



Salisbury University Social Work Spring Newsletter



Faculty Achievement

NASW-MD Presentation

The Salisbury University Social Work Panel presented *Why (Some) Black Lives Don't Matter & What To Do: Interactionist and Intersectional Perspectives* at NASW-MD Chapter's (2018) Social Work Month Spring Awards Conference. Over thirty-two social workers attended as the panelists and offered an integrated theoretical explanation of police profiling and biased violence against Black Community Members. The panelists and participants also identified possible theory-guided, evidence-informed strategies for changing these racist patterns. The two social work student panelists provided case profiles of "Black Lives that Didn't Matter" and reported on their own experiences as targets of prejudice and discrimination.



**(Left to Right) Michael Odeyemi
SU Main Campus Specialist
Candidate, Dr. James Forte, &
Danesha Owens-Harrell SU Main
Campus Specialist Candidate**

"I am thankful to have had the experience of speaking on a topic that is so close to my heart. The conversation on the inequalities the African-American face needs to happen, and I am grateful to be a part of initiating it. I hope that others will begin to join the conversation so that we find solutions to end these injustices to my community." - Danesha Owens-Harrell

"I really enjoyed being a panel member at the NASW-MD workshop. The topics about Black Lives, racism, and the police shootings of black males were very interesting. This was my first time speaking at such an event, and I had a wonderful experience." -

Quality Matters Conference

In March 2018, Becky Anthony (Assistant Professor), Deborah Turner (SU Social Work Instructional Designer), and Safaa Said (Salisbury University Instructional Designer) presented at the Quality Matters conference at Towson University. Their conference presentation highlighted the Certification of Online Learning and Teaching (COLT) course, which was piloted by the social work department this past year and is now adopted for completion by faculty throughout the university. In regards to the presentation, one audience member noted, "This presentation showed a good model. The presenters showed how they established training and the stipends they offered. This is a good model for other institutions to follow."



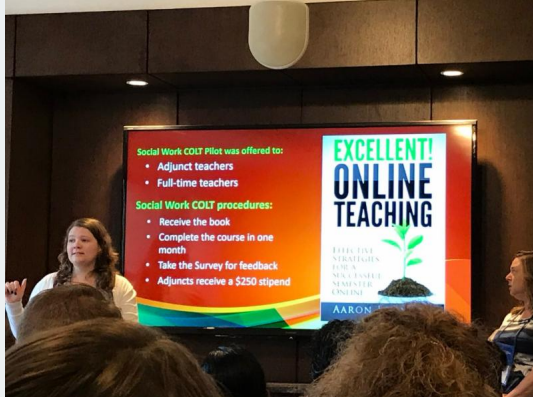
American Educational Research Association



On April 14, 2018, Dr. Mark Shaffer attended the American Educational Research Association's (AERA) Annual Meeting in New York City. The theme of the meeting was the Dreams, Possibilities, and Necessity of Public Education. Dr. Shaffer noted, "I was there to present my research on the experience of African American students who attend predominantly white universities. The topic of my round table presentation was Understanding the City: Location, Localities, and the Relationship to the University. My presentation was titled Black Students at Primarily White Institutions: School Size and Geographic Location as Context. I presented with my dissertation chair, Dr. Kerri Tobin, who is an Education Professor at Louisiana State University."

Social Work Distance Education Conference

Dr. Anthony (online MSW Coordinator) and Ms. Jennifer Marvin (Interim MSW Field Director) presented at the Social Work Distance Education Conference in San Antonio, Texas on April 14th. Their presentation focused on the creation of the



COLT, Certification of Online Learning and Teaching, course which was developed by Dr. Anthony and Deborah Turner (instructional designer), which is a training to help faculty be better equipped to teach online.

**(Left to Right) Dr. Becky Anthony
& Ms. Jennifer Marvin**



Maryland Board of Social Work Examiners Meeting

The Maryland Board of Social Work Examiners (BSWE) held their April Board meeting at Salisbury University on Friday, April 13th. This was only the second time the Board has traveled to hold a Board meeting outside of its Baltimore-based offices, and SU's Social Work Department was excited to collaborate with BSWE to host the meeting on SU's campus.

