One of the consequences of a polarized society is its impact on creating effective policies to promote social justice and human rights. Perspectives of opposing parties are in some ways similar to parents in a child custody dispute. Before the dispute, parents often manage to find common ground, but during the dispute, small issues often escalate into major disagreements. Similarly, having a conversation about social justice is usually not difficult, but talking about policies in a polarized society quickly elicits heated arguments. Preparing graduates who reflect a commitment to social justice is challenging. However, we invite you to read about how we innovate to meet these challenges.

Thank you!

Riaan van Zyl, Ph.D.
Professor and Director
Students

- **Zoe Blair-Andrews**, undergraduate student in the School of Social Work was one of the winners of the 2019 CBCS We Love Research symposium for her poster entitled: Parental Descriptions of Childhood Avoidance Symptoms after Trauma. Zoe Blair-Andrews was mentored by Dr. Alison Salloum, Professor, School of Social Work.

- Congratulations to our MSW student **Brittany DeFiore** who won the award for Student of the Year for NASW Tampa Bay Chapter after been nominated by her agency Success 4 Kids & Families.

- **Charisse Reid**, master level student in the School of Social Work also presented at the CBCS We Love Research symposium. Her poster was entitled, TF-CBT for Child Witness of Domestic Violence: A Case Example. Charisse Reid was mentored on this study by Dr. Alison Salloum, Professor, School of Social Work.

- First-year MSW students **Tracy Doering, Melanie Rosler, Adeline Saucedo, Amanda Grey** and **Doriangel Fuch** participate in a training led by Dr. Jerome Galea to implement Problem Management Plus (PM+; a low-intensity evidenced-based intervention) at the BRIDGE Healthcare Clinic.

- Congratulations to **Whitney Shadowens and Dustyn Fox**, new Social Work Student Directors at BRIDGE Healthcare Clinic and **Rebecca McDonald** the new Social Work Student Director at BRIDGE Health Clinic at Advent Health. They are joined by **Danielle Hearne** and **Anand Srivastava**, BSW Coordinators and **Benjamin Neuman**, MSW Coordinator.

- BSW student, **Thalia Preza** was a 2019 Summer Research Institute undergraduate student-scholars who participated in an intensive 11-week research experience that involves substantive seminars, skills workshops, individual and group field experiences, an ethics series, and most importantly, an individually mentored research study.

- Congratulations to our BSW students **Rahima Cantave** and **Destiny Newman** who have been accepted with **Dustin Krein** (Office of Community Engagement and Partnerships), to present at the Focus on First Generation Conference in Miami on April 7-9, 2019.

- **Lori Rogovin**, MSW, ACSW led a group of social work students in a 2-day service-learning experience in Tallahassee for the 2019 Legislative Education and Advocacy Day (LEAD) coordinated...
by NASW Florida. Several NASW-FL Legislative Team members commented on how well our students were prepared for this activity. This day would not be possible without the support from Raymond Budd and Yvonne Wallace, administrative staff, who helped coordinate logistics.

- **Ariana Ayala-Soto**, a full-time MSW student was awarded the 2019 Better living for Seniors Scholarship. Ms. Soto has a bachelor’s degree in Social Work and is currently pursuing her masters hoping to specialize in Oncology and/or Geriatric Social Work.

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**Welcome PhD Students**

- **De’Anna Benson** earned her MSW from Ohio State University. As a Ph.D. student, De’Anna plans to focus her research in the area of social work and behavior analysis among individuals with Autism.

- **Caroline Muster** earned her MSW from Texas State University. As a Ph.D. student, Caroline plans to focus her research in the area of disability studies.

- **Dana Williams** earned her MSW from University of South Florida. As a Ph.D. student, Dana plans to focus her research in the area of substance use disorders and women.

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**Faculty**

- **Dr. Pam Alvarez**, DM, MSW joined the USF School of Social Work in 2019 as an Instructor with a focus on macro practice and social welfare policy. Pam earned a bachelor's and master's degrees in social work at the University of Wisconsin and a doctorate in management and organizational leadership from the University of Phoenix. Her research and advocacy areas of interest include social work leadership, nonprofit leadership, juvenile justice, and gender equity.

