School of Social Work

The School of Social Work is a vibrant and diverse community of scholars, educators, practitioners and lifelong learners unified by a vision of a better society achieved through the generation and transmission of knowledge, promotion of social justice and service to humanity.

CONTINUING EDUCATION

The Office of Continuing Education conducts a range of workshops to help human-service professionals remain abreast of social trends and the most effective, evidence-based methods for working with changing populations. Certificate programs on such topics as trauma counseling and managing organizational change provide in-depth training to meet the specific needs of agencies and practitioners.

GLOBAL PARTNERSHIPS

Our mission challenges us to educate future social workers who will lead the profession regionally, nationally and internationally and be responsive and responsible members of our university, regional, national and global communities. Currently, faculty have several exciting research projects underway in England, India, Scotland, Tanzania and Pakistan. Our students are also encouraged to take advantage of other study abroad opportunities at UB and in partnership with other social work schools. During these experiences students investigate social issues and problems; health, mental health and child welfare service delivery systems; social and economic development strategies; human rights issues; and political influences, depending upon the course focus.

Reaching Others

TRAUMA-INFORMED CARE

The Institute on Trauma and Trauma-Informed Care is dedicated to providing community-based organizations with information on trauma and trauma-informed care through evaluation, trauma-specific treatment interventions, training, technical assistance, and consultation.

OUTREACH

Volunteer opportunities are available within SSW, including the UB DREAM Program (Developing Relationships through Empowerment, Advocacy, and Motivation). Its mission is "providing families support for short-term success in their living environment and long-term success in our greater community."

InSocialWork

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RESEARCH CENTER

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REPUTATION AND RANKINGS

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1934

DEAN

Nancy J. Smyth

STUDENT BODY

450

ALUMNI

6,000

DEGREES AWARDED

› PhD in social welfare
› MSW
› MSW/PhD
› MSW online
› JD/MSW
› MBA/MSW
› MPH/MSW
› BA/MSW

FLEXIBLE CURRICULUM

› Individualized, interdisciplinary,
research-intensive PhD program tailored to student interests
› Advanced-year MSW coursework selected by students in consultation with advisors
› MSW curriculum integrates a trauma-informed, human rights perspective
› Online/Hybrid options

FIELD EDUCATION

› UB SSW partners with more than 400 community programs.
› Students contribute an estimated $2.9 million worth of free services to the community each year.
› Field placements occur in 49 cities in 15 New York State counties, as well as out-of-state and overseas.

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