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Welcome to Virtual Open House



The session will begin at 12pm

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Send Us Questions

- Simply type your question into the “question box” at any time during the session.
- All questions will be responded to publicly unless you type “private” in front of your question, in which case we will send you an individual response. No names are shown on the screen.
- Recorded Session and Slides will be posted at:
<https://ssw.umich.edu/r/virtualopenhouse2024>
- All registered students will be emailed a recording of the session.

Today's Agenda

- **Welcome**
 - Barb Hiltz, Director of MSW Programs and Clinical Associate Professor
- **MSW Curriculum and Upcoming Timelines**
 - Erin Zimmer, Director of Student Services
- **Helpful Field Education Information**
 - Yanni Robinson, Assistant Director of Field Education and Online Program and Adjunct Clinical Assistant Professor
- **Global Social Work Options**
 - Katie Lopez, Director of Office of Global Activities & Adjunct Clinical Assistant Professor

Today's Agenda Continued

- **Michigan Title IV-E Child Welfare Fellowship**
 - Marla Garmo, Program Coordinator- Title IV-E
- **Current Student Experience**
 - Hawraa Darwich, Current MSW Student
- **Career Service Resources for New Students**
 - Michelle Woods, Director of Career Services
- **Wrap Up and Q&A**

Welcome!



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Curriculum Options & New Student Timeline



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On-Campus MSW Program (Full Time)

- 60 or 45 Credits
- All Pathways Possible
- Advanced Standing
- 16-Month
- 20-Month
- U-M Sociology Sub-Plan
- UM-Dearborn HHS
- MasterTrack MSW
- Masters International Volunteer Program

On-Campus MSW Program (Part Time)

- **Day Program**
 - All pathways possible
 - 45 or 60 credit programs
 - 7 or 9 semesters to complete
- **Evening and Weekends**
 - Interpersonal Practice in Integrated Health, Mental Health, and Substance Abuse
 - 45 or 60 credit programs
 - 7 or 9 semesters to complete

Online MSW Program

- **Part-Time or Full Time**
- **7 semesters**
- **Advanced Standing**
- **MasterTrack MSW**
- **U-M Sociology Sub-Plan**
- **UM-Dearborn HHS**
- **Interpersonal Practice in Integrated Health, Mental Health, and Substance Abuse**
- **Welfare of Children & Families**

MSW Pathway Options

- **Community Change**
- **Global Social Work Practice**
- **Interpersonal Practice in Integrated Health, Mental Health, and Substance Abuse (On-Campus, Online, Part-Time Evening/Weekend)**
- **Management and Leadership**
- **Policy and Political Social Work**
- **Program Evaluation and Applied Research**
- **Social Work Practice with Older Adults and Families from a Lifespan Perspective**
- **Welfare of Children and Families (On-Campus & Online)**

Explore Program Deeper

- Course Planning Worksheets:

<https://ssw.umich.edu/assets/course-planning-worksheets/>

- Course Catalog

<https://ssw.umich.edu/courses>

- Pathway Connects to Field Competencies

<https://ssw.umich.edu/assets/ssw-pathway-competencies/>

Special Programs

- Child Welfare Scholarship Program
- Community Scholars: Community-Based Initiative in Detroit
- Detroit Scholars Program
- Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Training Program
- Geriatric Scholarship Program

STILL ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS! - 3/15/24

Special Programs Continued

- Global Activities Scholarship Program
- Jewish Communal Leadership Program
- Community Scholars: National Community Scholars Program
- **New Leaders in African-Centered Social Work**
- Masters International Volunteer Program

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Dual Degree Programs

- Social Work and Business Administration
- Social Work and Information
- Social Work and Law
- Social Work and Public Health
- Social Work and Public Policy
- Social Work and Urban Planning
- Student-Initiated Dual Degree Program (ex. Higher Education)

Questions About Your Pathway?

- Pathways are selected on the MSW application and become final when you submit your field application (May or October) or when you accept most special program offers.
- To speak with an admissions counselor about the best program plan for your career goals, email: ssw.msw.info@umich.edu
- To change pathway, complete form at: <https://ssw.umich.edu/assets/change-in-pathway/>

Timeline for Online Students Beginning in May 2024

- MasterTrack MSW Students
 - Finish courses by May 5th

All Students:

- Submit final transcripts if required
- Review online student toolkit
- Attend the Spring/Summer Online Admitted Student Information Session
- Register for online MSW course soon
- Complete MSW pre-coursework - begins April 30th
- Complete Orientation and Intro. to Social Work Course online May 3-5th
- Live MSW courses begin on May 9th

Timeline for Online Students Beginning in Fall 2024

- **MasterTrack MSW Students:**
 - Finish courses by August 25th
- **Full-Time Students:**
 - Watch field webinar in late April
 - Apply for field placement in May
- **All Students:**
 - Submit final transcripts if required
 - Review online student toolkit
 - Register for classes the second week in July
 - Attend the Spring/Summer Online Admitted Student Information Session (early August)
 - Complete Orientation and Intro. to Social Work Course online August 23-25th
 - Live MSW courses begin on September 3rd

Timeline for Fall 2024

On-Campus Students

- Late April – Introduction to Field Education Webinar (for Fall online full time also)
- May – Field Application for students starting field in Fall 2024 term
- May – August – Review incoming [student toolkit](#) & weekly emails
- June-Registration and course planning information is sent via UM e-mail

Timeline for On-Campus Students Cont.

