SCHOOL OF SOCIAL WORK
UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

SATURDAY, MAY 2, 2020
1:30 p.m.
The Power Center for the Performing Arts
(corner of Huron Street and Fletcher)

There is no rehearsal. It is important that graduates plan to arrive at the Power Center at 12:30pm to receive instructions and be assembled in ample time for the procession. Upon arrival at the Power Center go to the Rehearsal Hall, which is past the reception counter to the right and up the stairs. This is where you will gather to robe, complete a name card for the announcement of your name, as well as one for the photographer's use, get instructions on where to go for the group photo, and to assemble in alphabetical order for the procession.

Graduates should **not** wear their Masters hood. Hoods should be carried over the left arm. As part of the ceremony, you will be "hooded" (the Masters hood placed over your head) by one of our Hooders. Your tassel should be on the right. The Marshals will give you further instructions and assemble you for the procession. Plan to leave any valuables with family and/or friends prior to the ceremony.

The entrance doors to the Power Center will not be open until 12:30pm and seating for guests will begin at this time. Guest seating will be on the main floor, as well as in the balcony. **All guests are required to have a ticket** to enter the auditorium. Should your guests need assistance/direction with seating, please have them speak with one of the ushers. Approximate length of program/ceremony: 1 hour.

NOTE: *Please inform family and friends to remain seated in the auditorium until after the recessional and the platform party, faculty and all of the graduates have exited the auditorium. After the ceremony, you should plan to have your family and friends meet you at a designated area in the main lobby away from the doors to the auditorium so that guests can exit the auditorium in a timely manner.*

SSW RECEPTION: Light refreshments will be provided in the lobby of the Power Center immediately following the ceremony.

GRADUATION APPLICATION/APPLY FOR GRADUATION: If you have not already completed your graduation application via Wolverine Access, you should do so **immediately** by logging into Wolverine Access - click on Student Business and then click on "Apply for Graduation" and follow the instructions.

NAME IN PROGRAM: You must submit your graduation application (see above) no later than **April 3, 2020** if you want your name to appear in the SSW commencement program. If you submit your application to graduate after April 3rd, your name will **not** appear in the SSW commencement program.

Contact the SSW Registrar's Office (ssw.registrar@umich.edu) with any questions regarding your eligibility for graduation.

REQUIRED GUEST TICKETS
All family members and other guests—including children that require their own seat—must have a guest ticket in order to enter the Power Center auditorium for the SSW Commencement ceremony. Tickets are available free of charge. **Each SSW graduate is eligible to receive up to 8 guest tickets**; *however, we stress that you only take what you will need.*

Initial ticket distribution will be held **Monday, April 13th through Friday, April 17th** in the Office of Student Services. You **must** bring your student UMID to pick up your guest tickets!

Extra tickets will be available on a first-come, first-served basis and distribution will be held the **week of April 27th** in the Office of Student Services.

GRADUATION ATTIRE: All degree candidates who participate in Commencement must wear academic attire. Academic attire is available for purchase from the following local bookstores:

Ulrich's Bookstore 1200 South University Avenue (734) 662-3201	Michigan Union Barnes and Noble 530 S. State Street (734) 936-0869

Graduation attire consists of a Masters gown, Masters hood, cap & tassel at a cost of $83.00 for the complete set. Items may also be purchased separately. The Masters gown has a different sleeve style than the bachelor's gown. The hood is an academic cowl worn by master and doctoral graduates. If you have a black mortarboard cap of your own, it is acceptable to wear. The colors of the hood & tassel differ based on the particular college/school within the University. Be sure to ask for the "Social Work" hood and tassel. The color of the tassel is "citron."

The Office of Student Services has a limited number of caps, gowns and hoods that have been donated by previous graduates for students to borrow. **Beginning Monday, April 6th,** graduates may stop by the Office of Student Services, Room 1748 SSWB, to borrow attire on a first-come first-served basis. NOTE: Students will need to purchase their own tassel, as we do not have these available to borrow.

RETURN OF BORROWED ATTIRE OR DONATION OF GRADUATION ATTIRE:
Graduation attire borrowed from the SSW must be returned to the Office of Student Services no later than **May 29, 2020.** For graduates' convenience, a drop off box will be available in the graduate robing area at the Power Center on the day of commencement to drop off your attire immediately following the ceremony/reception. **Be sure to attach a note with your name, so we know you returned your attire.**

PLEASE CONSIDER DONATING ALL OR PART OF YOUR GRADUATION ATTIRE for the use of future graduates if you purchase your attire. You can put it the drop off box with a note or bring it by the Office of Student Services during regular office hours.

