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“The focus of my work is primarily on Native American and other indigenous populations with a secondary interest in refugee populations. I have received funding by the National Cancer Institute for the project ‘Healthy Living in Two Worlds.’ This project began with an assessment of the health behaviors of urban Native American youth ages nine to thirteen in Buffalo and Niagara Falls, with a particular focus on recreational tobacco use, dietary practices, and active versus sedentary lifestyles. We are also gathering information from caregivers for a subset of these youth. This information informs the development of a culturally specific wellness curriculum that was pilot-tested with Native American youth in Buffalo from July 10 to August 10, 2006.”

Hilary N. Weaver
PROFESSOR
DSW Columbia University, MS Columbia University, BA Antioch College

Culturally competent social work practice, indigenous peoples.
Welcome to our sixth annual Faculty Report

The University at Buffalo School of Social Work proudly presents our 2011 annual faculty report. This is our sixth annual report and though we have made some changes in the format—integrating the report with our newly launched website—we have maintained the features you have come to expect. As before, we continue to spotlight our entire faculty, including research interests, recent scholarship and presentations (2010-2011), teaching/clinical accomplishments, and community activities. In this report, we welcome two new faculty, Patricia Logan-Greene and Yunju Nam, and spotlight our partnership with Amrita University in India. This partnership led to the establishment of the UB/Amrita Social and Behavioral Sciences Research Institute (UBARI), and a jointly sponsored conference held in India.

The Buffalo Center for Social Research continued its innovative work with community partnerships that link practice with research.

Two partnerships of note, the Hillside Family of Agencies and the Chautauqua County Department of Mental Hygiene, have continued this year. For the 7th year, the Center presented its Distinguished Scholars Series, promoting research and reaching out locally and regionally to a broad audience of students, staff, faculty, and community members.

The School’s Living Proof Podcast Series—featuring researchers from all over the United States—continues its remarkable growth reaching out nationally and internationally.

The series celebrated its third year anniversary with over 150,000 successful downloads! We thank all of our listeners, subscribers, and supporters, and we encourage you to become a fan of Living Proof on Facebook, follow us on Twitter, call our new phone line at (716) 645-3322, and visit: http://www.socialwork.buffalo.edu/podcast/.

Finally, during the year we completed an alternative accreditation project focusing on integrating trauma-informed practice, human rights perspective into our curriculum. Please see our web-based resource center for curriculum module and podcasts that highlight these issues.

Once again, welcome to the faculty report—living proof that the University at Buffalo School of Social Work reaches others and makes a difference.

NANCY J. SMYTH, PhD  
Professor and Dean

HOWARD J. DOUECK, PhD  
Professor and Associate Dean for Academic Affairs

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**Transforming research into real-world impact**

Aggressively promoting research informed by practice, the Buffalo Center for Social Research (BCSR) advances faculty and graduate student research programs that identify real-world solutions for local and global social problems impacting individuals, families, and communities. This year our impact has extended to India with the establishment of the UB/Amrita Social and Behavioral Sciences Research Institute (UBARI).

The BCSR strives to develop reciprocal community partnerships that link practice and research through various BCSR institutes, centers, and projects such as our exciting research partnership with Hillside Family of Agencies, the Native American Center on Wellness Research, the Program Evaluation Center, the New York State Office of Mental Health and the New York State Schools of Social Work Deans’ Consortium Project on Evidence-Based Practice. Other ways BCSR makes an impact is through our Distinguished Scholars Series, now in its 7th year, which provides an excellent venue to promote research to practice in our region.

As a training ground for graduate students and new investigators, the Center promotes externally funded interdisciplinary research that builds on faculty strengths and UB 2020 strategic initiatives. Established in 2005, the Center assists faculty in submitting millions of dollars in grant proposals each year in a broad range of research areas. As our scope of research and value of funded grants has increased, so has our impact.

The following page provides highlights of various 2010/11 Center research projects and activities. We hope as you view them you will think of ways to become involved in the Center as we strive together to make a difference in people’s lives through research that translates into real-world impact.

