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DOCTORAL HOODING CEREMONY  
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## Order of Exercises

The College of Organizational, Computational, and Information Sciences

The College of Social Sciences, Policy, and Practice

### **Academic Procession**

The audience is requested to remain seated during the procession.

### **Degree Candidates**

Library and Information Science, Social Work

### **Welcome**

Russell Pinizzotto, Ph.D., Provost

### **Student Speaker**

Annamary Connor, Doctor of Social Work

### **Faculty Speaker**

Jacqueline Dyer, Ph.D., M.S.W., LICSW, Social Work

### **Degree Candidate Name Reader**

Russell Pinizzotto, Ph.D., Provost

### **Presentation of Hoods**

Raquel Ellis, Ph.D., M.S.W, Associate Professor of Practice, Social Work

Vanessa Robinson-Dooley, Ph.D., Professor, Social Work

Kyong Eun Oh, Ph.D., Associate Professor and Co-Director Ph.D. Program, Library and Information Science

# CANDIDATES FOR THE DOCTORAL DEGREES

## The College of Organizational, Computational, and Information Sciences

### DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY

#### *Library and Information Science*

Sujei Lugo Vázquez, B.S., M.I.S., *University of Puerto Rico*

**Dissertation Title:** *Identities and Ideologies in Collection Development Practices within the U.S. Children's Librarianship*

**Advisor:** Lisa Hussey, Ph.D., M.A.

Jae Jennifer Rossman, B.A., *St. Mary's College of Maryland*

**Dissertation Title:** *Understanding Access in Academic Library Special Collections, 1936 - 2019*

**Advisor:** Michele Cloonan, Ph.D., M.S.

## The College of Social Sciences, Policy, and Practice

### DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY

#### *Social Work*

Julie Marie Bolduc DeFilippo, B.A., *Simmons University*,  
M.S.W., *Boston College*

**Dissertation Title:** *Lives of PKU Caregivers*

**Advisor:** Peter Maramaldi, Ph.D., M.Phil., L.C.S.W.,  
M.P.H.

### DOCTOR OF SOCIAL WORK

Jodi L. Aman, B.A., *Villanova University*, M.S.W.,  
*Columbia University*

**Dissertation Title:** *The COMPASS Curriculum: An Emotional and Mental Wellness Unit for High School Health Teachers*

**Advisor:** Raquel Ellis, Ph.D., M.S.W.

Tyler M. Betz, B.A., M.S.W., *Salisbury University*

**Dissertation Title:** *An Application of Critical Race Theory to the Overrepresentation of Black Individuals Experiencing Homelessness*

**Advisor:** Darrin Wright, Ph.D., L.M.S.W., M.A.C.

Trinese Clark, B.A., *California State University*, M.S.W.,  
*The University of Washington*

**Dissertation Title:** *The Health Liberation Circle*

**Advisor:** Raquel Ellis, Ph.D., M.S.W.

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

**Dissertation Title:** *Parents with Intellectual Disabilities: A training for social workers and allied professionals*

**Advisor:** Raquel Ellis, Ph.D., M.S.W.

La'Toya Nicole Edwards, B.S., *Old Dominion University*,  
M.S.W., *Norfolk University*

**Dissertation Title:** *leadH.E.R. (Helping Eliminate Racism): An Inclusion Leadership Program for African American Women*

**Advisor:** Darrin Wright, Ph.D., L.M.S.W., M.A.C.

- Amy M. Faben-Wade, B.S.W., *Mansfield University*,  
M.S.W., *Syracuse University*
- Dissertation Title:** *Leadership for the Helping Professions*  
**Advisor:** Darrin Wright, Ph.D., L.M.S.W., M.A.C.
- Eileen Michelle Flores, B.S.W., *Cedarville University*,  
M.S.W., *The University of Oklahoma*
- Dissertation Title:** *Implementation of Trauma Survivors Network Virtual Support Groups Training for Interdisciplinary Trauma Professionals*  
**Advisor:** Raquel Ellis, Ph.D., M.S.W.
- Patricia Ford, B.A., *St. Martin's College*, M.S.W., *The University of Alabama*
- Dissertation Title:** *Let's Talk Healing: A Practitioner's Guide to Helping Black Women Heal*  
**Advisor:** Darrin Wright, Ph.D., L.M.S.W., M.A.C.
- Erica Lynn Givner, B.A.S.W., M.S.W., *University of Pittsburgh*
- Dissertation Title:** *Niche-Specific Intensive Outpatient (IOP) Groups for Vulnerable and Complex Population Rendered by Same Race Clinicians*  
**Advisor:** Laura Stein, L.C.S.W.
- Jillian Brown Haines, B.A., *Wilkes University*, M.S.W.,  
*Marywood University*
- Dissertation Title:** *Implicit Bias in the Medical Profession*  
**Advisor:** Raquel Ellis, Ph.D., M.S.W.
- Andrea Manuela Halbig, B.A., *Univesity of Colorado*,  
M.S.W., *University of Georgia*
- Dissertation Title:** *Equity in Education: Addressing the Disparity in School Discipline Rates*  
**Advisor:** Laura Stein, L.C.S.W.
- Sonia Haynes, B.A., *College of Mount Saint Vincent*, M.S.,  
*Mercy College*, M.S.W., *Rutgers University*
- Dissertation Title:** *Mandating Trauma Informed Training for Child Welfare Staff & Foster Parents*  
**Advisor:** Raquel Ellis, Ph.D., M.S.W.
- Katie Justine Hill, B.A., *The Pennsylvania State University*, M.S.W., *Rutgers University*
- Dissertation Title:** *AdvanceSocialJustice.net: A Social Justice Resource Website*  
**Advisor:** Raquel Ellis, Ph.D., M.S.W.
- Linda Darlene Hinkle, B.A., *Maryville College*, M.A., *The University of Tennessee*
- Dissertation Title:** *Women are Veterans in the Educational System (WAVES) Grant: A Focus on Women Veterans in Higher Education*  
**Advisor:** Raquel Ellis, Ph.D., M.S.W.
- Katherine Flynn Hurley, B.A., *Boston College*, M.S.W.,  
*University of Pennsylvania*
- Dissertation Title:** *GIRLS, emPOWERED: Ten Essential Steps to Help Girls Shift from ME to WE and Thrive Together*  
**Advisor:** Raquel Ellis, Ph.D., M.S.W.
- Kristin Ann Huseman, B.A., *Purdue University*, M.S.W.,  
*University of New England*
- Dissertation Title:** *The Positive Return*  
**Advisor:** Raquel Ellis, Ph.D., M.S.W.
- Kayla Lindsay Jose, B.A., *University of Connecticut*,  
M.S.W., *Springfield College*
- Dissertation Title:** *Inclusion not Exclusion: Implicit Bias Training for Public School Staff to Create Equitable Learning Environments*  
**DPT Project Advisor(s):** Darrin Wright, Ph.D., L.M.S.W., M.A.C.

