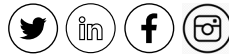


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Spring 2024 Semester Begins

Welcome to the Spring 2024 semester. I hope everyone had a restful and healthy winter break and returned to the GC energized to begin the new semester. This semester we look forward to continuing our coffee connections; please join us! We also introduce our first Social Welfare Symposium, which will showcase student research, policy practice, and emerging ideas. The symposium will be an opportunity to share the impactful work that our students are doing in NYC, nationally, and internationally. Finally, we heard from the GC Administration that Social Welfare will have dedicated space on the 6th floor. If you are interested in being a part of this planning process, please reach out to me. I look forward to seeing you at our community events this semester!

- Barbra Teater, Executive Officer

December “End of Semester” Party



FEATURING:

- Important Dates
- Student Achievements
- Updates from Mikalya Hubert
- Quant Corner
- The Virtual Town Square
- SSWR 2024 Reflections
- Student Spotlight: Scott Petersen

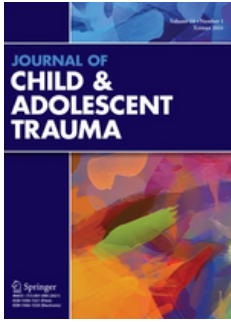
IMPORTANT DATES

- CSWE 2024
 - Abstract submissions - February 12th
- Coffee Connections
 - March 5th - 2:00 - 3:00pm
 - April 9th - 2:00 - 3:00pm
 - May 7th - 2:00 - 3:00pm
- Student symposium
 - March 25th from 6:30 - 8:00pm
- Commencement
 - June 7th - Lincoln Center

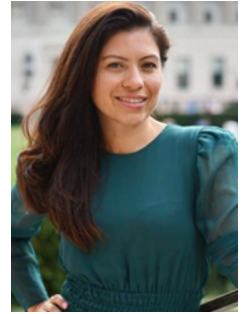
Student Achievements: December & January

Dawn Daniels published an article:

Baetz, C. L., Surko, M., Bart, A., Guo, F., Alexander, A., Camarano, V., **Daniels, D.**, Havens, J, & Horwitz, S. M. (2023). The risk for readmission to juvenile detention: The role of trauma exposure and trauma-related mental health disorders. *Journal of Child & Adolescent Trauma*, 1-13.



Yaneth Lombana was appointed as a Lecturer at Lehman College's Department of Social Work.



Ryan Savino published an article:

Savino, R., Prince, J., Simon, L., Herman, D., Susser, E., Padgett, D. (2024). From homelessness to hotel living during the COVID-19 pandemic. *Journal of Social Distress and Homelessness*.



Ian Williams had a conference proposal accepted:

Williams, I. and Kaloga, M.. (2024). "The Social Work Innovation Network: Pioneering New Approaches in Research, Practice, and Education", 2024 Access to Research and Inclusive Excellence (ARIE) National Conference at George Mason University.



Congratulations Juan Diaz!

Juan Diaz was selected as Junior Scholar by the Stone Center on Socio-Economic Inequality and awarded \$5,000 to support his research on the immigrant experience of the Ecuadorian community in New York City. His research also examines the socio-economic and structural barriers faced by first-generation Latinx immigrants, and the policy alternatives that could foster social capital and increase upward mobility among first-generation children and youth. Juan will participate in the Stone Center's activities, including its seminar series and events. The Stone Center at the CUNY Graduate Center supports research on topics related to socio-economic inequality.

Juan was also selected over the winter break as a Research Assistant for CUNY CARES, and a Research Assistant with the Silberman School of Social Work at Hunter College to conduct research on a study that examines the impact of cooperatives in the economic development and family dynamics of immigrant domestic workers.





Updates from Mikayla Hubert, MSW Student Intern

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Monday, Tuesday, and Friday

The Mission and Vision Task Force, comprised of PhD in Social Welfare students, is spearheading the effort to create a shared mission statement and program vision. So far, 20 students have registered to participate in a focus group.

WAYS TO PARTICIPATE

- Register [here](#) for the next **Student Focus Group** on Thursday, February 8th at 6:30pm or Saturday, February 10th at 10:30am
- Register [here](#) for the **Faculty and Staff Focus Group** on Friday, February 16th at 12pm
- Take 5 minutes to complete [this survey](#) that will help us refine the PhD in Social Welfare mission statement

During the first student focus group to refine the PhD in Social Welfare mission statement and vision, the following themes emerged:

1	Personal and professional objectives in a doctoral program
2	Interdisciplinary goals and community collaboration within the PhD program
3	Social justice and interrogation of social systems
4	Program flexibility



Quant Corner

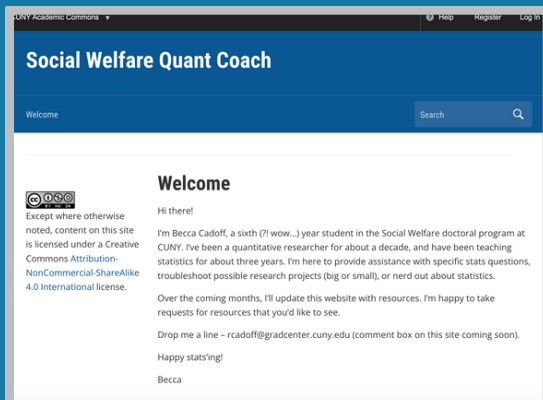
Becca Cadoff

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Hi everyone -- Happy Spring 2024! If you don't know me yet, I'm your Quant Coach. I've created a website through CUNY Academic Commons where I'll post resources over the semester. So far it's just a shell, but I'll build it out over the semester. Make sure to reach out with any questions you have or suggestions for what resources I should share.