Catherine N. Dulmus, PhD
Associate Dean for Research and Director
Buffalo Center for Social Research
Advancing Research
The Buffalo Center for Social Research assists faculty and graduate students in securing extramural support for their scholarly research, teaching and community service activities through individual, collaborative and interdisciplinary grant proposal submissions. The Center provides a full in-house grant submission process, assisting with all phases of grant development, from project design to fiscal analysis. Other resources include our 4,000 sq.-ft. office and interview space for project utilization as well as a state of the art data analysis laboratory and office space for doctoral students and faculty researchers.

Current Projects
Dean Smyth and faculty are united in building the Buffalo Center for Social Research enterprise. All researchers are successful scholars engaged in cutting-edge research in a variety of areas, including addictions, aging, child welfare, evidence-based practice, forensics, mental health, trauma, and violence. Current funding sources for Center research and projects include the Buffalo Public Schools, Erie County Department of Social Services, Erie County Unified Court System, Hillside Family of Agencies, Moray Council, National Institute of Alcoholism and Alcohol Abuse, National Cancer Institute, National Center on Minorities and Health Disparities, New York State Department of Education, New York State Office of Mental Health, New York State Office of Child and Family Services, Substance and Mental Health Services Administration, The Ford Foundation, Transportation Research Board, and the U.S. Department of Education.

The Native American Center for Wellness Research
The Native American Center for Wellness Research (NACWR) has been involved with many activities over the past year. The Director, David A. Patterson developed a scholarship. The Wolf-Fire Scholarship provides financial support to UB student who are active in Native American communities. In January 2011 five UB students were awarded Wolf-Fire Scholarships. Dr. Patterson also developed a study abroad program through NACWR. He traveled to Ireland and met with representatives at universities in Cork and Galway. The first study abroad course offering will be summer 2012 and students will earn six credits. The program will target Native American students and other students who will benefit from studying in another country. Finally, NACWR is developing a learning community for Native American students. The proposed learning community will be located in the Red Jacket building on UB’s north campus and will house and provide supportive services for Native American students. All of these programs and activities are designed to address high college drop out rates.

For more information on the works of NACWR, visit http://www.socialwork.buffalo.edu/research/NACWR/index.asp

The UB/Amrita Social and Behavioral Sciences Research Institute (UBARI)
UBARI was established in 2010 through a partnership between Amrita University, Department of Social Work in Amritapouri, India and the Buffalo Center for Social Research. In June 2011 UBARI hosted the 1st International Conference on Society, Technology and Sustainable Development (ICSTDS) in Cochin, India. The theme of the conference focused on Indigenous Practices. Over 100 abstracts were submitted with 35 papers being selected for presentation. Attendees included 8 faculty, staff and doctoral students from UB, as well as over 100 colleagues from various nations around the globe. Next year’s conference theme will focus on Health Systems in Transition.

Distinguished Scholar’s Series
Consistent with the Buffalo Center for Social Research mission of disseminating research findings and facilitating technology transfer, the Distinguished Scholar’s Series was initiated in 2005. Twice annually we underwrite the cost of bringing to Buffalo outstanding scholars to present their research findings to our community and university stakeholders. Our 2010-2011 Distinguished Scholars were:

Dr. Laura Lewis speaks about creating effective international field partnerships for sustainable development.
Sustainable development (SD) refers to planned resource utilization to minimize harm and maximize benefits for all in the immediate and distant future, in both, the Global North and South. It encompasses a wide array of issues including biodiversity loss, global warming, governance and disaster management, energy security, food and water security and poverty. The United Nations has identified building ‘global partnerships for development that is equitable and sustainable’ as one of the eight Millennium Development Goals (MDG) for the world.

Recognizing the currency of the topic and urgent need for global academic, policy and grassroots engagement on this issue, the UB/Amrita Social and Behavioral Sciences Research Institute (UBARI) organized the First Annual International Conference on Society, Technology and Sustainable Development (ICSTSD), in Kochi, India between June 3-5, 2011. Knowledge partners for this conference included UNESCO, Center for Sustainable and Responsible Organizations, Deakin University, Australia and Society of Energy Engineers and Managers, Kerala, India. The conference aimed at providing a platform for understanding the discourse on sustainable development and identifying issues and challenges in achieving it. The conference also provided a forum for sharing best practices and innovations in practice.

