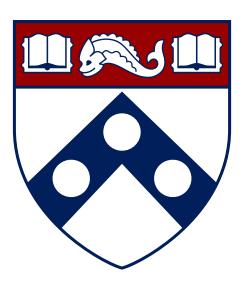
# THE UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA SCHOOL OF SOCIAL POLICY & PRACTICE

# CLASS OF 2020 VIRTUAL COMMENCEMENT CELEBRATION

SATURDAY, MAY 16, 2020



## COMMENCEMENT PROGRAM

Opening of the Ceremony Sara S. Bachman, *Dean* 

Dean's Address Sara S. Bachman, Dean

Presentation of Graduates

Doctor of Philosophy in

Social Welfare

Femida Handy, Faculty Director

Doctorate in Phyllis Solomon, Interim Faculty Director

Clinical Social Work Jacque Tara Washington, Student Speaker

Master of Science in

Social Policy

Ezekiel Dixon-Román, Faculty Director

Master of Science in Nonprofit Peter Frumkin, Faculty Director

Leadership

Terri Broussard Williams, Student Speaker

Master of Social Work Joretha N. Bourjolly, Faculty Director

Sierra A. Cribb, Student Speaker

Congratulations Staff & Faculty

It is unfortunate that the Class of 2020 graduates were unable to have a traditional ceremony due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Students were invited to submit photographs and/or quotes to share with the audience and fellow classmates.

## STUDENT PRIZES AND AWARDS

## HAL LEVIN AWARD

## Michelle G. Mullen

This award is presented to a meritorious student in the Doctor of Philosophy in Social Welfare program who is continuing the process of completing course work.

#### DR. RAM CNAAN AWARD

#### **Jason Mallonee**

This award is presented to a meritorious DSW student who has completed the third year of coursework. The selection is through nomination and voting of the DSW program faculty.

## WILSON SPIGNER AWARD FOR SOCIAL POLICY EXCELLENCE

## Shweta Chopra

This award is presented to a graduating student in the Master of Science in Social Policy program who has a demonstrated record of intellectual inquiry and academic excellence and who is committed to using research to analyze and shape social policy locally, nationally, and/or globally. The award is named in honor of the Reverend Dr. Welford Robinson Wilson II, and his daughter, Dr. Carol Wilson Spigner, the first faculty director of the MSSP program, who have notably increased equity and equality among people who are often forgotten, through research-based change in policy and organizations.

#### EXCELLENCE IN SOCIAL IMPACT AWARD

#### **Terri Broussard Williams**

This award is presented to a meritorious graduating student in the Nonprofit Leadership program who has a record of academic excellence and has shown promise in using their talents and knowledge to create positive social impact.

#### RICHARD J. ESTES GLOBAL CITIZENSHIP AWARD

#### Pascal Masuba

This award is presented to a graduating international student in the Nonprofit Leadership Program who embodies a commitment to social impact, who has a record of academic excellence, and who is committed to using their talents and knowledge to make a difference in the world.

#### **ROSA WESSEL AWARD**

#### **Raekwon Burton**

This award is presented to a meritorious graduating student in the Master of Social Work program who is selected on the basis of academic performance and one or more of the following: exemplary student leadership, innovative activities in the field practicum, and exceptional community service.

## STUDENT PRIZES AND AWARDS (CONTINUED)

## DR. RUTH E. SMALLEY AWARD IN INTERNATIONAL SOCIAL WELFARE

#### **Nicole Hanson**

This award is presented to a member of the Master of Social Work graduating class who, through their writing, participation in class discussions, and experience, has demonstrated an interest in, and a working knowledge of, the international and cultural dimensions of social work practice, and the application of practice to research.

## EXCELLENCE IN TEACHING AWARDS

The Excellence in Teaching Award is presented to members of the standing and non-standing faculty in recognition of excellence in teaching and mentoring.

