PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS
» Coverdell Fellows are part of the School of Social Work’s Community-Based Initiative (CBI) Program. The purpose of the Community-Based Initiative is to train and support a new generation of social workers dedicated to community and social change in urban cities, neighborhoods and communities.

» Returned Peace Corps volunteers will earn an MSW by completing coursework and a field placement 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)
Kimson Bryant is a Returned Peace Corps Volunteer who served on the island of St. Kitts, located in the Eastern Caribbean. During her time with the Peace Corps, Bryant was a youth development volunteer assigned to work as a member of the local high school’s guidance and counseling department.

When she returned to U-M at the conclusion of her assignment, Kimson became the first Coverdell Fellow at SSW. She continues to build upon and utilize the skills she acquired in St. Kitts with a similar immersive experience in Detroit with the Community-Based Initiative.

When she graduates, Kimson plans on putting her CBI and Peace Corps experiences to work at the community level evaluating and impacting policy and treatment of older adults.

“I was selected by the Coverdell Fellows Program to be included in a great community of individuals who seek to be change agents in urban communities throughout the country. The funding I have received through the program assures that the cost of attending isn’t weighing down on me and I don’t have to make a choice between working and learning. This allows me to focus on what I need to do to become an agent for change.”

“The Coverdell Fellows Program and the University of Michigan have chosen to invest in me because they believe that I have the passion and ability to create change.”