As you likely have heard by now, leadership at the University level has had some exciting changes. Dr. Fred Pestello is the new University President. As a sociologist by training, he has already demonstrated a deep commitment to social justice at the University and beyond. I have had the chance to meet with Dr. Pestello, and he certainly understands and supports the mission of the School of Social Work. Over the summer, Dr. Pestello created two new positions: Fr. Chris Collins, SJ, as Assistant to the President for Mission and Identity, and Dr. Jonathan Smith, as Assistant to the President for Diversity and Community Engagement. Both have already been active with the School of Social Work. Fr. Collins served as a panelist at our annual Social Justice Night. We worked closely with Dr. Smith, co-sponsoring the "Diversity Dialogues," an interdisciplinary event focused on promoting dialogue around diversity and social justice with a commitment to action. Dr. Nancy Brickhouse is the new University Provost. As SLU’s chief academic officer, Dr. Brickhouse reports directly to the president and oversees most of the University’s educational, research, and enrollment efforts. I am very confident that these four people will provide the leadership required to continue to move Saint Louis University forward.

We are very excited about our jump in the U.S. News and World Report 2017 Best Graduate Schools rankings. Our programs rank at No. 47 in the nation, up from No. 52 and now in the top 20 percent in the nation. This is a testament to our long history of providing quality education, the recent creation of a Ph.D. in social work program, and our prominent faculty known for its research and contributions to national social work organizations.
Alumni News

BRIEFS

Dr. Gary Behrman (M.S.W. 1981), a program manager at CHADS Coalition for Mental Health was co-awarded a $180,000 grant titled "Improving Pediatric Skills to Effectively Detect Depression and Prevent Suicide in St. Louis County." Funded by The Discovery Initiative in conjunction with SLU School of Medicine, the grant will work to influence the culture of medical education by integrating early detection of depression and suicide awareness into the SLU residency curriculum.

Christine Dragonette (M.S.W. 2015) is the Director of Social Ministry for the Saint Francis Xavier College Church. Her position involves connecting the church’s direct service programs with advocacy efforts, as well as organizing parishioners to engage in justice and service work.

Chris Meek (M.S.W. 2013) works at St. Anthony’s Hyland Outpatient as a Behavioral Health Clinician with Intensive Outpatient patients and runs CBT, co-occurring disorders, and chemical dependency groups.

Phil Minden (M.S.W. 1994) and a colleague were featured in St. Louis Public Radio’s June 24th showcase on the North City youth entrepreneurship project Sweet Sensations.

Chloe Owens (B.S.S.W. 2015) is currently serving as a First Year AmeriCorps member at City Year Boston. As part of City Year’s mission to support students pursuing graduation, Chloe currently serves as mentor, tutor, and role model. “I would not be at City Year had I not attended Saint Louis University. SLU instilled in me the value of servant leadership, and my years here gave me the opportunity to grow as a leader through service with and among populations often gone unheard. Had I gone to any other university, I may not truly understand the importance of being a woman for and with others, and I certainly would not be passionate about utilizing my talents to affect positive change in our communities. The values instilled in me at SLU are the ones I live in my service every day at City Year. I am grateful to call myself a Billiken and a City Year,” said Chloe.

Jessica Trout (B.S.S.W. 2009) is the Director of the Lyn Huxford Center for Community Service at McKendree University.

Alumni news welcomes your additions!

Please send news and updates for future newsletters directly to Dr. Donald Linhorst, Director of the School of Social Work, at linhorsd@slu.edu. Contact our External Relations Specialist for the College for Public Health & Social Justice, Jyssaka Meyers, at meyerjr@slu.edu or 314-977-1302 to get involved in College and alumni events. Also, don’t forget to update your alumni information online at alumni.slu.edu.

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Collaborations in teaching and research at the College for Public Health and Social Justice continue to be productive. Social Work Ph.D. students take research methods courses from faculty in the Department of Biostatistics. Additionally, the School’s new Master of Science in Criminology and Professional Practice degree has a concentration in Emergency Management that includes courses from the Biosecurity and Disaster Preparedness Program.