#### STANDING FACULTY

#### **Allison Werner-Lin**

Allison Werner-Lin, Ph.D., L.C.S.W., Ed.M., is Associate Professor at the School of Social Policy and Practice. Her work explores the intersection of genomic discovery and family life, with a particular focus on adolescents and young adults from families with genetic predisposition to cancer. At SP2, Dr. Werner-Lin designed, directs, and teaches in the Advanced Certificate in Oncology Social Work program and the Social Work in Health Care Specialization. She also teaches and mentors students in advanced clinical practice and qualitative research. Dr. Werner-Lin collaborates with investigators at the Abramson Cancer Center to investigate barriers to accessing genomic medicine. She also holds appointments with the Clinical Genetics Branch of the National Cancer Institute where she oversees psychosocial research addressing hereditary cancer syndromes. Dr. Werner-Lin has practiced in community-based organizations providing individual, family, and group counseling and psychotherapy to families affected by cancer, and she maintains a small private practice for parentally bereaved children and teens. Dr. Werner-Lin received her PhD from the School of Social Service Administration at the University of Chicago. She holds a Master's degree in clinical social work from the University of Chicago and a Master's degree in human development and psychology from the Graduate School of Education at Harvard University.

## EXCELLENCE IN TEACHING AWARDS (CONTINUED)

#### NON-STANDING FACULTY

## Melanie Masin-Moyer

Melanie Masin-Moyer, DSW, LCSW has been in clinical practice over 20 years in a non-profit community behavioral health agency. She has worked with children, adolescents, couples, families, and individuals with a variety of mental health concerns. She has facilitated group therapy in school and agency settings addressing life skills, anger management, social skills, trauma, and relationships. She completed her clinical doctorate in social work in May 2017 at the University of Pennsylvania and is a full-time lecturer at the University of Pennsylvania. Her research interests include: attachment, mental health, women's trauma, and group therapy.

## DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY IN SOCIAL WELFARE

Faculty Director: Dr. Femida Handy

**AUGUST 9, 2019** 

## **Marquisha Lawrence Scott**

Crossing Tracks and Ponds: Preparing Youth for a Global Society

MAY 18, 2020

#### Chiu-Sik Wu

The Promises and Challenges of Community Philanthropy: Place Dilemma, Community Leadership, and Public Engagement on Social Media

## DOCTORATE IN CLINICAL SOCIAL WORK

Interim Faculty Director: Dr. Phyllis Solomon

## **AUGUST 9, 2019**

## Hanna Lee

Critical Race Theory and Higher Education: The Meaning of Counter Storytelling for Students of Color at Predominately White Institutions

## MAY 18, 2020

### Suzanne Black

Remembering those we have lost through social media: College students and the continuing bond of grief

## Julia Colangelo

A Two-Paper Examination on Integrating Flow and Mindfulness Strategies Into Social Work Education to Prevent Compassion Fatigue, Vicarious Trauma, and Burnout During MSW Programs

### **Kay Denise Colbert**

Brief Mindfulness Intervention with Substance Use Disorders in an Inpatient Treatment Setting

#### Cherie Linda Eichholz

Therapeutic Horticulture as a Healing Tool for Veterans

#### **Scott Giacomucci**

Social Group Work in Action: A Sociometry, Psychodrama, and Experiential Trauma Group Therapy Curriculum

## Roxanne M. Kennedy

Evaluating the Effectiveness of Integrated Care Interventions for Individuals with Serious Mental Illness

## **Anthony Madril**

Brief Mindfulness-Based Cognitive Therapy for Veterans with Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder: A Treatment Manual

## **Jason Ronald Mallonee**

The Impact of the Therapeutic Alliance and Client Perceptions of Therapist Empathy and Coercion on Engagement in Outpatient Therapy for Individuals with Severe Mental Illness

## DOCTORATE IN CLINICAL SOCIAL WORK (CONTINUED)

## **Jared Morgenstern**

Making room for uncertainty in substance abuse treatment with adolescents: how therapists understand and work with concepts of ambivalence and psychological flexibility