A truly multi-disciplinary international conference the ICSTSD participants included academicians, independent researchers, students, UN representatives and representatives from local, national and international development sector organizations. Participants belonged to diverse disciplines including Social work, Psychiatry, Sociology, Geography, Literature, Management, Engineering, Architecture and Law. The conference proceedings were structured under six major themes that covered the three constituents of sustainable development i.e. environmental sustainability, economic sustainability and sociopolitical sustainability.

In addition to the 17 invited speakers, forty-one participants from 8 countries presented papers, shared experiences and discussed ideas around six themes:

- a) Indigenous practices, technology and policy;
- b) Environmental governance, technology and sustainable development;
- c) Ethics, education and spirituality in SD;
- d) Consumers, conservers and managers in SD;
- e) Community resilience and disaster risk reduction;
- f) Institutions, actors and practices in SD.

Countries represented include Nepal, Bangladesh, India, Malaysia, Thailand, Nigeria, Australia and the United States. Additionally, eight Indian states from the north, west, north-east, east and south regions were represented at the conference; these include Tripura, West Bengal, Orissa, Uttar Pradesh, Maharashtra, Andhra Pradesh, Kerala and Tamil Nadu.

This conference provided an excellent opportunity to conceptualize issues, share field experiences and learn about best practices and innovative initiatives to address local and global problems. Intellectually rich and diverse this interface allowed for the simultaneous confluence of ideas and learning. During the concluding session of the conference delegates from the UB School of Social Work discussed strategies for developing sustainable community-university and university-university partnerships. Additionally, the conference attendees were introduced to the University at Buffalo (UB) and the School of Social Work at the UB, this introduction included a discussion on higher education opportunities for students and scholars at UB.

On conclusion of the conference the UBARI team members met to take stock of the current projects and discuss future initiatives. The need to develop mutual trust was identified, it was suggested that collaborative learning initiatives be developed and implemented prior to delving into full-fledged collaborative research work. Two key suggestions for such learning initiatives were creation of e-learning facilities and organizing online research workshops for students and faculty. It was suggested that the workshops could be structured in such a manner that so as to provide a build up to the next annual conference. The UBARI team felt that the current conference was a striking success and there is enthusiasm in working towards the next conference. The essential task now before the UBARI team is strengthening the partnership between the UB School of Social Work and the Department of Social Work at Amrita University through collaborative work that is mutually beneficial.
Lisa D. Butler  
ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR
PhD Stanford University, BSC University of Toronto

“To study traumatic experience is to bear witness to some of the most dreadful things that can happen to people, particularly when those events are at the hands of others. But it can also be to marvel, in some cases, at the surpassing resilience of the human spirit and even to glimpse the extraordinary (and yet wonderfully ordinary) capacity of individuals, families, and communities to find the good in the bad, to quarry meaning from meaninglessness, and then to move forward with living. In my view, to study trauma is to investigate the full spectrum of authentic, life-altering human experience.”

Laina Y. Bay-Cheng  
ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR
PhD University of Michigan, MA University of Michigan, MSW University of Michigan, BA Wellesley College

“I am currently developing the Sexual Life History Calendar, an innovative approach for studying young women’s sexualities. The method’s strengths lie both in what it yields for researchers (i.e. reliable, contextually embedded data), and in what it offers participants: an opportunity to chart their sexual histories and literally see trends and connections between sexual and nonsexual life domains. In this way, I hope to both study and promote young women’s sexual subjectivity and critical consciousness.”

Research Interests:
Lisa D. Butler
Trauma, resilience and growth, dissociative processes, adjustment following life-threatening illness, paranoia, representations of mental illness in film.

Laina Y. Bay-Cheng
Construction of adolescent sexuality, cultivation of young women’s sexual subjectivity, gendered power, youth empowerment, feminist theories and methods.
Filomena M. Critelli  
ASSISTANT PROFESSOR

PhD University at Albany, The State University of New York  
MSW University at Buffalo, The State University of New York  
BA Buffalo State College

“In my research I analyze the ways in which social policies shape the physical, economic and social well-being, security and human rights of vulnerable populations such as women and children and immigrants in national and international contexts. My research trajectory reflects an evolving perspective that social issues can no longer be limited to a local view but must incorporate a global perspective. I am currently studying violence against women in Pakistan through interviews with women and human rights activists and residents of a refuge for women escaping violence. This research is expanding to include additional organizations that empower women in Pakistan. I am also beginning a study of gender violence within immigrant communities to compare Pakistani women’s experiences with those of immigrant women from Pakistan and other South Asian communities, exploring change and continuity in the context of the migration.”

