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

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Dean Emeritus Dr. Larry Davis to give lecture about race



Dean Emeritus Dr. Larry Davis will speak at the American Experience Distinguished Lecture Series on September 22, 2020 at 7pm. The speech is titled "Will Race Always Matter?"

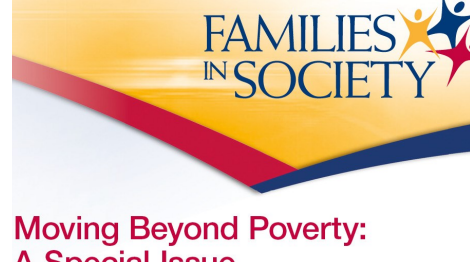
[Register here.](#)

Faculty member talks about adjusting to online education



Social Work assistant professor and Director of Field Education John Dalessandro says learn technology first so you can focus on teaching. Read more in the [University Times](#).

Special issue of journal penned by SSW faculty and PhD student



The *Families in Society* special issue highlights research to support social work advocacy for a living wage for all and for decreased economic inequity. Faculty members Sara Goodkind, Jeff Shook, Ray Engel worked on the issue with doctoral student Kess Ballentine and adjunct faculty member Sandy Wexler. [All content freely accessible through September 19!](#)

Faculty member's article published in top education journal



CRSP Interim Director James Huguley's article "[African American Parents' Educational Involvement in Urban Schools: Contextualized Strategies for Student Success in Adolescence](#)" was published in *Educational Researcher*, a top four education journal.

Ohmer's REP project garners attention



Associate Professor Mary Ohmer's Research for Equity and Power (REP), a joint project of the Homewood Children's Village and the University of Pittsburgh's School of Social Work has been training residents how to be proactive in shaping development instead of having it imposed on them. [Read more in the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette.](#)

Faculty member talks about race and his personal experiences



Assistant professor Darren says the country has never really reckoned with racism. [Watch on WPXI-TV.](#)

Alumna talks about COVID-19 and schooling



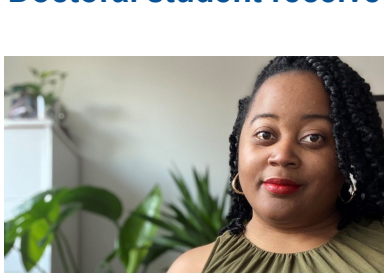
MSW alumna and school social worker Maria McClatchey spoke to a podcast to provide the community with tips and resources to help alleviate that stress from online schooling. [Watch here.](#)

Alumna celebrates Lantern Night



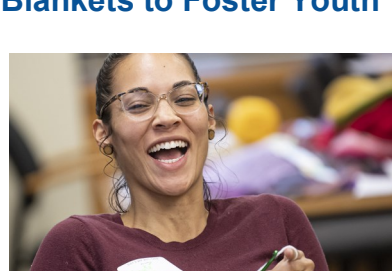
1977 alumna Lee Brun Johnson marked the celebration of the 99th annual Lantern Night, but the event will look very different this year. [Read more on Pittwire.](#)

Doctoral student received award



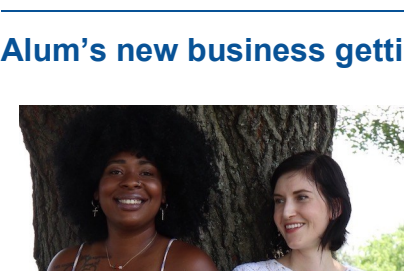
Laurenia Mangum received her award from the Association of Maternal and Child Health Programs. The award is given to a graduate student in Maternal and Child Health for demonstrating leadership involvement through academic excellence and practice experience in the field of MCH.

Child Welfare Resource Center Offers Virtual Retreat, Handmade Blankets to Foster Youth



Faculty and staff came together to knity blankets for Pitt's 11th annual Older Youth Retreat, sponsored by the PA Child Welfare Resource Center, part of Pitt's School of Social Work. [Read more on Pittwire.](#)

Alum's new business getting attention



MSW alumnae Tierra Thorne and Colleen Peddycord recently started [Blanket & Board](#), a business that creates simple, yet sophisticated, outdoor dining experiences for folks throughout Allegheny County. Read about their creative work in [Next Pittsburgh](#) and on [The Incline](#).

Announcements:

Complete your Census today to show your community you care about its future! Visit <https://2020census.gov> or call 1-844-330-2020 to complete your 2020 Census response. Encourage others to do the same!

Upcoming Events

- September 16, 2020: **Career Workshop: Effective Interviewing.** 5pm-6pm. [Register here.](#)
- September 17, 2020: **Faces of Social Work Alumni Event.** 5pm-6:30pm. [Register here.](#)
- September 18, 2020: **SEC September Ice Cream Social.** 6pm-7:30pm. [Zoom information](#)
- September 21, 2020: **Research Break: Dean Farmer -- "It all Makes Sense in Retrospect: Intertwining Life and Research".** 12pm-1pm. Check SSW Outlook Calendar for Zoom Link.
- September 22, 2020: **The American Experience Distinguished Lecture Series: Dr. Larry Davis.** 7pm-8pm. [Register for Zoom Link.](#)
- September 23, 2020: **Social Work Speaker Series: Juvenile Delinquency and Violence: Ecological Factors .** 12pm-1pm. [More information.](#)
- September 30, 2020: **Alumni Speaker Series: Tracy Soska areer Workshop: Effective Interviewing.** 12pm-1pm. [Register here.](#)
- October 19, 2020: **Distinguished Alumni Awards Virtual Celebration areer Workshop: Effective Interviewing.** 5:30pm-8pm. [More information.](#)

For the latest announcements, as well as faculty, staff, student, and community resources related to the COVID-19 pandemic please visit the Pitt School of Social Work [website](#).

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