#### Michelle Marie Pliske

Adverse Childhood Experiences: A Qualitative Study Investigating the Impact of Expressive and Creative Arts

## **Luis Manuel Ramirez**

Developing a Curriculum for Queer Affirmative Therapy

### **Jonathan Stewart Rivers**

Integrating Mindfulness Interventions into Urban Public High Schools for the Benefit of Both Teachers and Students

#### Alexis K. Walsh

Thriving Together: Job Skills Training in Pennsylvania Animal Shelters for Youth Aging Out of Foster Care: A Formative Evaluation of the Hand2Paw Program

## **Jacque Tara Washington**

Examining the Historical and Present-Age Impact of Racism in the United States of America through the Arts, Aesthetic Education, and Transformative Learning Theory: Empowering Social Work Students to Effectively Discuss Racism and Provide Best Practices with African Americans and Other People of Color

## **AUGUST 7, 2020**

#### Lior Ben Avraham

Barriers to Medication Adherence among Individuals with Severe Mental Illness: Relationship to Treatment Approaches

## MASTER OF SCIENCE IN SOCIAL POLICY

Faculty Director: Dr. Ezekiel Dixon-Román

**AUGUST 9, 2019** 

Hei Tung Lau

**DECEMBER 19, 2019** 

Emily G. Berkowitz Callie Perrone

Benjamin Jihoon Rhee Oh

MAY 18, 2020

Ellyn E. Jameson Andrew Ortiz

Bridget A. McCormick Benjamin Png Tai Yew

Michael Blake McCracken Gabriella Anna Ravida

Mikaela Frances Meyer Justis Regina Wright

**AUGUST 7, 2020** 

Yuxi Chen Yi Li

Jiao Du Cody James Little

Jie Guan Haotian Qi

Zainab Iqbal Nyomi Troy Thompson

Marina Sasaki Johnston Yicong Xiong

Shogher Talar Keskinyan Ximeng Zhang

Jungjin Koo Lingwei Zhong

Sabrina Shi Min Lee Mengchun Zhou

Alison Fedoris Leslie Ziqi Zhu

Xiaoning Li

## MASTER OF SCIENCE IN SOCIAL POLICY + DATA ANALYTICS FOR SOCIAL POLICY CERTIFICATE

Faculty Director: Dr. Ezekiel Dixon-Román

**DECEMBER 19, 2019** 

Shweta Chopra

MAY 18, 2020

Mingyue Shen Shiyun Zhan

Zhaoduola Xu Chu Zhang

Shunyi Yue

**AUGUST 7, 2020** 

Xiaoxuan He

## MASTER OF SCIENCE IN NONPROFIT LEADERSHIP

Faculty Director: Dr. Peter Frumkin

**AUGUST 9, 2019** 

Jennifer Xian De Chu

**DECEMBER 19, 2019** 

Aliya Sara Farmanali Jeff Oppenheimer

Elizabeth Marafino Fiola Autumn Wynde

MAY 18, 2020

Andrew Allegra Shannon Kay Berry

Jennifer Ann Basten Jasmine Camille Blue

## MASTER OF SCIENCE IN NONPROFIT LEADERSHIP

(CONTINUED)

Terri Broussard Williams Danielle R. McNinch Morgan Quinn Bryan Meggan Marie Myers John Bush III Joshua John Nay Andrea Lynde Crivello Megan Renaut Osvath Julia C. DaSilva Ellen Morris Palermo Fortunate Kelechi Ekwuruke Danielle Nicole Parker Naijla R. Faizi Rico Pasamba, III Carol L. Fausnaught Sayeeda Rashid Michelle Frohlich-Klinger Carrie W. Reynolds Joanna Michelle Gang Vaughn Elijah Sayers Renee Taylor Garnick Anne Marion Shulock Louisa Terry Garrido Julia Slater Robert SK Smith, Jr. Ti Hu Kingsley I. Itua Abigail Mira Steinberg Julia Tich Patricia Jia Lucas Reed Martin Janessa Van Vechten Pascal Masuba Lydia Veilleux Sarah Kathryn McMurtry Lei Zeng

