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School of Social Work Hosts 8th Annual Conference

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The 8th annual Social Work Conference, *DSM 5®: Diagnostic Differentials and Treatment*, took place on November 7th and 8th, 2013 in the Wilkinson Student Center. Presenters represented a diversity of mental health professionals from a variety of fields including Dr. Andrew Skodol, Dr. Elizabeth C. Pomeroy, Rachel Michaelson, Dr. Wayne Denton, Dr. Mikle South, and Dr. Kent Roundy. The response for the conference was astounding, and registration reached the 800 person capacity very quickly. The school regrets having to turn away the requests of additional participants.



Dr. Pomeroy and 2nd year student, Stephanie Christensen

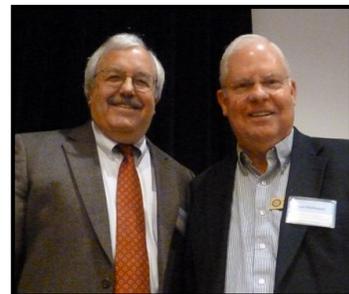
Dr. Elizabeth Pomeroy, the first keynote speaker presented *Development and Overview of the new DSM 5®*. She introduced major changes to the DSM, including some of the new additions. The DSM 5® takes a more dimensional approach to diagnosis based on internalizing and externalizing factors. Dr. Pomeroy, a professor at the School of Social Work and Co-Director of the Institute for Grief, Loss and Family Survival at the Univer-

sity of Texas at Austin, is currently the Editor-in-Chief of Social Work, The Journal of NASW.

The opening plenary was followed by breakout sessions. These included presentations on a variety of DSM topics. Dr. Elizabeth Pomeroy presented on Trauma and Stress related disorders; Dr. Andrew Skodol (University of Arizona, College of Medicine) presented on Bipolar, Depressive, Anxiety, and Obsessive-Compulsive Disorders; Rachel Michaelson (private practice in California) presented on Substance Use and Addictive Disorders; Dr. Kent Roundy (Utah State Hospital) presented on Schizophrenia Spectrum and other Psychotic Disorders; and Dr. Wayne Denton (Professor of Marriage and Family Therapy at Florida State University) presented on DSM 5® and the Family. Attendees were able to attend two of the breakout sessions.

Dr. Mikle South gave a plenary presentation on Neuro-Developmental Disorders, one of the largest sections of the DSM. Dr. South is Assistant Professor in the Psychology Department at BYU and has researched autism spectrum disorder.

The Friday schedule began with a plenary presentation on Personality Disorders given by Dr. Andrew Skodol. Dr. Skodol is a Research Professor of Psychiatry at the University of Arizona, College of Medicine, and was a DSM 5® Task Force member



Dr. Skodol and faculty member, Dr. Matheson

and Chair of the Personality Disorders Workgroup.

Rachel Michaelson presented on Implications for Treatment during the closing plenary. Ms. Michaelson is an LCSW, a CAMFT-Certified Supervisor, and has taught for more than 15 years at various universities and mental health centers. She was a Collaborating Clinician Investigator on the field trials for the DSM 5®.

The conference was a huge success and both the presenters and attendees were highly complimentary of the conference. Some of the presenters commented on how kind and helpful the students were and the beauty of BYU's campus and surrounding area.

Below: Students KJ Green, Taylor Thomas and Drew Davis help with registration





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.

From the Director

By Dr. Gordon Limb

It's been an exciting year for the School of Social Work. As noted in last year's Director message, the School recently went through reaffirmation and unit review. The good news is that our accreditation status was officially reaffirmed from CSWE for the next seven years. Similarly, the University Unit Review final report was very positive and made special mention of our exceptional students and alumni. Thanks to all those who helped in this process. We couldn't have done it without you.

Of particular note was one of the findings/recommendations from the Unit Review. As many of you know, our computer lab (more of a computer closet) only had five computer stations. As the review team walked by the computer lab, they saw about 15-20 students crammed in there and so one of their recommendations was for the University to expand the computer lab space. A proposal was submitted to the College and University and we now have a much larger computer lab that includes 22 desktop stations and a table for six laptop connections. This is a major upgrade and one that supports our efforts to strengthen an already strong MSW program.

We also recently had one of our Social Work faculty members in the national news. Dr. Kevin Shafer's research on step-families has been featured in the New York Times, NPR, the BYU Alumni Magazine and the Huffington Post. He and his students are doing cutting-edge research in this area and he is quickly becoming a national expert on step-family research. Recently, with the generous support of donors, he began data collection on 18-29 year olds raised in step-families to better understand the complexities of step-family life and what makes for a high-quality step-family.

I know many of you will join me in expressing thanks to Ken Matheson, who will be retiring at the end of Summer 2014. Ken has been a valuable member of the Social Work faculty for over 20 years. I know he and his wife have some wonderful plans for their retirement and we wish him the best as he begins a new phase of life.

The Annual Social Work Conference on the DSM-5® was held last November. With about 800 people scheduled to attend, this is the largest conference we have ever sponsored. I am very grateful to Wendy Sheffield, Charlene Clark and our two student planners (Jessica Helms and Heather Ransom) for their work in pulling this off. This was a major undertaking and we appreciate our major funding source--the Marjorie Pay Hinckley Endowed Chair--for allowing us to put on this conference without making it expensive to our alumni and the community. Where else could you attend a cutting-edge conference and get 9 CEUs for FREE? This demonstrates our College and University support as well as how highly we value our community and alumni. I consider it a privilege to work with great faculty, staff, students, and alumni at BYU. The School of Social Work is truly a special place. Thank you to all of you for your contribution.

Gordon Limb

From the Alumni President

By Sandra L. Wilkes

2013 has sped by! This year's November Social Work conference was a huge success. The number of people who attended the introduction of the DSM 5® was phenomenal. The information was presented in a knowledgeable manner, and many of us came away feeling both enlightened and a little overwhelmed. Most of us will have to spend a significant amount of time studying to gain a more comprehensive understanding of the changes in the DSM 5®.

We would like to thank Dr. Kenneth Matheson for his service to the School of Social Work. This is his final year teaching: he has decided that he would like to move on to that lofty goal of retirement. We have appreciated his superb contributions to those he has taught throughout his years at BYU. His insight will truly be missed.

During Homecoming week, the School's Alumni Association hosted a picnic and offered Homecoming football tickets. Although our numbers were few, we enjoyed getting to know those who attended. We hope to host this annually and increase the interactions and associations with most of our fellow alumni.

Another resource for School of Social Work alumni is an ongoing list of potential jobs. If you are aware of social work positions available anywhere, please funnel those to the school. We often hear from our alumni requesting information about job availability. This is a good resource for all of us.

The Social Work program is ever working toward goals of improvement within the school and in its association with community neighbors. BYU's School of Social Work has a reputation to graduate students ready to "hit the road running," as Dr. Cox would say. That reputation continues due to the outstanding students who become excellent workers in our field. There are many areas of certification and increasing responses to the needs of the mental health field that are addressed by the Advisory Committee for the school. We are all very grateful for the continual efforts of the faculty and staff. They sincerely want the best education and experience for our students and work toward providing it for them.

I encourage you to keep in contact with the alumni association and the School of Social Work. Please send updates about your lives and careers. It is inspiring to both students and alumni to hear about your experiences. Please contact me with any questions or suggestions at grandysw@yahoo.com.

I would like to thank the School of Social Work for allowing me the privilege of serving as the alumni president. I have loved BYU for as long as I can remember. I have cherished my association with the wonderful students, faculty, staff and alumni associated with the School of Social Work.

With warmest regard,

Sandra L. Wilkes
BYU School of Social Work
Alumni President



Sandra L. Wilkes

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Global Awareness Society International Conference

Dr. Michael Seipel and MSW student, Tess Collett, attended the 22nd annual Global Awareness Society International Conference, this past May, in Rome, Italy at the historical campus of St. Johns University. The theme for the conference was “Challenges and Opportunities of the Global Financial Crisis.” Tess, a current 2nd year MSW student, and Dr. Seipel presented their research at the conference. During the conference, Dr. Seipel gave a presentation on international peace and domestic investment. Tess presented a paper entitled “Effects of Spatial Context and Poverty on Marital Status: A Study of Native Americans.” Both presentations were well-received.

The keynote speaker at the conference was Frank P. Le Veness, economics professor at St. John’s University, in Rome, Italy.



Above: Michelangelo's Pietà, St. Peter's Basilica, Vatican City

His presentation was on “European Union Challenges: From Members, Economic Partners, and Educational Institutions.”

Dr. Seipel described the conference as being very dynamic and exciting. People from throughout the world came together to share their scholarly work. The

participation of student scholars made this conference special.

Dr. Seipel and Tess Collett were also able to participate in field work in the beautiful and historic venues of Italy.

Together with Dr. Seipel, Tess was able to secure funds to finance her trip to the conference in Rome through the BYU School of Social Work, the BYU Graduate Student Society, the Marjorie Pay Hinckley Endowed Chair, and a Global Awareness Society International scholarship. Tess was one of ten student recipients to receive the Dr. and Mrs. Chang S. Roh Global Awareness \$1,000 Scholarship. Sarah Moore Oliphant, a BYU alumna (BSW, 1999) cur-

rently a Ph. D. candidate at the Catholic University of America, was also one of the award recipients. Her paper was titled “International Faith-Based Organizations: A Qualitative Case Study of Latter-Day Saint Charities.”



Above: Tess presenting at the conference

Students are encouraged to submit papers for the May 23-27, 2014 GASI conference which will be held in Montego Bay, Jamaica. Young scholars with less than seven years of university teaching experience are highly encouraged to apply for several travel grants for the conference. Those who are interested in participating should contact Dr. Seipel, as well as consult the GASI website <http://organizations.bloomu.edu/gasi/index.html> where they can find more information and instructions on submitting papers.



Above: Tess receiving award at the conference from Dr. Seipel



Adjunct Faculty Greg Hudnall Receives Award



Greg Hudnall received the 2013 BYU Adjunct Faculty Excellence in Teaching Award. He was nominated for this award based on his outstanding performance in the areas of teaching, grant writing, citizenship, and publications.

Dr. Gordon Limb wrote about Greg: "Throughout the past 12 years, he has received 'Excellent' to 'Outstanding' ratings from students."

Upon receiving the award, Greg shared the following: "I wanted to thank you for the honor of being selected to receive the first Family, Home and Social Sciences 'Excellence in Teaching by Adjunct Faculty' award. I am grateful for the support and help I have received through the years from many of you. I am also grateful to Shirley Cox for making this happen."

"I was surprised to receive a letter from Dean Ogles stating that I would receive a \$1,000 salary stipend and a \$1,000 supply fund to the social work department for my choice of ways to 'improve teaching' activities."

"I would like the \$1,000 for the department to be used by everyone on the staff. I have been richly blessed by many of you. I am so grateful for your example and support through the years."

Members of the NAC Meet with Current MSW Students

The BYU annual National Advisory Committee (NAC) meeting was held on September 27th, 2013. During that time, three of the NAC committee members, who are alumni of the School of Social Work, MiLinda Hudnall (MSW 2000), Mike Rowley (MSW 1997), and Cindy Lee (MSW 1994), visited with current MSW students, as part of their yearly campus visit (Deb Checketts was unable to attend this year's meeting).

The mission of NAC is to strengthen the university's efforts in teaching and research by building stronger ties with alumni, assisting with fundraising efforts, enabling opportunities for alumni and student mentoring, and advising regarding enhancements to curriculum that will help better prepare students for the current job market. (Dr. Kevin Marett is the School's Representative for NAC.)

As part of their campus visit, the social work members of the NAC met with School Director, Gordon Limb, and current MSW students Brianne Johnson, Kerianna Creedon, Aaron Parks, Doug Wendt, Michelle Johnson, and Kelsey Johnson. Dr. Limb gave an update on the school and highlighted BYU's reputation for having a strong clinical emphasis. After watching and discussing

the School's Founder's Day Video, second year students Brianne Johnson and Kerianna Creedon shared their research projects and internship experiences. First year students then had the opportunity to ask NAC members questions related to research and practice: current practice theories and models, transitioning from student to professional, and how social justice impacts community practice. NAC members also shared their thoughts on the importance of using evidence based treatment, making sure interventions are grounded in research, the importance and versatility of the LCSW license, and issues of funding.



Clockwise from bottom right: Gordon Limb, Cindy Lee, MiLinda Hudnall, Mike Rowley, Kelsey Johnson, Doug Wendt, Michelle Johnson, Kerianna Creedon, and Brianne Johnson.

Joseph N. Symons Award



Dr. Seipel and Jay Snyder

The 2013 recipient for the Joseph N. Symons Social Worker of Promise Award was Jay Snyder.

The Symons award winner is chosen by the graduating class as someone

who has exemplified the values of social work throughout the program and during field placement.

When asked about receiving the award, Jay wrote, "Being selected to receive the Joseph N. Symons award was such an honor! It was very meaningful to have been elected by my peers. I respect each of my peers as strong, smart, compassionate people I am glad to have a lifelong relationship with. For them to grant me this honor after seeing me in class, dealing with my curious mind, engaging in conversations in between classes, hearing my ideas and my struggles is very validating."