I served as Interim Dean of the College for Public Health and Social Justice April - December 2015, during the search for our permanent dean. Dr. Collins Airhihenbuwa, who comes to us from Pennsylvania State University, started as the new Dean on January 4th. I had the pleasure of working closely with him during the transition and am impressed with his vision and leadership ability.

We also have exciting developments within our School. We have a new M.S.W. degree format in collaboration with Lourdes University, a Catholic-Franciscan university located in Sylvania, Ohio. This partnership allows our social work faculty to teach two-thirds of the courses online while faculty from Lourdes teach the remaining courses in our curriculum on its campus. Lourdes faculty also place and supervise students in field practica. Professor Terry Keller, an alumnus of the SLU School of Social Work, directs the B.A.S.W. Program at Lourdes and is our primary partner in this program. Students have full access to services available at both SLU and Lourdes, including career services, libraries, and writing services. Fourteen students started the program in Fall 2015 and we look forward to growing this collaborative option.

Finally, several remodeling and building improvement projects have begun in Tegeler Hall, home to the School of Social Work since the building opened in 1971. Mr. Tim Tegeler, son of Jerome F. Tegeler who funded the original construction of Tegeler Hall, recently made a generous donation to the School to facilitate this work. With Mr. Tegeler’s support, the student lounge on the first floor and the faculty and staff lounge on the second floor have been remodeled. We have also renovated part of the first floor, installing new lighting and adding two workstations for students built around the two large columns in the lobby area. The floors were replaced on the second and third floors and new furniture was purchased for the first floor classrooms. We greatly appreciate Mr. Tegeler’s donation, and genuinely rely on financial assistance from alumni and other supporters to operate the School.

This is an exciting time for the School of Social Work. Through our unique partnerships within and outside of the University, we are in a strong position to meet the challenges of higher education and of the professions that comprise our School.

Donald Linhorst, Ph.D.
The School of Social Work’s Ph.D. in Social Work program began in Fall 2014, admitting its first cohort of five full-time students. In Fall 2015, three full-time students started the program. As a research degree rather than a clinical degree, its mission is to prepare graduates for academic careers and leadership roles in human service organizations. Financial aid is available for both full- and part-time students.

FALL 2014 COHORT

Tatiana Gochez-Kerr, M.A.
Research interests include childhood victimization and violence, and the biosocial forces that contribute to childhood risk.

Lauren Terzis, SLU M.S.W. 2014
Research interests include the immigrant and refugee population. Terzis is a native of Sydney, Australia.

John Cichy, SLU M.S.W. 2014
Research interests focus on the treatment of chemical addiction, with an emphasis on dual-diagnosis clients, as well as PTSD and victims of childhood trauma.

FALL 2015 COHORT

Kristen Peters Kremer, SLU M.S.W. 2013
Research interests include school engagement, academic achievement, and cognitive development.

Sarah Underwood Rossolimo, M.S.W.
Research interests include military social work and military life, and the effects of relocation on adolescent achievement.

Tyler Sergio Glassford, SLU M.S.W. 2015
Research interests include application of applied behavior analysis to second language acquisition, addiction, health and fitness; organization and behavior management; extinction induced phenomena; and autism.

Anne Farina, SLU M.S.W. 2003
Research interests include trauma and attachment, dissociation, trauma focused assessment instruments, and somatic based interventions particularly with refugee and immigrant communities and in post-adoption services.

Daniel B. Stewart, M.S.G.
Research interests include non-pharmacological interventions for dementia and exploring the intersection of caregiving and aging within the LGBTQ community.
Alumni Spotlight

AWARD WINNERS

David Bingaman (M.S.W. 1976) was recognized by the National Association of Social Workers Illinois Chapter as the Illinois Three Rivers 2014 Public Citizen of the Year for his contributions to the social work profession and to the lives of the people that social workers serve.