As the meeting began, the Executive Director, Board Chair, and Chairs of the Statutes and Regulations and Continuing Education Committees presented on various topics to provide education to SU faculty, staff, and students, licensees, and community members. A brief history of the Board was detailed as it relates to legislative efforts and the work BSWE has done to address regulation of social work practice in Maryland. For example, did you know that the Board had to work diligently to advocate for matters related to licensure and confidentiality?! In addition, the Statutes and Regulations Committee Chair discussed changes in licensure titles and licensing requirements, as well as discussed tele therapy and private practice matters, addressed in the recent statutes and (draft) regulations changes. The Continuing Education committee Chair addressed CEU requirements and resources available for licensees on the Board's website. The Board also had a question and answer period during this period, which led to additional information sharing about the draft regulations and related changes.

In addition to the information shared about the Board and its work, BSWE conducted its monthly open session while on campus. During this portion of the meeting, the Board Chair and Executive Director both gave reports and addressed matters such as nominations of Board officers, the status of the soon to be implemented online applications, the number of licensees in the State, and the ASWB licensing exam pass rates just published for 2017.

BSWE brought packets of information to share with SU faculty and students, and the Department has several available to share. If you are interested in receiving a packet, please email Letha Moszer at lfmoszer@salisbury.edu. If you would like to learn more about BSWE, please visit their website at <https://health.maryland.gov/bswe>.

Thank you to BSWE for traveling to SU to hold its April meeting, and thank you to the SU faculty, staff, and students, licensees, and community members who attended!



Student Achievement

Social Work Program Directors Student Conference Presentation



Eleanor Brown, SU Salisbury Campus

Eleanor presented her honors thesis on the employment experiences of returning citizens *Double Jeopardy: Employment Discrimination Experienced by Returning Citizens* and won 2nd place in the student poster competition.



Rachel Gonzalez, SU Cecil

In the photo, Rachel Gonzalez stands with the band Fall Out Boy. The band, on its most recent tour, asked for nominations of people who were working to change the world for the better. Rachel applied on behalf of the Union Hospital Cancer Program and won a \$2,500 award.

"The prize included two tickets to the show, a chance to meet the band as well as a donation to a charity of my choice! When I met them, I told them all about the cancer program and Union Hospital and they were so impressed."

Frederick County Proclamation for National Healthcare Decisions Day



Lorena Muchella, SU USMH &

Graduation Ceremony Speaker



Brittany Lewis, SU USMH

Michelle Ross, Frederick Memorial Hospital

On April 10th USMH Specialization MSW field student Lorena Muchella and her supervisor Michelle Ross, LGSW participated in the Frederick County Proclamation for National Healthcare Decisions Day. Lorena has worked with Michelle, the Advance Care Planning Social Worker, to complete Advance Directives with both acute care patients and individuals in the community. Additionally they have provided education about the importance of advanced care planning at community events.

Brittany Lewis, Social Work Student at USMH will be the speaker at the Graduation Ceremony held at the Hagerstown campus on May 22, 2018.

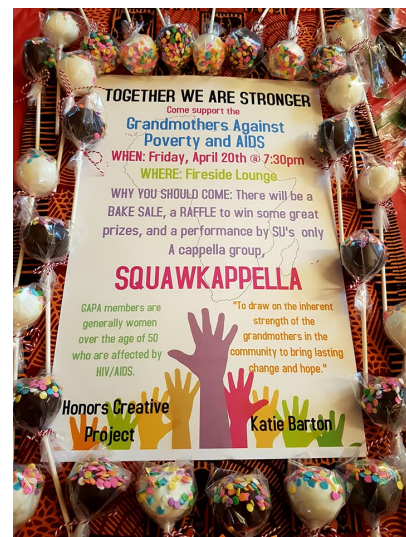
Brittany was chosen from the 7 Universities that make up the student body at the University of MD system in Hagerstown.

Brittany has always had a strong desire to help others and she was recently she was admitted to Phi Alpha. She has won several scholarship awards through USMH. She currently is doing her practicum at the Maryland Coalition Against Sexual Assault and she recently has been accepted in the MSW program at the University of Maryland in the School of Social Work.

Creative Honors Project: Fundraiser for Grandmothers Against Poverty and AIDS

In January, Katie Barton (BASW Salisbury Campus) traveled to Cape Town, South Africa to study global health with Dr. Anthony. For Katie's Creative Honors Project, she organized a fundraising event, with her A Capella group, Squawkappella, to raise money for an NGO located in Cape Town, South Africa. Here is a bit more information in her own words: "We had many opportunities and experiences that were really incredible and experiences of a lifetime, but the most influential and life changing thing that happened on this trip, was meeting so many incredible and amazing people. The people of South Africa stole my heart, especially the Grandmothers against Poverty and AIDS (GAPA). Located in the township of Khayelitsha, GAPA and each grandmother in this organization has been

