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

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Social Work Training Tackles Opioid Abuse Epidemic With Integrated Care



Professor Daniel Rosen is collaborating with Squirrel Hill Health Center CEO Susan Kalson to bring master's degree students to the facility to work with those struggling with opioid abuse. The three-year initiative will include doctors, nurses and social workers functioning together to help patients. [Read more in PittWire.](#)

Bringing business back to a blighted neighborhood



Epperson Chair and Professor John Wallace aims to jump-start enough activity in Homewood to rival the economic growth much of the Pittsburgh region has enjoyed in recent years. Read more in the [Pittsburgh Post-Gazette.](#)

Postdoctoral Fellow talks about school discipline



Postdoctoral Fellow Shanté Stuart McQueen was interviewed about school discipline disparities and restorative practice programs like the Just Discipline project. [Read more.](#)

Child welfare team looking for more members for the “Fiber Arts Crew”



The newly formed initiative “The Fiber Arts Crew” – is a small group of knitters and crocheters at the PA Child Welfare Resource Center, which is part of Pitt's School of Social Work. Last year they created one blanket for the Older Foster Youth Retreat, but this year they are looking for more volunteers from the Pitt community to help with the effort so that every youth can get a blanket. [Read more and learn about how you can join the Crew!](#)

MSW student wins Iris Marion Young award



MSW students Morgan Overton, is the 2019-2020 graduate student winner of the Iris Marion Young Award. Morgan will be honored on Thursday, Nov. 7 from 5-7pm in the University Club. The award honors those who work to promote justice in the University, at the local or national level, or across the globe.

Doctoral alumna authors new study on Down Syndrome



PhD alumna and University of Wisconsin-Madison Assistant Professor Lauren Bishop and colleagues show that by age 55, three in five of those with Down syndrome will be diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease or a similar neurodegenerative condition. [Read more.](#)

Doctoral alumnus named president of AAS



PhD alumnus Jonathan Singer has been named the new president of the American Association of Suicidology (AAS). Jonathan is an Associate Professor of social work at Loyola University Chicago, and also is the founder and host of the award winning podcast series, the [Social Work Podcast.](#)

Faculty members part of Rocky Horror flash mob on campus



Faculty members Rafael Engel and Beth Mulvaney were part of the Year of Creativity's pop-up rendition of Rocky Horror Picture Show's 'The Time Warp' on Bigelow Boulevard

Upcoming Events

November 7, 2019: **CRSP Speaker Series: “The Past is Present: How Racial Wealth Gaps Perpetuate Across and Within Generations”** 12-1:30pm 2017 Cathedral of Learning. [Read more.](#)

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