"Gratitude is a word that comes easily when asked how I feel about re-

ceiving the Joseph N. Symons award. When I reflect on the Social Worker of Promise, I have already accessed additional strength from its meaning as I work through challenges after graduation. The award serves as a guide post that says others recognize qualities that I can choose to keep showing and a path to continue traveling."

"I have gratitude for the faculty of the School of Social Work, my cohort-now my colleagues, and those that help the Joseph N. Symons award to be possible. The generosity and meaning of the award will remain an important part of my experience at Brigham Young University's School of Social Work."

Winners of the 2013 Shumway Essay Contest

The Shumway Essay Contest winners in 2013 were Sarah Wilcox (1st place), and co-authors Kimberly Friess and Sherinah Saasa (2nd place). Of her experience in participating in the contest, Sarah Wilcox wrote:

"I remember hearing about the length of the Shumway contest paper and thinking, "I'm in my last semester of Grad school, I don't have time for that!" But actually, being in my last semester of grad school was a wonderful point in time to consolidate some of my ideas about what I had learned in school. The past year and a half had given me a lot to think about and I appreciated the opportunity to put some of it together as an entry for this contest. It was humbling and an honor to have had people who have contributed so much to the BYU program and social work in general read and comment on my paper, at the Shumway Award luncheon. It was inspiring to me to see that my ideas matter to other people and can potentially make a difference if I take the time to put them

together and share them. I highly encourage everyone who can to participate!"

Kimberly Friess wrote of her experience:

"Sherinah and I decided to enter the Shumway Essay contest with a paper we had been working on covering Child Domestic Labor. Sherinah had started the paper her first year in the MSW program and I added to it the second year of our program. We both felt like the topic was of great importance because the literature is very sparse on this topic. Much has been written of the broader scope of Child Labor, but we focused on Child Domestic Labor which included children who worked in a home away from their parents. We discovered some benefits for a few of

the children in these situations, but the majority were treated like slaves with little food and opportunities. Taking second at the Shumway Essay Contest was exciting because we got to further promote our message as well as meet with Dr. Shumway who has done so much good in our community."



Above: Sarah Wilcox, Dr. Shumway, and Kimberly Friess

Ariel S. Ballif Award Winner

In 2013, the Ariel S. Ballif award for academic and professional excellence was given to Todd Jensen. This award is given annually to one graduating student chosen by the faculty and unlike other awards, is not based on a contest or a winning paper. Rather, it is based on faculty votes for the student they consider to be the most academically deserving, who understands the need to constantly deepen and broaden their knowledge, and who contributes to the social work knowledge base through effective research.

When asked about his thoughts and feelings regarding receiving the award, Todd responded "I considered it a complete honor to have received the Ariel S. Ballif award! My entire cohort was comprised of brilliant, dedicated, and hard-working students and professionals. I attribute so much of my good fortune to these dear friends and colleagues, as well as to the faculty and staff who continually supported me. Of

particular note is my close friend and mentor, Dr. Kevin Shafer. Throughout my time in the MSW program, Dr. Shafer took me under his wing, offered me continual mentorship, and extended me countless opportunities to engage in my growing passion for empirical research. Much of our work aimed at uncovering unique dynamics associated with post-divorce, remarital, and stepfamily life. Ultimately, we aimed to identify important leverage points for practitioners and policy-makers to use in helping these families obtain greater levels of stability, functionality, and well-being. I maintain this aim while continuing my studies at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. I firmly believe that research and practice can inform each other in beautiful and powerful ways. I also believe that the values of the social



Dr. Kevin Shafer with Todd Jensen

work profession are best realized through the generation of new knowledge, and through the development, evaluation, and implementation of evidence-based practices. The social work profession has more work to do, and I am thrilled at the prospect of taking a part, however small, in moving things forward."

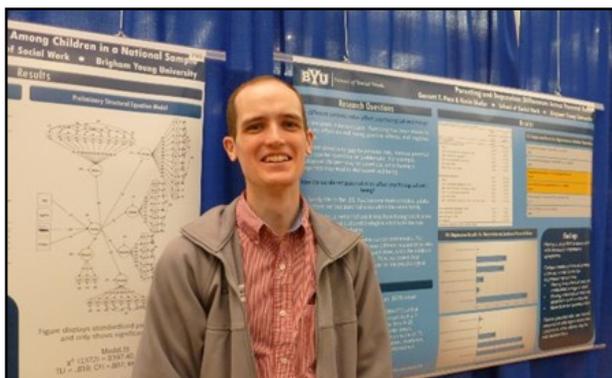
Mary Lou Fulton Poster Contest

Every year, the College of Family, Home and Social Sciences invites both undergraduate and graduate students from each department to participate in a mentored student research conference sponsored by the Mary Lou Fulton Chair. Students are required to prepare a poster illustrating their research hypothesis, research process, and research results to present at the conference. The full-day conference provides students with the opportunity to showcase and explain their research to the public. Winners from each department are selected by a committee of faculty representatives from the college.

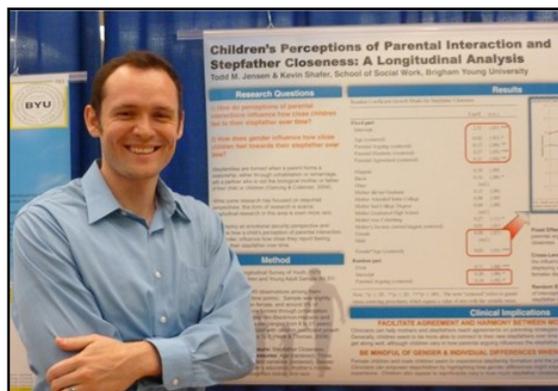
In 2013, the winners of from the School of Social Work were:

1st place - Garret Pace (with faculty mentor Joseph Olsen) "Racial Differences in Autistic Symptoms Among Children in a National Sample"

2nd Place – Todd Jensen presented his second time at the contest (with faculty mentor Kevin Shafer) on "Children's Perceptions of Parental Interaction and Stepfather Closeness: A Longitudinal Analysis"



Garrett Pace with his posters at the contest



Todd Jensen with his poster at the contest

School Welcomes Visiting Professor Dr. David Wood



Dr. David Wood

This past Fall semester, Dr. David Wood joined the BYU School of Social Work Faculty as a visiting professor. His professional responsibilities include teaching and research. During the Fall, he taught Motivational Interviewing and is currently teaching our Psychopathology course.

His research interests include the behavioral health of military service members and their families. This includes perceived stigma, adequacy of interventions, and barriers to care.

Dr. Wood's clinical interests include behavioral health care in the military, motivational interviewing, learning disabilities, and vocational rehabilitation evaluations. Currently, he serves as a uniformed clinical psychologist (73B) in the Utah National Guard. There, he has the opportunity to provide assessment and consultation to military members, commanders and the State Surgeon. Dr. Wood also conducts suicide intervention skills workshops.

He graduated from Arizona State University with a Ph.D. in Counseling Psychology. He received a MS in Counseling Psychology from Central Washington University and completed his BA in Psychology from Utah State University. He also attended Brigham Young University Idaho where he received his associate degree in general education.

Dr. Wood savors time with his wife and four children. In his free time, he enjoys hiking, bicycling, dirt-biking, and taking walks with his wife. What he likes about social work is the opportunity to evoke strengths and values from others so that they can create their own solutions and pursue their most important goals in life.

School Welcomes New Adjunct Faculty Dr. Jeremy Cottle

Dr. Jeremy Cottle joined our MSW faculty this fall as an adjunct instructor, to teach our psychopharmacology course. He graduated from Our Lady of The Lake University with a Master's in Social Work and while working as a fulltime Social Worker, continued his education at St. Mary's University in San Antonio, Texas where he earned a Ph.D. in Counseling, Education, and Supervision. He is currently the Chief Executive Officer/Managing Director for Provo Canyon Behavioral Hospital located in Orem, Utah.

Dr. Cottle has both inpatient and outpatient psychiatric experience

treating adolescents, adults, and older adults. He and his team developed and opened the Provo Canyon Behavioral Hospital, located in Orem, two years ago to serve the acute inpatient psychiatric and chemical dependency needs of our local community. When he is not working, he and his wife enjoy traveling and recreational activities with their four children. He is an avid reader, especially in the field of mental health, LDS church history, and crime novels. He also likes to hike, fish, run, road bike, barbeque, and watch BYU football.



Dr. Jeremy Cottle

Dr. Ken Matheson Announces Retirement



Dr. Ken Matheson has announced that he will retire from the BYU School of Social Work at the end of this academic year (August 2014). Dr. Matheson has taught at BYU since 1982. A part-time faculty from 1982 to 1995, he became a full-time faculty member in September of 1995. During his time at BYU, Dr. Matheson has taught direct practice skills, group work, marriage and family practice, school social work, clinical practicum, ethics, social work and spirituality, and various religion and Family Life courses. He served in such capacities as the

Graduate Coordinator, the BSW Coordinator, and as a mentor to various students. Dr. Matheson also taught at BYU Education Week for 27 years and served on the BYU Speakers Bureau.

Prior to teaching at BYU, Dr. Matheson worked for LDS Family Services for 19 years including assignments at the MTC counseling office, serving as an agency director, member of the research and staff development unit, and Assistant Director at the Comprehensive Clinic. Dr. Matheson has also been active in serving in the community as a member of the advisory board for the Gathering Place, and as a member of the Board of Education for the Provo School District for 12 years.

Dr. Matheson has written articles for the Ensign magazine, chapters in various professional books, and has published a book on marriage.

Dr. Matheson expressed that one of the highlights of teaching at BYU has been the outstanding students with whom he has had the opportunity to work. The payoff for him has been to see stu-

dents evolve and gain confidence in working with people and become effective therapists. Another highlight has been working with caring and quality faculty within the School of Social Work and across the University.

After retirement, Dr. Matheson plans to serve a mental health mission for the Church. He will also continue writing. Dr. Matheson would like to wish the faculty and students the best as they go forward. Teaching at BYU has been an important part of his life and he will miss his contact with colleagues and students and their discovery of the influence that they can have. Although he will miss being at BYU, he looks forward to the next chapters in his life. Dr. Matheson recommends to “prepare yourself so when the Lord opens doors for you, you’ll be ready.”

The School of Social Work would like to express deep appreciation to Dr. Matheson for his contributions and service while at BYU. We wish him the best as he begins this new phase in his life.



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) 422-8686 or at centerforservice@byu.edu, or find them on the internet at <http://yserve.byu.edu>.

Faculty and Staff Updates



Shirley Cox

Dr. Cox is currently teaching the Introduction to Social Work (Soc W 200) late afternoon and Independent Study classes, and the MSW HBSE, Clinical Models, Advanced Clinical Group Practice, and various Field Seminar courses. She is also working on articles regarding SSA ethics and practice standards

and consulting on international MSW program development and social services. She plans to retire in September, 2015.



Dr. Kevin Marett

Dr. Marett is currently teaching Crisis Intervention, Clinical Practicum, Marriage and Family Therapy, and Advanced Practice Skills. His memorable experience of this past year is the birth of his grandson.



Charlene Clark

Charlene has been very busy with planning and scheduling events. She put in a lot of work for the Annual Conference held in November. There were over 850 people who registered to attend the conference—the largest number yet. Charlene was also involved in the project to remodel rooms 2182 and 2184

into a larger computer lab for the students. She is also coordinating the AmeriCorps program for the college. Her most memorable experience of this past year is interacting with incredible students.



Dr. Ken Matheson

Dr. Matheson is currently working on a book for LDS marriages. He will be retiring at the end of this academic year and looks forward to the next chapter in his life. His most memorable experience of the past year is associating with good colleagues.



Dr. Gordon Limb

Dr. Limb's current projects include Fragile Families, spiritual assessments with LDS clients, and collaborating with Dr. Kevin Shafer on the STEP family project. He has a number of publications in press. His most memorable experience of the past year is passing the Reaffirmation and Unit Review with flying colors.

He wrote that doing so "is a tribute to our faculty, staff, and students."



Wendy Sheffield

Wendy has been very busy this past semester. In addition to working on a Comparative Analysis of Field Evaluation Rubric and the field placements for the 2015 cohort, she was responsible for planning and organizing the DSM 5® conference. She also updated online CEUs for Field Instructors. She states that

her most memorable experiences of this past year were "starting full-time as the Director of Field Education, and a medical miracle, a missionary leaving, and a daughter getting married—all in less than a month!"

Professor Jini Roby's Summer Travels

Professor Jini Roby had an exciting and eventful summer as she travelled to various locations throughout the world. She travelled to South Africa with Randal Day from the School of Family Life. There they studied the concept of Ubuntu, or "I am because we are." In this culture, identity is closely connected with the community. She and Dr. Day looked at perceptions of Ubuntu, how it was defined and where it was learned (which turned out to be in the family). They were interested in whether the concept of Ubuntu is increasing or decreasing and the impact of Western influences on the concept. Overall, they found that the concept of Ubuntu is strongly based in the family.



