COMMUNITY-BASED INITIATIVE IN DETROIT

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

» The Community-Based Initiative in Detroit is established to train and support a new generation of social workers dedicated to community and social change in urban cities, neighborhoods and communities.

» The Community-Based Initiative in Detroit provides students with coursework and field placements based in Detroit and surrounding areas including Highland Park, Hamtramck and Dearborn. Upon graduation, scholars work as community organizers, policymakers, program planners, organization managers and administrators, evaluators, and foundation staff within Michigan, the US and internationally.

PROGRAM FUNDING

» Nonresident Student: $10,000/semester ($40,000 total)

» Resident Student: $5,000/semester ($20,000 total)

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Andrea Picones Castro grew up in Daly City, not far from the southeast San Francisco neighborhood known as Bayview-Hunters Point.

“This is a community that was and is predominantly African American and Latino. I am passionate about the environmental justice movement and decided to pursue my master’s in both Social Work and Public Health because the two are intertwined. It’s not possible for me to think of one without the other.”

Selected for the Community-Based Initiative in Detroit (CBI), one of two Community Scholars Programs offered by U-M SSW, Andrea is studying advanced-level urban community action and social change. Andrea values the experience she’s gaining by working and learning in the urban environments that are encompassed in the CBI program.

“I appreciate the opportunity to be engaged in the Detroit community. I want to take a social work framework and apply it to environmental injustices in urban populations. The CBI is really invested in teaching me the skills I need.”

Assistant Professor Desmond Patton, a graduate of the CBI program, challenges me to think more deeply about my values and what I hold to be true.”