y mountain through all the brush and steep terrain (in the dark)! It was homecoming and the Y was lit, but I didn't know where the trail was. I was a wee freshman.

I enjoyed my SW education at BYU and went on to receive an MSW at Cal State Long Beach in 1994. I spent about 10 years in the field of foster care and adoption and earned my LCSW in 1998. In 2001, I devoted myself to full time motherhood.



MATTHEW WATSON

Mesa, AZ

MSW 1996

LDS Family Services



LADAWN PARK

Gilbert, AZ

MSW 2010

I work as a digital marketing strategist for Lost Search Media. We provide digital marketing for a wide variety of businesses, helping them develop and thrive.

This is my 10th year working with The TOUCH Project (Take One Ukrainian Child's hand), and running an annual donation drive for the orphanage children. I helped develop the non-profit, "Empowerment Project" in Snowflake, Arizona, which focuses on helping educate parents about the dangers of pornography and how to have open conversations with their kids about it. I also volunteer with Lifting Hands International, helping with refugee resettlement and Contribute to Operation Underground Railroad, which focuses on saving kids from human trafficking.

DAVID SLACK

Ogden, UT

MSW 2009

McKay-Dee Hospital

I am working as a Social Work Care Manager in the NICU at McKay-Dee Hospital.

Favorite memory at BYU: Studying with friends, which included intermittent bouts of laughter, which helped with the stress of school.



ALEX LAMOREAUX

Eagle Mountain, UT

MSW 2017

Steps Recovery Services

Favorite memory at BYU: comradeship with peers.



MEGAN URICK
Idaho Falls, ID
MSW 2016

I work part time at a mental health agency seeing children, adolescents, and adults. I work primarily with depression, anxiety, interpersonal conflict, families, and trauma. I also work with adult and juvenile probationers providing substance abuse treatment. This year I had the opportunity to be adjunct faculty at BYU-Idaho and teach in the Social Work department.

I have so many fond memories at BYU. One of my favorites was when we convinced Dr. Marett to let us watch all of “What about Bob?” in class one day. It further confirmed how much of a softy he was. I’m forever thankful for being able to learn from him!

MAURO PROPERZI
Springville, UT
BSW 2000
BYU Religion Department



I published a book entitled “Mormonism and the Emotions” (paperback 2018) with Fairleigh Dickinson University Press.

Favorite memory at BYU: classes with the late Kevin Marett and with Gene Gibbons.

I am the Clinical Director of Redwood Family Therapy in Saratoga Springs. I provide clinical therapy to clients with sexual addictions, traumatic experiences, and I work with clients struggling in narcissistic relationships.

RACHELLE HAMILL
Eagle Mountain, Utah
MSW 2010
Redwood Family Therapy

My fondest memories involve the good friends I made there and laughter we enjoyed together.



AMY-LYN POOLEY FAATOAFE

Mesa, AZ
BSW 2005

I'm the Executive Director of Native American Fatherhood & Families Association. We work with over 225 Native American Tribes and agencies at strengthening family by promoting responsible fatherhood & motherhood.

Our organization has presented to the LDS church Headquarters regarding our message and approach that has positively impacted so many Native American families. We also presented at the United Nations in March 2018, at five separate events to share with the world our message of the importance of family. This month we will have our 15th Annual National "Fatherhood Is Leadership" Conference in Fort McDowell, Arizona.



GINA PURCELL HALES

Provo, UT
MSW 1999

I contract with a company to provide trainings for professionals on how to use a specific program to teach social and emotional learning skills.
Favorite memory at BYU: going to Vegas for a bowl game with friends from my MSW class

LAURIE M. FORBES

Jefferson, OR
MSW 2008



I am a self employed LCSW, running a counseling service with a business partner. Our mission is to help people break free of their past traumas so they can have peace in their future. We also serve veterans suffering with PTSD.

I am on the Jefferson City Council's Historic Preservation Committee, and a member of the Chamber of Commerce, which is involved in bettering the community's resources for the underserved and underprivileged.