Boys play on the street in Cairo

Professor Roby also travelled to Egypt, as a consultant for UNICEF, where she worked with the government of Ethiopia through a United Nations system to incorporate casework for victims of child abuse, neglect, and exploitation and advocated for the implementation of programs to address these issues. In collaboration with the Ministry of Social Welfare and a National Consultation Group, various local pilot groups, using

paraprofessionals trained by NGOs, were organized to address these problems.

In Cambodia, Professor Roby served as a co-convenor of a special international conference focusing on children and youth. The conference was co-sponsored by the Asian and Pacific Islander Educators Association and the Royal University of Phnom Penh. Over 250 people from 15 different countries, including the USA, Switzerland and Africa, attended the conference. The momentous conference was a huge success for the Royal University, whose social work program is still fairly new.



Co-Chairs of the Cambodia Conference



In addition, Professor Roby also travelled to Ghana with Dr. Shafer and to Korea and France on other projects.

Leopard in tree, Sabi Sands

Dr. Cox's International Consulting

In support of the new Bethlehem Palestinian University MSW Program, Dr. Shirley Cox traveled to Israel to meet with Dr. Mahasin Saleh, to discuss curriculum issues and possible contributions of how social work can support the new opening opportunities to reinstate graduate programs in the occupied territories. Meetings with the consulting team are continuing via Skype.



Kampala Uganda, Specke Resort Conference Venue

um for Social Development (ICSD) International Congress, in Kampala, Uganda, along with students and Dana Templeman from the LDS Family Services central office.



Left: Dana Templeman



Above: Dr. Cox and Ronnie Bwembo

In addition, Dr. Cox participated in the International Consorti-

Professor Jini Roby and Dr. Kevin Shafer Visit Ghana

Professor Roby and Dr. Shafer travelled to Ghana this past July to do some “fact finding” at the invitation and request of the KaeMe Foundation, an NGO that seeks to build loving families and is working on family reunification in Ghana. While there, they looked into the effects of increasing the involvement of families in caring for their children and developed plans for a future research project.



Prof. Roby, Grace (social worker) and Dr. Shafer

In Ghana, approximately 70% of all children in orphanages are not actually orphans. Because of financial difficulties, educational opportunities, food shortages, and clothing shortages, many parents place their children in orphanages in hopes that they will have a better life. Research has shown however, that it is better for children to be taken care of by family, rather than by institutions. To promote greater child wellbeing, KaeMe has been working on reuniting Ghanaian children in orphanages with their families.

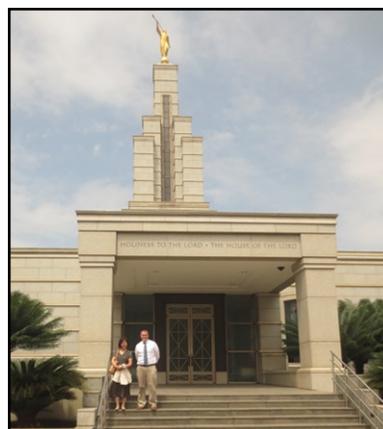
In collaboration with the government of Ghana, and KaeMe, Professor Roby and Dr. Shafer have developed a research project to investigate whether children actually do better when they are with their actual families. They are also interested in the challenges

of reuniting families and the difficulties of reintegration. This next summer, Professor Roby and Dr. Shafer will travel to Ghana to conduct field research. They will be taking three undergraduate students and three graduate students with them as field researchers.



Dr. Shafer trying local milk

The July 2013 trip was Dr. Shafer’s first time in Africa. He found the people there to be tremendous and described them as warm and loving. It was an eye opening and sad- dening experience for him to think about world problems and to witness the effects on children. He had many amazing inter- actions with the peo- ple of Ghana, and



Visiting the Accra Temple

described the LDS members there as being amazing, gospel focused, and willing to share. According to Dr. Shafer, “Ghanaians are easy to love.”

Recent Student Awards of Note

First year MSW student, Bryce Hurst, in conjunction with his faculty advisor Kevin Shafer, was awarded a \$6,500 college research grant to collect data on men’s pornography usage.

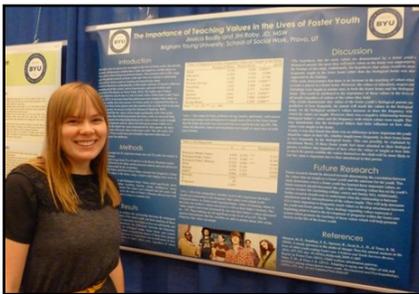
First year MSW student, Ben Thornell, won the college’s 3 Minute Thesis competition and will move on to the university competi- tion.



Student Presentations

Following is a description and list of recent presentations given by students and their faculty mentors.

On March 5th and April 16th of 2013, four MSW students mentored by Professor Jini Roby were invited to present their research findings to the state Transition to Adulthood (TAL) leadership of Utah's Division of Child and Family Services. Their topics covered college preparedness and attachment figures, learning values in the foster home, narrative identity and memory preservation resources. The research was based on data collected by Professor Roby and previous MSW students over the course of several years using mixed methods. The students presenting at DCFS included Jessica Bodily, Valerie Payne, Brittany Rigby and Brianne Johnson. These students are currently completing their manuscripts for publication.



Jessica Bodily



Brittany Rigby



Brianne Johnson



Valerie Payne

Other presentations. Note: Students are indicated by a * following their name

Hurst, B. K.,* & Shafer, K. (2013, March). *Parenting & pornography: Paternal parenting styles as predictive of male pornography usage*. Oral session presented at the Pacific Sociological Association Meetings, Reno, NV.

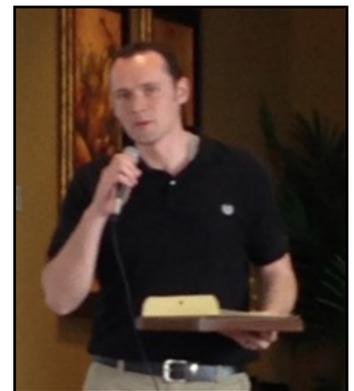
Pace, G. T.,* & Shafer, K. (2013, January). *Parenting & depression: Differences across parental roles*. Poster session presented at the Society for Social Work & Research Meetings, San Diego, CA.

Pace, G. T.,* Shafer, K., & Jensen, T. M.* (2012, November). *Couple relationship quality in stepfamilies: Protective factors in stepparenting challenges*. Presented at the Council on Social Work Education Meetings, Washington, D.C.

Pace, G. T.,* Shafer, K., & Jensen, T. M.* (2013, January). *Stepparenting issues & partner relationship outcomes across gender: The role of clear communication*. Oral session presented at the Society for Social Work & Research Meetings, San Diego, CA.

Shafer, K., & Jensen, T. M.* (2012, August). *Divorced women & welfare reform: How realistic are marriage promotion policies for previously married women?* Presented at the American Sociological Association Meetings, Denver, CO.

Shafer, K., & Pace, G. T.* (2013, April). *A parental roles perspective on parenting and psychological well-being*. Poster session presented at the Population Association of America Meetings, New Orleans, LA.



Todd Jensen

Student Publications

Following is a description and list of recent student publications.

Laurel George (MSW 2012) was a co-author on an article published with Professor Jini Roby and Stacey Shaw (MSW, 2006, currently completing her Ph.D. at Columbia University). The article, published in *International Journal of Social Welfare* in October 2013, discussed findings based on original data collected from 730 children and youth and their 315 caregivers in Uganda. The major findings showed that the amount of food given to children in the household diminished with increased income and that children, living with aunts and uncles, perceived unfairness in the amount of work they were required to do in the household regardless of household income. This research was welcomed by the Better Care Network, a global coalition of child welfare professionals, as it provide them implications for their practice with households providing kinship care.



Laurel George

Other Publications. **Note:** Students are indicated by a * following their name

Bartlett, M.,* Shafer, K., & Seipel, M. M. O. (2013). Egalitarian attitudes and their association with income, poverty, and entitlement program utilization. *Journal of Human Behavior & the Social Environment*, 23(8), 918-930.



Michael Bartlett

Bishop, R. A.*, Morgan, C. V., & Erickson, L. (2013). Public awareness of human trafficking in Europe: How concerned are European citizens? *Journal of Immigrant & Refugee Studies*, 11(2), 113-135.

Gray, A. C.,* Shafer, K., Busby, D. M., & Limb, G. E. (2013). Unique influences on American Indian relationship quality: An American Indian and Caucasian comparison. *Journal of Comparative Family Studies*, 44(5), 589-608.



Alex Gray

Jensen, T. M.,* & Shafer, K. (2013). Stepfamily functioning and closeness: Children's views on second marriages and stepfather relationships. *Social Work*, 58(2), 127-136.

Limb, G. E., Shafer, K., & Sandoval, K.* (2012). The impact of kin support on urban American Indian families. *Child & Family Social Work*. doi: 10.1111/cfs/12041

Pace, G. T.,* & Shafer, K. (in press). Parenting and depression: Differences across parental roles. *Journal of Family Issues*. doi: 10.1177/0192513X13506705

Pace, G. T.,* Shafer, K., Jensen, T. M.,* & Larson, J. H. (in press). Stepparenting issues and relationship quality: The role of clear communication. *Journal of Social Work*. doi:10.1177/1468017313504508

Shafer, K., & Jensen, T. M.* (2013). Remarital chances, choices, and economic consequences: Issues of social and personal welfare. *Journal of Sociology & Social Welfare*, 40(2), 77-101.



Katrina Sandoval

Shafer, K., Jensen, T. M.,* & Larson, J. H. (2012). Relationship effort, satisfaction, and stability across union type. *Journal of Marital & Family Therapy*. doi: 10.1111/jmft.12007

Shafer, K., Jensen, T. M.,* Pace, G. T.,* & Larson, J. H. (2013). Former spouse ties and post-divorce relationship quality: Relationship effort as a mediator. *Journal of Social Service Research*, 39(5), 629-645.

MSW Student Turkey Bowl



The 5th annual MSWSA Turkey Bowl was held on November 9th, 2013 at Rock Canyon Park. It was a beautiful sunny day and was perfect for a game of flag football between the first and second year MSW students. This annual event gives students an opportunity to get to know each other better and to take a break from their studies. Both teams played hard and were cheered on by fellow students, spouses and children. The first year team won the Turkey Bowl. It was a great event and was enjoyed by all who attended.



First and Second Year Students

First Year Potluck

First year MSW students held a potluck lunch on October 26, 2013. The potluck was held at Provo Bicentennial Park and MSW students, their spouses and children attended. There was good food and fun games. The event was “a totally awesome success.”



First year students and family members

New Computer Lab

As part of the 2012 Unit Review, it was recommended that the university expand and upgrade the student computer lab to better meet the needs of students. A proposal for expansion of the lab was submitted to and accepted by the College and the University. During Fall semester 2013, the upgrade process began.



Above: Remodel Mid-Stage. The remodel took a couple of months. This is how the lab looked for quite some time.



Wendy Sheffield, Kevin Shafer, and Students at the ribbon cutting



Left: Students Allie Harrison, KJ Green and Kenzi Sorensen enjoy the new lab



Above: Hallway congestion prior to Grand Opening

The 5 desktop computer “closet” became a larger space which now includes 22 desktop computer stations and a center table with connections for 6 laptops. Current students eagerly awaited the new computer lab. A special ribbon cutting ceremony was held Tuesday, October 29th, 2013 and was attended by students and faculty.

School Advisory Council Meeting



Back: Josh Brown, Gene Gibbons, Casey Christopherson, Joy O'Banion, Allen Proctor, Michael Gardner, Mark Keller, Sandra Wilkes, Gordon Limb.

Front: Marcie Remington, Amy Curtis.

The School of Social Work greatly appreciates the time and input we receive from our Advisory Council, which meets quarterly with our administration to receive updates on our program curriculum and activities and to advise on the community's reception of our students and activities.

The September, 2013 meeting of the Advisory Council was held at Brick Oven restaurant, adjacent to campus.

MSW Student Association

MSWSA 2013-2014

Faculty Advisor: Dr. Michael Seipel
President: Storie Stinger

Graduate Student Society
Representatives:
1st Year– Doug Wendt
2nd Year– Kristjana Green

Advisory Council Representatives:
1st Year– Chanel Nagaishi
2nd Year– Jessica Bodily

Faculty Liaisons:
1st Year– Carron Zullo
2nd Year– Andy Layne

Mentor Coordinator:
2nd Year– Kenzi Sorensen

Activities:
1st Year– Kelsey Johnson
2nd Years– Vanessa Storey

NASW Representatives:
1st Year– Becca Jacobsen
2nd Year– Allie Harrison

Faculty Appreciation:
2nd Year: Drew Davis

Secretary:
2nd Year: Stephanie Christensen



Above: Back row: Dr. Seipel, Doug Wendt, Kelsey Johnson, Stephanie Christensen, Kristjana Green, Andy Lane, Drew Davis.
Front Row: Storie Stinger, Carron Zullo, Chanel Nagaishi, Vanessa Storey, Kenzi Sorensen, Allie Harrison.
Not pictured: Jessica Bodily, Becca Jacobsen.

