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A weekly update of news from the University of Pittsburgh School of Social Work

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New MSW Program Director announced



Clinical Assistant Professor and Agency Coordinator, Child Welfare Education and Research Program Yodit Betru has been named the new MSW Program Director. "I look forward to engaging and learning from our students, staff, faculty, alumni, and from our partners locally and nationally" said Betru. [Read more about Dr. Betru and her work.](#)

Congratulations to the Class of 2019!



See photos of Afternoon of Recognition 2019 graduates, speaker, and a special tribute to Tracy Soska in honor of his retirement. See all photos on the Pitt Social Work [Flickr page.](#)

Alumnus wins award



Alumnus Johannes John-Langba, PhD, MPH, MSW, has been chosen by the Howard University School of Social Work as the 2019 recipient of the Inabel Burns Lindsay Social Work Education Leadership Award (Dr. Lindsay was the first African American Woman to graduate from the University of Pittsburgh School of Social Work doctoral program). Dr. John-Langba will attend the recognition ceremony during the Howard University's Commencement this month. [Read more.](#)

Doctoral student selected for international training



PhD Candidate Valerie Hruschak was one of 10 international trainees selected who is being supported to attend the Connaught Summer Institute in Pain (CSIP) in Toronto. Hruschak is looking forward to attending the summer institute, and excited about networking opportunities and incorporating her learning into her future research and practice. [Read more.](#)

Upcoming Events



May 8, 2019: **Justice Scholars Symposium.** 3-5pm. Homewood Community Engagement Center. [More details.](#)

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