- **Dr. Vickie Lynn** recently completed her Ph.D. in Public Health from University of South Florida, College of Public Health, specializing in Behavioral Health. Her research focuses on implementation science and understanding the system of care for people diagnosed with HIV and has worked extensively with local and national organization advocating for human rights and social justice issues.

- **Chris Groeber**, MSW. University of Kentucky, 1993. Chris has been a social worker for 30 years focused predominantly in the area of Child Welfare. Chris was on faculty at the University of Kentucky for nearly 10 years before he gave into his entrepreneurial dreams and began developing human service businesses.
Through the BRIDGE Healthcare Clinic, an interdisciplinary student-run free healthcare clinic in coordination with USF Health disciplines, USF School of Social Work Faculty work with students to provide social and behavioral services to patients in the University Area Community. Dr. Chris Simmons and Melissa Thompson, LCSW, serve as the co-Faculty Advisors. Tanya Johnson-Gilchrist, LCSW, Clara Reynolds, LCSW and Jennifer Roth, LCSW serve as preceptors to provide supervision to social work student volunteers at the clinic. Dr. Jerome Galea and Dr. Maayan Lawental serve as Research Advisors for BRIDGE. This Fall students at the BRIDGE Clinic will begin providing Problem Management Plus (PM+), a low intensity, evidence-based intervention for patients experiencing depression.

Dr. Rahill and Dr. Joshi meet with Dr. Sabine Lamour and other members of Haiti’s SOFA Solidarity of Haitian Women (SOFA) team regarding partnership on the Bill and Melinda Gates Krik Krak: Mental Health for Pregnant Haitian teens grant in March 2019. This partnership involves implementing a week-long violence prevention campaign based on findings from the Krik Krak grant.

In February 2019, Dr. Rahill’s “Healing a Nation: Twoub Mantal” film was screened and the “Krik Krak: Mental Health for pregnant Haitian teens” project was introduced in one event at the USF Patel College of Global Sustainability. Over 100 faculty, students and community members viewed the film and provided feedback. Partners included the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, ISLAC, ADELPHIE Home Health Care, USF’s Black Faculty and Staff Association, USF’s Institute on Black Life and the Florida Education Fund.

Dr. Rahill and Dr. Joshi met with Dr. Cidna Valentin and Father Eddy Eustache, and other psychologists at Haiti’s Partners in Health (Zanmi Lasanté). The team viewed the Krik Krak: Mental Health for Pregnant Haitian teens videos developed through the support of the Bill and Melinda Gates foundation.

Dr. Kerry Littlewood was invited to present her work at a US Congressional Briefing on Kinship Navigation with her colleagues and community partners, including Adjunct Faculty and USF Alumni Larry Cooper, LCSW, MSW, Shima Carter, MSW, USF Alumni (2015), and Courtesy Faculty Abhishek Pandey, MD.

Student teams sponsored by social work associate professor Dr. Rahill took top spots at Brain Bowl part of the mission of the University of South Florida is to “foster intellectual development and ensure student success in a global environment”. Foundational to this mission is a diversity initiative that
includes “...outreach and support services to the local elementary school, middle school, and high school students in hopes of ...[improving] academic achievement and career success among disadvantaged youth”. Dr. Rahill sponsored two teams of seven students each. On February 13, 2019, these high school students competed in the Florida Education Fund’s County and Regional History and Culture Brain Bowl.

Dr. Chris Simmons, Ms. Rogovin, and Dr. Iraida Carrion were accepted as a Global Faculty Fellows for the Fall 2019 semester. As part of the Fellowship, they will work with the Global Citizens Project (GCP) professional development specialists on enhancing their selected courses and prepare a new GCP course certification proposal.

Dr. Nan Park was recognized by the Society for Social Work and Research (SSWR) and was invited to join the 2019 class of Fellows.

