



## **SSW Student Organization & Resource Fair Fall 2024**

### **School of Social Work Student Organizations: In Attendance**

#### **Association of Black Social Work Students**

The Association of Black Social Work Students (ABSWS) is designed to help Black social work students move into the arena of Black unity. We are here to provide academic and social support and inter-connectivity for Black students at the University Of Michigan School Of Social Work.

#### **Black Radical Healing Pathway**

Black Radical Healing (BRHP) strives to create and build spaces centered for Black students to develop and explore radical ideas interested in radical social justice efforts on campus as a coalition. BRHP works to create and build a network where Black students can affirm, heal, and validate each other's lived experience. We aspire to organize, educate, mobilize and empower Black students to work for transformative change on campus, neighborhoods and communities. Our focus is to nourish and cultivate the fighting spirits, critical consciousness and aesthetics of Black students. We aim to hold programming which centers on our Black voices, intelligence, and bodies in efforts to dismantle, disrupt, and challenge white supremacy. Anyone who supports our mission may participate in meetings and activities.

#### **Child Welfare Student Association**

The Child Welfare Student Association (CWSA) aims to raise awareness of child welfare issues through advocacy, education, community outreach and dialogue. CWSA also strives to promote and strengthen the professional development of all students interested in pursuing a career in child welfare.

#### **Free Yoga**

Free Yoga aims to provide a safe and nurturing space for students to practice mindful movement, yoga, breathwork, and other mind-body practices. It is open to all levels of practice. Students are encouraged to take initiative and lead classes, present their own practices, and share resources. Free Yoga is a collaborative project that aims to give students the opportunity to share knowledge, tune into their bodies during long school days, and empower them to take charge of their health and make movement part of their daily routine. Free Yoga is, as the name implies, free to all!

#### **Latinx Indigenous Social Work Alliance**

Latinx Indigenous Social Work Alliance is to promote the academic, social, and mental well-being of the Latinx and Indigenous community, including Afro-Latinx and Indigenous students, at the School of Social Work. Additionally, the Latinx community at large, through the praxis of social justice, anti-racism, cultural empowerment, and community building.

#### **Mindful Community Club**

Mindful Community Club provides a welcoming, inclusive environment for students to deepen their meditation practice. Through guided sessions, education on mindfulness, and open discussions, we cultivate a supportive community where members can share experiences, explore strategies, and grow together in their mindfulness journey.

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### **School of Social Work Student Government**

The School of Social Work Student Government is a student organization comprised of elected students whose mission is to support and to encourage coordination and integration of the efforts of students and faculty to achieve greater academic excellence, student success, social justice, and equality. The School of Social Work Student Government serves as the voice of the student body within the school; it also works in partnership with many School of Social Work student organizations.

### **Southwest Asia and North Africa Social Work Association**

Southwest Asia and North Africa Social Work Association (SWANA) is established for the purpose of creating a safe environment for Southwest Asian and North African identifying social work students and professionals to discuss interests, plans, culture, advocacy, and reclaiming of our identities. With a mission to advocate and provide a safe space for those who identify as Southwest Asian or North African and to bring awareness to issues in Southwest Asia and North Africa.

### **Student Association for Psychedelic Studies**

Student Association for Psychedelic Studies (SAPS) is established for the purpose of raising awareness about and facilitating the success of psychedelic-assisted psychotherapy movement. Our objective is to create a space to discuss the growing body of research on therapeutic uses of psychedelics and related political, ethical, and PODS issues. We hope to expand objective awareness and promote fair and responsible access to alternative treatments.

## **University Offices, Resources, and Additional Organizations: In Attendance**

### **Business + Impact Former Center for Social Impact (CSI)**

Business+Impact is an initiative focused on making Michigan Ross the most progressive source of ideas and solutions for business to address the challenges of our times. We are embedding impact deeply into every core activity of the school, including teaching, research, and outreach. Through Ross' curriculum, the Ross Centers & Institutes, and impact-oriented clubs and convenings, Ross proves that Business+Impact is an idea that cuts across business, and indeed across campus.

**Website:** [socialimpact.umich.edu](http://socialimpact.umich.edu)

### **Center for the Education of Women + (CEW+)**

CEW+ empowers women+ and underserved individuals in the University of Michigan and surrounding communities by serving as an advocate and providing resources to help individuals reach their academic, financial, and professional potential.