## **AUGUST 7, 2020**

Joseph Robert Brand Kathryn Elizabeth McCormick
Nathaniel Peter Hamilton Sonia Obam Adamson
Christine Jereb Tolulope O. Oyetunde
Kenya Mack Felicia Wong

## MASTER OF SOCIAL WORK

Faculty Director: Dr. Joretha Bourjolly

## MAY 18, 2020

Christine Copelin <sup>4</sup>

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Alexandra Acabai Berrocal <sup>1</sup>	Sarah Coquillat <sup>7</sup>
Gabrielle Rachel Acker <sup>5</sup>	Sierra Alexandria Cribb
Sam Agoos	Anne Daly <sup>5</sup>
Allison Sprung Alexander	Madeleine Davis-Hayes
Patrick Bennett Ammerman	Rebecca Lynn Dean <sup>5</sup>
Londa Antoian <sup>9</sup>	Nicole Delligatti
Tinnina Rose Atherton-Ely 9	Ami Girish Deshpande
Rebecca Lynne Austin	Miriam Denise Donner
Clarise Fischbach Ballesteros 18	Aishah Tyarah Dukes <sup>4</sup>
Ty'Desha Nyshira Carmen Barley	Hanna Gayle Edelson <sup>4</sup>
Nicole Sherray Bennett <sup>3</sup>	Ashlyn Elliott <sup>5</sup>
Kristen Benson <sup>6</sup>	Hannah Fabiszewski
Susannah Berry <sup>248</sup>	Joshua Elias Feldman
Kasie Margaret Bourque	Sandy Aycha Fonseca-Lopes 49
Samantha Joanne Brannigan	Damontay Fowler-Thomas
Ashley Brennan	Abigail Jordan Freeman <sup>3</sup>
Destiny Bernice Brown	Eliana Goldstein Freeman
Raekwon Kharon Le'Andre Burton	Leah Rose Friend
Christopher Cannito 78	Rebecca Gallahue <sup>1</sup>
Christina Elizabeth Cerra	Stefanie Gaudio
Emily Chase 5	Brittany Gaviria
Alicia Chatterjee	Varney Glassman
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## MASTER OF SOCIAL WORK (CONTINUED)

