

MSWwp News

School of Social Work



GENERATING KNOWLEDGE AND EDUCATING ADVOCATES FOR INDIVIDUALS, FAMILIES, AND COMMUNITIES

In this issue, we are highlighting and celebrating the success of our students and faculty!

Student Spotlight



Pamela Brown

Pamela just finished completing the Master of Social Work for Working Professionals program at UWindsor. It was not easy since she is a mother of four, who also works part-time. During the program, Pamela met an amazing group of women that became some of her closest friends. She enjoys spending time with my family, especially during the Christmas season which is her favourite holiday. She is excited to be able to apply the new information she has learned in the MSWwp program to practice. Pamela also holds degrees from York University in the field of Gender Studies and an HBSW from Laurentian University which specializes in Indigenous Social Work. Indigenous history is of particular interest to Pamela. She really enjoyed the MSWwp program and is the first cousin on her mother's side of the family to obtain a Master's degree. Congratulations Pamela!



Instructor Spotlights

Adele Greco

Adelle is a graduate of the University of Windsor BA, BSW, and MSW programs. She has over 25 years of social work experience in several areas across settings and systems. Her professional experience spans from working within children's mental health including day treatment, residential services, and outpatient support services, to working at Hotel Dieu Grace Healthcare in the Complex Medical Care and Palliative Units as part of the inter-professional healthcare team. As a leader in healthcare, she has experience in program management, development, evaluation, operations, and clinical supervision. Adelle has been serving the University of Windsor as a sessional instructor for 10+ years. During this time, she has taught undergraduate and graduate-level courses on campus and through the MSWwp program. She has been a field instructor for many years overseeing both BSW, MSW placements through the University of Windsor, Dalhousie University, and Wayne State University. Adelle has a particular interest in Ethics and is a member of the Ethics Committee for Hotel Dieu Grace Healthcare. She is currently enrolled in the Bioethics Graduate program at Saint Paul University graduating in Spring 2021. Her work in bioethics has awarded her the J. Kenneth Dean Health Systems Innovator Scholarship (November 2020). She is the proud mother of Alessio and Sophia, both students at the University of Waterloo.



Lydia Fiorini

Who would have thought that when Lydia entered the initial weekend MSW for Working Professionals program offered by the School of Social Work that she would one day be an instructor with the MSW for Working Professionals Program. Lydia has been an Instructor since 2012 with the MSWwp and enjoys engaging in dialogue with motivated students who want to make a difference in the lives of others, which she finds is extremely rewarding.

Lydia has observed that this past year has been quite challenging for students and instructors as they have had to quickly adapt to online instruction from home. They have been challenged with dryer bells going off, dogs barking, cats coming across the screen, and children periodically popping in for a hug, and yet they still persevere. When not teaching, Lydia works as the Executive Director for the Windsor Sexual Assault Crisis Centre. She enjoys walking her dog, biking, and spending quality time with family and friends.



COVID-19 Update

The University of Windsor has moved to an “essential services only” model, and most of our faculty and staff are working remotely. This is to support both the federal and provincial initiatives to help mitigate the spread of the COVID-19 virus and to protect the health and safety of our campus community. Please see our MSWwp School of Social Work website for contact information or please e-mail msw@uwindsor.ca if you have any questions. Please read more on the University of Windsor's Coronavirus updates -

<https://www.uwindsor.ca/coronavirus/>

Government of Canada's Public Health Website Highlights How Vaccines Are Developed Please click [here](#) for more information on how vaccines are developed.

Federal and Ontario Provincial COVID-19 Relief Measures

Please refer to the [University of Windsor's coronavirus webpage](#). This page contains information about financial and various supports that may apply to students as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. Please click here to access.

UWindsor is partnering with Windsor Regional Hospital to provide a future vaccination site at Windsor Hall, School of Social Work

Vaccinations will continue at the St. Clair College Sportsplex, where the hospital has inoculating individuals with the Pfizer vaccine as part of the province’s Phase 1 vaccination rollout plan. More than 8,000 staff from long-term care and retirement homes, hospitals, and congregate care settings have received initial vaccinations to date at the Sportsplex. Windsor Hall allows for expanded capacity and will serve as a backup plan in the event the Sportsplex in south Windsor is required for use again as a field hospital for patients. Also, once Ontario enters subsequent phases of its vaccination rollout plan, including eventual vaccinations of the general public, Windsor Hall will be in place as one of several vaccination centers in the region. “This project is part of the University of Windsor’s commitment to do as much as possible to help the community address the impact of COVID-19,” said University of Windsor president Robert Gordon. “We are proud to partner with Windsor Regional Hospital on these efforts to help our community move beyond the current pandemic.”






Congratulations to Riham Al-Saadi, PhD Candidate and her colleagues for their publication in the Canadian Journal of Counselling and Psychotherapy. Congrats, Riham for your awesome collaboration! She is currently conducting a doctoral dissertation on the Arab immigrants' acculturation experiences in Canada, and how to foster their equitable participation. Riham is currently a sessional instructor at the School of Social Work and is engaged with research groups addressing emotional competence and immigrants. Riham continues in her professional practice as a Social Worker at the Hospice of Windsor Essex and supports clientele of diverse backgrounds, including immigrants and refugees, in her practice.

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Hi! My name is Katelyn and I am a 3rd year Business student, specializing in Marketing and Communication. I am the Special Projects Marketing Assistant for the MSWwp program, and I would like to thank you for reading this installment of the MSWwp Newsletter. If you have achieved success in the field/program or have any information about an upcoming event that you would like to see highlighted in our next newsletter. I would love to chat with you about how we can make it happen! Please feel free to email me at:

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