Associate Professor Dr. Iraida Carrion was selected to Fulbright Specialist Roster. The U.S. Department of State’s Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs, and World Learning, has selected Dr. Iraida V. Carrion to join the Fulbright Specialist Roster in the area of social work. Associate Professor Carrion is the first faculty member in the USF School of Social Work appointed to the Fulbright Specialist Roster.

Congratulations to Lori Rogovin, BSW Program Chair, Field Program Coordinator, whose two workshop proposals were accepted for the March 2019 Association of Baccalaureate Social Work Program Directors (BPD) Annual Conference in Jacksonville, FL. New Field Directors Workshop and Integrating Ethical Decisions Making Across the BSW Curriculum.

Dr. Manisha Joshi receives the “Ambassadors Apple Polishing Award” from one of our graduating BSW students who is a USF Ambassador (Anabella Santana). The “Ambassadors Apple Polishing Award” is a student driven award that recognizes faculty and staff who have made a significant impact in a student’s life.

Dr. Manisha Joshi and Dr. Iraida Carrion who were recipients of the Academic Excellence Award at today’s USF Student Success Luncheon. They were recognized for their contribution to student success with their united commitment and global learning outcomes to develop the School of Social Works first Education Abroad Program to India in its 43-year history. These two faculty members have contributed significantly to students’ academic success by creating global classrooms, modeling USFs global mission, and demonstrating academic excellence.

Led by Dr. Manisha Joshi and Dr. Iraida V. Carrion, students went to Arunachal Pradesh for a project on the health status of its indigenous people. The Indigenous Studies Field School for Global Exchange in Arunachal Pradesh enables students from the University of South Florida (USF) and Rajiv Gandhi University (RGU) to study the health status of indigenous people.

Dr. Jerome Galea was awarded a scholarship to present at the International AIDS Society’s 10th Conference on HIV Science which took place in Mexico City during July 21-24.

Dr. Jerome Galea co-lead a training in June that taught
community health workers living in coffee plantations in the State of Chiapas, Mexico how to deliver the depression intervention “Problem Management Plus” (PM+). PM+ is an evidence based, low intensity psychological intervention disseminated by the World Health Organization which was designed to be delivered by people with no formal education in mental health. Dr. Galea has also implemented PM+ in Lima, Peru and is planning to pilot the intervention at the USF Bridge clinic with colleagues from the School of Social Work. Depression is a primary cause of disease burden worldwide with an estimated 322 million people living with the disorder.

Dr. Jerome Galea traveled to Dubai, in June for the launch of a multi-national implementation study called “EQUIP” (Ensuring Quality in Psychological Support). EQUIP is part of a larger effort aimed at increasing the availability of quality mental health services worldwide by training laypeople to deliver evidence-based psychological support for the most common mental health problems, including depression, anxiety and trauma. Dr. Galea, Co-Investigator at the Peru site, will lead the instrument adaptation and pilot testing activities for a perinatal depression intervention delivered by community health workers in Lima. In addition to Peru, EQUIP includes sites in Ethiopia, Kenya, Lebanon, Uganda, Zambia and Jordan.

Dr. Jerome Galea led a delegation of four physicians from USF Health to Lima, Peru in August to explore a collaborative relationship with the Peruvian branch of the international nonprofit organization Partners In Health (known locally as “Socios En Salud” or SES). SES conducts several service, research and training projects from a social justice perspective. The delegation visited informal settlements in an impoverished area of northern Lima characterized by high rates of poverty and lack of access to water, sanitation and basic health services. Dr. Galea, who has collaborated with SES since 2010, is working to create opportunities for mutual learning exchanges between SES and USF.

Dr. Sondra Fogel received the Spring 2019 CBCS Internal International Collaboration Award.

Social Work Journal Celebrates 100th Volume and Dr. Sondra Fogel received national recognition for her work as Editor in Chief of Families in Society. This historic journal is in its 100 year of publication of research and practice articles for social work and recently achieved its highest impact factor.

Adjunct Faculty

We are proud of our adjunct faculty and the experience and skills they bring to our school. As special thanks to Tanya Johnson-Gilchrist, LCSW, and Reginald Vilmenay, LCSW for their hard work over the past year.

