



SAN FRANCISCO  
STATE UNIVERSITY

# School of Social Work

HISTORY, CONTEXTS, MISSIONS, AND CURRICULUM



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MSW INFORMATION SESSION

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# SCHOOL OF SOCIAL WORK HISTORY

- ❖ Social Work courses were offered at SFSU since 1930s.
- ❖ In 1948, SFSU hired a professor with an academic degree in social work.
- ❖ In 1955, social work became an independent SFSU department in its own right. Prior to this, social work was under the Sociology Department.
- ❖ In 1966, SFSU began its Master of Social Work Degree Program.

# SCHOOL OF SOCIAL WORK CONTEXTS

- ❖ CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY (23 UNIVERSITIES AND 8 OFF-CAMPUS CENTERS; 474,000 STUDENTS; LARGEST FOUR-YEAR PUBLIC UNIVERSITY)
- ❖ SAN FRANCISCO STATE UNIVERSITY (SPRING SEMESTER 2016: 25,938 BACCALAUREATE AND 3,527 GRADUATE STUDENTS)
- ❖ COLLEGE OF HEALTH AND SOCIAL SCIENCES
- ❖ SCHOOL OF SOCIAL WORK

# MISSIONS: CSU, SFSU, AND COLLEGE OF HSS

**Scope and Mission of CSU:** The California State University promotes student success through opportunity and a high-quality education that prepares students to become leaders in the changing workforce, making the CSU a vital economic engine for California.

**The mission of San Francisco State University** is to create and maintain an environment for learning that promotes respect for and appreciation of scholarship, freedom, human diversity, and the cultural mosaic of the City of San Francisco and the Bay Area; to promote excellence in instruction and intellectual accomplishment; and to provide broadly accessible higher education for residents of the region and state, as well as the nation and world.

**The College of Health and Social Sciences** prepares students to help solve the most pressing and enduring issues confronting the well-being of individuals, families, communities and society.

Students, faculty and staff participate in a learning process that fosters excellence in their professions and supports them in the pursuit of equity and social justice.

To advance this mission, the College is committed to innovative teaching, scholarship and service that inspire leadership for positive social change.

# MISSION: SCHOOL OF SOCIAL WORK

**The mission of the School of Social Work** is to educate students to become competent human service providers for versatile, creative, and sensitive practice in multiple settings and involving diverse populations. The School provides educational foundations that promote just and secure communities, societies, and global networks, as well as fosters leadership, scholarship, and activism, to achieve equity and social justice.

# SCHOOL OF SOCIAL WORK MSW ACCREDITATION

THE SCHOOL'S CURRICULUM IS IN LINE WITH THE ACCREDITING STANDARDS SET BY THE COUNCIL ON SOCIAL WORK EDUCATION. FOCUS IS ON EDUCATIONAL "OUTCOMES" AND "COMPETENCIES."

"[Educational Policy and Accreditation Standards]EPAS recognizes a holistic view of competence; that is, the demonstration of competence is informed by knowledge, values, skills, and cognitive and affective processes that include the social worker's critical thinking, affective reactions, and exercise of judgment in regard to unique practice situations. Overall professional competence is multi-dimensional and composed of interrelated competencies. An individual social worker's competence is seen as developmental and dynamic, changing over time in relation to continuous learning."

"Competency-based education is an outcomes-oriented approach to curriculum design. The goal of the outcomes approach is to ensure that students are able to demonstrate the integration and application of the competencies in practice. In EPAS, social work practice competence consists of nine interrelated competencies and component behaviors that are comprised of knowledge, values, skills, and cognitive and affective processes." Council on Social Work Education, <http://cswe.org/File.aspx?id=41861>.