affected with HIV/AIDS in some way and they each shared their story. I sat down with a 93 year old grandmother, known as Mama Judy. She asked me questions about my life in the states and I asked her about life in Khayelitsha. She told me how her daughter passed away suddenly and it wasn't until later that she found out she passed because she had HIV and Mama Judy did not even know. Her daughter kept it a secret because of the negative stigma this disease carries. Mama Judy told me about how she did not know and couldn't do anything about it until it was too late. She then told me how years later her son committed suicide and she was left childless. Mama Judy told me how GAPA changed her life and allowed her to be happy again and how the children she looks after in the after school program have made her feel not so childless. Before I left, I took her hands in mine and I promised her I would bring her story home with me. I promised her I would tell people about her and the other grandmothers and get as much support as I could. That's why I'm doing this. I wanted to do a project that meant more than just a grade, took more time and effort than an all-nighter at the library, but something that could impact someone else and be life changing, like my experience with Mama Judy and my other South African grandmothers. In total, 735.00 dollars were raised for GAPA."



Salisbury Women's Rugby Division II Semifinals Competition

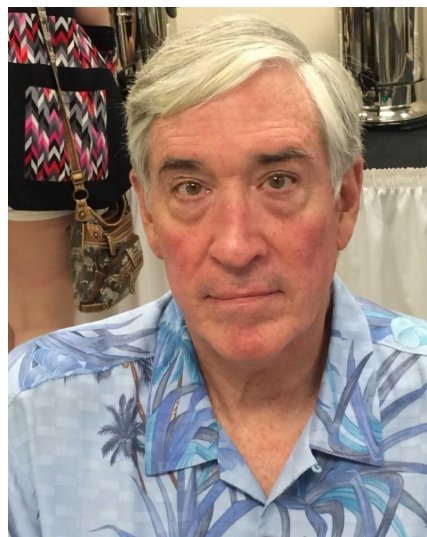


The Salisbury Women's Rugby team traveled to California to compete on Saturday 5/5 & Sunday 5/6 in the Division II National Semifinals. This opportunity was well earned after the team captured a wild card spot in the 32-team tournament this season and then secured a win against the College of Charleston which transferred into a run to the National Semifinals.

Over this past year the team was able to fund raise nearly \$20,000 dollars to support airfare, hotel and equipment transportation expenses to reach the match in California all of which couldn't have been done without the support from the players families and Salisbury University Rugby Alumni.

The team can proudly say that they are now one of the top four teams in the nation. "Having the opportunity to travel across the United States with some of the most inspiring phenomenal women I have ever met was a gift in its self" I will forever remember the women I played on that field with and the blood, sweat, and tears that was put into every game. This team has become my strongest support system and will forever hold a place in my heart" - Danielle McCreary MSW Student

SB 911 Veteran Suicide Prevention **Comprehensive Action Plan Testimony**



Gregory Reuss, SU SMHEC

This bill was presented to the Senate and House Committees and provides the Maryland Department of Veterans Affairs appropriate guidance and targets near-term and long-term milestones for review and implementation. Importantly, it directs action and collaboration – promoting awareness of and providing resources for Veteran suicide prevention.

Critical veteran suicide-related concerns include: access to care, behavioral health, and military

cultural competence. Veterans struggling with conditions, such as depression or post traumatic stress, and those with substance abuse disorders deserve accessible, affordable and effective care. Throughout the process of researching, drafting, collaborating, and then presenting this testimony – my MSW coursework contributed. In Annapolis, both committees were most welcoming and supportive. Following my comments, several Senators and Delegates offered their personal appreciation for my testimony and pledged support for this legislation.

I was grateful for the opportunity to participate in the process and advocate on behalf of my fellow Veterans, and in honor of those we have lost. I am confident working together we can save lives and give hope to many others.