Joan M. Doris  
ASSISTANT PROFESSOR

PhD University of Pennsylvania  
MSW West Virginia University  
BA Ohio Wesleyan University

“Throughout my career as a clinical social worker, I have focused on working with survivors of trauma, including combat trauma, and working with families facing multiple stressors. My current research focuses on social work in dentistry, particularly on issues of access to care, and on the history of social work theory and practice.”
**Howard J. Doueck**  
**PROFESSOR AND ASSOCIATE DEAN FOR ACADEMIC AFFAIRS**  
PhD University of Washington  
MSW University of Washington  
MA Brooklyn College, The City University of New York  
BA Brooklyn College, The City University of New York

“As a former child protection social worker and trainer in Washington State, I have been interested in how CPS workers make decisions, especially around the issues of child risk and safety, and more generally, how child protection involvement with a family impacts upon clinical practice. Much of my research has focused on these two issues. More recently, I have looked at programs designed to facilitate transitions towards independence for young adults with developmental disabilities.”

**Catherine N. Dulmus**  
**ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR, ASSOCIATE DEAN FOR RESEARCH, AND RESEARCH CENTER DIRECTOR**  
PhD University at Buffalo, The State University of New York  
MSW University at Buffalo, The State University of New York  
BSW Buffalo State College

“Our principle focus in the Research Center is bridging the seventeen-year gap between research and practice. The current focus of my work is responding to this challenge through creative applications of community-based research through university/community research partnerships, as well as expanding the use and understanding of evidence-based practice.”

**Diane E. Elze**  
**ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR AND DIRECTOR OF THE MSW PROGRAMS**  
PhD Washington University in St. Louis  
MSSA Case Western Reserve University  
BS University of Maine

“My research has been inspired by my long-standing commitment to, and years of social work practice with, vulnerable populations of adolescents. My scholarship has focused primarily on the well-being of gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender youths, and the development of HIV prevention interventions for adolescents in foster care. Currently, I am investigating service needs, service access, and service utilization among transgender youths and adults, including policies and practices that facilitate appropriate service delivery to this population.”

**Research Interests**  
Risk and protective factors for sexual minority youth; gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgendered issues in service utilization; HIV prevention interventions with adolescents; adolescent health and mental health.
Susan A. Green  
**Clinical Associate Professor**

MSW University at Buffalo, The State University of New York  
BS State University of New York College at Geneseo

“I have been working over the last three years, with the help of students and another faculty member, on research projects sponsored by the Center for Development of Human Services (CDHS) that concern trauma in the child welfare system, specifically recognition, assessment and treatment, and integrating brief solution-focused strategies and Trauma-Informed Care (TIC) within the child welfare system.”

Denise J. Krause  
**Clinical Professor, Associate Dean for Community Engagement and Alumni Relations**

MSSW Columbia University, BA Binghamton University, The State University of New York

“Connecting research and theory to all levels of practice helps to anchor our students in their academic pursuits and community engagement. In the twelve years since the senior clinical faculty were hired, they have cultivated a rich tradition of mutual exchange between the SSW, community stakeholders, and the profession of social work. A stellar example of collaboration between faculty and the community is a project with the Chautauqua County Department of Social Services. Primarily a rural area, Chautauqua County is a small region (about 60 miles south of UB) that frequently encounters inadequate funding for training and state-of-the-art practice. In 2005, I began a series of solution-focused practice training sessions with the Department of Social Services. Together, we developed a model to create “experts” in solution-focused practice that encompassed several units and departments.”
Mansoor A. F. Kazi
Research Associate Professor and Director Program Evaluation Center
PhD University of Huddersfield
MA University of Hull
BS London School of Economics

“My interests include the evaluation of the effectiveness of social work and other human service interventions, and in particular, the development of realist evaluation approaches and methodologies to investigate what interventions work, and in what contexts. The methodologies include statistical methods to investigate the patterns and interconnections between the interventions, outcomes, and contexts; that is, the use of binary logistic regression alongside experimental or quasi-experimental designs, drawing upon both the epidemiology and effectiveness traditions.”