**Website:** <https://www.cew.umich.edu/>

### **Counseling and Psychological Services (CAPS)**

CAPS is committed to creating an environment based on our values of multicultural, multi-disciplinary and multi-theoretical practices that allow our diverse student body to access care, receive high quality services and take positive pathways to mental health. We also strive to find creative ways of reaching out to students and the UM community to nurture and develop a proactive, renewed sense of engagement throughout the campus. The School of Social Work has an **Embedded Counselor, Jamie Boschee** who offers services in **Room 2626**.

**Website:** [caps.umich.edu/](http://caps.umich.edu/)

**Email:** [jboschee@umich.edu](mailto:jboschee@umich.edu)

### **Graduate Employees' Organization (GEO)**

GEO's mission is to represent, advocate for, and organize graduate student workers and to build collective power in the pursuit of social & economic justice.

**Website-** [umgeo@geo3550.org](mailto:umgeo@geo3550.org)

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### **National Association of Social Workers-Michigan Chapter**

The National Association of Social Workers (NASW) is the largest membership organization of professional social workers in the world, with 132,000 members. NASW works to enhance the professional growth and development of its members, to create and maintain professional standards, and to advance sound social policies. NASW-Michigan aims to support, promote and advocate for professional social work practice, practitioners and the social work profession, and to improve the quality of life for the people of Michigan.

**Website:** [www.nasw-michigan.org](http://www.nasw-michigan.org)

### **Student Accessibility and Accommodation Services (SAAS/SSD)**

Embedded in the strategic plan of the University of Michigan is a commitment to ensure equal opportunity for all individuals. Services for Students with Disabilities (SSD) recognizes disability as an integral part of diversity and is committed to creating an inclusive and equitable educational environment for disabled students. SSD is a partner to students, faculty, and staff in the pursuit to develop leaders and citizens who will challenge the present and enrich the future.

**Website-** <https://studentlife.umich.edu/article/student-accessibility-and-accommodation-services-saas>

### **Sexual Assault Prevention and Awareness Center**

The Sexual Assault Prevention and Awareness Center offers prevention education for students, confidential support for survivors (students, faculty, and staff), and collaborates with other offices to offer trainings, programs, and innovative community engagement strategies to collectively create a campus free from violence.

**Website-** <https://sapac.umich.edu/>

### **SSW Career Services Office**

The Career Services Office is here to provide you with the tools needed to attain your career goals. We provide resources such as general career guidance, job search techniques, social work licensure information and test preparation materials, mock interviewing, resume and cover letter reviews, alumni networking and writing services for courses while you are in the graduate program. SSWB room 1748

**Website:** [sww.umich.edu/student-life/career-services](http://sww.umich.edu/student-life/career-services)

**Email:** [sww-cso@umich.edu](mailto:sww-cso@umich.edu)

### **Writing Support**

Individual writing support is available for writers at all skill levels, for virtually any writing task related to your MSW program.

**Contact:** Betsy Williams, MSW Writing/Study Skills Coordinator

**Website:** [sww.umich.edu/writing-help](http://sww.umich.edu/writing-help)

### **SSW ENGAGE**

ENGAGE's purpose is to concentrate and coordinate the School of Social Work's activities to connect with communities and organizations to increase their ability and resources to meet their goals.

**Website-** <https://sww.umich.edu/assets/community-engagement/action-engagement>

### **SSW Financial Aid**

The Office of Student Services offers financial aid support to MSW students. Along with awarding various scholarships and grants to students, financial aid counselors are available to meet with students regarding understanding financial aid processes along with financial aid award notices. Counselors are also available to meet with students regarding budgeting and money management, along with helping to understand federal loan repayment options and loan forgiveness programs.

**Website:** [sww.umich.edu/admissions/msw/financial-aid](http://sww.umich.edu/admissions/msw/financial-aid)

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### **SSW Office of Diversity Equity and Inclusion (DEI Office)**

The Office for Diversity, Equity and Inclusion was established in January 2017 to implement the School of Social Work's Diversity, Equity and Inclusion strategic plan. The focus is on helping our SSW community improve diversity, equity and inclusion in alignment with our social work heritage, as expressed in our vision, mission and goals. Our plan and office are focused on our entire school of social work community. We welcome student participation in our DEI activities and also serve as a welcoming space to discuss diversity, equity and inclusion topics. Please feel free to contact our office at: [ssw-dei-office@umich.edu](mailto:ssw-dei-office@umich.edu).

**Website:** [ssw.umich.edu/about/diversity-equity-inclusion](https://ssw.umich.edu/about/diversity-equity-inclusion)

### **SSW Office of Global Activities**

The Office of Global Activities connects MSW students to international social work opportunities through funding, special programs, academic resources, internationalized curriculum, and faculty and student exchanges at partner institutions.

