

Current Doctoral Students' Interests and Photographs

Angela Kaiser Angela Kaiser's research interests include social capital formation, social justice and social movements, community and faith-based grassroots organizing, and capacity building in community and faith-based organizations.



April Idalski Carcone April Idalski Carcone is interested in understanding issues affecting adolescents and their families and the transition from adolescence to adulthood, including working with and for adolescents and their families to improve social welfare systems. She has a particular interest in understanding and enhancing families' innate assets, such as social support. Her dissertation research on adolescents with chronic illnesses identifies several gaps in the social support research.



Nancy Thornton Nancy Thornton is interested in vulnerable individuals and families through the life course, the psychosocial determinants of health, and resilience in family caregiving.



Cristina Tucker

Cristina Tucker's research focuses on civic engagement, community organizing, minority activism, labor rights, human rights, acculturation and immigration, social welfare policy, foreign policy and globalization, international social work, and cross national perspectives on social justice.



Rebecca Wiersma

Rebecca Wiersma's primary research interests are in the area of infant mental health, foster care, and resilience.



Jessica Lucero

Jessica Lucero is interested in the area of intimate partner violence with an emphasis on concentrated economic disadvantage and neighborhood effects.



Patricia Meyer

Patricia Meyer's research interests include evaluating program effectiveness in both school-based prevention programs and community mental health programs.



Kim Brisebois

Kim Brisebois is interested in kin care compared to non-relative foster parents, which is better for our children?



Jessica Camp

Jessica Camp is primarily interested in researching the use of education and educational systems to promote poverty reduction and mental health/substance abuse recovery for adults. She is also interested in current treatment programs for adults in the Community Mental Health setting and outcome measures.



Erin Comartin

Erin Comartin's research interests are in the areas of sexuality and gender, specifically related to: treatment and policy issues related to juvenile sex offenders and sex offender registration; the social construction of sexuality and resulting sexual behaviors; and self-view measures of sexuality of at-risk youth.



Sarah
VanZoeren

Sarah VanZoeren's research interests are centered on issues related to education including school social work practice and factors impacting accessibility to higher education.

