



Impact eNews from the UW School of Social Work

**ANTIRACISM WORK UNDERWAY**

The School of Social Work is enhancing its collective education, research and service in support of antiracist actions and strategies. The work includes creating a new faculty fellowship program, rooting out implicit bias in NIH grant awards, and providing leadership for the new "Eliminate Racism" Grand Challenge for Social Work.



**Emeritus Professor Roger Roffman creates antiracism fellowship**

The new Rothman Term Faculty Fellowship for Antiracism, supported by Roger Roffman, professor emeritus, was announced this fall. Fellows will undertake activities related to the study of antiracism to deepen their understanding, experience and potential for sustained change. [MORE](#)



**Detecting racial disparities in peer review scores in NIH research grants**

Two UW researchers won a \$10,000 prize offered by the National Institutes of Health for identifying a way to detect bias in the agency's competitive grant process. The duo found that from 2014 to 2016 the award rate for Black researchers was 55 percent of that for white researchers. [MORE](#)



**Michael Spencer heads up Grand Challenge to eliminate racism**

Presidential Term Professor Michael Spencer is chairing a new Grand Challenge to Eliminate Racism. Spencer and colleagues will look for innovative ways to abolish racism in the profession and society through research, teaching and community collaboration. [MORE](#)



**Dean Uehara writes op-ed on role of social workers in police reform**

The idea of using social workers as part of an intervention team surfaces frequently in discussions about police reform. In an opinion piece written for *The Seattle Times*, Dean Eddie Uehara points out this approach does not address the root causes of injustice. [MORE](#)

**SCHOOL HIGHLIGHTS**

**Social Development Research Group receives \$2.5 million for youth mentoring study.** Researchers from the School's Social Development Research Group were awarded \$2.5 million by NIH's National Institute of Child Health Development to complete a randomized-controlled trial of the nation's longest-running youth mentoring model which pairs full-time salaried professional mentors with youth at risk. [MORE](#)

**David Takeuchi appointed to two distinguished national committees.** David Takeuchi, associate dean for faculty excellence, was appointed to serve on two prestigious national committees: the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine's Committee on Population, based in Washington, D.C., and the William T. Grant Scholars Selection Committee to support career development for promising junior researchers. [MORE](#)

**Megan Moore and UW team receive \$1.02 million to study intimate partner violence among youth.** Adolescence is a particularly vulnerable time, but young victims of intimate partner violence do not always take advantage of the judicial tools available to them. To study the role of civil protection orders among young adults, School Associate Professor Megan Moore and a UW team were awarded \$1.02 million by the National Institute of Justice. This will be the first study of its kind with teen and young adult subjects. [MORE](#)

**UW breaks ground on new Health Sciences Education Building.** In late August, Dean Eddie Uehara helped break ground for the new UW Health Sciences Education Building, a state-of-the-art training facility where students from the five Health Sciences schools will learn integrated patient care. The HSE Building is expected to open in mid-2022. [MORE](#)

**School's 2020 Impact Report highlights social work in a health care setting**

School alum Michael Light (MSW '13) serves on a three-person palliative care team based at Harborview Medical Center, where he delivers end-of-life care to Seattle's homeless population. The team is the first of its kind in the country. The 2020 *Impact Report* spotlights School social workers and researchers who are committed to promoting health equity and ensuring that social work remains central to the health care system. [MORE](#)



**IN THE NEWS**

[Student homelessness prevented on Washington college campuses as new school year commences.](#) *The Imprint*, September 20, 2020 (Associate Professor Angelique Day)

[How will Seattle-area students cope with a return to online schooling when pre-COVID school was such a lifeline.](#) *The Seattle Times*, September 2, 2020 (Associate Professor Jennifer Stuber)

[Don't co-opt social workers on the path to police reform.](#) *The Seattle Times*, August 18, 2020 (Dean Eddie Uehara)

[Teen pot use makes a comeback after legalization.](#) *HealthDay News*, August 18, 2020 (Social Development Research Group)

[COVID-19 disproportionately impacts Whatcom Hispanics. Here's what could help.](#) *Bellingham Herald*, August 4, 2020 (Associate Professor Gino Aisenberg)

[Piden protecciones para frenar la transmisión del virus en los Hispánicos.](#) Univision TV, July 28, 2020 (Associate Professor Gino Aisenberg)

[Amid pandemic, UW School of Social Work's Project Connect provides opportunities for students to learn, serve community.](#) *UW News*, June 22, 2020

[How to stay safe and help prevent domestic violence during COVID-19 and beyond.](#) *Right as Rain*, UW Medicine, June 17, 2020 (Assistant Dean for Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Val Kalei Kanuha)

**ALUMNI UPDATES**

**New networking tool for alums and students**

Welcome to UW Husky Landing, a new professional online networking tool available for alumni and students. Husky Landing offers a robust network perfect for alumni looking to build community or for recent graduates who are job-hunting. With this tool, you can seek professional advice from industry insiders, find a mentor (or become one!) or explore professional development resources. Sign up [here](#).



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