John Foppe (M.S.W. 2001) was the commencement speaker at the May 2013 SLU graduation ceremony and was the recipient of an honorary degree at this same ceremony. A motivational speaker and author, Foppe is the current executive director of St. Vincent de Paul in St. Louis. Heavily involved in advocacy for individuals with disabilities, Foppe has traveled and spoken extensively on the topic.

Ryan Linhorst (B.S.S.W. 2005), a 10-year veteran of the St. Louis Metropolitan Police Department, was awarded Police Officer of the Year for 2014 in the 5th District. He also was named Police Officer of the Month in February 2014 and February 2015 in the same district, and is a previous Medal of Valor awardee. He is the son of School of Social Work director Donald Linhorst.

Jennifer (Parr) Derner (M.S.W. 1995) was recently recognized as the 2014 Social Worker of the Year by the Social Work Leaders in Health Care of Metro St. Louis, Inc. This annual award is given to a member of the organization who exemplifies the best of the profession’s values and achievements; has demonstrated commendable social work practice and involvement in professional, civic and community organizations; and is a model for the profession.

Hazel Kirk (M.S.W. 1979) won the 2015 Social Worker of the Year award from Social Work Leaders in Health Care of Metro St. Louis, Inc. Ms. Kirk, nominated by Stacy Deleste, has provided 35 years of home health social work to 20,000 families in the St. Louis area. She has worked for Delmar Gardens Home Care for 15 years and has done home health for the Saint Louis University Medical Center for over 30 years.

Lara Pennington (B.S.S.W. 2008, M.S.W. 2010), Executive Director of Queen Of Peace, was awarded the Fair Housing Act Award of 2014 by the Civil Rights Enforcement Agency at the 8th annual celebration of National Fair Housing Month.
Jean Triegaardt (Ph.D. 1992)
Dr. Triegaardt is a Visiting Professor at the Centre for Social Development in Africa, Faculty of Humanities, University of Johannesburg. She worked as a social work academic for about 25 years at various universities in South Africa. Her final position was at the University of Johannesburg’s Social Work Department. She served as the HOD (the equivalent of Dean) until December 2013 and then retired at the end of March 2014. At present, she serves as a committee member of the Ministerial Committee for the Review of the Implementation of the White Paper for Social Welfare. She is editor of the journal, *The Social Work Practitioner-Researcher*, and is writing a book with a colleague on Social Welfare Policy in South Africa. In 2005 Dr. Triegaardt presented at SLU on international social work for the 75th anniversary celebration of the School of Social Work.

Joe Squillace (M.S.W. 1999)
Dr. Squillace is Assistant Professor and Director of the Social Work program and Chair of the Division of Social and Behavioral Sciences, Natural Sciences and Mathematics at MacMurray College. He is also the author of numerous advocacy publications covering Medicaid, dental care, and mental health care. As a practicing social worker, he has been a policy analyst, advocate, nonprofit manager, and direct service practitioner. He drafted the Comprehensive Children’s Mental Health Services System legislation that passed the Missouri legislature in 2005, as well as legislation to prevent the relinquishing of child custody for mental health services, and for the provision of oral health care services delivered by dental hygienists in public health settings.

Terry Keller (M.S.W. 2003)
Keller is Assistant Professor and Chair of the Department of Social Work at Lourdes University, and directs the B.A.S.W. program there. He is completing his Ph.D. at Michigan State University. Professor Keller is also the site director for the School of Social Work’s collaborative M.S.W. program with Lourdes University.

Hank McGinnis (M.S.W. 1951)
Dr. McGinnis served Barry University as dean of its School of Social Work from 1965 to 1970, after launching his teaching career at Fordham University. Following his deanship and a term as visiting faculty at the University of Houston, McGinnis opened a private practice in marriage and family therapy, where he diligently served his community for more than 30 years. A dedicated and tireless advocate, McGinnis worked on the President’s and Governor’s Committees for the Employment of the Handicapped in Washington, D.C., and founded New Friends of Poland, an organization teaching English to children in Poland. A prior recipient of the SLU School of Social Work’s Lally Outstanding Alumni Award, Dr. McGinnis’ service as charter member of the Florida NASW chapter and president of the state of Florida’s Social Welfare Association are just two examples of McGinnis’ leadership in professional social work and mental health organizations throughout his career.
Doerr Center for Social Justice Education and Research

