Greetings CASC'ers

The following newsletter includes information about available courses in the Fall term, and a number of social work and campus wide events and programs available for virtual discussion on topics related to social justice and action, as well as CASC and community resources and opportunities to volunteer. We've also included a student project section with projects developed by students in the minor exploring topics, themes, conversations, and activities related to social justice and change, in light of covid-19. Check them out below!

For more information related to advising, courses, programs, or otherwise, please contact cascminor@umich.edu

Course Guide

Review classes that count toward the minor on the CASC Course Guide. Looking for undergraduate social work course offerings? Visit the SSW Course Catalog. Please note that per university standard, all Spring and Summer classes will be remote.

Course Substitution Request
If you do not see a course listed that you think should count for your CASC minor, please email the syllabus and a short paragraph about which cluster you think it should count for and why to cascminor@umich.edu.

CASC Minor Course Planning Advising
In order to schedule an advising appointment, go to the LSA advisor portal to set up a phone or virtual meeting, and we will contact you during your appointment time. In-person drop-in hours, Wednesdays 1-4, are currently due to COVID-19. We will continue to monitor the cascminor@umich.edu email account to address advising questions, or other concerns.

Course Catalog
Academic Advising

The School of Social Work is officially closed to the public. Given the circumstances, we will remain available by email, phone, or virtually. In order to schedule an advising appointment, go to the LSA advisor portal to set up a phone or virtual meeting, and we will contact you during your appointment time. Additionally, in-person drop-in hours, Wednesdays 1-4, are canceled for the remainder of the term. We will continue to monitor the cascminor@umich.edu email account to address advising questions, or other concerns.

School of Social Work: ENGAGE

The uprising in defense of Black lives is a historic moment in our history that has laid bare the gross inequities in our criminal justice system, exposing us to its blatant use to perpetuate the exploitation stemming from slavery. As social workers, our code of ethics mandates that we learn the extent of this injustice and calls us to stand alongside those on the frontlines demanding equity and freedom. We will devote the focus of our ENGAGE virtual discussions in July to examining the complex and vast inequities within our criminal justice system. We will end the month debriefing with students on how we got here, and what actionable initiatives the School can take to create change.

From Protests to Policy Reform: The Legislative Fight Against Police Brutality

**Time:** Thursday, July 9th, 12 pm ET
[Registration here](#)

The Intersection of Disability, Race, and Police Brutality

**Time:** Thursday, July 16, 12 pm ET
[Registration here](#)

Criminal Justice Reform and Debrief: What Can We Do As a School

**Time:** Friday, July 17, 12:30 pm ET
[Registration here](#)

Student Projects and Resources

Students are initiating and engaging community in a variety of ways, in light of the covid-19 pandemic, as well as anti-racism efforts that address issues of hate, marginalization, discrimination, and violence. This summer, students in the SW 305 Theories and Practices of CASC course developed projects that include resources, materials, fundraising campaigns, and opportunities for volunteerism that reflect inequities experienced during this global pandemic. We invite you to check out resources, educational materials, as well as opportunities to engage in CASC'ing from their projects, below.

Their presentations are below, which include an overview of their materials, in addition to the websites developed by a few student groups. If you have questions, email [cascminor@umich.edu](mailto:cascminor@umich.edu).
Covid-19 and Housing Insecurity

Students present topics related to housing disparities in the city of Detroit, in light of covid-19. For more information about their project, resources, and campaign, visit: [https://sites.google.com/umich.edu/sw305/home](https://sites.google.com/umich.edu/sw305/home)

The Rise of Asian American Hate Crimes

Students in the presentation share educational resources, information and narratives related to the rise of anti-asian racism and hate crimes during the height covid-19. For more information about their project website and materials visit: [https://kdonn0.wixsite.com/website](https://kdonn0.wixsite.com/website)

Food Access in the Ann Arbor Community

Students present topics related to food insecurity, access, and volunteerism in Washtenaw County, in light of covid-19. Their website can be found here: [https://sw305project.weebly.com/covid-19.html](https://sw305project.weebly.com/covid-19.html)
CASC MINOR | Anti-Racism Resource Document

Many of you may have questions about the nature of the conversation about anti-racism and the specific call to action. The resource document includes information on educational materials, current news articles, petitions, fundraisers, and more. This list is not exhaustive but we hope it can be a start to engage in current issues and provide information on action items. Feel free to use this document to learn more about how you can engage. If there are materials you would like to request we add to the list, email cascminor@umich.edu

For additional information, check out the SSW Supportive Responses and Call for Action document as well.

COVID - 19 Emergency Response Volunteer Opportunities

During times of uncertainty and crisis, people come together to support one another. COVID-19 is a new test of our collective strength. The Community Engagement team and the Office of Field Education have created a webpage that includes a list of volunteer opportunities to support community members and organizations as well as additional resources. Access the opportunities document here.

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