

# PITT SOCIAL WORK

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

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## New Gender Equity report released by Pitt researchers



A new study from Pitt School of Social Work researchers Sara Goodkind and Leah Jacobs, Department of Sociology professor Junia Howell, UPMC professor Liz Miller, and graduate student Dominique Branson shows stark disparities by race and gender in the Pittsburgh region. [Read more.](#)

## Dr. Davis publishes op-ed



Dean and CRSP Director emeritus Dr. Larry Davis's op-ed on the importance of dissent in American society and what an important role it has played in our history. Read more in the [Pittsburgh Post-Gazette.](#)

## Doctoral Student Awarded NIH Research Supplement



Serwaa S. Omowale, LMSW, joint PhD Social Work/MPH student, is the recipient of the National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute (NHLBI) diversity supplement, which will support her work with Dr. Dara Mendez (Project PI), in the Department of Epidemiology in the University of Pittsburgh Graduate School of Public Health. [Read more.](#)

## Alumni named 40 under 40



MSW alumni Curt Conrad, Laura Stoner, and Kristy Joy Weidner were recognized by Pittsburgh Magazine and PUMP for their creativity, vision and passion to enrich the Pittsburgh region. [Read more.](#)

## COSA alumna helps lead Etna arts festival



MSW and COSA alumna Talia Landerman, Etna's new economic development coordinator and assistant borough manager, helped to coordinate the Etna Art Tour this past Saturday. [Read more.](#)

## Faculty member's work selected for international conference



Mary Beth Rauktis's symposium, "Contemporary considerations for aging together with companion animals" has been selected as the Social Policy & Practice Divisional Symposium highlight. Each year the divisional chairs select a symposium to highlight that they feel represents the division. Her presentation is entitled: "She's relying on

me too': How human and companion animal food needs intersect in low income households of older adults." The Canadian Association on Gerontology conference will be held in Canada in October.

## Upcoming Events

**TODAY!** September 23, 2019: **SSW Research Break: Sexual Health Communication and Dating Apps: Black Men Who Have Sex With Men.** 12-1pm. 2017 Cathedral of Learning. [Read more.](#)

October 7, 2019: **SSW Speaker Series: "Community Efforts for Resiliency After 10/27/18 and Preparations for 10/27/19"** 12-1:30 pm. 2017 Cathedral of Learning. [Read more.](#)

October 8, 2019: **CRSP Speaker Series: "Race, Rights and Rifles: White Racial Attitudes and the Debate Over Guns"** 12-1:30 pm. 2017 Cathedral of Learning. [Read more.](#)

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