Rachel Jessica Leder

Erin Margaret Lee

Ini Nyanah

Autumn Elizabeth Ondo

Heather Vanessa Greenebaum	Alison Fedoris Leslie	Colin O'Neill <sup>9</sup>	Margaret Ann Simpson <sup>2</sup>
Rachel Hannah Gurevich	Sandra Levine	John Werner Paffen <sup>3</sup>	Mary Simpson
Julia Hah	Antonia Lewis <sup>3</sup>	Ian Scott Palmer	Robin Lynn Simpson
Nicole Anna Hanson <sup>9</sup>	Rachel Lim	Judith Christine Max Palmer <sup>4</sup>	Faith Meredith Smith
Syreeta Brown Harrison	Andrea Mae Lindsay	Melissa Parker <sup>5</sup>	Sarah Lenihan Smith
Alyssa Sie Hatsukami	William Gerard Longacre Jr. 9	Sarah Brooke Parker <sup>5</sup>	Francis M. Snow 4
Camellia Darya Heart	Saraya I. Louissaint	Julia Lauren Pascoe <sup>7</sup>	India Suzanne Spears <sup>8</sup>
Nathalie Jacqueline Niggli Hebert	Audrey E.M. Lundy	Leah Benenson Perloff	Hannah Prativa Spielberg 9
Claire Helligso	Kenya Marie Mack	Emily Polstein <sup>2</sup>	Abby Squire
Alexa Holzberger <sup>3</sup>	Katherine Maddente 18	Marley Putt <sup>5</sup>	Emilie Catherine Stewart <sup>4</sup>
Brena Jiyoung Hong	Judith Ann Mahoney	Rebecca Radinsky	Sarah Stuckey
Bianca Marthlene Joseph	Pegah Maleki	Sayeeda Rashid	Josephine Jung-Ah Suh
Greta Kaese	Erica Jo Mamolen <sup>5</sup>	Victoria Ratchford	Rachel Sullivan
Matthew F. Katz <sup>9</sup>	Haley Susanna Mankin	Emily E. Rich	Jessica Jordan Tolbert
Simonne Katz <sup>4</sup>	Sarah Marcus	Samantha S. Robinson	Kaylyn M. Townsend
Noa Halverson Kaufhold	Khalil Martin	Kristina D. Roose	Shoshana Trager
Margaret Kerr	Cameron Elizabeth Mas	Michelle Edna Ross	Maren Turner
Adam Kirschner <sup>6</sup>	Libby Mathewson	Kimberly Ryan <sup>2</sup>	Rebecca Vegh 10
Hillary Gwen Lacks	Morgan Patrick McDonald <sup>3</sup>	Alyse Nicole Schmidt <sup>3</sup>	Elizabeth Vlachos
Ashley Lalas	Rachel Marie McLaughlin <sup>38</sup>	Alexandra Joy Seits	Steven Wadden
Michelle Therese Lally 9	Clara Alexandra Meyers	Jessica Selingo	Rebecca Ann Kazis Walker
Justin King Larson	Sarah Hyang-Na Min <sup>2</sup>	Shelby Elissa Shankman <sup>1</sup>	Kewen Wang <sup>3</sup>
McEllen Elizabeth Lawrence <sup>1</sup>	Alexandra Morley	Jihan Shen	Cassidy Ware

Noel Shipp

Victoria L. Shute

Nicole Quinn Werner

Lindsey Weston

MASTER OF SOCIAL WORK (CONTINUED)

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Stephanie Wiley <sup>2</sup> Tyler Wood

Megan Wilson Emma Christine Woodring <sup>4</sup>

Shelby Renee Wise <sup>4</sup> Leyi Zhou <sup>1</sup>

Rachel Wolff Jessica Martine Zipin

#### **SP2 SPECIALIZATIONS AND PENN CERTIFICATES**

- <sup>1</sup> Denotes completion of the Penn Aging Concentration (PAC)
- <sup>2</sup> Denotes completion of the Goldring Reentry Initiative (GRI)
- <sup>3</sup> Denotes completion of the Child Well-Being and Child Welfare Specialization (CW2)
- <sup>4</sup> Denotes completion of the Criminal Justice Specialization
- <sup>5</sup> Denotes completion of the Social Work in Health care Specialization (SWIHCS)
- <sup>6</sup> Denotes completion of the Cohen Veterans Network MSW Scholars Program
- <sup>7</sup> Denotes completion of the Global Human Rights Certificate
- <sup>8</sup> Denotes completion of Bridging the Gaps
- <sup>9</sup> Denotes completion of the Home-School Visitors Certificate (HSV)
- <sup>10</sup> Denotes completion of Jewish Communal Service Certificate

As final action cannot always be taken by the time this program is compiled, these lists of candidates are tentative only; the University reserves the right to withdraw or add names.

# DEGREE PROGRAMS AT THE SCHOOL OF SOCIAL POLICY & PRACTICE

#### THE DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY IN SOCIAL WELFARE DEGREE

The PhD program is an interdisciplinary program that prepares students for careers as outstanding researchers and scholars. This is accomplished through a curriculum that is both flexible and rigorous, demanding preliminary exams, and a doctoral dissertation.