Nancy J. Smyth
Professor and Dean
PhD University at Albany, The State University of New York
MSW University at Albany, The State University of New York
BA University at Albany, The State University of New York

“My current research interests are in the intersection between mental health, trauma, and substance use disorders especially related to complex trauma, a condition that involves affect dysregulation, impulse control problems, interpersonal problems, substance abuse, self-harm, and dissociation. I’m also interested in alternative clinical interventions (e.g., EMDR, mindfulness meditation), especially as they relate to mental health, trauma, and addiction. Finally, because my own work includes both research and practice, I am interested in identifying effective strategies for integrating, blending, and bridging social work practice and research.”
“The distribution of services and support by public and nonprofit organizations and their effects in reducing the problems associated with poverty has always been a concern of mine. My research has focused on the impact of poverty and its associated conditions and events on individuals such as noncustodial fathers, organizations, and communities. Recent work examines the role of social networks and their influence on a community’s response to both natural and human disasters.”

Robert H. Keefe
ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR
PhD University at Albany, The State University of New York
MSSA Case Western Reserve University
BA Ithaca College

“My research largely focuses on factors that influence disparities in health outcomes for various at-risk groups. I am particularly concerned about individuals from traditionally oppressed backgrounds who have limited or no insurance and little financial means to access and take advantage of quality health care. My current research focuses on racial and ethnic disparities in maternal and child health outcomes and perinatal mood disorders among new mothers of color.”

Wooksoo Kim
ASSISTANT PROFESSOR
PhD University of Washington
MSW Ohio State University
MA Eastern Michigan University
BA Seoul National University

“My research focuses on the well-being of Asian Americans particularly Korean immigrant elders. I seek to enhance our understanding of Asian Americans and to unravel the assumptions and myths about this vulnerable population in order to promote the physical and psychological well-being of Asian Americans. My current projects include cross-national comparisons of the effect of acculturation on depression among Korean immigrant elders in the U.S. and Canada and risk and protective factors of alcohol use in middle age and older Korean immigrants.”

Kathleen A. Kost
ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR
PhD University of Wisconsin-Madison
MSSW University of Wisconsin-Madison
MA University of Wisconsin-Madison
BA University of Wisconsin-Madison

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RESEARCH INTERESTS

Robert H. Keefe
Health disparities, maternal and child health outcomes, access to health and mental health care.

Wooksoo Kim
Culture and mental health/substance use, minority mental health, Asian American immigrants.

Kathleen A. Kost
Poverty, substance abuse, employment, organizations.
Yunju Nam

Assistant Professor

PhD in Social Work and Social Science (Political Science), University of Michigan
MA in Political Science, University of Michigan
MSW, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia
BA, Literature, Seoul National University

“My scholarly interests center around social policy and socioeconomic inequality. I believe that social policy should promote long-term economic security and development and strive to fight against structural inequality, not just try to meet the minimum consumption needs of disadvantaged groups. For this reason, I have conducted theoretical and empirical studies on asset-building policies and programs for vulnerable populations, especially for low-income children and older immigrant adults. As a new paradigm in social policy field, asset-based social policies have empowered and will continue to empower socially and economically disadvantaged populations to achieve their full potentials. My goal is to help the development of social policies and programs for sustainable socioeconomic development by providing rigorous empirical evidence.”

Patricia Logan-Greene

Assistant Professor

PhD University of Washington, School of Social Work
MSSW University of Tennessee at Knoxville, Nashville Campus.
BA Wesleyan University, Middletown, CT

“My research examines multiple aspects of the problem of violence in the United States. My research has explored the effects of an array of violent experiences, including child abuse, sexual assault, and peer violence. I am also interested in the precursors of engaging in violent behaviors, including alcohol and drug use, individual and biological risk factors, and, most importantly, the contribution of previous traumatic experiences, such as prior victimization. For future work, I am especially interested in exploring societal and community responses to the problem of violence, including judicial system structures and inequities, interventions to reduce violent behaviors, and the efficacy of prevention programs.”

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Thomas H. Nochajski

**ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR**

PhD University at Buffalo, The State University of New York  
BA University at Buffalo

“My interests range from the development of screening and assessment instruments for substance use problems to the consideration of primary, secondary and tertiary prevention for the substance use and criminal justice areas. One current project focuses on the development of a screening instrument for substance use utilizing implicit cognitions. Other projects focus on the use of brief interventions, youth court, juvenile treatment courts, drug courts and family treatment courts.”