- Mid-June – View course advising information online
- June/July – Optional individual course planning (by phone or zoom)
- July – Registration
- August 23-25th – Orientation and SW590 begin for Online students
- August 27– 30: Attend SEED Orientation for On-Campus Students

Field Education



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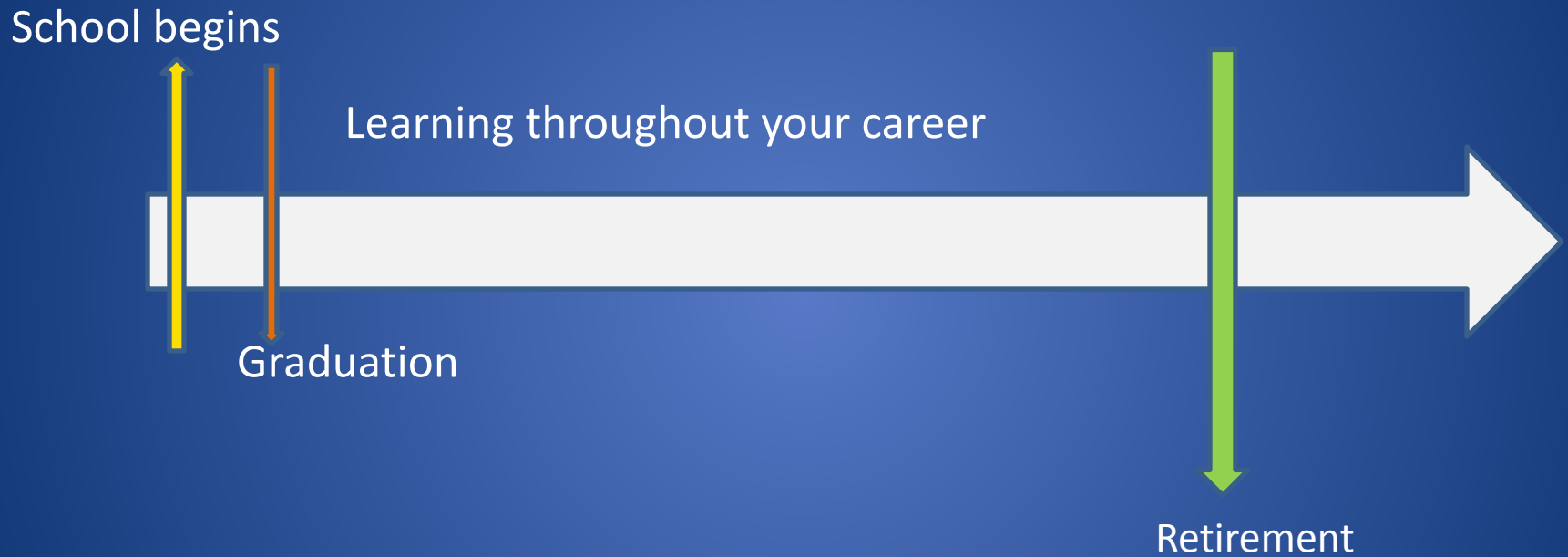
Why?

- Field Placement is designed to help the student increase their knowledge, comprehension, and application of the CSWE competencies.
 - Students are expected to:
 - Integrate life experiences, classroom education, previous work/volunteer experiences and apply them to field
 - Reflect on their strengths and areas for growth

How?

- 25% of your graduate education is in field placement (14/60 credits)
- Placed by Pathway
 - Students should add to the breadth of their knowledge and not do what they have already done
 - Completing the application process gives us an idea of what you are looking to learn in field
 - Students will lay the foundation for lifelong learning

Career Timeline



What?

- Sample field placement activities:
 - Provide individuals with durable power of attorney paperwork, and assist in its completion
 - Develop a curriculum for an anger management group
 - Be part of a team doing a needs assessment
 - Organize a community around a social justice issue
 - Develop a program evaluation project with a team

Critical components

- Transportation to and from field is your responsibility. If you don't have access to a car, your options for field placements will be limited. Most sites either require a car to get to the agency, or require a car while at field for community meetings or client site visits.
- Many students come in with a preference for long-term therapy placements. However, Interpersonal Practice (IP) is defined in many ways, and there are limited opportunities for long-term therapy placements.

Now What?