Students Connect via Facebook

At the suggestion of second year MSW students, the 2015 cohort (first year MSW students) created their own Facebook group. The site has helped students plan social events and activities, ask questions and get feedback on coursework, share helpful resources, provide encouragement to each other, and generally bring them closer together. The 2014 cohort also have a Facebook group which they use for similar purposes.



The BYU School of Social Work also has a Facebook page. You can find it by searching “BYU School of Social Work.” Make sure to click “like” to join and to receive news and updates about the school and current events.



Student Weddings

Kerianna Creedon



Kerianna, a second year student, and her husband Jacob met through family friends the summer between high school and college. After being friends for many years, and many dates later, they decided to get married. They would have married in April, but she was committed to an internship in New York City for the summer, so they pushed the date to August 13,

2013. After her internship, Kerianna flew home and ten days later they were married in the Oakland California Temple.

Heidi Josephson

Heidi, a first year student, and her husband Josh met on a double blind date (ironically, that is also how her parents met).

Things didn't work out for the other couple on that first blind date, but Josh got Heidi's phone number and they have been together ever since. They dated for three years and got married in Idaho Falls on September 21, 2013. It was a beautiful day and they are happy to have found each other.



Chelsea Parsons White

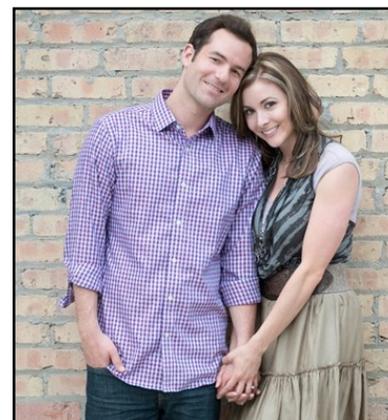
Second year student Chelsea and her husband Derrick met in their single's ward. After being friends for a couple of years, they started dating. They got engaged in August, and were married in the Salt Lake Temple on November 2, 2013.



Casey Wood

First year student Casey met her husband Chris in high school. They ran on the same cross country team, but never really dated or hung out. Talking was a bit of a challenge because Chris is deaf and in high school Casey did not know ASL. She did have a big crush on him though.

After both graduating from college, they randomly met at Gold's Gym in Provo after Chris moved to Utah. They started hanging out and he taught her ASL. They had fun dating, acting out stories and laughing together. They got engaged in March and were married in San Diego July 13, 2013.



Newborns and Engagements

Addilyn Bringhurst

Chris Bringhurst, a first year student, and his wife Ashley are the proud new parents of Addilyn, who was born January 26, 2014.



Ben Thornell

First year MSW student Ben Thornell proposed to his angel of a girlfriend over Thanksgiving break. He proposed at the temple after giving her a Book of Mormon he had marked up. It was a gift which represented hundreds of hours and insights on how he wanted to be as a husband. He also gave her a book of pictures from their previous dates and letters from family and friends encouraging her to say yes. They will be married March 8, 2014 in Bountiful, UT.



Student Internship Experiences

Kristin Byers (MSW 2014)



Kristin did her Spring/Summer internship at the Utah State Hospital. She writes that "I had one patient who had very flat affect and by the end of my internship she would smile more. The highlight of my time there were the combined social work occupational therapy groups

when we took patients down to the garden and around the grounds. For many of my patients, that was the only time they went outside and it was the highlight of their week! I learned to just jump in and help out in any situation. I took care of making sure the DVD players worked and finding out why patients couldn't have email access even though that isn't necessarily a "social worker's" job."

Kami Huff (MSW 2014)

Kami completed her Spring/Summer internship at Wasatch Mental Health Provo Family Clinic. The highlight of her internship "was working with youth and helping them to improve their behavior and relationships. The parents also received support from the therapists and case managers. It was amazing!" While completing her internship, Kami learned a lot about setting boundaries, and that doing untraditional, un-"sit-down" therapy is still therapeutic. Kami's husband recently graduated from BYU in Manufacturing Engineering Technology and they took a trip to Disney World and Harry Potter Adventure Land to celebrate. Kami is doing great after have a discectomy and fusion in her lower back.

Andrew Layne (MSW 2014)



Andrew interned at the Utah State Prison Substance Abuse Program. He writes "I learned a lot about substance abuse, as well as our prison system. At first I was intimidated to hold group with 10 prison inmates, but by the end I was much more

relaxed. It was a great experience." Andrew shared that he loved his internship. "One of the best parts was learning about substance abuse. I learned about the biological side of things, and what goes into it. I went into the internship not sure about the skills that I had learned and how to apply them. I learned quickly that I knew a lot more than I thought I did. I really had a chance to help increase my confidence as a clinician." His advice to future interns is "Enjoy it. Learn as much as you can, and make sure you

are having supervision. That is when you can learn some of the coolest things!"



Chelsea Parsons White (MSW 2014)

Chelsea completed an internship at the Children's Justice Center. She writes that "I loved running groups with the children and teens. It was amazing to see them process their trauma and learn that they are stronger than they think. I also loved doing crisis intervention on an

individual basis. I also got the chance to do the online Trauma-Focused CBT training, which I think will be very beneficial to my future clients, as well as to my career." She also shares that "you have more clinical skill than you realize. Don't be afraid to voice your opinion during staff meetings. You have a unique perspective to offer your agency and clients." Chelsea encourages future interns to take advantage of the beautiful weather in Provo during the summer. She was married on November 2, 2013.



Melissa Pomale (MSW 2014)

Melissa did an internship in the Utah State Hospital Forensics Unit. She enjoyed the opportunity she had to run multiple groups, interact with the community, attend continuing education courses, and participate in a movie that Unit 4

made. Of her experience, she writes "I learned how to treat the severely and persistently mentally ill population. I learned skills that can assist me in recognizing these illnesses much more easily." Her advice is "know that you need to try your hardest, be there to learn, be willing to try new things, don't be intimidated, and jump in with both feet!" Melissa has been married for almost four years and she and her husband, Sione, have a son, 15 month old Noa. They love living life to the fullest and taking crazy adventures as a family.



Internships-continued

Heather Ransom (MSW 2014)



Heather completed her internship at the Utah State Prison in both the men's and women's facilities. She writes "my coworkers were wonderful resources to me as they gave me guidance, advice, and tools to use in my sessions and group work. Frankly, I LOVED working at the prison. I had so

many diverse experiences and was able to see the spectrum of mental illness and how mental illnesses manifest differently from person to person. Talk about a wild summer." Her advice to future interns is to "be open to anything. We grow the most in uncomfortable situations. Your supervisor is your biggest resource so go to them with questions, concerns, and advice." Heather and her husband have been married for 3 years. After graduation, they will move to the Midwest where her husband will work on a Ph.D.

Vanessa Storey (MSW 2014)



Vanessa did her internship at Wasatch Mental Health in the Xcel and Giant Steps Programs. She writes "I was able to see great progress in some of the adolescent boys I worked with and the individual clients I had as well. It was a neat experience to see them learn different behavior

management skills and various coping skills throughout the summer. I learned that therapy does not have to always take place in an office. I was able to be in homes as well as out in public settings with the individual clients. We were able to provide "on the spot" therapy when needed and be able to help process and work with individuals as they were going through a particular situation in that very moment." Vanessa recommends working with your supervisor often, and using as many supervision hours as you can, they will be the biggest help to you. Vanessa loves being active, playing and watching sports, being outdoors, and spending time with her family in Minnesota.



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New Student Cohort—Class of 2015

The students of the MSW Class of 2015 come from a variety of backgrounds. There are 25 women and 16 men in the cohort. Seven students have BSW degrees and the remaining students received their degrees in Behavioral Science, Family Studies, French, Home and Family Living, Human Development, Integrated Studies, MFHD, Music, Music Therapy, Neuroscience, Philosophy, Psychology, Spanish, and Sociology. Schools attended include BYU (24), UVU (6), BYU-Idaho (5), Utah State University (2), BYU-Hawaii (1), Southern Utah University (1), Weber State (1), University of Utah (1), and Arizona State University (1). Among the cohort, the following languages are spoken by at least one student: ASL, Cebuano, French, German, Illonggo, Italian, Japanese, Laotian, Portuguese, Russian, Spanish, Tagalog, Thai, and Ukrainian. Approximately 44% of the cohort is married and they collectively have 34 children and 9 grandchildren.



MSW Class of 2015

Following you will find some interesting facts and experiences from the MSW Class of 2015:



Lauren Allred

Lauren is from Sugarland, TX. She received a degree in sociology from BYU. She currently works as an ABA instructor for an autistic child. She is the third of five children in her family, and is the aunt to two adorable nieces and one handsome nephew. Lauren can speak American Sign Language. She hopes to always serve others to the best of her ability and she feels strongly about helping children and families, and advocating for strong and healthy family relationships. She loves anything outdoors, especially running and climbing.

children who have experienced loss. She has also worked at House of Hope in Salt Lake City. Rachel lived on the North Shore of Oahu while attending BYU-H and loved it. Her most recent travels include New York, New Jersey, California, DC, and Canada. She is learning Spanish. Rachel would love to travel more and experience other countries and cultures. She loves reading, spending time with family and friends, and working with children. She is also scuba certified. Rachel has been married for four years. Her husband's parents moved next door to Rachel's parents while he was on his mission. When he returned from his mission, he and Rachel met and started carpooling to church and school. They became best friends and were married less than a year later.

a degree in marriage, family, and human development from BYU. She completed an internship at Discovery Ranch, and at LDS Family Services. She hopes to work with women and do couples and family therapy in the future. Myriam's first language is French. In April, she will celebrate her 20th wedding anniversary. She has four children: 2 boys ages 12, and 9, and 2 girls, ages 18, and 15. She and her husband hope to serve missions to China, Italy, Australia, and Africa. Myriam loves to volunteer, read to children, and work on projects in the community. She also enjoys playing volleyball, walking in the mountains, bike riding, gardening, and playing the piano and the flute. When Myriam was born, her mother had to ride a snowmobile to get to the hospital.



Rachel Baird

Rachel is from Cameron Park, CA. She received her bachelors of social work from BYU-Hawaii. While working on her BSW, Rachel completed a practicum at Kids Hurt Too Hawaii, a non-profit organization for



Myriam Bardsley

Myriam is originally from Quebec, Canada, but currently claims Mapleton, UT as home. She received



Class of 2015 – continued



JonPaul Boyle

JonPaul is from Provo, UT. He received a degree in integrated studies from UVU. He worked as a trail-walker for the Anasazi Foundation in Mesa, Arizona.

He also did volunteer work for Wasatch Mental Health. He hopes to practice social work with the military. He travelled to Europe with the military. This past summer, he got his first real passport and traveled to the Cayman Islands. His idea of a good trip is Moab. He is the oldest, best-looking, most talented, and wisest of five brothers. He enjoys soccer, ultimate Frisbee, disc golf, mountain biking, playing the Native American flute, the wild, and any sport that involves a board. Most people don't realize that he is straight gangsta. He wants to have a sweet cabin in the woods someday.



Ryan Brimley

Ryan has a behavioral science in psychology degree from UVU. He is from Peoria, AZ. He served in the Bangalore India mission. Ryan has

worked in a group home providing residential services to adults with developmental disabilities for the past five years. He hopes to work in a variety of fields and in the process find his niche. Eventually, he would like to open a private practice. He has been married for four years, and he and his wife have two children: Fallon and Daxton. Ryan enjoys being outdoors, playing sports, fishing, gardening, cooking, playing board and video games, reading, writing, sleeping, eating, traveling, and above all spending time with his family.



Chris Bringham

Chris is from Orem, UT and has a degree in sociology from Southern Utah University.

Chis is married and he and his wife are expecting their first baby girl in February. He has worked at Youth and Families of Promise, Chrysalis, LDS Family Services as an intern, and currently works as a mentor at a residential treatment center for troubled youth. Chris served an LDS mission in Kyiv, Ukraine, speaks Ukrainian and can understand Russian. He is a runner and always has been. He started running in the second grade and competed all over the Eastern U.S. He trained through junior high, high school, and just finished his collegiate career in running. When he was little, he competed in ballroom dance for six years.



Ke'ala Cabulagan

Ke'ala is from Seattle, WA. She has a degree in sociology from BYU. She chose to study social work because she loves working

with people, and wants to help people into a better place in their life. She would love to work with children and youth. She has volunteered in various social work settings, and has realized the benefit of helping youth at a young age to learn coping skills so they can live a full, happy life.



Kristen Carr

Kristen has a degree in sociology from BYU and is from Clinton, MS. She has worked with Rise Services, Wasatch Mental Health, Lifeline Foundation, and has done research

for Real Victory, a non-profit organization for juvenile offenders. She is interested in working as a social worker with adults or teenagers, but is open to other populations as well. Kristen loves watching movies, ice skating, eating good food (mostly desserts), and musical theater. One of her life goals is to travel to every continent.



Heather Christie

Heather is from Nampa, Idaho and Nelson, BC, Canada and she has dual citizenship in the U.S. and Canada.