PAUL SHELTON

Orem, UT
MSW 2013
Development
Counseling Services

Favorite memory at BYU:
completing the program



BRUCE DAVIS

Gainesville, FL

BSW 1981

VA Medical Center

Favorite memory at
BYU: the people.



JANICE NIELSEN HENDRIX

Salem, Utah

MSW 2012

Marital Intimacy Institute
Utah Valley University



I appreciated the rigor of the program, well, probably not at the time, because I felt like I was able to "hit the ground running." I was a non-traditional student and never felt out of place. The professors were amazing and always willing to help.

Favorite memory at BYU: Being on the most beautiful campus in the world surrounded by my mountains. Also the spirit and energy of the campus was amazing.

SARAH HIGBEE

Philadelphia, PA

MSW 2017

I am the Associate Director/Clinical Supervisor at a residential treatment center for individuals with co-occurring psychiatric and substance abuse disorders.

I want to send Dr. Kevin Marett and his family my deepest love and regards. Sitting in his classes and interacting with him was the highlight of my time at BYU.

GREG HENDRIX

Lindon, UT

MSW 1997

Utah State Prison

LDS Family Services

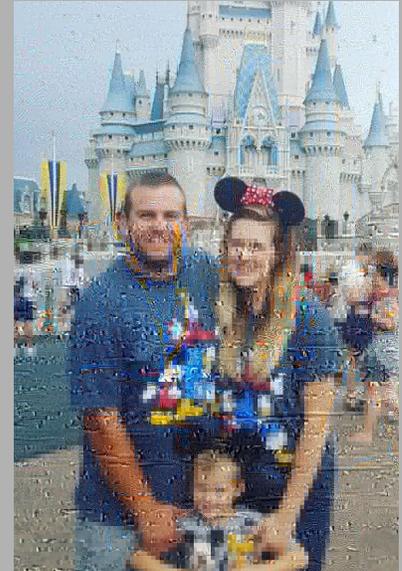
I supervise student interns from BYU, UVU, and U of U. I am on the admissions committee for the U of U.

Favorite memory at BYU: study groups that weren't really study groups with my cohort.



TRACEY SPARKS
Texas
MSW 1995

Favorite memory at BYU:
Doing ethnographical re-
search on sexual abuse sur-
vivors and then witnessing
many of them march
through Provo one night in
what could have been one of
the first “me too” marches.
If I remember accurately,
female and some male stu-
dents wore ribbons pinned
to them if they were survi-
vors of sexual abuse.



REBECCA JACOBSEN
Puyallup, Washington
MSW 2015

DERAI PAUL
Utah

MSW 1999
Private Practice

I am a hospital case manager, and I have also been a medical social worker at the same hospital. There is a lot of overlap between both jobs within my hospital system. Currently, I do discharge planning. I work with homelessness, substance abuse, arranging hospice, financial aid, DSHS, nursing homes, medical equipment, etc. It’s super busy, but I get to work with hundreds of people and really make a difference. I have done it for three years and have never been bored for a moment. It’s very difficult but rewarding work. I also work a second job for Multicare’s Research and Innovation Institute doing research for young adults with cancer. I love both jobs and they are a great fit for me.

EMILY GOLD
Leesburg, VA
BSW 2000

I work part-time in the school system, and I am a full-time mom.

I had a magnificent cohort and professors that greatly influenced my whole direction and career. I loved doing my independent study course with Dr. Shirley Cox. She is a brilliant lady and helped me feel strong throughout my time at BYU, particularly when I found out I was pregnant while in my 2nd semester of my program. Everyone rallied behind me and helped me get through. I’m so grateful for them.

RICHARD ALBOROTO

Las Vegas, NV

MSW 2011

University of Nevada, Las Vegas

Favorite memory at
BYU: The teachers
were awesome.