We are proud to announce that the Doerr Center for Social Justice Education and Research is celebrating its 20th anniversary this year. An event to recognize the accomplishments of the Doerr Center will be held on Tuesday evening, September 27, 2016. A committee is finalizing plans that will likely include poster sessions of the accomplishments of the Center and a keynote presentation on a current social justice issue. Information about the event will be available through the Doerr Center’s webpage, and please make sure to watch for your invitation. We hope you can attend the event, and appreciate your continued support.

In recent years, the Doerr Center has refocused its efforts to provide more support to students in the School of Social Work for social justice-related activities. The Center has transferred its funding for a half-time staff position to increased contributions to student programs. These activities help meet our dual purpose of social justice education and research.

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The Doerr Center hosted its annual Social Justice Night on September 22, 2015. The evening focused on the events of Ferguson one year after their occurrence and coincided with release of the report of the Ferguson Commission. The Commission was established by Missouri Governor Jay Nixon to study the underlying social and economic conditions exposed by the unrest that followed the death of Michael Brown. The keynote speaker was Rev. Starsky Wilson, co-chair of the Commission. Wilson is President and CEO of the Deaconess Foundation, a faith-based, grant-making organization devoted to making child well-being a civic priority in the St. Louis region, and pastor of Saint John’s Church in St. Louis. A four-person panel, including criminology and criminal justice faculty member Dyan McGuire and School of Social Work alumnus Evan Krauss, discussed the implications of the report for our community and the social work profession. The event was attended by an overflowing crowd of almost 300 people.

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**WATCH**
Rev. Wilson’s keynote from Social Justice Night 2015

**READ**
Caitlyn (Maksymiak) McClure is Awarded Graduate Fellowship

McClure was awarded a SLU Presidential Fellowship by the university Office of Graduate Education. As a 2014-2015 graduate fellow, McClure joins just 12 other SLU students who receive a stipend, tuition, and health insurance through this highly competitive program. She hopes to work with high-risk youth and develop a creative writing program to serve as a therapy intervention.

Karissa Anderson Advocates for Equity in Education Policy

As Manager of Advocacy and Policy Research with the Scholarship Foundation of St. Louis and St. Louis Graduates, Anderson organizes a statewide coalition of students advocating for equity in higher education. She has authored numerous editorial pieces, including three in the St. Louis Post-Dispatch, around access to higher education, affordability for low-income, first-generation college students, undocumented students and students of color. You can engage with Anderson’s coalition on twitter through the hashtag #ActiveAdvocacy.

>> MORE ONLINE

M.S.W. student and Jesuit brother in formation Matt Wooters is in the cover story of the Spring 2016 issue of Universitas, the alumni magazine of Saint Louis University.

slu.edu/Documents/universitas/universitas_spring2016.pdf
Six staff and faculty have recently retired as part of a SLU voluntary early retirement program. We celebrate their many contributions to the School of Social Work, and wish them the best.

Camille Lawson served as administrative secretary and in other roles for 25 years. Among many other things, Camille will be remembered for her excellent service to students.

Faye Abram, Ph.D., M.S.W., was an Associate Professor for 21 years. Her research interests included race and gender issues, homelessness, children of prisoners, women ex-offenders, and social work education. She was very active in the community and held several leadership positions, including at the Missouri Association for Social Welfare, Coalition for Children of Offenders, and Let’s Start. She was also a certified accreditation site visitor for the Council on Social Work Education. Dr. Abram taught community development and organizing, social work practice theory, diversity and anti-oppression practice, and international social work.

Rebecca Banks, M.S.W., ACSW, was an Associate Clinical Professor for 18 years, and served for one year as Interim Director of Field Education. She served as a practicum liaison primarily with M.S.W. students from the Health and Mental Health Concentration. She also held leadership positions in the SLU Center for Interprofessional Education and Research. Her research interests included interprofessional teamwork, field education, and the changing role of social work in health care settings. She taught several courses including social work practice in health settings, integrative social work practice seminars, and interprofessional practice seminars. Professor Banks was also actively involved with the Society for Social Work Leaders in Health Care of Greater St. Louis. Banks continues to teach part-time.