**Website-** <https://ssw.umich.edu/offices/global-activities>

### **SSW/University Library Services**

Online or onsite, the University Library is your best source for a wide range of information sources. From journals to videos and so much more -- we have resources that can truly enhance your educational experience and expand your knowledge. In addition to information resources, we have specialists that can help you create posters, videos, web pages, bibliographies, and even provide tips on the best ways to format a dissertation or manuscript. Our research data services staff can help you to locate data sets, organize data, create visualizations, and develop preservation and sharing plans. The Library supports the life cycle of information from creation to dissemination.

**Contact:** Darlene Nichols, SSW Librarian

**Website:** <http://www.lib.umich.edu/>

## **School of Social Work Student Organizations**

### **Asian Pacific Islander Student Coalition**

Asian Pacific Islander Student Coalition (API) is a student run organization serving Asian Pacific Islander interests as social workers. We provide support to our members through social gatherings, educational advocacy, and homework help. Please allow us to fulfill your lives with Asian Pacific Islander culture, and enrich your awareness, so we can bring this community together and fight for our rights as the API community, and well as join forces with other groups as well.

### **\*Christians in Social Work Association**

The Christians in Social Work Association works to encourage, equip, and extend Christians in the ethical integration of faith and social work practice.

### **Common Roots**

Common Roots is a planning committee consisting of representatives from the SSW's Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Office, the Latinx Social Work Coalition, the Black Radical Healing Pathways, Association of Black Social Workers, the Office of Student Services and SSW Student Representatives.

### **\*Detroit Initiative Student Group**

The mission of the Detroit Initiative Student Group is to work in conjunction and collaboration with the Detroit Initiative program. The mission of this program is to provide opportunities for students and faculty to engage in further education, service, and research in the Detroit area through a focus on community-identified priorities.

**Contact:** [detroitinitiative@umich.edu](mailto:detroitinitiative@umich.edu)

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### **\*Global Social Work Student Organization**

The Global Social Work Student is a student organization at the School of Social GSWSA) is a student organization at the University of Michigan School of Social Work for all students and scholars who are interested in Global Social Work. Through sponsor/co-sponsor events, activities, and discussions, GSWSA hopes to build genuine, life-long, and cross-cultural friendships at the School of Social work; at the same time, to advocate for social justice in the global society through fostering and enhancing cultural diversity and inclusion.

**Contact:** Katie Lopez of Office of Global Activities (OGA); [ssw.oga@umich.edu](mailto:ssw.oga@umich.edu)

### **\*Interfaith Alliance (The Spiritual Group)**

Interfaith Alliance works to create an open and civil forum to discuss religion/spirituality and social work. Interfaith Alliance celebrates the diversity of belief in the field of social work, and challenges prejudice and misinformation relating to issues of religion/spirituality. Interfaith Alliance strives to welcome students of all religions beliefs, spiritual paths, and students with no religious or spiritual affiliation into UM-SSW, and to give them opportunities to form supportive and worthwhile relationships with their peers.

### **Men in Social Work**

Men in Social Work is establishing itself in response to a constellation of significant and growing global threats to men's and boy's health, mental health and social wellbeing. This organization serves both the interests of men in social work and of men and boys influenced by social workers.

### **Mental Health Matters**

Mental Health Matters is a new student group at the University of Michigan School of Social Work created to address the stigma surrounding mental illness and building a support community of students around the subject of mental health.

### **\*Non-Traditional Student Network**

The mission of the Non-Traditional Student Network is to develop a supportive network for non-traditional students, connect them to resources as well as to help students transition back into the academic realm. These students include those who have resumed their studies after an absence, students with families, those who work full and part-time, and seasoned professional students.

**Queer Advocacy Coalition (QAC)** Through community volunteerism and partnership with other LGBTQIA+ organizations on campus and within the community, our mission is to engage in advocacy work and educational opportunities for University of Michigan graduate and professional-level social work students.

### **Showing Up for Racial Justice (SURJ)**

SURJ UMich (Showing Up for Racial Justice University of Michigan) is a local chapter of a national network of groups organizing white people for racial justice. SURJ UMich leads transformative education opportunities that sharpen organizing skills and leadership of white anti-racist organizers and the broader University of Michigan community to achieve victories for racial justice and contribute to local movement-buildings efforts.

### **Sigma Phi Omega**

Sigma Phi Omega is a nationally recognized geriatric honor society that works in all professions to increase awareness around issues of aging.

### **\*Social Work Allies for Immigrant Rights**

Social Work Allies for Immigrant Rights (SWAIR) aims to connect the School of Social Work at the University of Michigan to local, state and national efforts to advance immigrant rights through social service and policy reform.

