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DOCTORAL HOODING CEREMONY
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ORDER OF EXERCISES

WELCOME

Russell Pinizzotto, Provost

STUDENT SPEAKER

Annmary Irene Connor, Doctorate of Social Work Candidate

INTRODUCTION OF FACULTY SPEAKER

Michelle Putnam, Interim Director of the School of Social Work, School of Social Work

FACULTY SPEAKER

Jacqueline Dyer, Associate Professor of Practice and Director of the Doctorate of Social Work Program,
School of Social Work

PRESENTATION OF DOCTORAL HOODS AND DEGREE READER

Valerie Leiter, Interim Dean of the College of Social Sciences, Policy, and Practice

CANDIDATES FOR THE DOCTORAL DEGREES

THE COLLEGE OF SOCIAL SCIENCES, POLICY, AND PRACTICE

Doctor of Social Work

Annamary Irene Connor, B.S., *Fitchburg State College*,
M.S.W., *New Mexico State University*

Capstone Project: *Parents with Intellectual Disabilities, a Training for Social Workers and Allied Professionals*
Advisor: Raquel Ellis, Ph.D., M.S.W., B.A.

Katie Justine Hill, B.A., *The Pennsylvania State University*, M.S.W., *Rutgers University*

Capstone Project: *AdvanceSocialJustice.net: A Social Justice Resource Website*
Advisor: Raquel Ellis, Ph.D., M.S.W., B.A.

Katherine Flynn Hurley, B.A., *Boston College*, M.S.W.,
University of Pennsylvania

Capstone Project: *GIRLS, emPOWERED: Ten Essential Steps to Help Girls Shift from ME to WE and Thrive Together*
Advisor: Raquel Ellis, Ph.D., M.S.W., B.A.

Kayla Lindsay Jose, B.A., *University of Connecticut*,
M.S.W., *Springfield College*

Capstone Project: *Inclusion not Exclusion: Implicit Bias Training for Public School Staff to Create Equitable Learning Environments*
Advisor: Darrin Wright, Ph.D, M.S.W., B.S.

Allison Anne Bleakney Kitson, B.A., *Stonehill College*,
M.S.W., *Boston College*

Capstone Project: *Trauma Informed Care Training for Medical Providers and Staff Interfacing with Birthing Individuals Who are Pregnant After Experiencing a Perinatal Loss*
Advisor: Darrin Wright, Ph.D, M.S.W., B.S.

Leah Kirstin Maihos, B.S., *Mount Washington College*,
M.S.W., *Boston University*

Capstone Project: *"Your Workplace, My Home": The Need for Staff Training on Geriatrics in Nursing Homes*
Advisor: Raquel Ellis, Ph.D., M.S.W., B.A.

Emily Fae Malecky, B.A., *Western Washington University*,
M.S.W., *Simmons College*

Capstone Project: *Function-Based Treatment Program for Sex Offenders with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities (IDD) and/or Severe Mental Illness (SMI)*
Advisor: Darrin Wright, Ph.D, M.S.W., B.S.

Keisha K. Mallebranche, B.A., *St. Francis College*, M.S.W.,
Adelphi University

Capstone Project: *Social Work Case Management Practice as an Effective Intervention as Part of an Interdisciplinary Team for Rheumatoid Arthritis Care*
Advisor: Darrin Wright, Ph.D, M.S.W., B.S.

Sharon Coleman Martin, B.A., *Clark University*, M.S.W.,
Boston College

Capstone Project: *Loss and Liberation: A Psychoeducational Group Program for LGBTQ+ Adults Who are Estranged from a Parent*
Advisor: Darrin Wright, Ph.D, M.S.W., B.S.

Michele Marie Mixon, B.A., *The University of Southern Mississippi*, M.S.W., *Louisiana State University*

Capstone Project: *A Training for Clinical Social Work Supervisors: Emboldening Moral Courage through Use of Self*
Advisor: Darrin Wright, Ph.D, M.S.W., B.S.

Alyson Morgan, B.A., M.S., *West Texas A&M University*

Capstone Project: *Interprofessional Education & Professionalism in a Social Work and Nursing Simulation*
Advisor: Darrin Wright, Ph.D, M.S.W., B.S.

Matylda Polkowski, B.A., *The City University of New York*, M.S.W., *Boston College*

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Flor Esmeralda Ramos-Montelongo, B.S., *Mount Saint Mary's University*, M.S.W., *California State University*

Yashauna Wallace, B.A., *Queens University*, M.S.W., *University of Cincinnati*

Capstone Project: *Transgender Needs Educational/ Supportive Modules for Transgender Soldiers, Cisgender Soldiers and Military Leadership*

Advisor: Raquel Ellis, Ph.D., M.S.W., B.A.

Capstone Project: *Person-Centered Smart Decarceration: An MSW Course Centered on Community Members with a Lived Experience of Incarceration*

Advisor: Darrin Wright, Ph.D, M.S.W., B.S.

Capstone Project: *A Conversation: Latino/a/e/x Daughters Navigating Traditional Latino/a/e/x Cultural Scripts, Generational Trauma, and Their Relationships with Their Mothers*

Advisor: Darrin Wright, Ph.D, M.S.W., B.S.

Capstone Project: *Pictures Change Everything*

Advisor: Raquel Ellis, Ph.D., M.S.W., B.A.