Fiscal & Policy Note

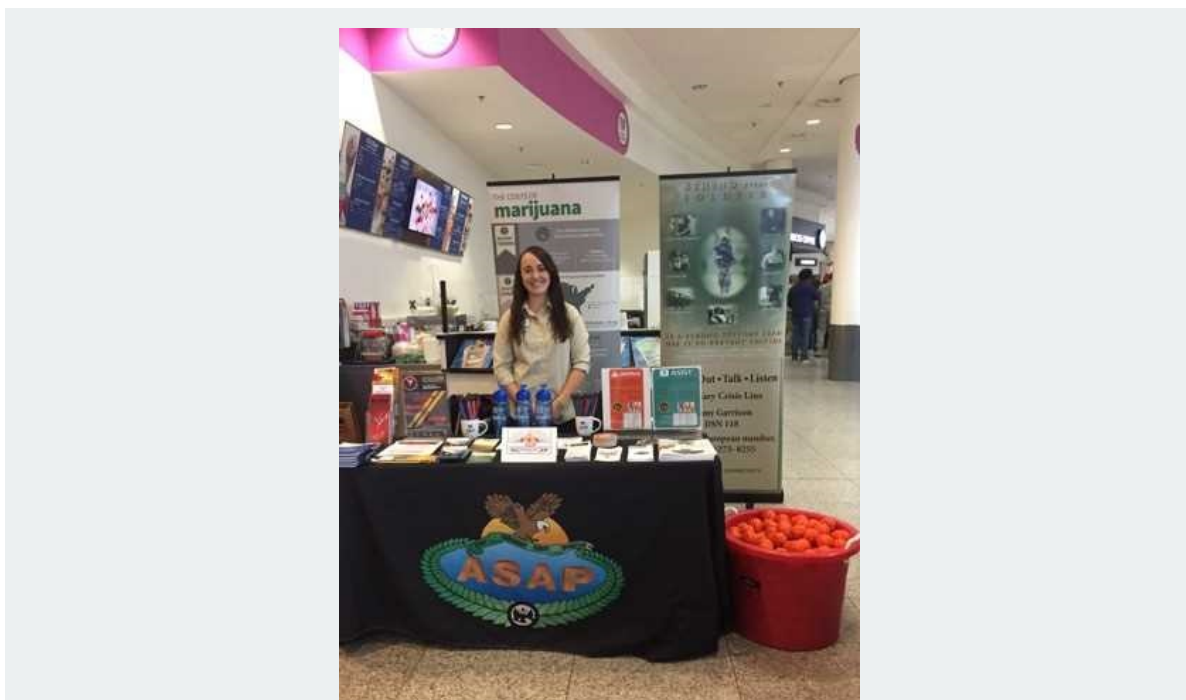


USMH Student Outreach Bathroom Help Sign

"After seeing the "You Are Not Alone" signs in the SU Bathrooms during the orientation for the Human Trafficking Elective course taught by Dr. Anthony, Leanne N. and Ashley H. wanted to have something similar for the campus in Hagerstown. Ms. Sarah Illyn at USMH helped us to create a sign that would be relevant to all of the students at the USMH campus. Ms. Sarah also has the template saved on her computer so should the information ever need to be updated the sign

will not need to be recreated. The Social Work Student Association at USMH is going to help publish the signs in all of the bathrooms at the USMH Campus."

Army Substance Abuse Program (ASAP)



**Jordan Goslin, SU UMUC
Generalist Placement
Prevention Coordinator**

Jordan Goslin is a military veteran of the United States Army, and is currently completing her BASW field hours with the Army Substance Abuse Program (ASAP) as a Prevention Coordinator Intern in Baumholder, Germany. In her position, she assists the program coordinator with serving the military community by providing education and prevention efforts on drugs, alcohol and suicide. She educates soldiers on the dangers of drugs and alcohol and informs them of the laws while stationed overseas. Jordan also assists the drug testing coordinator with efforts involving drug testing and results. She collaborates with the Substance Use Disorder Clinical Care (SUDCC) team and command to ensure soldier's enrollment in Prime for Life which is the drug and alcohol education course. Jordan was instrumental in advocating for soldiers by ensuring they received services in a timely manner. She also created a fact sheet spelling out the distinct program features of ASAP and SUDCC.

Since the beginning of her internship Jordan has participated in several community outreach events with other military agencies where she connected the agency to the community providing drug, alcohol, and suicide prevention resources. Jordan has also worked with the team members to create events and advertisements for future campaigns including December's Drunk and Drugged Driving Prevention (3D) Month, and April's Alcohol Awareness Month. She has also attended training in the area of suicide prevention with classes that included Applied Suicide Intervention Skills Training (ASIST) and SAFETALK to better assist her clients. Additionally, Jordan is the co-leader for her spouse's military unit family readiness group, where she helps organize events and fundraises to provide soldiers and their families with resources and support.



Social Work Month Events, March 2018



Reconnecting to Our Roots Conference

Dr. Jewell was our keynote speaker at this event which helped social workers and students connect micro, mezzo, and macro social work practice.



SU USMH Social Work Superhero Photo Booth #SWMonth

FUN at the USMH campus decorated by the Social Work Student Association for Social Work Month!
... Because we know that all Superhero's don't wear capes!



Salisbury Campus

The Phi Alpha Honor Society coordinated a toiletry supply drive to benefit the Salisbury Urban Ministries.