David Patterson, Silverwolf (Adelv Unegv Waya)

**ASSISTANT PROFESSOR**

PhD University of Louisville/University of Kentucky  
MSSW University of Louisville  
BSW Spalding University

“My past work focused on retaining special, hard-to-reach populations in alcohol and drug treatment services, such as HIV-infected persons, and those living in extreme poverty. Although I continue pursuing this agenda, I have developed a growing body of research pertaining to organizational barriers (e.g., culture, climate, and worker attitudes) to implementing evidence-based practices throughout mental health agencies. A remaining, ongoing effort is strengthening the Native American Center for Wellness Research (NACWR), along with working in Native and Tribal communities regarding health and wellness.”

Kelly L. Patterson

**ASSISTANT PROFESSOR**

PhD University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee  
MS University at Buffalo, State University of New York  
BA North Carolina Central University

“As a teacher and researcher, I am committed to addressing the problems of persistent and concentrated poverty in urban areas. In the area of advocacy and equity planning, my role was to build relationships between those in power and the vulnerable groups they served. Many times this meant revealing, through neighborhood and regional plans, how decisions regarding distribution of resources resulted in wide disparities that disproportionately hurt vulnerable groups.”

**RESEARCH INTERESTS**

Prevention for alcohol and other drug problems with children and families; screening, assessment, and treatment of the criminal justice population; program and practice evaluation; and research methodology.

*Research Interests*

- Fair housing policy, spatial issues in access to and delivery of social services, residential housing patterns of impoverished populations, interventions with previously homeless veterans, and subsidized housing.
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Charles Symms

**Clinical Associate Professor**

MSW California State University-Sacramento
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Barbara A. Rittner

**Associate Professor, Associate Dean for External Affairs, and PhD Program Director**

Chair of the Group for the Advancement of Doctoral Education (GADE), An International Organization for Directors of Doctoral Programs in Social Work

PhD Barry University
MSW Barry University
BA University of Connecticut

“My research over the past ten years has largely focused on child welfare practices. Social work has deep roots in practice with at-risk children and their families, and at the present time I am focusing research on alternate models of transition into foster care, including factors that facilitate functional adaptation in foster children to delimit disengagement from foster care and adoptions. My current projects also include research on outcomes in therapeutic day school programs, and moral disengagement in juvenile delinquents. Previously, I examined differential uses of BSWs and MSWs in child welfare settings, placement, and replacement patterns in child welfare, and the uses of group work with children as well as adult survivors of abuse and neglect.”

Adjoa Robinson

**Assistant Professor**

PhD Washington University in St. Louis
MSW Howard University
BS University of Maryland

“I am interested in helping AA family caregivers improve their lives, as well as the lives of those for whom they care. Specifically, I'm interested in the effect of instrumental supports—information, resources, and skill-building – on a caregiver's ability to plan care, make informed decisions, access services, and advocate for themselves and their care recipients. Currently, I am exploring the utility of using community-based participatory research (CBPR) in developing a culturally appropriate, peer-to-peer invention for African American caregivers of older adults who are at risk for negative outcomes associated with caregiving.”

Charles Symms

**Clinical Associate Professor**

MSW California State University-Sacramento
BA Buffalo State College

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Barbara A. Rittner

**Research Interests**

Child welfare, interventions, group work.

Adjoa Robinson

**Research Interests**

Family caregiving, aging, CBPR, mental health, cultural competence

Charles Symms

**Research Interests**

Addictions, interventions, child welfare, co-occurring disorders, and the use of computers and the Internet in social work practice.
Deborah P. Waldrop

ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR
PhD Oklahoma State University
MSW Syracuse University
BA Pennsylvania State University

“My research focuses on aging and end-of-life care, particularly on how older adults who are terminally ill make decisions about utilizing services such as hospice, and the timing of their decisions. I am also involved in describing and defining the unique and distinct nature of residential or hospice house care. In sum, I am interested in how older adults and their families face an approaching death, make decisions about how to manage increasing needs for care, and how caregivers adapt to loss, so that through research, we can make positive changes that improve care for people who are dying and their loved ones.”