- Reflect on your goals and why you are considering social work
- Plan to be uncomfortable. Field should stretch your abilities as you prepare for a professional career
- Be **open** to new experiences & get ready to venture outside your comfort zone

Important Field Dates for Full Time On-Campus Students

- Introduction to Field Education & Career Center Webinar
- May 31 – Field Application For Those Starting Field Fall 2024
 - Application **Opens** May 20

There is no *due date* for this application. We will continue to accept applications as they are submitted.
 - Placing **Begins** June 1
 - June you may continue to submit your field application beyond this date however, your available options will change as spots are filled.
 - OFE will email your UM email account with details

Field for Part-Time Students

- Part-Time On-Campus Students
 - Start field 12-16 months into the program
 - OFE will email you with details closer to your field application cycle
- Part-Time Online Students
 - Start field 12-16 months into the program
 - However, your field application cycle is **different** from on-campus students!
 - You will be invited to a field webinar specifically for online students during your first term in the program

Field Questions?

Office of Field Education

Phone: (734) 764-5331

Leave a voicemail to receive a return call

Email: ssw-fieldoffice@umich.edu

Office of Global Activities



Katie Lopez, PhD, LMSW
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Global Social Work Options

- ◆ **Global Social Work Pathway-** all students
- ◆ **Local field placements with a global focus-** all students
- ◆ **National field placements with a global focus-** 16-month, Advanced Standing, Mastertrack, or UM Sociology & SW students
- ◆ **Global Activities Scholars Program (GASP)-** 16-month, Advanced Standing, Mastertrack, or UM Sociology & SW students
- ◆ **Global Course Extension-** all students
- ◆ **Global Independent Study Grant-** all students
- ◆ **Masters International Volunteer Program-** 20-month or Advanced Standing
- ◆ **Peace Corps Coverdell Fellows-** all students

Global Course Extension



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Global Course Extension in Chennai, India



Based at Madras Christian College, this course draws on the "grand challenges" facing social work professionals encompassing a broad range of issues.

The course will be locally grounded and explicitly comparative, and combines both practical fieldwork experiences with coursework and structured, critical reflection at the Madras Christian College.

Travel Dates: Aug 6-22
Cost: Airfare to India

Global Independent Study Grant



Peace Corps Masters International Volunteer Program



Student Funding

- ◆ **Global Activities Scholars Program-**
tuition scholarship and travel stipend
- ◆ **Global Independent Study Grant-** Up to \$2,500
- ◆ **Masters International Volunteer Program-**
tuition scholarship in the term(s) following successful completion of Peace Corps Service
- ◆ **Peace Corps Coverdell Fellows Program-**
tuition scholarship
- ◆ **Office of Global Activities Event Grant**

Application Deadlines

- ◆ **Global Activities Scholars Program-**
Deadline Extended!
- ◆ **National field placement with a global focus-**
Email ssw.oga@umich.edu if interested
- ◆ **Peace Corps Coverdell Fellows-**
Deadline July 1
- ◆ **Masters International Volunteer Program-**
Deadline August 31th
- ◆ **Global Independent Study Grant-**
Deadline early February
- ◆ **Global Course Extension-**
Deadline mid-January

Thank You!

We look forward to meeting you this fall.

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Title IV-E Child Welfare Fellowship



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Title IV-E Child Welfare Fellowship

New opportunity for students committed to working in Child Welfare - CPS, Foster Care, Adoption, Licensing



Title IV-E Child Welfare Fellowship Program Components

Stipends

\$5,000
for each eligible
semester

Courses

SW 621
SW 624
SW 627

Title IV-E Child Welfare Fellowship Program Components

Field
Placement
in Child Welfare

Employment
Payback

<https://ssw.umich.edu/programs/msw/financial-aid/michigan-title-iv-e-child-welfare-fellowship>

The Current Student Experience



- Pathway: Interpersonal Practice in Integrated Health, Mental Health & Substance Abuse
- Student Government President
- Expected Graduation: December 2024

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Career Services



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What are some of the services provided by the Career Services Office?

Workshops

Alumni Networking Opportunities

Licensure Information and Test Preparation

Writing Assistance

ePortfolio Development

Mock Interviews

Resume and Field Application Support

Licensure Checklist

- Identify Jurisdiction/State
- Identify Your License Category/Name
- Requirements for your license category
- Note when you can apply
- Forms on Jurisdiction/State Website

<https://ssw.umich.edu/student-life/career-services/licensing-and-exam-preparation>

Thank You!

We look forward to supporting you as students and future alumni.

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Where can I find up-to-date info. for incoming students?

Admitted Student Resources Webpage:

<https://ssw.umich.edu/admissions/msw/admitted-students>

Questions?

Office of Student Services and Enrollment Management

(734) 936-0961

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Ways to Connect

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We hope all prospective MSW students are able to visit our School of Social Work and beautiful Ann Arbor.

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Mon-Thu 9am-6pm (EST)

Fri 10am-4pm (EST)

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We look forward to seeing you soon in
Ann Arbor and online!