## THE DOCTORATE IN CLINICAL SOCIAL WORK DEGREE

The DSW program advances clinical knowledge and prepares students to become leaders in clinical practice, clinical research, and teaching. The demanding course of study is completed in three years, and involves intensive coursework, successful completion of qualifying exams, and the production of a publishable dissertation that contributes to the clinical literature. This advanced clinical degree was the first professional practice doctorate of its kind in the country.

#### THE MASTER OF SCIENCE IN SOCIAL POLICY DEGREE

The Master of Science in Social Policy is an interdisciplinary program that prepares professionals with knowledge and skills to use policy to increase equality, promote equity, and forge social change. MSSP graduates hold leadership positions in government, philanthropic organizations, nonprofit and nongovernmental organizations, and academic research settings. The MSSP + DA program provides students with additional training and skills in the conceptual foundations of data analytics, programming of data structures, applications of machine learning and predictive analytics, and spatial analytics.

#### THE MASTER OF SCIENCE IN NONPROFIT LEADERSHIP DEGREE

The Master of Science in Nonprofit Leadership program is dedicated to preparing professionals for effective and innovative service in pursuit of social impact. As they depart Penn's campus, the graduates of the program are ready to join the global search for new and lasting solutions to some of the most complex public challenges of our day.

## THE MASTER OF SOCIAL WORK DEGREE

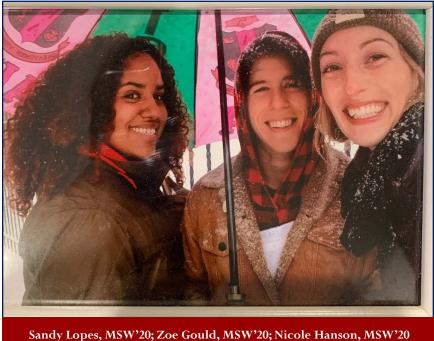
Through a combination of field practicum and classroom study, the MSW program prepares students to practice social work in a variety of settings. The focus on social justice remains a cornerstone of the Penn social work degree. SP2 celebrates over 110 years of social work education.



## Jacque Tara Washington, DSW'20



"My always support system, thank you with all my heart; I love you eternally: son, Chad; daughter, JaCon; Dr. Jacque Tara Washington; grandbebe, Olivia; Jon."



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"To the graduating students from my SWRK 601 class in Fall 2018, my SWRK-MSSP 796 class in Fall 2018 and in Fall 2019, and my SWRK-MSSP 768 class Spring 2019 and Spring 2020: Congratulations on completing your degree(s)!! I wish each of you the very best in your future endeavors and I know you will contribute importantly to the well-being of people, communities, countries, and the world! Thank you for contributing to my joy as a teacher! We hope you'll stay in touch."

- Bobbie Iversen, PhD, MSS, Associate Professor



"Cheers to the class of 2020 and the positive social impact we all will achieve!" - Andrea Crivello, NPL'20

Congratulations all! You did it!

And to my '18-'19 Foundations class, stay curious and keep in touch! I am so proud of you & can't wait to see what's next for you.

Susanna Gilbertson



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"I just wanted to wish the Class of 2020 congratulations. Be safe and be careful! I know you are going to do well."

- Ms. Robinson, Evening Security Officer at SP2)





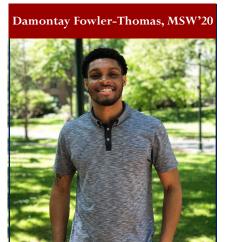
"In Lara Krawchuk's class, Loss through the Life Cycle, I learned something that has been helpful in every aspect of my personal and professional life. When thinking about where to start, or how to move forward, or how to respond to a challenging situation, one can ask their client "what is the hardest part?" Sitting in quarantine preparing for graduation, I reflect on this important teaching and ask myself this question, that is answered by "there are a lot of hard parts." There have been a plethora of hard parts over the past few years in this program, and I have to say, that in reaching the end (finally) I feel prepared to take on those hard parts, with confidence, clinical skill, grace, ethical reasoning, and compassion and feel lucky to call the people I have met in this program my colleagues, and more importantly my friends. This program has prepared me for the unthinkable (maybe even how to navigate a world-wide pandemic) in ways I can not easily express in words, but with teachings, memories, and opportunities that I will carry deep within me as I begin my career as a Social Worker. Congratulations to the class of 2020! Good Luck in your futures, and thank you for all of the amazing learning we have done together! Thank you to my parents, family members, friends, and doggos that supported me throughout this journey and I hope to give back to the world what you have given me in shaping the person, and Social Worker, I hope to become."