She received her degree from BYU in family studies. She has worked with the Children's Justice Center as a volunteer and with ACAFS as a court ordered supervisor. Heather served an LDS mission in St. Louis, Missouri. She spent the last two years of high school at a boarding school in Italy and while she was there traveled around Italy and other parts of Europe. Heather has five older brothers; she is the youngest child in her family and the only girl. She loves to read, and loves "lake" activities such as canoeing, kayaking, swimming, fishing, sitting by the edge and looking at the mountains and other water-type activities. She pretends that she likes to run. She starred as an adolescent banshee in a film that went to a film festival which is her go-to story for weird things that she has done.



Jarretta Church

Jarretta is originally from Haines City, FL, but currently lives in American Fork, UT. She has a behavioral science degree with an emphasis in social work from UVU. She

served an undergraduate internship as a case manager for Wasatch Mental Health and DCFS. She has lived in Japan, Germany, and Ethiopia. She would like to work with victims of sexual abuse, and to counsel those with SSA and sexual addictions. Jarretta loves to read and one of her favorite authors is John Grisham. She also likes cooking and baking and is very adventurous about trying new foods. Her favorite place she ever lived is in Ethiopia. While there, she experienced a major drought and a locust plague. Jarretta is the mother of seven children and has two grandchildren.



Hannah Cox

Hannah received her undergraduate degree in sociology from BYU. She is from Butte, Montana. After graduating, she spent time working at a treatment center for women with eating disorders and loved the time she spent there. She enjoys playing soccer and volleyball and loves being in the outdoors. She has always liked traveling and learning about other cultures and has grown to love the Holy Land, where she did a study abroad for a semester. She loves spending her free time playing guitar and singing.

Tim Fidler



Tim is from Salt Lake City, UT and has a BSW from the University of Utah. He is currently a Home Super-

visor for a Network on Juveniles Offending Sexually (NOJOS) level 5 group home. He would love to have his own group homes that implement LDS gospel principles in treatment. He served in the Rio de Janeiro, Brazil mission and speaks Portuguese. His interests include racquetball, swimming, golfing, drag racing, bullet bikes, long boarding, chess, and social work. Tim has been married for almost six years, and he and his wife, Christa, have a son named Brigham. Father and son are huge BYU fans.



Raymond Forrester

Raymond is from Nelson, New Zealand. He graduated from BYU with a degree in psychology. He served an LDS mission in Brisbane, Australia. He has travelled to Europe (Italy, France, England, Belgium, and Ireland) for rugby and to Thailand in a performing group and to visit orphanages. Ray hopes to be a Robin Hood to those who are oppressed either by others or by themselves. He loves the outdoors, sports, music, food, travel, helping others, and the

occasional pedicure. He was afraid of being abducted by aliens until he was about 17. He was a foster child, so there are many that he considers brothers and sisters, mums and dads.

Jacob Fox



Jacob is from Belmont, CA and received his undergraduate degree from UVU in behavioral science with an emphasis in social work. He likes social work because he is intrigued by cause and effect relationships and he wants to help people work through their issues and prevent unnecessary hardships. An interesting fact about Jacob is that he wanted and got an over-the-hill tombstone cake for his 40th birthday. His favorite book is *The Anatomy of Peace*, and he is very interested in leadership and Arbing Institute publications. Jacob and his wife, Becky, have four children. Jayla, 11, Tim, 8, and Tyson and Zander, 4 year old twins. When he has free time, Jacob loves playing sports and going on walks with his wife.



Kelsey Fraser

Kelsey is from Powder Spring, GA and has a degree in sociology from BYU. She is a court appointed special advocate and works with a guardian ad litem in Provo. She would like to work in a hospital on a pediatric wing, or in the schools. Kelsey has traveled to Greece, Scotland, France, Romania, Germany, Canada, and throughout the U.S. While living in Romania, she broke a world record. She enjoys reading, traveling, road trips, trying new restaurants, and shopping. She makes award-winning chili and loves popcorn. Kelsey has four older siblings, all of whom are married and have kids, which means she has 13 nieces and nephews. Being an aunt is her favorite. She and her family all bleed blue and are die hard Cougar fans.



Carissa Friedman

Carissa is from Seal Beach, CA. She has a degree in neuroscience with a minor in theater from BYU. She has worked as a research assistant for BYU Child and Infant Lab, as an autism aide at Giant Steps Preschool, and at Wasatch Mental Health at Vantage Point and the Youth Crisis Center. Carissa enjoys theater, the outdoors, and bookbinding.



Sara Ise Gaertner

Sara is from Ephrata, WA and has a degree in family studies from BYU. She has worked as a hospice volunteer/intern. She is currently an activities director at an assisted living facility. She served a mission in Nagoya, Japan and is fluent in Japanese. She enjoys playing the guitar and piano, reading, cooking, socializing, gardening, and being the World's Greatest Auntie. She has two nephews and four nieces. Sara grew up on a farm and was involved in 4-H for 10 years. She showed various animals, including dogs. At one point, she dreamed of being a professional dog handler and was offered an apprenticeship, but she turned it down and later found out she is very allergic to animals. Sara is the caretaker of two house plants: one is named Palmyra and the other is simply "the bamboo plant."

McKenzie Gibson



McKenzie is from Ridgefield, Connecticut. She has a degree in psychology from BYU. She has always loved talking to people, and she recognizes the importance of expressing emotions. She chose the MSW program at BYU because she wanted to learn about therapeutic techniques through a gospel perspective.



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Jessica Helms
Jessica is from Eugene, OR and has a degree in psychology from BYU. As an undergrad, she worked at the

Utah State Hospital and Family Support Center in Orem, UT. She also worked at Independence High School. Jessica would like to work in the area of school social work. She has traveled throughout the U.S, was an exchange student in Japan, and has also visited Spain, Germany, and Sweden. She also did a study abroad in London. She enjoys cooking and making crafts, horseback riding, hiking, water sports, and spending time with her family. Jessica is the youngest of six children and has 11 nieces and nephews. She and her husband have a seven month old baby boy named Carter and are working towards living and working internationally in either China or Taiwan. When she was in the 8th grade, she was on the Montel Williams Show and was on Dateline as a sophomore in college. Another interesting fact is that her family has owned llamas since she was in middle school.



Josh Holmes
Josh is from Ogden, UT. He has degrees in social work and Spanish from Weber State University. After serving an LDS

mission, he realized he loves teaching and being around people. The social work field is a way for him to work with individuals needing extra support, while allowing him to share his experience to help others improve their lives. His dream is to one day practice therapy in a medical social work environment while being a fulltime social work professor.



Bryce Hurst
Bryce is from Blackfoot, Idaho and has a degree in sociology from BYU. He decided to go into social work as a result of his studies in soci-

ology that focused a lot on the sources of social problems and inequality. He wanted to do something that could affect those problems, create solutions, and decrease the inequality that people experience. He is interested in working in child policy, with addicted populations, school social work, and international social work policy. Bryce has been working with Dr. Kevin Shafer on researching the mechanisms that explain pornography usage.

Rebecca Jacobsen



Rebecca has a degree in psychology from BYU-Idaho. She is from Puyallup, WA. She has worked as a psychosocial rehabilitation worker

(PSR) in Idaho Falls, ID. She also volunteered at Mary Bridge Children's Hospital in Tacoma, WA in the oncology/hematology wing and loved every minute of it. In 2010, she went on a study abroad and visited England, Austria, France, Italy, and Spain. She would like to work with birth mothers and adoptive parents, or in a prison setting. She loves that with social work, she is not bound to one or the other, and can go where she feels inspired to be. In high school, Rebecca had Hodgkin's disease and had a collection of wigs. She is married to a sweet and wonderful husband named Ian. He is going into law enforcement, so they can be a social tag team together. Becca loves being outside and enjoys being with family and friends. Her family is very much into board games and they bond with people over game tournaments.



Alex Johnson
Alex received his undergraduate degree in psychology from BYU. He is from Orem, UT. He served an LDS mission

in Bangkok, Thailand and speaks, reads, and writes Thai fluently. Alex looks forward to serving as a mental health clinician in a variety of social work settings. He and his wife, Lindy, met in the 8th grade, and have been married for 3 ½ years. They have two sons, Wayne (2), and Alvin (4 months). Alex enjoys running, playing basketball, and reading.



Kelsey Johnson
Kelsey is from Lone Tree, CO and has a BSW from BYU-Idaho. She has worked in youth camps, interned at a middle school, in-

terned with juvenile probation, worked at Anasazi, and loved all of it. She served in the Philippines Bacolod LDS mission and can speak 3 Filipino dialects: Cebuano, Illonggo, and Tagalog. She has traveled all over the world, from the tundras of Canada to the smoking streets of Mexico. Professionally, she really enjoys working with youth and young adults; she is also interested in substance abuse and addiction recovery. She has been known to play a little basketball, volleyball, and racquetball. She loves to snowboard, loves to dance, and is a talented beat-boxer. Kelsey has three brothers and is the only girl in her family.



Michelle Johnson
Michelle is from Provo, UT. She received a music degree from BYU and a music therapy degree from USU. She is inter-

ested in doing social work in many areas including children and families, hospice, memory care, and addictions. Michelle loves traveling and learning about other



cultures. She has traveled throughout Europe and the U.S. She has lived in Italy and Belgium and speaks Italian and French. She enjoys reading, cooking, playing board games, spending time with family, being an auntie to 14 nieces and nephews, being in the great outdoors, and playing various musical instruments. Her primary instrument is the cello. She is the sixth of eight children.



Heidi Josephson

Heidi is from Idaho Falls, ID. She has a degree in psychology and attended BYU-I and BYU. She has worked with teenage girls with substance dependence and behavior problems at the Journey: New Vision. She served a mission in Bangkok, Thailand, speaks Thai, and lived in China for a summer and taught English. She would like to be a therapist and work with couples and families, with adoption services, and with some sort of international social work projects. She also wants to have children and be an intelligent, loving mother. Heidi loves to ski on both the snow and the water. She plays the guitar and the piano and likes playing tennis and volleyball. She loves to cook Thai food and has a lot of experience with Asian things. She married an amazing man this past September.

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Khamphady Keovongsa

Khamphady is from Sacramento, CA. He has a degree in family studies from BYU. He currently works for the State Developmental Center. He served in the Salt Lake City South LDS mission. He is fluent in Laotian and can understand Thai. He would like to work for a hospital health clinic or treatment center, and is also interested in working with LDS youth. He loves playing the guitar and learning new songs, basketball, and exercising. He is obsessed with board games and his ideal night would be to gather with good friends and play a round of Settlers of Catan. He prefers to sleep in a sleeping bag. He is the second youngest of six siblings in his family and he and his siblings share a love of cooking and eating good food.



Nancy Rodriguez Larsen

Nancy is from Los Angeles, CA. She has a degree in behavioral science with an emphasis in social work from UVU. She

has volunteered at the Provo Police Department as a Victim's Assistant of Domestic Violence. She interned at DCFS. She served a mission in the Buenos Aires North, Argentina mission and speaks and writes fluently in Spanish. She would like to work in crisis intervention in a hospital setting and in disaster relief. Nancy is the youngest of nine children. She has been married for twenty years to Steve Larsen and they have five children; one girl and four boys ranging in age from 18 to 8. Nancy loves to relax and watch a movie while eating popcorn. She enjoys gardening, cooking, camping, being in nature, and spending time with her family.



Colette Meek

Colette is from Sherwood Park, Alberta, Canada. She has degrees in psychology and French from Arizona State University. She is fluent in French and has lived in France, Hungary, Sweden, Canada, and the U.S. She has

traveled through Europe, Turkey, Vietnam, Cambodia, Malaysia, Indonesia, the Philippines, Australia, and New Zealand. She loves sports, especially volleyball, basketball, and snowboarding. Colette played volleyball for Canada's national team for 3 years, and professionally for 4 years. She also likes music and books.



Chanel Nagaishi

Chanel is from Salt Lake City, UT and received her undergraduate degree from UVU in behavioral science with a social work emphasis. She has

worked at the Division of Child and Family Services in Spanish Fork as a member of a permanency and Child Protective Services Team. Currently, Chanel and her husband work as on-call weekend house-parents for Family Support and Treatment Center's Crisis Respite Nursery. Chanel is

the oldest of five children in a blended family. She and her husband have been married for 2 years. To celebrate her graduation, Chanel and her husband took a trip to London, Paris, Rome, Madrid, Amsterdam, and Istanbul this past May. She is interested in international work with children and families, especially in relation to social and child welfare development. She would love to work with international NGOs and hopes to have her children on foreign soil. Chanel loves to read, try new foods, travel, and spend time with her husband and her dog, Phil.



Jack Neiger

Jack is from Orem, UT. He received a degree in psychology from BYU. He chose a career in social work because it provides a wide variety of career opportunities in the helping profes-

sion, especially ones that meet his interest in substance abuse recovery. Some interesting facts are that he is left-handed, he has lived in Europe, and he was an American Idol contestant and met Ryan Seacrest. Jack comes from a family of three kids. He has been married to his wife, Rachel, for just over a year and a half.