William Brennan, Ph.D., M.S.W., was a Professor for 46 years. He has written and spoken extensively on how euphemisms and dehumanizing language facilitate oppression. His book, *Dehumanizing the Vulnerable: When Word Games Take Lives* (Loyola University Press, 1995), became a Loyola bestseller and was recently re-released as a 20th anniversary edition. His most recent book is *John Paul II: Confronting the Language Empowering the Culture of Death* (Sapientia Press of Ave Maria University, 2008). He is currently working on a book-length manuscript tentatively titled *Killing in the Name of Healing: Technology, Rhetoric, and the Medicalization of Destruction*. Dr. Brennan’s teaching areas included human behavior and the social environment, communicating with children, and family interaction under stress. He was also active with the Society of Catholic Scientists and the Fellowship of Catholic Scholars and served on the editorial board of the journal *Catholic Social Sciences Review*.

Ellen Burkemper, Ph.D., M.S.W., was an Associate Professor for 15 years. She developed and became the initial coordinator of the School of Social Work’s continuing education program and assisted with the development of the school’s programs in applied behavior analysis, serving as its first director. Her research interests were in the areas of older adults, rural social work practice, and social work ethical issues. She was also a co-editor for two of the three books sponsored by the Doerr Center for Social Justice Education and Research. She developed and taught the values and ethics course, courses in family therapy, and the behavioral interventions with children and adolescents course. Dr. Burkemper was very active in the community and in professional organizations, serving on the National Ethics Committee of the National Association of Social Workers. She provided consultation and training services to the Missouri Department of Social Services Children’s Division, Mercy Centre in Bangkok, Thailand and St. John’s College in Belize City, Belize. She was secretary for the Missouri School for the Blind Board of Advisors. She was also appointed by the governor to the Missouri State Committee for Social Workers, which she chaired for two years.

R. Jan Wilson, Ph.D., M.S.W., was an Associate Clinical Professor in for 18 years. She oversaw the school social work specialization and helped to found the applied behavior analysis programs. Her research interests included field education, school social work, and feminist practice. She was also a co-editor for all three books sponsored by the Doerr Center for Social Justice Education and Research. Dr. Wilson’s courses included school social work, integrative seminars, and diversity and anti-oppression practice. She was very active in University service, including the Faculty Senate Executive Committee, the President’s Diversity Council, and the SLU Board of Trustees Human Resources Committee. Dr. Wilson also did service work with community organizations, including the Jewish Family and Children’s Center, the YWCA St. Louis Sexual Assault Center, Grace Hill Head Start, and Legal Services of Eastern Missouri.
**Beth S. Barrett**, M.S.W., L.C.S.W., C.T., is an Assistant Clinical Professor of Social Work. Her primary teaching areas are field education, end of life and grief issues, and practicum integrative seminars. She serves as the practicum liaison for M.S.W. students in the clinical concentration and chairs the school social work specialization.

A graduate of our M.S.W. program, Barrett is a licensed clinical social worker in Missouri and Illinois. She has clinical experience in healthcare with adult patients facing chronic and life-threatening illnesses, pediatric hospice and supportive care, and bereavement.

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**Gabriel Carrillo**, M.S.W., is an Assistant Clinical Professor of Social Work. He earned his M.S.W. from Washington University in St. Louis and his B.S.S.W. from SLU. Prior to SLU, he held a faculty position at the University of Belize and later was the field education site coordinator at Washington University. Professor Carrillo’s practice experience is in the areas of child welfare, foster care and adoption, substance abuse and treatment, and juvenile justice. He is a native of Belize, where he expanded his practice in global perspectives and social justice through his work with HIV prevention, mitigation and care; gender based violence and equality issues; and spirituality in prison populations.