I am the lead evaluator for the Nevada Partnership for Training (NPT). The NPT is designed to support the development of a Nevada child welfare training infrastructure and an intensive, quality training and professional development system. NPT assists the Division of Child and Family Services (DCFS) in the ongoing development of an integrated child welfare training delivery system. My tasks include: providing the training management team updates around training evaluation components and salient points from the universities evaluation subcommittee, aid in ongoing, comprehensive assessment of the training delivery system, and provide the findings of training evaluation measures.

SHANNON HORN

Utah

2008

Population

Management Specialist

SCOTT TAYLOR

Lehi, UT

MSW 1996

Wasatch Mental Health

Favorite
memory at BYU:
The closeness
of our cohort in
graduate school.

TARESSA WEAVER EARL

Alamo, CA

BSW 1993, MPA 1999



I am currently at home raising my children and sitting on boards and committees at local schools.

I assist families and help them plan Family Humanitarian trips that provide opportunities to visit other countries and learn about the people and culture through serving them and their villages, communities.

Favorite memory at BYU: Being surrounded by like minded people and feeling the spirit as I walk the campus, sit in classrooms and attend weekly devotionals.



JIM JACOBS
Lochbuie, CO
MSW 2000
LDS Family Services

I am currently working as a counselor with LDS Family Services. I also have a private practice where I am a Daring Way Facilitator, marriage educator, and personal and relationship coach. I also write for 2 online publications and have written a book!

It was the second best two years for my life! I loved knowing my professors and being challenged. I loved my peers who encouraged me and supported me!

I am so grateful for my experiences at BYU. So much of what shaped my life came from the great professors and peers at BYU School of Social Work!

MICHELLE EVANS
Sacramento, CA
MSW 2005

I graduated from law school this year, and took the California Bar this summer. While waiting for bar results, I am completing a Fellowship with the California Alliance of Caregivers advocating for public policy that improves placement stability for children.

DIANE JONES
Sahuarita, AZ
MSW 2009
Stay-at-home Mother

Favorite memory from BYU: internships and guest speakers in classes.



HEATHER SCHAUERS
Lindon, UT
MSW 2011
LDS Family Services
Successful Therapy

Favorite memory at BYU: talking with friends in my cohort.



ANDREW (MIKE) HANLEY

Layton, UT

MSW 1990

I am currently a Lead Clinician at Weber Human Services in Ogden, Utah. I've been with the agency for 15 years and have been in the field for almost 29. I am currently working with high risk/high need clients in the field of substance use where I facilitate individual and group therapy sessions. We deliver a number of evidence-based practices here including MRT, Matrix IOP Program, Seeking Safety and others. In addition, I am the Program Director of an inpatient male sex offender program at a halfway house in Salt Lake City where I also facilitate individual and group therapy sessions and closely coordinate treatment with the State of Utah - Department of Corrections.

I loved everything about my education there. Among my favorite memories relative to the MSW Program would have to be learning at the feet of Dr. Barbara Wheeler, who was then the Director of the Graduate School of Social Work. I had the opportunity to meet up with her again in January 2018 after nearly 28 years, and it was another amazing experience.

The relationships that were started at BYU and that carry on these many years is a favorite of mine. I have continued to support BYU in a variety of ways. I'm a season ticket holder for BYU Football and have been for about 15 years now. I support the BYU Young Ambassadors, the BYU Ballroom Dance Team, the Cougarettes, the Men's Volleyball Team, among others.

The logo for Brigham Young University (BYU) is displayed in a white rounded rectangle. The letters 'BYU' are in a bold, blue, serif font.

SANDRA MANGELSON

Lava Hot Springs, ID

BSW 1968

Retired

I am a service missionary one day a week, volunteer at our local museum, and church and family activities.

When my youngest child was in kindergarten, I earned a social work license for Idaho and worked for the Department of Welfare, Mental Health. I got my Master's degree in Mental Health Counseling and worked for ten years at Family and Children Services.

I had one semester before graduation in the fall of '67. I changed my major from sociology to social work that last semester. I had planned on doing a double major; child development and psychology, but had to drop the child development to meet the social work requirements.