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### **Social work in Schools**

Social Work in Schools (SWIS) exists to build a community of students interested in social work in school setting. (SWIS) serves as a bridge between the school social work specialization and the student body to promote the professional development of student's interest in School Social Work in schools and to cultivate and maintain a school-based intervention resources database for current students and future social workers.

### **\*Social Work & Sport Association**

The Social Work & Sport Association aims to raise awareness in the emerging field of social work and sport. Through integration and collaboration, our organization focuses on research, networking, community outreach, and relationship building between social work and sport communities.

### **Student Association for Psychedelic Studies (SAPS)**

Association of Psychedelic objective is to create a space to discuss the growing body of research on therapeutic uses of psychedelics and related political, ethical, and PODS issues. We hope to contribute to the movement to expand objective awareness and promote fair and responsible access.

### **Student Rights Project**

The Student Rights Project (SRP) is a pro bono project comprised of graduate students in the University of Michigan's schools of law, social work, and education. In partnership with the [Student Advocacy Center](#) (SAC), we advocate for K-12 students facing suspension or expulsion in Southeast Michigan. Our advocacy model is holistic: we aim to empower youth and families throughout the school disciplinary process, to connect students with community support networks, and to limit the use and negative consequences of exclusionary discipline. SRP also organizes and promotes activities designed to challenge institutional threats to educational opportunities for all Michigan children, including reviewing school codes of conduct through the School Code Project. Contact [srp-board@umich.edu](mailto:srp-board@umich.edu) with questions or to get trained as an Advocate!

### **Student Social Workers in Higher Education**

SSWHE is established for the expressed purpose of helping social work students gain the skills and tools they need to practice in higher education. Our mission is to provide social work students with professional development, networking, and educational opportunities to learn how to apply their social work skills in a higher education setting.

**Please note that not all groups listed are active. Learn more about student organizations at:**  
[ssw.umich.edu/studentorgs](https://ssw.umich.edu/studentorgs)

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### **Collegiate Recovery Program (CRP)**

CRP provides holistic, tailored support to Michigan students who are in recovery from alcohol or other drug problems. CRP is not a clinical treatment program; rather it is a recovery support service. CRP staff do not provide clinical treatment or therapy. Students who need treatment may be referred elsewhere prior to admittance to CRP. See the list of local treatment providers below or give us a call with questions.

Their mission is to provide a supportive community where students in recovery can achieve academic success while enjoying a genuine college experience, free from alcohol and other drugs.

**Website:** <https://uhs.umich.edu/recovery>

### **Maize and Blue Cupboard**

The Maize and Blue Cupboard is a student organization providing locally sourced food to ensure members of the University of Michigan community receive equitable access to healthy, nutritious, and nourishing food and the ability to prepare it for themselves or others.

### **Resources for Students with Children**

The School of Social work lists [resources and information](#) for students who are managing parent/elder care, study, and work.

### **Student Legal Services (SLS)**

Student Life's Student Legal Services (SLS) is a full-service law office providing students with legal advice and counseling on everything from housing and family law to consumer law and traffic violations. SLS also litigates cases on behalf of U-M students.

### **TBLG Dean's Initiative**

The University of Michigan School of Social Work, Office of Field Instruction (OFI) faculty and staff would like to extend a warm welcome to our Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Questioning/Queer, Intersex, Ally (LGBTQIA) students. The OFI is committed to providing and maintaining a "Safe Zone" for LGBTQIA students where social work values are modeled. We believe in providing students an open space for dialogue, thus supporting them so that they will be successful in their field placements. Leigh A. Robertson, LMSW, is the OFI LGBTQIA Liaison. Please feel free to contact her at [leigrobe@umich.edu](mailto:leigrobe@umich.edu) for confidential support, guidance and resources.

**Website:** [ssw.umich.edu/about/ssw-advantage/deans-initiatives/tblg-matters](https://ssw.umich.edu/about/ssw-advantage/deans-initiatives/tblg-matters)

### **University Health Service**

University Health & Counseling (UHC) supports the health and well-being of the campus community through a public health-informed approach that emphasizes prevention, education, and treatment. We are inspired to help students realize their potential, cope with the stresses of life, work productively, and connect meaningfully with others.

**Website-** <https://uhs.umich.edu/>

### **Wolverine Wellness**

**Wolverine Wellness nurtures a healthy campus community with coaching and educational programs on wellness, tobacco cessation, safer sex, alcohol and drugs, healthy eating and body image, and much more.**

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