- Sandra Levine, MSW'20



"I want to congratulate you all on your graduation in these very unusual times. It has been a pleasure and an honor teaching you. COVID-19 is disproportionatly affecting the most vulnerable so today, more than ever, we need to build policy from the ground up, and I know you are well-equipped to make a difference. Go forth, change the world, and keep us all posted."

- Ioana Marinescu, PhD, Assistant Professor



"The best currency you can offer a person is inspiration. When a person can rely on you for that—it empowers them in every realm of life. Without inspiration we're spiritually dry."

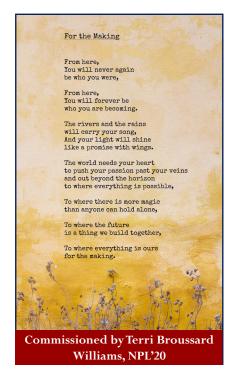
- Ermias Asghedom

Shannon Berry, NPL'20; Andrea Crivello, NPL'20; Carol Fausnaught, NPL'20; Terri Broussard Williams, NPL'20; Joanna Gang, NPL'20; Danielle Parker, NPL'20; Anne Shulock, NPL'20



"I have grown so much personally, academically, and professionally, and I owe so much of this growth to my community at SP2 and my family. Fellow incoming- Quakers, seize every opportunity you can, do not be afraid to hear "No," and do not forget to

show gratitude. Welcome to the SP2 family!" - Julia Hah, MSW'20





"In creating distance between difficult emotions, the mind can tune out all the noise of the world and hone onto what your heart is saying it wants and what your body is saying it needs. Within yourself, a lot of clarity and peace can be found. We have the power to decide what our role should be."

> - Raekwon Burton, MSW'20



"Now, more than ever, the skill sets that you've built at SP2 are needed in the world in the passionate pursuit of social innovation, impact, and justice. Congratulations to the class of 2020!"

- SP2 Admissions Team

"To the U School Super School Social Work Stars: Londa Antoian, Sandy Fonseca-Lopes, Zoe Gould, Nicole Hanson, Michelle Lally, and India Spears - the U School wishes you well and continued success in supporting youth! The next time you hear a passing bell appreciate the loud music, the next time you are late or absent remember the SAIP process, and finally never forget the power of a reflection!!!! The staff, teachers, and students of the U School congratulate you on your accomplishments!"

- Jessica Naugle McAtamney, LSW, MEd

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"Congratulations SP2 class of 2020! Special congratulations to my CW2 students. Stay in touch and good luck always!"

- Johanna Greeson, PhD, MSS, MLSP, Associate Professor; Director, CW2





"My classmates made my learning so much fun. Although we were virtually connected, we built a strong support system for each other and were always there to celebrate and think through situations. I could not have asked for a more flexible but very engaged education. I will miss this family for sure."



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"A special thanks to all the husband, wives, parents, children, partners, boyfriends, girlfriends, church family, professors, friends, and social media families who encouraged us and pushed us to this moment, right here, right now! Thank you for loving us, believing in us, and cheering us on. Congratulations to this very special class of 2020 MSW Social Workers, Well Done!"

- Michelle Ross, MSW'20



"Congratulations to my MSSP cohort and the SP2 Class of 2020! I'm proud to be in your company, and have learned so much about policymaking and social change from our time together. When I reflect on Penn, what stands out to me is how collaborative my classmates were and for that, I'm very grateful. To my family and friends: thank you, thank you, thank you for your infinite support! Go Quakers!"