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**Brian B. Boutwell**, Ph.D., is an Associate Professor of Criminology and Criminal Justice in the School of Social Work. Dr. Boutwell was previously a professor in the College of Criminal Justice at Sam Houston State University in Texas. Dr. Boutwell’s research emphasizes applied quantitative techniques, evolutionary biology and psychology, and biosocial criminology. Dr. Boutwell received his B.S., M.S., and Ph.D. in criminology from Florida State University. He has published extensively, and recently co-edited a book, *The Nurture Versus Biosocial Debate in Criminology: On the Origins of Criminal Behavior and Criminality* (SAGE, 2014).

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**Jesse J. Helton**, Ph.D., is an Assistant Professor in the School of Social Work. Dr. Helton previously was a research faculty member in the School of Social Work at the University of Illinois, where he conducted research in the Children and Family Research Center. His primary research interests are in disability and health, child welfare, child abuse and neglect, and childhood obesity. He earned his Ph.D. from the University of Illinois.

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Paul Hotfelder, MA, is a Lecturer in Criminology and Criminal Justice. He holds a MA in Criminal Justice from Webster University. Prior to entering academia, he had a long career with the Missouri Board of Probation and Parole, where he assumed numerous leadership positions, including District Supervisor and Director of Community Services. He has been a long-time adjunct faculty member at SLU and other universities. His primary interests include criminal justice system operations, criminal justice policy and ethics, and community corrections, particularly probation and parole and offender treatment programming.

Heather Lewis, EdS, M.S.W., BACB is a part-time faculty member hired as the assistant director for the applied behavior analysis program and coordinator of its field education component. She earned an Educational Specialist degree with an emphasis in behavioral education from Simmons College and an M.S.W. from the University of Missouri Columbia. She has worked for more than 15 years, in a variety of positions, providing behavioral interventions, consultation, and supervision, particularly related to children with behavioral disorders, autism and other developmental disabilities.

Ashley Lugo, Ph.D., BCBA-D, is an Assistant Professor of Applied Behavior Analysis in the School of Social Work. She received an M.S. in Applied Behavior Analysis from Florida Institute of Technology and her Ph.D. from the University of Nebraska Medical Center. Her areas of interest include clinical research in the domain of early, intensive behavioral intervention, autism spectrum disorder, behavioral pediatrics, the Verbal Behavior Approach, staff training, and program evaluation.

Cara L. Wallace, Ph.D., L.M.S.W., is an Assistant Professor of Social Work. She received her Ph.D. from the University of Texas at Arlington. Her dissertation research focuses on family communication at the end of life and how this impacts the timing of a decision for hospice care. Overall, her research agenda is related to overcoming barriers to end of life care, transitions to care, and the role of family in healthcare decision making. She has practice experience in hospice, hospital social work, and with at-risk youth.

VISITING PROFESSOR

Kuiyun Zhi was a visiting professor in the School of Social Work from July 2014 to July 2015 with support from the China Scholarship Council. She is the Director of the Health Social Work Concentration in the Department of Social Work, Chongqing University in China. Her research focuses on mental health services for disadvantaged children. During her visit, she worked on a research project about mental health interventions for migrant children in urban China, supported by the China National Social Science Foundation, and studied child mental health policies and programs in the United States. She worked closely with Dr. Jin Huang, a School of Social Work faculty member who is also from China.
Marla Berg-Weger, Ph.D., Professor of Social Work, and John Morley, M.D., from the School of Medicine were awarded a $2.5 million grant from the Health Resources Services Administration. Dr. Berg-Weger is administering the programs associated with the grant. The goals of the grant are to: educate about 1,100 health care students and providers on a team approach that brings together professionals from multiple health disciplines to better care for older adults; choose three faculty members from universities in Missouri as Geriatric Leadership Scholars each year who will receive specialized training and mentoring; train 5,000 patients, family members and care providers to improve quality of life by becoming healthier; and teach 220 health care professionals how to deliver a non-drug treatment for Alzheimer’s disease and related disorders called Cognitive Stimulation Therapy. In addition, Dr. Berg-Weger received a Mentor Recognition award from the Council on Social Work Education Women’s Council in 2015 and received a Certificate of Recognition for Achievement in Research and Scholarship from the College for Public Health and Social Justice in 2014.