Peter Sobota

CLINICAL ASSISTANT PROFESSOR
MSW University at Buffalo, The State University of New York,
BA University at Buffalo, The State University of New York

“The guiding principle of my philosophy of teaching is that I am involved in relationships with students focused upon their own motivation to learn. It makes sense to me that I learn as well, or along with the students. We are joined in our efforts to connect what happens in class to what happens in the real world (‘out there’) in practical ways.”

RESEARCH INTERESTS
Aging, health care, end-of-life, and human development.

RESEARCH INTERESTS
Interventions, addictions, social work applications in nontraditional settings.
Laina Y. Bay-Cheng

**Publications**


**Presentations**

Bay-Cheng, L.Y. (February, 2010). Recollection and reflection: Insight gained from the Sexual Life History Calendar. Invited lecture sponsored by the Centre for Urban Health Initiatives, University of Toronto, Toronto, Canada.


Bay-Cheng, L.Y. and Fava, N.M. (February, 2010). All oral sex is not the same: Distinguishing between young women’s experiences of giving and receiving. Invited symposium presentation as part of the Feminist Science Track at the 35th Annual Conference of the Association for Women in Psychology, Portland, OR.


Lisa D. Butler

**Publications**

Butler, L.D. (in press). Must dissociation be unusual? *Journal of Trauma and Dissociation*.


Howard J. Doueck

PUBLICATIONS

PRESENTATIONS

Catherine N. Dulmus

PUBLICATIONS

Filomena M. Critelli

PUBLICATIONS

PRESENTATIONS
Critelli, F.M. (2010, August). Overview of health policy in the U.S. Universidade Presidente Antonio Carlos (UNIPAC), Minas Gerais, Brazil.


**Presentations**


Patterson, D., Dulmus, C.N. and Greyber, L. (2010, October). *Best practices for retaining multiple diagnosed participants in treatment: The effectiveness of Motivational Interviewing and the Use of Stages of Change*. Poster presented at the 20th World Congress of Social Psychiatry, Marrakech, Morocco.


**Diane E. Elze**

**Publications**


**Presentations**


**Susan A. Green**

**Publications**


**Presentations**


Mansoor A. F. Kazi

PUBLICATIONS


PRESENTATIONS


Robert H. Keefe

PUBLICATIONS


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Keefe, R.H., Mendel, W., Patterson, K.L. (2010, October). Grocery shopping in your neighborhood may be dangerous to your health. Poster presented at the 138th Annual Meeting of the American Public Health Association, Denver, CO.

Wooksoo Kim

PUBLICATIONS


**Presentations**


**Denise J. Krause**

**Publications**


**Presentations**

Krause, D.J. (2011, February). *Solution focused work in a medical setting.* Erie County Medical Center Staff Rounds, Buffalo, NY.


Krause, D.J. and Hoppe, B. (2010, November). *What do you think the judge needs to see change? Solution focused techniques in family law cases.* Solution Focused Brief Therapy Association 3rd Annual International Conference, Banff, Alberta.
Patricia Logan-Greene

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Patricia Logan-Greene

My research interests are centered in the prevention of violence and child abuse. Violence is of fundamental concern to social work practitioners, as it remains one of the most prevalent and potentially damaging experiences in the lives of American youth. These experiences include familial child abuse, bullying in schools, sexual assault, and dating violence. While many victimized youth with these experiences do not report substantial negative outcomes, victimization is a major risk factor for emotional and mental health problems, substance use and abuse, and subsequent perpetration of violence. Social work agencies are often tailored to the needs of victims of violence, whereas those who perpetrate violence are generally directed towards the juvenile justice system.

Youth who are violent are often labeled as delinquents or criminals, which perpetuates dehumanizing stereotypes and treatment. While accountability should certainly be a part of a judicial system, purely criminological and punitive approaches to youth violence are simply not working. Recent research has repeatedly demonstrated that violent youth are subjected to a wide range of early life adversities—child maltreatment, removal from the home, and similarly traumatic events in addition to poverty and instability. These individuals often have serious mental health and emotional distress problems that are rarely addressed well—and are often exacerbated—within a corrections setting.