Happy stats'ing!

Becca



<https://sswquantcoach.commonsgc.cuny.edu/>



The Virtual Town Square

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Space! We have program space in the works, with a verbal commitment from the Graduate Center administration. Exact date of availability is TBD, but the plan is that we'll have it this semester.

Did you know you can now format your CUNY Academic Commons page as a CV? The DGSC funded this expansion. Check it out!

The DGSC also funded Zoom booths for the library. Expect more this Spring.

The Dining Commons on the 8th floor now has food service. If you're on campus, come by between 8am-3pm and help revive the in-person scholarly community.

Check out the Dr Mitt Joyner Monuments of the Future Contest and practice your #socialworkaiart skills.

Submission accepted until March 15.

<https://www.socialworkfutureslab.org/monuments>



**Diana Melendez
& diana ballesteros
(with Dr. Alexis Jemal)**



Miguel Rodriguez



**Ian Williams (with Dr. James Mandiberg,
Dr. Seon Mi Kim, Dr. Melissa Singh,
Dr. Melissa Kaloga, & new SWIN
members)**

Dispatches from #SSWR2024



Brie Scolario (with Dr. SJ Dodd)

Attending SSWR 2024 was my first conference ever as a doctoral student, and I admit I was a bit nervous and unsure as to what I might expect. Upon arrival in Washington D.C., I was instantly met with excitement and support from faculty, colleagues and cohort members from the Graduate Center and Silberman communities. Attending SSWR allowed me to strengthen existing professional relationships and to also forge new ones within and outside my New York networks. I was also excited to attend my first ever Q Caucus meeting and meet LGBTQIA+ scholars from across the nation, and look forward to being an active member in the Q Caucus across the year.

Attending SSWR was a great opportunity to see emerging research, be exposed to a variety of methodologies and to network with other scholars, practitioners, activists, and grad students. I was struck by how inviting many of the spaces were to me as a grad student and I would definitely recommend that other grad students try to attend. I also left feeling like I had a unique chance to bond with GC students in other cohorts, which I really enjoyed.



Ryan Savino

The best part of SSWR was connecting with other GC Social Welfare students (some of whom I'd never met before) and learning more about their research and interests. These connections reinforced how important community-building and collaboration are to a meaningful PhD experience for me.



**Jamie Borgan
(with Katrinan Hannan)**

I was part of a roundtable organized by the Social Work Innovation Network (SWIN). SSWR had quite a few presentations on artificial intelligence (including a doctoral student lunch focused on this), leading to stimulating discussion with some scholars whose research I first encountered when working on my PhD application. I got to meet some more #swtech and #socialworkaiart friends from Twitter/X. SSWR was also a good chance to connect with some familiar and new faces from CSWE. It was also exciting to see so many GC Social Welfare colleagues.



Ian G. Williams

Student Spotlight: Scott Petersen

Let's Have a Conversation with Scott!

Why did you apply to the PhD in Social Welfare? *Applying to the PhD in Social Welfare was always a goal for me. In going through my MSW program, there was a transformation in my thought process around the importance of research and policy. With this in mind, I entered the workforce focusing on the LGBTQ community as well as people living with HIV/AIDS. In doing significant community and individual work within these communities I found that their needs could really benefit from significant policy changes and that there was a significant lack of research for these communities that did not focus on a few key areas (mental health, substance use, sex behaviors, etc.). I wanted to be able to make a further reaching impact and decided the way to do that was getting my PhD and doing the research. To be honest, I thought it was a long shot and was very surprised with my acceptance but I am so happy to have this opportunity.*



What do you want to do after you graduate? *I would love to get a tenure-track position with an institution to teach and develop my research further. Additionally, I want to be able to partner with community based organizations to help provide them with research opportunities or program evaluations to further their missions and improve best practices.*

What has been your favorite course so far as a student? Why? *I have two favorite courses. The first being my first course with the program, Development for Practice Knowledge. It was such a great introductory course to dip a toe in the waters of what being a PhD student means and it was a space that fully allowed me to explore my ideas for what I wanted to research and the different topics I was interested in. It was a great introduction to my cohort too! The second course was an Urban Education Seminar in Scholarly Communication that specifically focused on queering scholarly publication. It was an amazing seminar that provided great opportunity to share work, writing, and ideas. It was so interesting to see how students wanted to use queer theory or the concept of queering to explore new ways to disseminate scholarly information.*

What leadership and/or employment positions do you hold within CUNY? *I am currently an Adjunct Lecturer with CUNY York focusing on the Health Education course titled: Health, Community, and Society.*

What's something that people would be surprised to know about you? *I love reality competition television. I still watch shows like 'Survivor' and 'Big Brother'. It is so interesting to watch strangers navigate relationships while competing for a prize. I would love to go on 'Survivor'!*

What is the focus of your research? *My research focuses on sexuality, sex positivity, and sexual health in numerous facets. In particular, I look at online paid sex work, LGBTQ health, and HIV stigma.*

What are you currently reading, watching or listening to? *I have been engaging in a bunch of media lately (probably too much when I should be writing). Some highlights have been the TV shows 'The Traitors' and 'Percy Jackson' and the podcast 'How Did This Get Made'. Outside of that, I am trying to consume as much LGBTQ+ media as possible. So, if anyone has recommendations let me know!*