Tanya Johnson-Gilchrist is an adjunct professor and teaches Micro and Macro Practice, Trauma and Interventions, Social Work Practice with Groups, Individuals, Couples, and Families, and others. As a LCSW, she manages a private practice and serves as a clinical supervisor and Field Instructor. Additionally, Dr. Johnson-Gilchrist supervises the mental health services provided by Social Work interns at USF’s BRIDGE Clinic. She serves on the Eckerd Advisory Council for Hillsborough County; a member of the Board of Directors for the Tampa Hillsborough Action Plan – and as the Chairperson of the Board of Directors for Synergy Health.
Centers, Inc. She holds dual-master’s degrees in social work and public health and is a Certified Public Health Professional. She is also certified by the Florida Supreme Court as a County Mediator. Professor Johnson-Gilchrist is honored to have served her country in the United States Army. Her favorite pastimes are her family, friends, music, dance, travel, learning new things, reading, and writing.

Reginald Vilmenay has been an LCSW since 2007. He is currently an adjunct professor at USF, teaching in the BSW and MSW programs since 2014. Mr. Vilmenay is also the owner of a group private practice named Supportive Therapy Empowering People (STEP). He currently has two offices, one in Brandon and one in Tampa. He LOVES being a social worker and helping clients gain self-awareness. The only thing he loves more is his family. Mr. Vilmenay has been married for 21 years and is the proud father of two sons.

Field

Teri Simpson and Dr. Riaan van Zyl met with the sheriff’s department to discuss the recent partnership with Hillsborough County jails to participate in an innovative Veterans Resurgence Program, aimed at reducing veteran recidivism and improving veterans’ quality of life. As part of their field placements, student interns will work with veterans who are incarcerated in Hillsborough County detention facilities to deliver an eight-week group therapy program that extends into career advice, money management, conflict resolution and personal therapy sessions.

The USF School of Social Work has developed a new partnership with Eckerd Connects, the Community Based Care (CBC) organization in Hillsborough, Pinellas and Pasco Counties. The CBC oversees the continuum of services provided to children and families involved with Florida’s child welfare system. This partnership focuses on creating a pathway for BSW students to become Certified Case Managers before graduating with their bachelor’s degrees. Currently, this project has recruited 8 students for the Fall 2019 semester. Students will also receive a $4600 stipend for their field placement in their last semester.

The total number of students participating in field placements was 184 students. Students contributed 52,970 hours in field internships. That’s a value of over 1.3 million dollars, based on the Independent Sector’s 2018 value of volunteer time ($25.43/hour).

Field Education Program Faculty Teri Simpson, Lori Rogovin and Melissa Thompson engaged in field affiliation agreements with 37 new and diverse community agencies which serve as field placements for BSW and MSW students in the Tampa Bay area as well as around the country.

Field Education Program Faculty Teri Simpson and Lori Rogovin trained 43 new field instructors at the annual Field Instructor Training held in Tampa.

Congratulations to Sandnes Boulanger, MSW, LCSW, MSAP, CET, Clinical Director of Operation PAR, who received the Field Instructor of the Year Award.

Field Education Program Faculty Dr. Riaan van Zyl received the BSW Field Instructor of the Year Award.

Congratulations to Mike Trepper, MSW, Director of Prodigy Cultural Arts University Area CDC, received the BSW Field Instructor of the Year Award.

Alumni

- St. Petersburg alum, Taveesha Guyton (BSW, 2009), has been named the 2019 Autism Ambassador by Autism Speaks. Since graduating from USFSP, Taveesha has devoted her career to working with differently-abled children, particularly children with autism. One of the highlights of her career occurred when she was in the nation’s capital for National Autism Day on April 4, 2019.

- Lacey Tucker, MSW, MPH, CPH - started the Behavioral and Community Sciences Ph.D. program at the University of South Florida, Fall 2018. Lacey earned her concurrent Master of Social Work and Master of Public Health degree from USF in spring, 2019. In the future, Lacey plans to continue her work in implementation science and hopes to influence policy and translate evidence based behavioral health practices to rural communities.