-Talar Keskinyan, MSSP'20



Julie Pascoe, MSW'20; Allie Alexander, MSW'20; Susannah Berry, MSW'20; Bill Longacre, MSW'20 Becca Gallahue, MSW'20; Christina Cerra, MSW'20; Rebecca Walker, MSW'20; Camellia Heart, MSW'20; Noa Kaufhold, MSW'20; Allie Alexander, MSW'20; Julia Pascoe, MSW'20



Twelve of our students are active duty, veterans, or military spouses. Thank you all for your service!





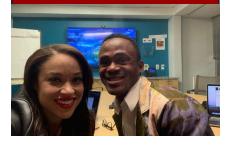
"Graduation from UPenn signifies growth towards the pursuits that are core to my essence and influential in my career growth. My journey at UPenn first started in 2015 as a member of the CSIS executive program. I vividly remember being brought to tears after my first in-person cohort on campus. I was just overtaken with gratitude for the opportunity to put my best foot forward and to pursue a once in a lifetime educational opportunity. UPenn and SP2 have always made me feel special and that is because of the spirit of its faculty and students. The completion of NPL coursework shows what can be accomplished with virtue and dedication toward leadership in the social sector. I truly wish that we could be on campus to celebrate with those met over the past year. I look forward to the day where we can reconvene as alumni. I thank my family for their unconditional support, even in turbulent times. To my fellow NPL graduates, our most meaningful accomplishments have just begun!"

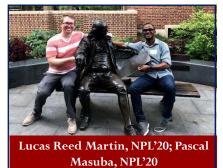
- Lucas Reed Martin, NPL'20



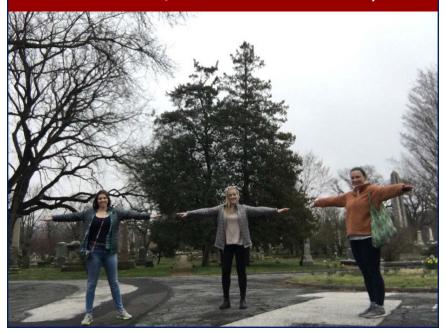


Terri Broussard Williams, NPL'20; Pascal Masuba, NPL'20





## Allie Alexander, MSW'20; Julie Pascoe, MSW'20; Susannah Berry, MSW'20





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"Congratulations SP2 class of 2020! I wish we could be celebrating with you in person. I am very excited to see what all of you will go out and do as you continue your careers, as you start your careers, or even, for some of you, as you finish your careers and start whatever is next. It's been a pleasure to work with so many of you and I know that as you continue in your careers, you're going to make us all so very proud. Thank you for making SP2 a wonderful place to work."

- Molly Sinderbrand, PhD Coordinator, Online NPL Program

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"Within the last two years, and one year for many, we have celebrated numerous accomplishments and have been united through tragedies. We have cried together, laughed together, and have shared longlasting memories with new forever friends. COVID-19 disrupted our lives and final semester but our bond and support through all of this remain unwavered."

- Sandy A. Fonseca-Lopes, MSW'20

## Julia Hah, MSW'20

"사랑하는 큰딸비록 졸업식을 보지 못하지만그곳에서 열심히 공부하는 쥴리기 너무 자랑스럽단다NC에서만 오래살다가 큰 도시에서 잘지내는것만으로도 고맙고 모든걸 주님께 감사드린단다축하하고 남은 1년 최선을 다해서 장학금도 받고 좋은직장도 잘들어거서 꿈을 이루길 매일기도한단다우리쥴리 보구싶다쥬위사람들에게도 좋은사람으로 기억에 남는사람이 돼도옥 해야한다남을 배여하고 참고 인정해주는 마음을 길러야 어디에서도 사랑받는 사람이 돼는걸 늘 생각하고 꼭 명심해야한다"



## **Congratulations!**

You are SP2.