GRADUATION ANNOUNCEMENTS: Graduation announcements may be purchased at 1) Michigan Union Bookstore or Ulrich's Bookstore – contact stores directly. Personalized announcements must be ordered in advance. 2) Jostens – visit their website at college.jostens.com or contact customer service at 800.854.7464.

PHOTOGRAPHER: A photographer will be available to take individual pictures as graduates cross the stage at the SSW ceremony. Description/mailing address cards will be distributed to all graduates when they arrive at the Power Center graduate robing area. These yellow cards will be collected from each graduate on stage. A proof and order card will be mailed to each graduate following commencement. Purchase is optional. Graduates who do not receive a photo proof within two (2) weeks of the ceremony should contact: Graduation Foto, Toll Free: (800) 482-0321, Telephone: (734) 677-3400, Fax: (734) 677-3208, Email: cs@apmphoto.com

PARKING: University parking structures will be open to the public for parking at no charge for commencement attendance. Suggested parking: Fletcher Street parking structure between the Power Center and Health Services or Thayer Street parking structure on Thayer Street near the Modern Language Building. Handicap parking is available in both parking structures. There is also some metered parking available on side streets near the Power Center. For driving directions & campus maps: campusinfo.umich.edu/mapsAndDirections

ACCESSIBILITY: Graduating students who have a concern or special need in relation to access to the Power Center and stage, please contact Nyshourn Price (ndp@umich.edu) in the Office of Student Services, 1748 SSWB, as soon as possible.

UNIVERSITY COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY: Saturday, May 2, 2020 at 10:00 a.m., Michigan Stadium

The University Spring Commencement is a University-wide ceremony for all graduates focusing on undergraduates. The University's honorary degrees and undergraduate degrees are conferred at this program. The graduate procession will begin promptly at 8:30 a.m., with the program beginning at 10:00 a.m. and concluding at approximately 11:45 a.m. We encourage MSW graduates to attend. However, note that **tickets are required**. For additional information, please visit commencement.umich.edu/.

DIPLOMA: The University provides a free standard size (8 ½" x 11") diploma to each MSW graduate. The diploma is mailed to the graduate's permanent address or one specified on the diploma application which the graduate completes through Wolverine Access. Diplomas **are not prepared** by the University of Michigan Records/Diploma Department and a guaranteed delivery schedule is not possible. Diplomas will be mailed by the University Registrar's Office by the end of June. For more information on diplomas, check out the University Registrar's Web site: umich-regoff.custhelp.com and Search by Keyword: diplomas.

COMPUTING SERVICES AFTER GRADUATION: Graduating students will no longer be eligible for the BCP (Basic Computer Package) after they officially graduate (approx. 4-6 weeks after the term ends). At that time, if you wish to continue using the services provided via the BCP, you must subscribe to U-M Online. All U-M alumni may use email forwarding at no charge for as long as they choose. Alumni maintain the use of their Google Apps UMICH email and calendar. See the following website for more information: https://its.umich.edu/computing/standard-computing-services/alumni

NOTE: May graduates will be deleted from the *MSW Official Canvas* site and *ssw.students* e-mail group by the end of June.

LOAN REPAYMENT/PUBLIC SERVICE LOAN FORGIVENESS INFO: Student borrowers in federal loan programs are required to complete online Exit Counseling when they graduate, leave school or drop below half-time enrollment. Students may also be eligible for the Public Service Loan Forgiveness Program. Contact Cerise Carrington, Financial Aid, Admissions and Student Services Officer (cmcar@umich.edu) with questions regarding loan repayment and loan forgiveness information.

SCHOOL OF SOCIAL WORK CAREER CENTER: The School of Social Work's Career Center, 1696 School Social Work Building, assists students and alumni with their job search process, resume/cover letter reviews and social work licensure questions. Licensure test preparation software is available to help students and alumni study for licensure exams. Please call (734) 763-6259 or email ssw-cso@umich.edu to schedule an appointment. Join us on LinkedIn.

UNIVERSITY CAREER CENTER: The University Career Center, 3200 Student Activities Bldg., offers services and resources to aid in the career exploration and job search process for UM students in every academic discipline. Their work often involves collaboration with academic units, employers and alumni/ae. Graduate students are encouraged to take advantage of every resource offered by The Career Center. Check out their website at careercenter.umich.edu/

QUESTIONS ABOUT COMMENCEMENT: Contact the Office of Student Services, 1748 SSWB, phone: (734) 936-0961, email: ssw.msw.info@umich.edu.

Watch your email for updates!

Congratulations and Best Wishes!