Anne Nelson

Anne is from Boise, ID and received her undergraduate degree in psychology from BYU-Idaho. As an undergrad,

she did an internship at a juvenile correction facility. She served an LDS mission in McAllen, TX where she learned Spanish. She hopes to work as a counselor with individuals and families. She is also interested in adoption services. Anne likes to run, play tennis, and play the piano. She loves trying new foods and baking delicious treats, being outdoors, and hiking. She has participated in Ragnar, a 12-person relay of about 200 miles. She has run three half-marathons. Anne is the youngest of six children and has four brothers and one sister. All of her siblings are married with children. She has 17 nieces and nephews and is the favorite aunt.

Class of 2015-continued



Diana Guadelupe Ortiz

Diana received her BSW from Utah State University. She claims Logan, UT and Mexico as home. She has worked as an independent living coordinator with Center for Independent Living. She is fluent in English and Spanish, and speaks some French as well. The furthest places she has traveled to are Alaska and Mexico. In the future, she hopes to visit the East Coast and travel to every continent. Diana would like to work with children who have been affected by abuse and neglect. She is also interested in influencing government policy on child welfare issues. Diana loves dancing, singing, being in nature, outdoor motorized and non-motorized activities, and spending time with people she loves. Something unusual about Diana is that she is not afraid of death, including her own. In fact, she even has a funeral song picked out and knows how she wants her ceremony arranged. Diana comes from a family with five siblings. She loves being with her family and they enjoy teasing and cooking with each other.

Stephen is from West Valley City, UT. He has a BSW from BYU-Idaho. He served an internship with Felony Probation and Parole in Idaho Falls, and another internship at the Family Resource Center. He also worked at an adolescent treatment center in Salt Lake City. He served a mission in Jackson, Mississippi. He wants to get his LCSW and be a family, substance abuse, adolescent, and marriage counselor. Stephen is married and he and his wife, Rachel, have a playful baby boy named Benjamin. In his free time, Stephen enjoys playing games, spending time with his family, running, bike riding, playing sports, and hiking, camping, singing, and many other things.



Stephen Palmer

Stephen is from West Valley City, UT. He has a BSW from BYU-Idaho. He served an internship with Felony Probation and Parole

in Idaho Falls, and another internship at the Family Resource Center. He also worked at an adolescent treatment center in Salt Lake City. He served a mission in Jackson, Mississippi. He wants to get his LCSW and be a family, substance abuse, adolescent, and marriage counselor. Stephen is married and he and his wife, Rachel, have a playful baby boy named Benjamin. In his free time, Stephen enjoys playing games, spending time with his family, running, bike riding, playing sports, and hiking, camping, singing, and many other things.



D. Aaron Parks

Aaron is from New York and everywhere. He has a degree in family studies from BYU. He has worked at Utah Family

Academy supervising non-custodial parents. He served an LDS mission in Nagoya, Japan. While living in Japan as a youth, he had the opportunity to travel to Korea, Hong Kong, and China. Aaron is fluent in Japanese, conversant in French, and has a basic understanding of Portuguese and Spanish. If he had a lot of extra time and money, he would spend it playing tennis, traveling here and abroad, hanging out with family, and exploring the many facts of the cool world. Aaron has been married for 2 ½ years. He and his wife have a cute red-headed daughter. He is one of five kids, and his wife is one of six.



Karen Salisbury

Karen is from Sacramento, CA. She received her undergraduate degree in family studies from BYU. She is a Utah County board member of NAMI

(National Alliance of Mental Health) and completed a 9-month internship at Wasatch Mental Health. She hopes to work with families dealing with mental illnesses. Karen is married and has 4 children, and 7 grandchildren. She took care of her grandmother for 22 ½ years, 4 ½ of these in her home. Karen loves music and real crime shows.



Ben Thornell

Ben is from Bountiful, UT and has a degree in philosophy from BYU. He has volunteered with the Crisis Line, Utah State Hospital, Wasatch Mental Health, and Sons of

Helaman. He served a mission in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. He hopes to change the

world, fight pornography on micro and macro scales, and help families stay together and work out problems. Ben enjoys volleyball, soccer, snowboarding, rock climbing, ghost hunting, trail running, movies, video games, and hunting. He is allergic to almost every possible allergen, including the cold. He has been skydiving, and survived a motorcycle crash. Ben is recently engaged to be married.



Doug Wendt

Doug has a degree in sociology from BYU. He is from Idaho Falls, ID. He has worked in family reunification efforts in Guatemala and on community develop-

ment initiatives throughout Latin America. He co-founded a social venture, worked in non-profit management and marketing, and consults and mentors social start-ups. He has also worked at a residential treatment center for at-risk youth. He served an LDS mission in Guatemala, is fluent in Spanish, and conversant in Portuguese. He has lived in Mexico, Guatemala, and Bolivia and has backpacked through Brazil. He plans to receive clinical training and licensure, complete a PhD in social work, do clinical work with men and families, and continue developing international social work initiatives. Doug's personal interests include the guitar, climbing, reading, philosophy, the New York Times, poetry, vegetarianism, and Christmas. He has 14 nephews and 1 niece and is, by leaps and bounds, the favorite uncle, sibling, and person in his family.



Zach Wixom

Zach is from Idaho Falls, ID and has a BSW from BYU-Idaho. He has experience working with children with mental health disorders, and

children with developmental disorders such as autism. He served in the Illinois Peoria mission. He hopes to work with children and teenagers professionally. He has been married to his wife, Becca, for two years and they have an 8 month old

named Ethan. Zach enjoys basketball, golf, singing, family stuff, movies, and pretty much anything fun. He LOVES Spongebob Squarepants and owns four seasons on DVD.



Casey Wood

Casey is from Orange County, CA and has a degree in human development from BYU. She decided to go into social work based

on her experiences, talents, and personali-

ty. She feels that the family must be strengthened and she wants to put her talents to good work to that end. She enjoys working with teenage girls, couples, and the deaf and hard of hearing.



Carron Zullo

Carron is from Bountiful, UT and has a degree in home and family living from BYU. She has been a mentor for troubled teens at Heritage School, and is a member of the Rape Crisis

Team at the Center for Women and Children in Crisis. She served a Spanish-speaking mission in Nashville, TN. She hopes to be a marriage and family therapist, raise awareness for human trafficking, raise a gospel-centered family, live a long fulfilling life, and then be "twinkled." She enjoys dancing, running, biking, hiking, camping, singing, reading (not textbooks), playing board games, and eating. Carron is a member of the BYU Ballroom Dance Company. She has six siblings.

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Alumni Updates

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Class of 1970

Bern Vetter (BSW 1970)

Bern is retired, but is working and traveling part-time for the Department of Defense as a Military and Family Life Consultant. He has been married to Aleta Wilcken for 44 years. They have 8 children and 16 grandchildren. Their home base is Butte, Montana, but they also spend time in Alaska and Utah.

Class of 1972

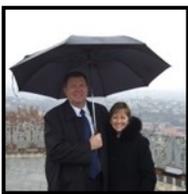


Douglas Gale (BSW 1972)

Doug received his MSW from the University of Utah in 1976. He is currently the Executive Director of Scenic View Academy in

Provo, Utah. He and his wife, Cynthia, have two children; Phillip and Spencer. Phillip is a psychiatrist and resides in Salt Lake City, UT. Spencer is a PA and resides in Parkersburg, WV. Douglas and his wife are the proud grandparents of four.

Class of 1973



Ronald J. Dunn (BSW 1973)

Ronald is currently the CEO for Excel Eye Center in Utah. He has been married for 43 years and has six children and seventeen grandchildren. He served as a mission president in Armenia from 2007-2010 and is currently serving as a Stake President in Spanish Fork, Utah.

Bettie Ellis Gerard (BSW 1973)

Bettie has a private practice as a clinical social worker at West Bay Psychiatric Association in Warwick, RI. She has been married 40 years to John Gerard. Their son, Adam, is 36 years old and is married to Laura Beth Gerard.

Karen P. Liles (BSW 1973)

Karen works as a special educator in grades K-12 and volunteers on the Idaho State Board of Curriculum Adoption. She has served on the National Board of Teacher's Praxis. Karen is the mother of 8 and the grandmother of 12. She plans on retiring in a few years and hopes to serve as many missions as possible.

Jeanie Sheffield Peck (BSW 1973)

Jeanie is currently working as an LCSW at the Center for Persons with Disabilities at Utah State University, in their Up-to-3 Early Intervention Program, and is the director for the Child Care Nutrition Program. She also works part time for Family Institute of Northern Utah, where she provides treatment for domestic violence victims and perpetrators.

Karen T. Valentine (BSW 1973)

Karen works as an advanced EMT with Utah County Search and Rescue. She is married to John L. Valentine and they have six children, five of whom are married. Karen and John have eleven grandchildren. All of their children, 3 daughters-in-law and one son-in-law have attended BYU.

Class of 1975

Kathleen J. Walthers Sealy (BSW 1975)

Kathleen was employed for 30+ years by Kern County in Bakersfield, CA, as a social worker and supervisor. She considered it a blessing and a privilege to have had a career in social work. She retired in 2010 and now has more time to spend with her husband and grandchildren. All of her grandchildren know that grandma attended BYU and it is the BEST! Kathleen's husband, a UCLA grad, also loves BYU. They hope that one or more of their grandchildren will have the BYU experience.

Class of 1977

Dr. Bruce D. Latham (BSW 1977)

Bruce has a family practice and treats narcotic dependency. He studied emergency management and received a Masters in

Public Administration from BYU in 1984. His children still live in Utah, but Bruce and his wife live on a 15 acre gentleman farm in New Hampshire. His emergency management skills include nuclear, biological, and chemical response. Bruce is the former Emergency Preparedness Specialist for BYU and a FEMA instructor and course designer.

Class of 1978

Jed E. Lyman (BSW 1978)

Jed currently works as the Director of San Juan Counseling Center in Blanding, Utah. He and his wife have 7 children and 20 grandchildren.

Kevin Theriot (BSW 1978)



Kevin received his Ph.D. from Arizona State University in 1990. He currently works for LDS Family Services as a Program Manager.

Class of 1979



Brenda Kerkhoff Ingold (BSW 1979)

Brenda moved to Charlotte, NC in 2011 where she works as a Senior Permanency Planning Social Worker for Mecklenburg County. Her caseload includes all court involved cases where the children are in kinship placements, foster care, or group homes. Brenda has two grown daughters. The oldest lives in Chicago and is in management of a European based cosmetic company. Her younger daughter is married and lives in Davidson, NC, and is currently working at Verizon and will soon take the LSAT.

Susan Gardner Josephson (BSW 1979)

Susan is a licensed mental health counselor and behavioral health supervisor at a children's advocacy center in Orlando, FL. She has been married to Steven Josephson, who is an urban planner, for 22 years.

They have a 21 year old son, Brandon. They will be relocating to Dickinson, ND for Steve's work. Susan writes that her social work education at BYU gave her a great background for working in human service. She obtained a Master's degree in Counseling and Psychology from Goddard College in Plainfield, VT in 1993.

Victoria Smith (BSW 1979) Victoria is a supervising counselor at Alta California Regional Center. She works with individuals who have intellectual disabilities. She received her Master's degree in 1986 from the University of Utah. One of her daughters is married with two children. Victoria has one daughter attending BYU and a son attending UVU.

Class of 1980

Emer Broadbent (BSW 1980)

Emer recently retired from teaching in the Social Work Department at the University of Memphis.

Vicki Wenger Christian (BSW 1980)



Vicki currently works at her local high school front office. She describes her job as "not really a

'social worker,' but definitely a 'social' worker." She lives in Cedar City, UT where 4 of her 6 children also reside. Her other 2 children live in St. George, UT and Oklahoma City, OK. Vicki has 9 grandchildren.

Joanne Clements (BSW 1980)

Joanne is a social worker for United Healthcare in Greensboro, NC. She has five children and three grandchildren, with two more grandsons on the way. Joanne received her MSW from the University of Cincinnati in 2005.

Class of 1983

Barry Glum (BSW 1983)

Since he graduated, Barry has worked as a mental health counselor, provided life skills training to handicapped adults, and has worked as a case manager and supervisor for child protection services. Barry

currently works as a customer service specialist with Job Service North Dakota in Bismarck and plans to retire in 7 years. Barry and his wife have two daughters and four grandchildren. He serves on the High Council of the Bismarck, ND, Stake. He and his wife also serve as temple workers.



Mark P. Martin (MSW 1983)

Mark works as a clinical social worker and provides outpatient psychotherapy to individuals, couples, and families. He recently celebrated his 60th birthday and is married to Barbara, who works as an elementary school principal. They have three grandchildren. Five of their children are married in the temple and the other two are still single. One daughter is serving a full-time mission in Ventura, CA. Mark is serving in the Branch Presidency of a YSA branch.

Reed Stoddard (BSW 1983)

Reed currently works as the Director of the BYU-Idaho Counseling Center. His wife is an elementary school librarian and they have 5 children and 4 grandchildren.

Class of 1984



Lisa Kirk Call (BSW 1984)

Lisa works as an elementary school teacher and is the 4th Grade Director/Musical Director, Chorus Director, and works with Drama Club. Lisa has been married for 27 years and has 4 children. She has been a singer and performer in Temple Hill Christmas concerts since 2008.

