



SCHOOL OF SOCIAL WORK

These are challenging times. Thank you to all of the front line workers during this pandemic, including Social Workers. We stand behind you and thank you for all that you are doing in the community.

For our students, your health and safety come first.

Please see important resources for students below:

COVID-19 NEWS:

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

The University of Windsor has now 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. With so many faculty and staff now working off campus, we ask that in addition to any phone messages you leave, please follow up with an email to the individual you are trying to reach. Individual email addresses can be found in the [University Directory](#). Thank you for your understanding.

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BSW Program: bsw@uwindsor.ca

Disability Studies: disabilitystudies@uwindsor.ca

MSW On Campus & PhD: gradsw@uwindsor.ca

MSW Off Campus: maw@uwindsor.ca

Information for students:

<https://www.uwindsor.ca/coronavirus/338/information-students>

Student Well Being Portal:

<https://www.uwindsor.ca/coronavirus/377/wellbeing-portal>

If you are student in distress, please take advantage of the following services:

1. The Student Counselling Centre has moved to phone counselling appointments.

Please contact them at 519-253-3000, ext. 4616

2. keep.meSAFE: Download the free MYSSP app, or call 1-844-451-9700

3. Good2Talk: 24 Hour Student Helpline - 1-866-925-5454

4. WellTrack: Visit signup.mywelltrack.com. Access code = WINDSOR.

5. Community Crisis Centre at Windsor Regional Hospital Ouellette campus. This includes a 24-hour crisis telephone line - 519-973-4435

Campus Food Pantry: Located on 2nd-floor CAW in room 233, the Campus Food Pantry remains open and continues to support all students between 10 am - 4 pm (weekdays only).

[Learn more.](#)

Upcoming Important Dates:

April 28th, 2020 - Deadline to Apply to Graduate at Spring 2020 Convocation

May 18th, 2020 - Victoria Day Holiday (No Classes)

May 19th, 2020 - REVISED: First Day of Classes for Intersession Summer 2020 12-week and 6-week courses & MSW On Campus Foundation Placements start



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Spotlight on Mary Kay Morand, Coordinator of Field Education Programs



MARY KAY MORAND has over thirty years of social work experience across service sectors of youth justice, mental health, addictions, education, housing and employment. She has worked in mental health centres, hospitals, clinics, schools, residential and custody facilities in both front line and managerial capacities. She has clinically supervised large social work and multidisciplinary teams, and for the past eight years has thrived as an Executive Director of a multiservice organization servicing children, youth, families and communities.

She has fostered key partnerships across service sectors to maximize services and opportunities. As a result she has been successful in securing millions of annualized dollars for specialized clinical programs she designed and implemented. Several of these programs are now provincial models.

Mary Kay participates in a number of community and provincial initiatives, tables and advisory boards. She has presence locally and provincially and she is a strong advocate for integrative, inclusive service delivery. As a sessional instructor at the University of Windsor since 2009, she has taught a wide variety of undergraduate and graduate courses and has supported social work internships throughout her career.

Faculty News:

Congratulations to our outstanding Faculty for their recent appointments, grants and publications:

Dr. Elizabeth Donnelly was recently added to the editorial board of JACEP- Open (Journal of the American College of Emergency Physicians- Open).

Also, **Dr. Donnelly** was acclaimed by her peers to serve on UCAPT as the FAHSS representative for a two year term from 2020-2022.

Dr. Filipe Duarte recent publication titled The Canadian South East Asian Refugee Historical Research Project: Hearts of Freedom:

https://heartsoffreedom.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/04/Duarte_-_Background-paper_archival-media-research_GT-170420.pdf

Also, **Dr. Duarte** recently published *Researchers call for communal response to challenges of pandemic*. This is a collaborative piece published last Friday in Canadian Dimension. To learn more please see the article at <http://www.uwindsor.ca/dailynews/2020-04-20/researchers-call-communal-response-challenges-pandemic>

Dr. Jill Grant has been appointed to the CASWE's Commission on Accreditation. Her term will be for three years effective February 1, 2021 to January 31, 2024.

Dr. Adrian Guta was selected as a recipient of an Outstanding Faculty Research Award in Category A: Emerging Scholars/Researchers. This award is the University of Windsor's highest form of internal recognition for Excellence in Scholarship, Research and Creative Activity.

Dr. Jayashree Mohanty was awarded a grant from the WE-SPARK Igniting Discovery COVID-19 Rapid Response competition (co-funded by the WE-Spark Health Institute and the Office of the Vice-President, Research and Innovation)

Dr. Cynthia Stirbys was awarded a grant as part of CTL's University of Windsor Nandagikenim Seek to Know grant. The title of the project is *Nanadagikenim: Incorporating Indigenous Ways of Knowing (IWK) and Pedagogy into the Postsecondary Learning Environment*. Dr. Stirbys is Co-PI on this grant with Dr. Lindsey Jaber, Faculty of Education.

Also, **Dr. Cynthia Stirbys** received a grant under the University of Windsor Research Grant for Women 2020 Program. The title of her project is *Development and assessment of a measure of lateral violence for use in Indigenous communities*.



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Spotlight on Samantha Girard MSW Student, On-Campus



Please click here to see this video: [Samantha Girard's Video](#)

Samantha completed her undergrad at UWindsor, graduating with an Honours BA in Developmental Psychology with a minor in Sociology. Benefits of UWindsor: Samantha is the first person in her family to attend university and she was a bit anxious about it. UWindsor is a smaller university, the smaller class sizes made her feel more comfortable. She also took advantage of taking a variety of elective courses outside her main fields of study. Outside of class, Samantha volunteers in the community, is a graduate teaching assistant and also has an on-campus job through the Ignite student work study program.

Spotlight on Alyssa Lauzon BSW Student



Please click here to see this video : [Alyssa Lauzon's video](#)

Alyssa Lauzon is a 3rd year Social Work student. She has also established and continues to fundraise for a mental health scholarship -- The Pinwheel Project. Alyssa also has 2 part-time jobs on campus and is a student representative for Social Work.

Thank you to the Faculty of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences Dean's office for these videos

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