- Zoe Blair-Andrews has been selected as a Masters Research Fellow in Child Maltreatment and Child Welfare Research with Professor Melissa Jonson-Reid, Brown School at Washington University in St. Louis.

- Zoe Blair-Andrews was awarded the 2018 College of Behavioral and Community Sciences Outstanding Undergraduate Research Award.

Awards

- Dr. Iraida Carrion was named a Fellow of the Gerontological Society of America. This status reflects her engagement and collaboration in health care research in local, national, and international settings.

- Larry Cooper, MSW, LCSW, Alumnus and Adjunct Professor, received the Child Welfare Champion Award for his groundbreaking work with the Kinship Navigator Program at the 2018 DCF Summit.

- Dainara (Dee) Acevedo, BSW, Alumna and USF Field Instructor, was awarded Outstanding Counselor at the annual award ceremony held by Florida Network.

- Dr. Maayan Lawental was a recipient of the inaugural USF Nexus Initiative (UNI) award for her proposal for global collaboration with Dr. Tal Araten-Bergman from the Department of Community and Clinical Allied Health, School of Allied Health, La-Trobe University, Melbourne, Australia titled “Stigma towards persons with dual diagnosis of substance use disorders and mental health”.

- Congratulations to Dr. Sondra Fogel for receiving the Dean’s Service Award.

Social Work Student Scholarship

The Social Work Student Scholarship was developed in 2016 as part of the celebration of 40 years of social work education at USF. The scholarship will ensure that awards are made to USF social work students who will carry the social work profession forward to boldly engage in improving the well-being of individuals and society. Make a difference today for a social work student and your gift will keep giving as they make a difference in the lives of many others. Please visit http://www.usf.edu/cbcs/social-work/about/donate.aspx to make a donation. For additional information or other giving options, please contact our Assistant Director of Development Melissa Thammavongsa at thammavongsa@usf.edu or 813-974-2327.
Macro Action Symposium

The USF School of Social Work was pleased to host its first Macro Action Symposium at the University Area Community Development Center, held on October 11, 2019. The event, titled “Disrupting Inequity: What is YOUR Role,” set out to give student participants an overview of what is happening nationally, community-wide, and on USF campus regarding issues of inequity. Keynote speaker, Sandra Gasca Gonzales, Vice President of the Systems Innovation Group at the Annie E. Casey Foundation, discussed her journey to disruption both personally and professionally on a national stage. Students then listened to an impressive panel of community professionals who discussed their views on equity, what was working with regards to building a more equal and just society, and how students can engage locally. Panelist and USF faculty also facilitated smaller groups of students in discussion to develop urgent priorities that will focus the school as it develops an equity plan. Interested students are also welcome to engage in upcoming discussions regarding the priorities and development of a plan by emailing Professor Chris Groeber at cgroeber@usf.edu.

Committee planners: professors Lori Rogovin, Dawn Brown, Melissa Thompson, Kerry Littlewood, Chris Groeber, and Riaan van Zyl discussed afterward how very proud they were of the student’s ability to honestly, openly and intelligently discuss these sometimes very difficult topics and really be solution-focused! Stay tuned for next steps in this process!

“I loved, loved, loved how organized it was and how deep the conversation was. I feel like everyone was well represented.” - Student quote
USF School of Social Work faculty publications to date. Faculty names are highlighted

**Publications**


**Book Chapters**


Faculty serve on seven peer-reviewed editorial boards, and Dr. Sondra J. Fogel serves as the Editor-in-Chief for Families in Society and served as guest editor for special journal issues.
USF School of Social Work faculty conferences to date. Faculty names are highlighted

Presentation and Workshops


Nobles, S., Miley, L. N., Cochran, J., Smith, M. D., Bjerregaard, B., Fogel, S. J. (2018, November). An examination into the ambiguity of the “especially heinous, atrocious or cruel” aggravator and the role of the extra-statutory factors in jury acceptance in North Carolina. Presentation at the American Society of Criminology, Atlanta, GA.