Class of 1985

Rick E. Abbott (BSW 1985)

Rick is currently the Director of the San Luis Obispo and Santa Maria California Institutes of Religion for the Church. He recently moved from Mesa, AZ, to the central coast of CA. Rick plans to retire in 3 years and move back to AZ to be closer to his 5 children and 4 grandchildren. He participates in community outreach programs in CA, organizations to feed the homeless, works with women in crisis, and continues to volunteer in church programs.

Class of 1986

James R. Fairgrieve (MSW 1986)

James retired as a social worker/parole agent for the California Department of Youth Authority and currently works as the social worker on the acute mental health unit at an Idaho Maximum Security Institution. He has taught DSM IV and V courses at Northwest Nazarene University in Nampa, ID. His wife recently submitted all the documentation for Rank and Tenure at NNU. Their oldest son, Riley, just started college at NNU. Their youngest son, Jesse, is a freshman in high school and was elected as the class president.



Elaine Walton (MSW 1986)

Elaine retired three years ago from the BYU faculty. She currently works part time as a counselor for LDS Family Services. Elaine lives in Provo, UT. Her husband passed away last year and Elaine is settling into life as a widow. She looks forward to serving a mission as an Area Mental Health Adviser.

Class of 1987



Christian D. Yeates (BSW 1987)

Christian is part owner and CEO for Stonehenge Care, skilled nursing facilities. He has been married to Laura Bramall Yeates for 28 years. They have lived in North Orem for the past 20 years and have four children: Michelle, 24, graduated from BYU-I in nursing; Monica, 19, a freshman at UVU on the women's golf team; Aaron, 16, a junior at Timpanogos High School; Spencer, a 9th grader at Oak Canyon Junior High. Christian thoroughly enjoys working with the geriatric population. (See attached photo of Senator Hatch's visit to Stonehenge in September, 2013)

Alumni Updates-continued

Class of 1988

Pat Salsbury Parkinson (MSW 1988)

Pat works as an LCSW at Wasatch Mental Health. She married Tom Parkinson after 20 years of widowhood and helped him raise his three children. Pat's daughter, Jennifer, is married and lives in Tooele; Alana is studying social work at Weber State; Russell is studying graphic arts at Southern Utah University; Hannah is newly married and lives in North Pole, Alaska.

Class of 1989

Lara Holden Caughman (BSW 1989)

Lara is the Director of Program Services at Make-A-Wish Foundation of East Tennessee. She is married to Jay Caughman and they have three daughters.

Class of 1990



Charlyn Bluemel (BSW 1990)

Charlyn has worked for five years as an independent case manager for children with disabilities for the Wyoming Department of Health, Division of Developmental Disabilities. She has been married for 26 years, lives in Lyman, WY, and has 6 children. Her oldest son and daughter, twins, are 23; she is on a mission in Mesa, AZ, and he has Down Syndrome and lives at home. A 19 year old son is serving in the Texas Houston South mission. The next daughter is a senior in high school. Another daughter is a sophomore in high school, and the youngest son is 9.



Davee Chandler (BSW 1990)

Davee is the Clinical Director at Therapia Addiction Healing Center, a residential treatment facility in St. George, UT. He also has private practices in St. George, and Utah County. Three of his five children are married, and Davee and his wife

are the grandparents of six. Davee serves as the International Clinical Advisor to Bikers Against Child Abuse. He claims he is "too old to be this busy."

Class of 1991



Herta Crawford (MSW 1991)

Herta has a private practice in Orem, UT where she does individual therapy and marriage and family therapy. Her seven children are all over the world: Orem, Seattle, Denver, Iowa City, New York, and Germany. This past summer, the whole family, including 29 grandchildren, came together for a surprise 70th birthday party for Herta's husband who has taught at BYU for 41 years. She writes that "life continues to always be busy."



Amy Thompson (BSW 1991)

Amy is the Manager of Clinic Operations and Programs with Warm Springs Counseling Center and Training Institute, a non-profit organization serving children and families in Boise, Idaho. She is responsible for 20 clinicians, 9 CBRS Specialists, 3 psychologists, 1 physician, and 1 intake specialist. Amy received her MSW from BSU in 2009.

Class of 1992

Wendy Grill (BSW 1992)

Wendy teaches 4th grade at Taylor Elementary School in Payson, UT. She is married with four children. Two of her sons are serving missions, one in California and one in Missouri.

Michele Rowley Rees (MSW 1992)

Michele is a part time therapist for LDS Family Services. She and her husband have three daughters and they live in Riverton, UT.

Jennifer Higham Stewart (BSW 1992)

Jennifer is the Program Manager for the United States Marine Corps Exceptional Family Program. Jennifer and her husband have been married for 22 years, and have 3 children. Her husband recently retired after 20 years as a Marine Corps aviator. While he was in the Marines, their family lived throughout the US and in Japan. Their oldest son is a junior at BYU-I studying exercise physiology. Their second child is a senior in high school, and the youngest is an eighth-grader. Jennifer received her MSW from the University of Hawaii at Manoa in 1996.

Class of 1993

Brian Anderson (BSW 1993)

Brian is a Counseling Manager with LDS Family Services. He and his wife live in central California and have adopted two children, ages 14 and 12. He is loving life!

Jill Jepson Johnson (MSW 1993)

Jill is currently the Crisis Intervention Specialist for Kaiser Permanente. She has been married to Darren Johnson for 12 years. They are the proud parents of three vivacious boys ages 10, 7 and 5. Jill loves volunteering at their elementary school and is working on an outside mural for the school. She is serving as the Primary president in her ward. She loves the field of social work and has had jobs in a group home for troubled boys, an adolescent psychiatric unit, EAP, psychological testing, and crisis work.



Nancy Kelly Skanchy (MSW 1993)

Nancy has had a private practice in Vancouver, WA since 2007. She moved to Logan, UT in October, 2013 to work on the USU Social Work faculty. Her husband, Robin Blake Stone, retired from the Union Pacific Railroad after 35 years. She and her husband have three children. Kelly, 34, is married with two children and has a MA in Fine Art; Annie just received an MA in early childhood special education and works at the U of O; Jared is mar-

ried with a 3 year old son and will be returning to the Utah Air Guard. Nancy is currently working on two books, a memoir of her adoption journey from Vietnam, and seven and a half ways to feeling your best (Zen Mormonism). She plans to serve a full-time mission with her husband in Vietnam.

Class of 1994



**Stacey Porter
Lindsay
(BSW 1994)**

Stacey is a high school counselor for Horizon-te Instruction and Training Center, an alter-

native high school for Salt Lake City School District. She and her husband live in Salt Lake City and have six children ranging in age from 27 to 10. They also have two adorable grandchildren.



**Jennifer Reintjes
(MSW 1994)**

For the last two years, Jennifer has lived in Las Vegas and has worked as the Deseret Industries Development Man-

ager for AZ, NV, southern UT, and parts of CA. Previously, she and her family lived in Grand Rapids, MI. She worked for many years in counseling and misses providing direct care services. Jennifer has been married to her husband Travis for 22 years. They have 3 children. Samantha, 17, is a cross country running champ; Elizabeth, 15, is a swimmer; Benjamin, 11, enjoys playing baseball. Jennifer currently serves as the Young Women president in her ward.

Cary Shelton (MSW 1994)



Cary is a counseling manager with LDS Family Services in Boise, ID. He has

worked with LDS FS for almost 20 years. He is married to Julianne Judkins and they have four amazing kids. Julianne is a Zumba instructor and the Primary President in their ward. Their oldest son is on a mission in Guatemala. Two of their daughters are living at home. Cary would love to hear from any of his old classmates, he is on Facebook, or you can email him at sheltoncl@ldschurch.org

Class of 1995

Tracey Sparks (MSW 1995)



Tracey is an LCSW in private practice at Family Counseling Place with other LDS counselors and MFTs. She and her husband live in Dallas, TX and have four sons. The oldest will soon be receiving a mission call; he was born two weeks after Tracey received her MSW. The other three, ages 15, 10, and 8 are elite soccer players hoping to play for the men's national team, or Salt Lake Real. Tracey and her family love to travel to Europe and occasionally soak up the sun and surf.

Raymond Welliver (BSW 1995)

Raymond has been working as an outpatient counselor for 17 years, since completing his MSW in San Antonio Texas. Recently, he worked as part of a multidisciplinary team at two different inpatient psychiatric hospitals in British Columbia, Canada. His wife works as a special education teacher, and they have two children, a son and a daughter. Their daughter just started her freshman year at BYU Hawaii.

Class of 1996



**Nathan Gibbons
(MSW 1996)**

Nathan works as an LCSW with LDS Family Services and is also the counseling manager at the Provo MTC. He has

been married for 22 years and has three sons and two daughters. He has lived in Bountiful, UT, Centennial, CO, and currently lives in Cedar Hills, UT.

**Natalie Dawes Wintch
(BSW 1996)**

Natalie is married with three children. She is a stay at home mother, and loves it. She also volunteers in the community and is on her local Hospital Board. She received her JD in 2001. She writes that she is living her dreams.

Class of 1998

Linnie Tan (MSW 1998)

Linnie is currently working as an Early Intervention Service care coordinator. She has enjoyed life on Oahu, ever since graduation.



**Holly Waite
(MSW 1998)**

Holly is currently a full-time mother. She keeps her LCSW on an inactive status, but seeks year-

ly CEUs so if and when she returns to work it will hopefully be a seamless transition. Holly has three children and her husband works as an Information Systems Analyst. They adopted a sibling group of three in 2007 and are trying to raise them in the right way despite their early challenges. They love that both of their parents live close by and that they get to enjoy the wonderful blessing of grandparent love.

Class of 1999

Rachel Crandall (MSW 1999)

Rachel is currently a full-time mother. Her children range in age from 18 to 2 years old. At some time she may return to work in the social work field.



Alumni Updates-continued

Class of 1999-continued



Alfred (Fred) Dodini (MSW 1999)

Alfred is currently in private practice as a Family Life Educator and Life Coach. He lives in Gilbert, AZ. His youngest daughter is on a mission in Birmingham, AL and his youngest son is a senior in high school. He and his wife are awaiting the "empty nest" phase of their lives. Fred is writing a book that will change the world. (Well... maybe a little). His 24th grandchild arrived this past year.

Matt Erickson (MSW 1999)

Matt is the Clinical Director at Logan River Academy, a residential treatment center for adolescents. He is married with three boys ages 11, 8, and 5.

Rachel Kummer (BSW 1999)



Rachel is currently a social worker for Holy Family Memorial Homecare and Hospice. She and her husband live in Two Rivers, WI. They have two boys, ages 8 and 6.

Class of 2000

Li-ju Jang (MSW 2000)

Li-ju is currently involved in research and community services.



Kyle Kimball Oswald (MSW 2000)

Kyle is currently working as a Counseling Manager for LDS

Family Services. He and his wife have three children. Madilyn, 10; Kenny, 6; and Tye, 3. They are alive and well in Frederick, Maryland. Life is very full and enjoyable for them as they juggle school, work, and church.

Tracie Penunuri (MSW 2000)

Tracie is currently working with Primary Children's Hospital at the Center for Safe and Healthy Families. She specializes in TF-CBT and PCIT for children who have experienced abuse and other trauma. Tracie is married with four children, ages 13 to 5. Her husband is a chemical engineer and works at Kennecott. She and her husband enjoy cheering for the BYU Cougars.



Jamie Stubblefield Pyatt (MSW 2000)

Jamie currently has a private practice and is living in San Diego, CA. Her

daughter just started first grade.

Class of 2001

David Pitcher (MSW 2001)

David is currently a Counseling and Adoption Manager for LDS Family Services. He and his wife Jenny have five children; three girls and two boys ages 15 to three years old. They live in Indianapolis, Indiana.

Class of 2002

Michael Charles Benjamin (BSW 1999, MSW 2002)

Michael is currently an outpatient social worker at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minnesota.

Class of 2003

Brad Reimer (BSW 1997, MSW 2003)

Brad is currently the Children's Services Manager at LDS Family Services. He will soon be a part-time counselor at Cancer Care Northwest running a Prostate cancer support group. Brad's oldest son is a senior in high school. He also has a son who is a

junior in high school, a daughter in 8th grade, a daughter in 5th grade, and a daughter in 3rd grade. In November of 2012, Brad was diagnosed with non-Hodgkin's Lymphoma. He finished chemotherapy in April of 2013 and his scans are clean so far.

Chad Schaugaard (MSW 2003)

Chad is a manager at LDS Family Services in Pocatello, ID. He has been married for almost 15 years and has four children ages 13, 11, 7, and 4 years old.

Class of 2004



Tammy Leifson (MSW 2004)

Tammy is a coordinator at Veterans Administration Medical Center in Salt Lake City for Community Residential Care and Medical Foster

Home Programs. She also serves on the board of the Food and Care Coalition in Provo. Her family continues to serve the homeless through participation in cooking and serving meals at the FCC at the new location on 299 E. 900 S. in Provo.