# 9 SOCIAL WORK EDUCATION COMPETENCIES

**Competency 1: Demonstrate Ethical and Professional Behavior**

**Competency 2: Engage Diversity and Difference in Practice**

**Competency 3: Advance Human Rights and Social, Economic, and Environmental Justice**

**Competency 4: Engage In Practice-informed Research and Research-informed Practice**

**Competency 5: Engage in Policy Practice**

**Competency 6: Engage with Individuals, Families, Groups, Organizations, and Communities**

**Competency 7: Assess Individuals, Families, Groups, Organizations, and Communities**

**Competency 8: Intervene with Individuals, Families, Groups, Organizations, and Communities**

**Competency 9: Evaluate Practice with Individuals, Families, Groups, Organizations, and**

**Communities. Council on Social Work Education, <http://cswe.org/File.aspx?id=41861>.**

# SCHOOL OF SOCIAL WORK CURRICULUM

**Emphasis: Individual, Families and Groups (IFG): First Year**

**SW 700: History and Philosophy of Social Welfare**

**SW 710: Human Behavior and the Social Environment**

**SW 730: Social Work Practice Methods**

**SW 770: Ethnic and Cultural Concepts and Principles I**

**SW 740 and 741: Fieldwork Instruction and Graduate Fieldwork Seminar**

**SW 720: Research Methods in Social Work**

**SW 780: Global Poverty**

**SW 810: Health, Illness, and Disordered Behavior**

**SW 830: Social Casework**

**SW 843: Child Welfare Practice with Children and Families (Title IV-E)**

**SW 740 and 741: Fieldwork Instruction and Graduate Fieldwork Seminar**



# SCHOOL OF SOCIAL WORK CURRICULUM

**Emphasis: Individual, Families and Groups (IFG): Second Year**

**SW 701: Social Policy Analysis**

**SW 721 or SW 820: Evaluative Research in Social Work or Advanced Research Methodology in Social Work**

**SW 832: Social Work Group Work**

**SW 862: Child Welfare Policy (Title IV-E)**

**SW 740 and 741: Fieldwork Instruction and Graduate Fieldwork Seminar**

**SW 831: Advanced Social Casework**

**SW 865: Social Work Practice in School Settings (elective and PPSC)  
Elective(s)**

**SW 895 or 898: Research Projects in Social Work or Master's Thesis**

**SW 740 and 741: Fieldwork Instruction and Graduate Fieldwork Seminar**

# BENEFITS OF SFSU AFFILIATION

- **BECOME AN SFSU GATOR.**
- **WEAR AND USE THE GATOR COLORS (AS IN THIS PRESENTATION).**
- **BE IN SAN FRANCISCO; ENJOY HISTORIC AND FAMOUS BAY AREA BRIDGES; SUPPORT GATOR ATHLETICS.**
- **BECOME A MEMBER OF A COHORT GROUP; ENGAGE AS A PART OF THE SCHOOL OF SOCIAL WORK FAMILY.**



# SCHOOL OF SOCIAL WORK, MSW PROGRAM

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San Francisco State University  
Master of Social Work  
Information Session for 2017 Admissions

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*October 4, 2016*

**Yeon-Shim Lee, PhD, ACSW**

MSW Admissions Chair

School of Social Work

San Francisco State University



# Agenda

- Welcome Address: Dr. Yeon-Shim Lee, MSW Admissions Chair
  - Introductions – Dr. Susanna Jones, Director of SSW
  - Faculty and Staff
- Graduate Admissions & Studies: Noah Price, Grad. Division
- Overview of MSW Program
  - History, Contexts, Missions, & Curriculum: Dr. Rita Takahashi
  - Field Internship: Dr. Dina Redman, Field Director
- The Student Perspective: Hearing from Current MSW Students
- Admissions Criteria
  - MSW Program: Dr. Yeon-Shim Lee
  - Title IV-E Program: Gabriela Fischer, IV-E Coordinator
- Questions & Answers (please use microphone)

# MSW Admissions Criteria

- Academic Record (minimum of 3.0 GPA)
- Writing Proficiency Component
- Employment and Volunteer Experience  
(paid/unpaid work experience)
  - In Social Work, Human Services, Social Services
  - With disenfranchised populations
- References – Form, not general letter of rec (3)
- Motivation, Commitment, & Parallel Values to Social Work



# MSW Application Procedures

## **FIRST: Graduate Division Application Process**

- <http://www.csumentor.edu/>

*Note:* You do not need to include your statement of purpose

- One sets of official transcripts
- Application Fee (currently \$55)

## **SECOND: School of Social Work Application Process**

- MSW Application and Essays
- Three Reference Forms
- Verification of Employment or Volunteer Experience
- Submit all forms and attachments to: SSW Admissions, 1600 Holloway Avenue, HSS 227, San Francisco, 94132
- Postmarked by Thursday, 12/15/16 by 11:59pm, or dropped off in person to the SSW Office by 4 pm on 12/15/16.



# MSW Application Procedures

## For Interested Students Only:

### Title IV-E program (apply here THIRD\*)

- \*Only apply to this program if interested in the child welfare stipend and 2-year commitment to be a child welfare worker after MSW graduation
- Title IV-E application is available on MSW application website
- Submit all forms and attachments to Gabriela Fischer (by mail or dropped off)
- Title IV-E application is due no later than 12/15/16
- In-person interviews are required for the stipend
- Only applicants in finalist positions will be interviewed





# Admissions Deadlines

- October 1, 2016 – December 15, 2016
- Submit CSU Mentor Application online (by 12/01/16)
- Mail MSW application postmarked by 12/15/16
- Submit Title IV-E application (if applying to this focus) postmarked by 12/15/16
- Admissions Decisions mailed to applicants  
March-April 2017
- Orientation for admitted students May 2017

# GOOD LUCK!!

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Question and Answer

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