Social workers are well-positioned to address this disjunction, but thus far there is a paucity of research to guide these efforts. The majority of research dealing with violent youth is also from a criminological perspective that does not provide sufficient information on how to address maladaptive behaviors in the context of traumatic stress and poor coping resources. The theoretical framework of social workers that emphasizes the importance of context, structural barriers, and the intrinsic value and worth of the individual is vital to understanding and addressing the needs of traumatized youth within the justice system.

For future work, I am partnering with juvenile justice practitioners who utilize an assessment of the risk and protective factors of violent youth to pair them with interventions to address specific needs for traumatic stress, peer influences, and/or problematic family backgrounds. This collaboration will provide an important bridge to the researcher-practitioner gap in this area. Ultimately we hope that this model project can be disseminated nationally to demonstrate the importance of matching youth with interventions that best meet their needs, with particular importance given to addressing the victimization experiences and mental health problems traumatized youth may face.
Social workers have played pivotal roles in social welfare policy in the United States and internationally, as shown in the examples of Jane Addams and Frances Perkins. As advocates of underprivileged groups, social workers have fought for social welfare policies that protect the fundamental economic and social rights of all people and empower economically disadvantaged populations to achieve their long-term economic security and development.

In following the examples of social work pioneers, I have conducted research on social welfare policies for economically disadvantaged populations with an emphasis on low-income families and older immigrant adults. During my early research career, I investigated the impacts of welfare reform (time limits on welfare receipt and strict work requirements) on low-income mothers and their children. Building on my early research, I initiated a body of empirical studies on the impact of welfare reform (noncitizen eligibility restrictions of public benefits) on older immigrant adults and investigated the potential of asset-building policies in promoting long-term socio-economic development among low-income families. While conducting these studies, I consider the heterogeneity of the study populations (e.g., welfare mothers with and without previous work experience), their living conditions (e.g., different household compositions by immigration status), and the nature of policy changes (e.g., time and dimension of policy adoption). Empirical evidence from these studies shows that social policies often produce unexpected consequences because of the heterogeneity of the target population and complicated interactions among policy changes, target populations, and living conditions.

Currently, I am expanding my research into overall economic security issues among vulnerable populations. I have developed a new economic well-being measure, the Basic Economic Security Table (BEST) with Wider Opportunities for Women, a policy advocacy group in Washington D.C. The BEST is the first economic measure that takes into account family’s savings needs as well as consumption needs. At the same time, I have initiated research that estimates older immigrant adults’ overall economic status and investigates the potential of asset-based programs in promoting this vulnerable population’s long-term economic security. I am also leading empirical studies on the Saving for Education, Entrepreneurship, and Downpayment for Oklahoma Kids (SEED OK) experiment, the first large-scale demonstration of Child Development Account (CDA). SEED OK is a population-based study, with its sample randomly selected from the target population using birth certificate data provided by Oklahoma. Using rich data from SEED OK, I have tested whether it is feasible to establish a universal and progressive CDA in the U.S. and what impacts the CDA policy may have on savings, parenting, health, and child short- and long-term development outcomes.

It is my hope that my policy research will help U.S. social policy shift its focus from mere income-maintenance and economic survival of vulnerable populations to long-term economic security and development. I believe that good social policy will assist disadvantaged groups in achieving their full potential, which also benefits society as a whole.
Three years ago, the University at Buffalo School of Social Work journeyed into uncharted territory for schools of social work, podcasting. Since then, the Living Proof Podcast Series has experienced tremendous growth due to the support of Dean Smyth, the dedication of the podcast production team and our faithful listeners, who have accessed our podcasts from all states and over 150 countries worldwide, downloading over 150,000 episodes.

The Living Proof Podcast Series is the first podcast series produced by a school of social work, pushing boundaries in the application of Web 2.0 technologies in the field of social work. The podcast series uses popular sites such as iTunes, Facebook, and Twitter to reach new audiences and to promote research to practice and practice to research. Additionally, the podcasts provide an excellent resource for educators looking for new ways to teach today’s tech-savvy students.

Members of the podcast team attended the 56th annual program meeting of the Council on Social Work Education (CSWE) in Portland, Oregon, where they presented the Faculty Development Institute Leveraging Podcasting and Web 2.0 Technologies to Develop Sustainable Communities of Engagement. Living Proof has also been featured in two articles of the online journal Campus Technology and also the NASW-sponsored website SocialWorkersSpeak.org.


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