Elijah Nielson (MSW 2004)

Elijah is an Attorney and provides legal counsel and representation. His is married

with 4 children and resides in the Phoenix, AZ, area.



Diana Sutton (BSW 2004)

Diana worked for several years in hospice, specifically with bereavement support, is now retired and has decided to take her motorhome and become a "snowbird."

She is not sure where she will end up, but one thing is for sure, it will be someplace warm. Three of her children live in Utah along with 7 of her 12 grandchildren. Her

youngest daughter and son-in-law with 5 grandchildren just returned from Thailand and live in Virginia. Her oldest grandson returned from a mission in Argentina. In December, her oldest granddaughter entered the MTC, prior to serving in the Kennewick, WA mission.

Jennifer Thompson
(BSW 2002, MSW 2004)



Jennifer is working part-time at LDS Family Services as a clinician. She is still working towards her LCSW. Jennifer is happily married and living in Idaho Falls, ID. She and her husband have two boys, one girl, and a newborn boy. Her husband received an MSW from Michigan State and is a supervisor on a crisis team. Jennifer considers her BYU education as priceless and feels that it prepared her for her profession in many ways.

Class of 2005

Dustin Bassett (MSW 2005)

Dustin is the owner of The Connecting Place Counseling Center, a private practice counseling agency. He lives in Lehi, UT with his wife and three kids, ages 12 to 2 years. He was recently released as bishop of his ward. Dustin and his wife created a structured parenting system called "DoDots Family System." He writes that it has been a lot of fun and interesting to juggle parenting five children, maintaining a current practice, and running a separate business on the side while trying to get a few hours of sleep at night.

Jana Roberts (BSW 2005)

Jana is married with two children ages 3 and 1. She and her husband just celebrated their ninth wedding anniversary.

Class of 2006



Casey A. Ruiz
(MSW 2006)

Casey has served as an active duty officer (Captain) in the US Air Force for over 4 years. He currently works at

Ellsworth Air Force Base Mental Health Clinic. In 2012, Casey deployed to Afghanistan where he ran a Combat Stress Control clinic based out of Forward Operating Base Shank. While there, he worked primarily with Army troops and frequently traveled to austere combat outposts to counsel those on the front lines struggling with the stressors of battle. Casey and his wife Emma are currently raising their four children, ages 9 to 3, in Rapid City, South Dakota.

Class of 2007

Brad Evans
(BSW 2005, MSW 2007)

Brad manages the affairs of the HUD-VASH (supportive housing program), Veterans Outreach Program, and Homeless Outreach for the Department of Veterans Affairs in Southern Utah. He also does therapy in the outpatient clinic in St. George. He and his family moved to St. George a year ago to fill his current position. Brad and his wife have four children. Since moving from Provo they miss their old friends and being close to family, but are working hard to adjust to the new area and are enjoying St. George.

Shauna Hemenway
(MSW 2007)



Shauna currently lives in the Portland, OR area. She stays busy with four kids ages 7, 4, 2 and 4 months.



Alicia Darley Tullis

(MSW 2007)

Alicia is a stay at home mom and uses her education and work experience every day. She

got married in 2009 and just had her second child, another girl.

Class of 2008



Brynn Bell (MSW 2008)

Brynn works as a mental health therapist for Chrysalis and as a mental health therapist for Utah Behavior Services. Her husband is a pharmacist and they live in St.

George, UT and love it. They enjoy golfing, running, and sunning culture. Brynn writes that the BYU MSW program prepared her to feel confident and educated in any therapy setting with any client.



Laurie M. Forbes
(MSW 2008)

Laurie has had her LCSW for almost two years. She specializes in treating PTSD in adults and adolescents. She runs an AMAC group for women, and does individual

therapy for survivors of childhood traumas. Laurie and her husband have six children, and four grandsons. They live in Salt Lake City, UT. Their youngest son is serving a mission in Birmingham, AL. One daughter and one son live in Las Vegas, NV. Her oldest son lives in Eureka, UT. Another son lives in American Fork, UT and is married. One son is still living at home.

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Class of 2008-continued



Cole Hooley (BSW 2008)

Cole was recently promoted to the founding position of "Director of Social Work and Counseling Services" for all of the schools in the Harlem Village Academies network in NY, NY. He also continues to provide clinical services in one of the middle schools in East Harlem. Cole has academic appointments at Columbia University School of Social Work as a lecturer and at Smith College School of Social Work as an Assistant Clinical Professor in connection with field supervision. He is a member of a research/evaluation team at the New York University School of Medicine. He works part-time as a therapist in the New York City LDS Family Services Office. He is also the only social worker in the Columbia University Child and Adolescent Psychotherapy Study Group. Cole and his wife Lexi like to wander through NYC where they live with their daughter Georgia. They love theater, museums, finding fun restaurants, and going to the movies. They are excited to be welcoming another baby girl into their family in 2013.



Carrie Nicholes (MSW 2008)

Carrie works for an insurance company and specializes in substance abuse/addictions. She is married with two children, a boy and a girl.

Holly Steed (MSW 2008)

Holly is currently a stay at home mom with two young children. She is a member of the Association of Play Therapy and NASW. She is currently working on the required paperwork to receive the RPT credential. In her church group, she is running a depression support group. Holly's husband is finishing his last year of a Masters of Anesthesiology program in Wash-

ington DC. They have two children, ages 2 years and 10 months and live in Pikesville, Maryland. They are looking forward to where a career will move them.

Class of 2009



Angela Brown (BSW 2009)

Angela is self employed as a mother and puts her knowledge to the test as she teaches and raises her children. Angela is married with two children. Brayden, 3.5; and Zander, 2. Her husband recently graduated with a PhD in Family Studies from Florida State University. His dream job is with seminaries and institutes for the LDS Church. He is currently student teaching in Alpine, UT. If that doesn't work out, he will apply to teach at the university level.



Daniel W. Curtis (BSW 2009)

Daniel is currently a researcher working for the Correlation Department of the LDS Church and is working on finishing his PhD at the University of Pennsylvania's School of Social Policy and Practice. He and his wife Michelle have three daughters, ages 6, 3, and 1. Michelle is pregnant with another daughter. Daniel and his family moved to North Salt Lake in November.



Crystal McCown (BSW 2009)

Crystal is currently a mental health clinician at the Texas State Jail and passed her LMSW exam for Texas. Crystal graduated with her MSW from University of Houston in 2013 and did a fellowship at MD Anderson Cancer Center. She recently celebrated her 5 year wedding anniversary.



Jessica Saari (MSW 2009)

Jessica works as a Developmental Specialist for Deseret Industries in Layton, UT. She also worked for Stonehenge of Richfield and Family Support Center in Richfield. She went back to school and received her certification as a Certified Rehabilitation Counselor and Licensed Vocational Rehabilitation Counselor in the state of Utah. Jessica writes that "life has been wonderful. I have had the opportunity to work in several different areas of Utah and look forward to any experiences I have in the future."

David Slack (MSW 2009)

David is currently a social worker in the NICU at McKay-Dee Hospital Center. He works with babies and their parents on the NICU to make sure they have any needed resources and works on other floors of the hospital assisting with discharge planning and trauma services, ensuring that patients have their social and physical needs met. David and his wife live in Ogden, UT and are extremely happy.

Class of 2010

Karissa Garr (MSW 2010)

Karissa works as a clinical therapist treating victims of abuse, domestic violence, and human trafficking. She does individual, family, and group therapy. She works with age ranges 5-60+; she uses art and play therapy in working with children. Karissa will celebrate her 7th wedding anniversary in February. She and her husband recently bought a house.



Steven Hyer (MSW 2010)

Steven is an active duty Air Force Social Worker. He is in charge of the Family Advocacy clinic which oversees treatment and prevention of domestic violence and child abuse across Mountain AFB. He supervises 6 civilians, oversees the Suicide

Prevention Program, and provides consultation regarding mental health and family violence. Steven has been happily married for 8 years to Lisa. They have two boys, Grant, age 6 and Matthew, age 3.



Garrit Jacobson (MSW 2010)

Garrit currently works for LDS Family Services in Van Nuys, CA.

He is a full-time therapist working with local wards, stakes, and five different missions. He is also studying for the California LCSW exam. Garrit and his wife Leah are happy to be living in Simi Valley, CA. They have four children. Drew, 7; Lily, 4; Owen, 2; Lucy, 8 months. All are healthy and are doing well.

Kaylee Christensen Liebhardt (MSW 2010)

Kaylee works as a children's therapist and does individual and family therapy for children and their families. She also teaches parenting classes. Kaylee got married in 2012.

Tiffany Winder (MSW 2010)

Tiffany currently works as a licensed therapist at Oxbow Academy, a residential treatment center for boys with sexual addictions. She loves her job and has been working there since graduation. She does individual, family therapy and various types of experiential therapy including equine therapy, sand play, art therapy, and anything else creative. Tiffany has two little girls. Lucy, 2.5.; Ruby, 9 months.

Alumita Nakautoga Young (MSW 2010)

Alumita is currently a stay at home mom. She got married the day after she graduated in April, 2010 and immediately moved to California. She has one more class to take to finish the requirements to be licensed in CA. She is currently a registered Associate Clinical Social Worker. She has a 2 year old boy and 6 month old girl who keep her days busy. Alumita just renewed her ASW registration and is looking for work.

Class of 2011



Richard B. Alboroto (MSW 2011)

Richard is back in school and is working on a PhD in Social Welfare at the University of Hawaii at Manoa.

He is in his second year there (the specialization year) and his area of interest is gerontology. He is still single and hopes to find that special someone in the future.



Teri Jorgensen Dawson (MSW 2011)

Teri is in the process of opening her own private practice conducting mental health therapy.

She will focus on meeting with those who struggle with sexual addictions. She is working alongside the LifeSTAR Washington program in conducting group therapy for those with sexual addictions. A few months after graduation, Teri started working at Project Reality in Provo, UT and she worked there for 2 years. She married Dave Dawson during this time and they recently moved to Bellevue, WA for his work. Teri shared the following advice "keep all of your doors open and be willing to go out of your comfort zone. You are probably more capable than you think."

Liesl Petersen (MSW 2011)

Liesl is married with two girls, ages 3 and 2. She and her family are in Colorado.

Class of 2012

Camm Clark (MSW 2012)

Camm is a therapist for the Child Center and does individual and family therapy for kids ages 5 to 18. He and his wife Miriam have a daughter, Ruby who is two years old. They are expecting another daughter in February.

Colette Dalton (MSW 2012)

Colette is currently working as a developmental specialist at the Boise and Nampa Deseret Industries. She has completed half

of the hours required for her LCSW. She has lived in Boise, ID for almost a year.

KayLee Dunn (MSW 2012)

KayLee is a clinical therapist at Addo Recovery in Lindon, UT. They provide resources, education and clinical treatment to individuals experiencing betrayal trauma due to a partner's pornography addiction, sexual addiction, or other infidelity. They also treat those with sexual addictions and provide couples therapy. KayLee and her husband have been married for 5 years and live in Payson, UT with their two dogs Zooney and Rue. They recently welcomed triplets to the family.

Michelle Nielsen (MSW 2012)

Michelle is currently a therapist at the Family Support Center in Taylorsville, UT. She primarily works with children, couples, and families in addressing trauma, divorce, bereavement, relational conflicts, and other issues.

Kellie Pack (MSW 2012)

Kellie is currently a full-time caregiver to her 1.5 year old baby boy.



G. Kelli Stout (MSW 2012)



Kelli is a CSW, working on receiving her LSCW by working two days a week as a therapist at the Green House Center in Pleasant Grove and two days a

week at the office in Springville. She and her husband have 5 amazing children. Two of her daughters are married and have children making Kelli the grandmother of 5. Two children are serving missions; a daughter in South Carolina, and a son in Germany. The youngest daughter is a sophomore in high school. Since graduating from BYU, she has been extending her training in play and filial therapy, neurofeedback, trauma, and attachment work.

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Class of 2012-continued



Ron Squire (MSW 2012)

Ron is an individual and family therapist in a residential treatment center for adolescent boys on the autism spectrum and those with learning disabilities. He and his wife

had a healthy baby boy on 2.10.13. They live happily in Spanish Fork, UT.

Alexander Gray (MSW 2013)

Alexander is currently a mental health therapist at Wasatch Mental Health. He is still single and serves as a stake clerk.

Garrett Pace (MSW 2013)



Garret is a research specialist at Princeton University and works primarily with the Fragile

Families and Child Wellbeing Study.

Some of his responsibilities include managing data, creating data files, supporting new 15 year data collection, and promoting the use of data among researchers. He hopes to soon be licensed to practice psychotherapy in New Jersey. Garret and his wife have one son. Garret serves as the Ward Mission leader in his ward.

Stephen Walker (MSW 2013)

Stephen works with a community mental health agency serving those recovering from drug and alcohol dependence. He and his wife recently welcomed Thatcher Enoch Walker as the newest addition to their family.

Class of 2013



Zachary Duvall (MSW 2013)

Zachary currently works with Symbii Home Health and Hospice. He does grief and bereavement counseling, volunteer coordinating, and community resources.



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