Jin Huang, Ph.D., Assistant Professor of Social Work, was appointed to the Council on Social Work Education’s Council on Global Learning and Practice for a three-year term effective July 1, 2014—June 30, 2017. This council works in concert with the Commission on Global Social Work Education, with specific goals of developing the Council’s agenda for understanding and stimulating the international parameters of social work education.

Michael Mancini, Ph.D., Associate Professor of Social Work, was awarded a $430,000, three-year grant from the Health Resources Services Administration. Dr. Mancini’s project, Behavioral Health Workforce Education and Training for Professionals, provides scholarships to M.S.W. students in the Clinical Practice with Children and Youth Specialization. Students have specialized coursework and internships and participate in the university’s Inter-Professional Education program. As part of this grant, Dr. Mancini and other faculty from the School of Social Work will also implement an agency-based continuing education program to staff in affiliated field sites.

First cohort of the Clinical Practice with Children and Youth Specialization scholarship awardees, from left: Catherine Jaeger, Mary Wright, Erica Marks, Rachel Rifkin, and Lauren Coppedge.

WATCH
Check out Professor of Criminology and Criminal Justice Norm White’s video for Mission in Motion, a YouTube playlist featuring members of the SLU community living out the mission in their daily lives:
https://youtu.be/yKYV3uU9rtQ
Monica M. Matthieu, Ph.D., Assistant Professor of Social Work, has been appointed Research Social Worker at the Central Arkansas VA Healthcare System. From 2014 to 2015, she served as the Director of the VA’s Patient Safety Center of Inquiry on Suicide Prevention. The Center is a national clinical innovation and dissemination center focused on improving patient safety and preventing suicide among veterans and within the VA healthcare system.

Dr. Matthieu also joined data scientists, analysts, tech innovators, advocates, clinicians, and policy makers for a “day of innovation” at the White House. The event, “Building Partnerships for Suicide Prevention,” brought together stakeholders to discuss how to use data for new opportunities to strengthen mental health awareness and suicide prevention, as part of Global Suicide Prevention Month and Global Mental Health Day.

Brandy Maynard, Ph.D., Assistant Professor of Social Work, was awarded a grant from the Campbell Collaboration titled “Mindfulness-Based Interventions for Improving Academic Achievement, Behavior, and Socio-Emotional Functioning of K-12 Students: A Systematic Review.” She has also been elected to a three-year term as co-chair of the Campbell Collaboration’s (C2) Social Welfare Coordinating Group. C2 is a voluntary, nonprofit international research network that prepares, maintains and disseminates systematic reviews of the effects of interventions in education, crime and justice, social welfare and international development to enhance the evidence base so that policymakers, practitioners, and service recipients are better equipped to make informed decisions. The social welfare group, one of four coordinating groups in C2, is responsible for the production, scientific merit, and relevance of systematic reviews related to social welfare, health and social justice.

Michael Vaughn, Ph.D., Professor of Social Work and Maynard (see previous), along with two colleagues, received the Best Paper Award for 2014 from the journal Youth Violence and Juvenile Justice, for their paper “Violence and Externalizing Behavior Among Youth in the United States: Is There a Severe 5%?”. In addition, Dr. Vaughn received the annual research award for top professor in the College for Public Health and Social Justice in 2015 and was named a Fellow in the Society for Social Work and Research in its inaugural class in 2014.

Alyssa Wilson, Ph.D., Assistant Professor of Applied Behavior Analysis, received the Distinguished New Faculty award at the International Conference on College Teaching and Learning. She integrates learning principles and technology into the classroom to enhance student knowledge and understanding with the working student in mind. Dr. Wilson’s presentation for the International Conference of College Teaching addressed best practices for integrating behavior analytic learning principles in the classroom.
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Laurie Brockhaus, LCSW
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