Welcome!

On behalf of social work faculty, staff and students, it is my great pleasure to introduce you to the Social Work Department at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee. This is our first quarterly newsletter showcasing the unique features of our department, the scholarly accomplishments of our faculty, and the impressive achievements of our students.

The University of Wisconsin Milwaukee is an R1 university with our social work researchers contributing steadfastly to this ranking. I invite you to learn more about our recent presentations at SSWR as well as all of the exciting research at the Helen Bader School of Social Welfare. Our Master’s Degree in Social Work program is the largest and most extensive in Wisconsin with interdisciplinary programs in trauma-informed care, substance abuse counseling, school social work and more. You can learn more about our unique offerings in the video below.

As we begin 2019, I look forward to seeing our faculty, staff and students’ work continue to improve the lives of people in Wisconsin and beyond. I wish you a productive and rewarding year!

David J. Pate Jr, PhD
Chair and Associate Professor
Helen Bader School of Social Welfare
Colleen Galambos Appointed to National Academies Committee

Colleen Galambos, Helen Bader Endowed Chair in Applied Gerontology, was recently appointed to the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine's Committee on the Health and Medical Dimensions of Social Isolation and Loneliness in Older Adults.

Dr. Galambos’ research interests include care transitions and advance care planning, aging in place, health and long term care systems quality improvement, gerontechnology, and interprofessional practice.

[Read more.]

Child Caregivers Find Ally, Author in UWM Researcher

Associate Professor Melinda S. Kavanaugh recently co-authored a series of books released by the national ALS Association.

Kavanaugh’s translational research focuses on the social, physical, and psychological impact of caregiving on young carers, and how best to design caregiving support and training programs inclusive and supportive of youth.

[Read more.]
Once a Lackluster High Schooler, Frank Lewis Now a Grad Student and Author

Current MSW student Frank Lewis’ book was recently published by Tandem Light Press. Dean Stan Stojkovic calls the book, “A great urban story.”

[Read more.]

How a UWM Program Helps People Deal With Trauma & Find Employment

Associate Professor Dimitri Topitzes was recently interviewed about research that aims to enhance existing transitional employment services in urban and rural communities by promoting access to primary and behavioral health care for job-seeking adults. [Listen to the interview.]

UWM Researchers Use Big Data to Solve Big Problems

“Improved child safety outcomes is our ultimate goal,” said Colleen Janczewski, an assistant professor in the Helen Bader School of Social Welfare.

[Read more.]

UWM Debuts Coordinated Master’s Degree in Public Health, Social Work

The program integrates public health’s and social work’s unique approaches to intervention.

[Read more.]