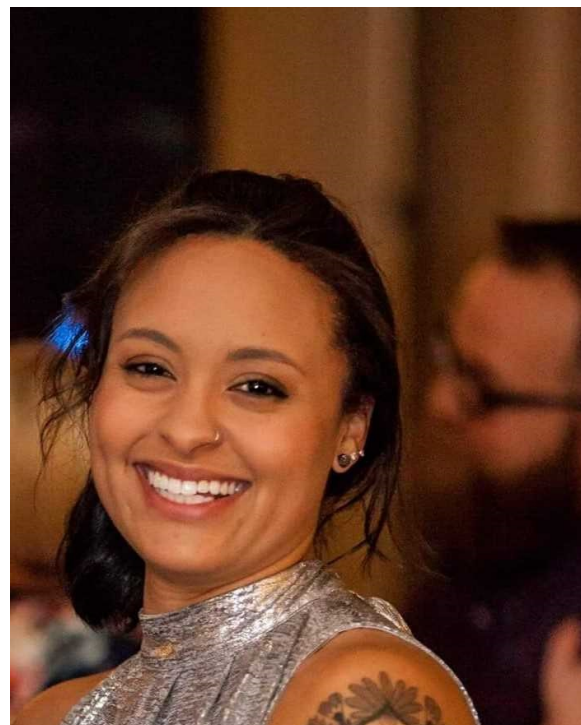


Safe Space Training offered at numerous locations

This Continuing Education Safe Space Workshop aimed to reduce the often unwelcoming and even hostile environments in which LGBTQIA people navigate in their daily lives. Workshop participants will explore their role and responsibility in creating a more welcoming environment at work, school and in our communities.



2018 Student Awards



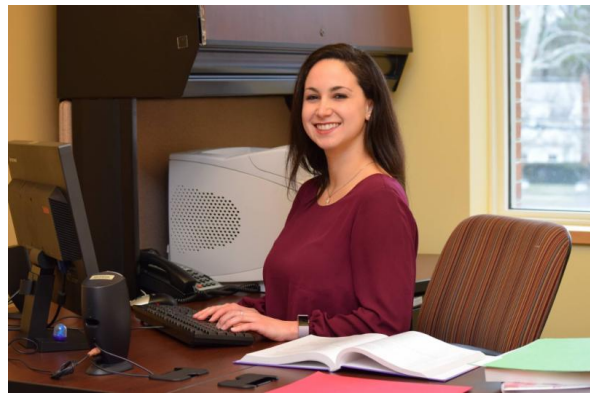


Katherine Barton
BASW Student of the Year



Leanne Nevels
BASW Student of the Year

Alycia Covelly
MSW Student of the Year



Emily Goodchild
MSW Outstanding Service Award



Tinsley Foster
BASW Outstanding Service Award

**Congratulations to all of our 2018
graduating students. We wish you lots
of luck and continued success in your
future social work careers!**



Salisbury Social Work (2017) Licensing Exam Pass Rates

Congratulations to all who took the State Licensing Exams in 2017! Please look below for a review of our licensing exam pass rates and compare them to the National average. Excellent job, Salisbury University Social Work!

Maryland Graduate Licensing Exam (2017)

1st Time: 109 out of 120 (91%) Pass Rate

Repeat: 6 out of 9 (75%) Pass Rate

National Graduate Licensing Exam (2017)

1st Time: (81%) Pass Rate

Repeat: (36%) Pass Rate

Maryland Advanced Generalist Licensing Exam (2017)

1st Time: 2 out of 2 (100%) Pass Rate



Social Work Outreach and Activities

South Africa Study Abroad Trip January 2018



20 students, majoring in social work, nursing and respiratory therapy completed a study abroad global health trip to South Africa. This interdisciplinary study abroad experience is available to MSW and BASW students at any location. The next Global Health Course to South Africa will occur in January 2020.

Social Work Field Trip Washington, D.C. February 2018



A field trip to Washington, D.C. to attend a tour of the Holocaust Museum and the U.S. Capital building.

Advocacy Day Annapolis, MD February 2018

Psychology/Social Work Networking Night April 2018



In February, 2018 social work students attended Advocacy Day and the Mental Health Rally to #KeepTheDoorOpen. See our social media pages for more information and pictures of this event.



The event was for all SU students majoring/minoring in Psychology or Social Work. Thanks to the 22 mentors/alumni who came to this event and shared their knowledge with our current students. Also, a huge thank you to the SU Career Services office for making this event possible.