KEVIN THERIOT

Utah

PhD 1990

LDS Family Services

BERN VETTER

Delta Junction, AK

BSW 1970

Military & Family Life Consultant, U.S. Army

I am enjoying my grandchildren, hunting, fishing, traveling, courting my wife, and working at LTM/MTC.

MATT DAHLIN

Heber City, UT

MSW 2012

Crossroads Academy

The wonderful professor we recently lost, Dr. Kevin Marett, taught me many things. Yet my favorite moment was during the beginning of a semester when we were to start seeing a client at the clinic. Because of holidays and him missing a class for personal reasons, we had yet to have had class about working with clients. Then I was assigned to see one before Dr. Marett would even hold our class. I emailed him about my questions and several concerns. He responded simply, "Be the man." Nothing else was said in the email, but the confidence he gave was priceless.

BRIGHAM YOUNG
UNIVERSITY

SCHOOL OF
SOCIAL WORK

DOUG GARDNER

Detroit, MI

MSW 2002

LDS Family Services

I am a member of the Michigan Chapter of the Association for Play Therapy. I completed the requirements to be a Registered Play Therapist in June 2018.

Favorite memory at BYU: I enjoyed my cohort. Many of us stay in touch through Facebook.

TIFFANY MASON

South Jordan, UT

MSW 2010

Development
Counseling Services

Favorite memory at BYU: Creamery before/after classes at the Comprehensive Clinic.

STEPHEN ADAMS

Alaska

MSW, 2018

I am the Social Services Coordinator for the Knik Tribe. I am in charge of getting behavioral health services started up in the Matanuska-Susitna (Mat-Su) Borough, which is over 25,000 square miles and is home to over 100,000 citizens. I participate in grant writing, case management, individual and group therapy, and SUD assessments, but the most important thing I do is build partnerships with the schools and various other entities/organizations in the Mat-Su Borough. Knik Tribe realizes if we want to serve the entire borough, then we need to get the entire borough involved towards treatment.

The faculty at BYU are incredible people. If it weren't for a select few, I never would've made it through my program. It makes me happy to see them expanding the diversity of their faculty, I think it will help them touch more students who come through the program.



JARED NEAL

Rexburg, ID

MSW 2003

Brigham Young University-Idaho

I loved my cohort. I was able to take an independent readings course—I chose the topic of same sex attraction. I was able to meet with Dr. Cox weekly. This was a highlight of my MSW program.

JAKE JOSLIN

Springville, UT

MSW 2011

Employee Assistance
Counselor

Favorite memory at
BYU: my internship
with LDS Family
Services.

JOSH THORN

Provo, UT

MSW 2011

Telos RTC & Private Practice

I serve on the advisory board for Camp Kesem (BYU chapter) and as a mental health professional each year at camp.

Favorite memories from BYU: turkey bowls between classes and learning from Dr. Kevin Marett.

LAUREN MILLER
Long Beach, CA
MSW 2015

I currently work as a Development Counselor for the Welfare department of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. I assist clients with profound barriers to self-reliance such as mental health challenges, disabilities, and from vulnerable populations to address and overcome these barriers. My husband and I welcomed our first son, Miles, into our family this October.

TROY YOUNG
Mapleton, UT
MSW 2016

Clinical Therapist



I appreciated the high standards and ethics in education while at BYU.

I work at the Yunique Foundation and volunteer at a few organizations.

Favorite memory from BYU: developing lifelong friendships

Favorite memory at BYU: my friends and love of social work



I contract with a mental health agency that provides psychotherapy, medical services, case management, psychosocial rehab, and Substance Use Disorder services. I also contract to develop programs within the agency, develop policy and procedure, train staff, write grants, and apply for additional programs and services.

APRIL CRANDALL
Idaho Falls, ID
BSW 1993

I am a board member for the Center for Hope, which is a nonprofit agency that provides supportive recovery services for those with mental health and substance use disorders.

DRUCILLA CHRISTIANSEN
Orem, UT
MSW 2004
Private Practice