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Grants and Contracts

**Dr. Jerome Galea** is Co-PI on a R21 study that was awarded by the NIH to Harvard Medical School with the title: Accompanying HIV-positive adolescents through the transition into adult care: a feasibility study. The award amount is $246,571 for the period March 2019 to February 2021.

**Chris Groeber** is PI and **Dr. Riaan van Zyl** Co-I for the Instructional Research Award (B46ECE) from the Florida Department of Children and Families for a project titled DCF Core Training and Consultation Support (1/15/19 to 6/30/19) to the amount of $34,880.

**Drs. Rahill (PI) and Joshi (Co-I)** Received the Round 20 Grand Challenges Explorations award (OPP1191065 USF GCE Phase I, 2018-2019) from the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation for the research project titled “Krik Krak: Mental Health for Pregnant Haitian Teens; Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation”.

**Dr. Alison Salloum** is PI for National Institute of Mental Health [1R01MH107522-01] Stepped Care for Children after Trauma: Optimizing Treatment. The purpose of the study is to examine how to optimize the efficiency (e.g., via matching children to appropriate treatment dosage at baseline, utilizing second-stage tailoring variables, and identifying mechanisms of change) and cost-effectiveness of Stepped Care TF-CBT. Role: Principal Investigator (2015 – 2020).

**Dr. Maayan Lawental**’s proposal titled Stigma towards persons with dual diagnosis of substance use disorders and mental health with Dr. Tai Araten-Bergman from the Department of Community and Clinical Allied Health, School of Allied Health, La-Trobe University, Melbourne, Australia was selected for a 2018 University of South Florida Nexus Initiative (UNI) Award for $8,000.

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**Endowed Scholarship**

The first ever USF School of Social Work fund (Social Work Student Scholarship Fund #536009) has reached an endowment level!

A very special thank you to all of our alumni, community partners, faculty, staff, students, and friends of the School who helped make this possible. Reaching this status will help our students excel in the classroom and in the community. The USF School of Social Work looks forward to elevate this fund and continue our mission to Engage, Educate, and Empower.
Recent Retirements and Staff Highlights

- Claudia Dold in the Research Library received a Fulbright Faculty Scholars metal in November 2018 and retired in Summer 2019 and appointed courtesy faculty.

- Undergraduate Program Specialist, Raymond Budd, received an Employee Recognition Award for his extraordinary achievements to the department, college, and USF.

- Dee Keiser retired in August 2019. Her dedication to the school and students is greatly missed.

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Field Education Program Faculty Teri Simpson and Lori Rogovin trained 86 new field instructors at the annual Field Instructor Training held in Tampa and provided 6 site-based trainings that included 48 social workers who are now prepared to be field instructors.
Mission

The mission of the School of Social Work is to prepare graduates to achieve excellence as professionals and leaders in social work practice, research, and education. Our focus is to develop generalist social workers at the bachelor’s level, clinical social workers at the master’s level, and social work scholars at the doctoral level and to encourage students to embrace social work knowledge, ethics, skills, and values. Beginning in our own diverse region, and extending nationally and globally, we are committed to graduating students who reflect the School’s commitment to promoting social and economic justice, human rights, human dignity, scientific inquiry, and sustainable human and community well-being for all.

Thank you to the Professional Advisory Council

Bob Blackwood, Chief of Social Work Service at James A. Haley VA Hospital
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Heidi Brown, President/CEO, JFCS of the Suncoast
Clara Reynolds, President/CEO, Crisis Center of Tampa Bay

Thank you to our staff

- We are pleased to welcome our newest staff member, Dan Nguyen, Graduate Program Specialist. His experience and expertise are assets that will benefit our students and school.
- We are grateful to Amy Weisz, LCSW, Senior Academic Advisor, who guides students in their program planning and helps them develop the foundation they need to achieve academic success.
- We would like to extend our appreciation to Raymond Budd, MA, Undergraduate Program Specialist, for the amazing work he does for the BSW program and our School.
- We are thankful for all the hard work, commitment, and invaluable contributions Yvonne Wallace, Academic Program Specialist, provides on a daily basis.