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

**Dissertation Title:** *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., L.M.S.W., M.A.C.

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

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

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

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

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

**Dissertation Title:** *Social Work Case Management Practice as an Effective Intervention as part of an Interdisciplinary Team for Rheumatoid Arthritis Care*  
**Advisor:** Darrin Wright, Ph.D., L.M.S.W., M.A.C.

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

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

Naffee- Naffeesatu L. Massaquoi, B.S.W., M.S.W., The  
City University of New York, M.S., Fordham University

**Dissertation Title:** *Shifting the Child Welfare Paradigm: Trauma-Informed Practice with Immigrant Families*  
**Advisor:** Laura Stein, L.C.S.W.

Natalie Irene McCabe, B.S., Bowie State University  
M.S.W., University of Maryland

**Dissertation Title:** *Black Emerging Leaders Academy: A Leadership Development and Training Manual to Address the Underrepresentation of Black Women in Senior and Executive Leadership*  
**Advisor:** Darrin Wright, Ph.D., L.M.S.W., M.A.C.

Jeannine Meza, B.A., University of California, M.S.W.,  
University of Southern California

**Dissertation Title:** *Implicit Curriculum Matters: Training Faculty and Staff to Support and Mentor First Generation Students of Color*  
**Advisor:** Raquel Ellis, Ph.D., M.S.W.

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

**Dissertation Title:** *A Training for Clinical Social Work Supervisors: Emboldening Moral Courage through Use of Self*  
**Advisor:** Darrin Wright, Ph.D., L.M.S.W., M.A.C.

Eileen Moran, B.S.W., State University of New York,  
M.S.W., Adelphi University

**Dissertation Title:** *How to Introduce Feminist and Intersectionality Theories to Kindergarten Through Twelfth Grade Curriculum to Combat Identity-Based Bullying: A Training Manual*  
**Advisor:** Raquel Ellis, Ph.D., M.S.W.

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

**Dissertation Title:** *Interprofessional Education & Professionalism in a Social Work and Nursing Simulation*  
**Advisor:** Darrin Wright, Ph.D., L.M.S.W., M.A.C.

- Jacqueline Thi Parker-Smeltzer, B.S., *Howard University*, M.S.W., *University of Maryland*
- Dissertation Title:** *Using Unconscious Bias Training to Inform Sponsorship Pairing for C-Suite Career Advancement in Healthcare for Black Women*  
**Advisor:** Raquel Ellis, Ph.D., M.S.W.
- Matylda Polkowski, B.A., *The City University of New York*, M.S.W., *Boston College*
- Dissertation Title:** *Transgender Needs Educational/ Supportive Modules for Transgender Soldiers, Cisgender Soldiers and Military Leadership*  
**Advisor:** Raquel Ellis, Ph.D., M.S.W.
- Dominique R. Price-Conley, B.A., *Hampton University*, M.S.W., *Howard University*
- Dissertation Title:** *The Fabrication of Black Lines in White Threads*  
**Advisor:** Darrin Wright, Ph.D., L.M.S.W., M.A.C.
- Yehudah Pryce, B.A., *Adams State University*, M.S.W., *University of Southern California*
- Dissertation Title:** *Person-centered Smart Decarceration: an M.S.W. course centered on community members with a lived experience of incarceration*  
**Advisor:** Darrin Wright, Ph.D., L.M.S.W., M.A.C.
- Flor Esmeralda Ramos-Montelongo, B.S., *Mount Saint Mary's University*, M.S.W., *California State University*
- Dissertation Title:** *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., L.M.S.W., M.A.C.
- Lorena C. Salas, B.S.W., *Southern Connecticut State University*, M.S.W., *University of Connecticut*
- Dissertation Title:** *An Educational Podcast for Mental Health Professionals Working with the Latinx Immigrant Community*  
**Advisor:** Darrin Wright, Ph.D., L.M.S.W., M.A.C.
- Dominique L. Shabazz, B.A., *St. Joseph's College*, M.S.W., *University of Connecticut*
- Dissertation Title:** *Administrative Leadership as Social Work Practice: A graduate level course syllabus*  
**Advisor:** Laura Stein, L.C.S.W.
- Kalisha Jo-An Smith, B.A., *The City University of New York*, M.S.W., *New York University*
- Dissertation Title:** *R.E.C.L.A.I.M. Self-Care Black Women in Leadership Roles: Preventing Burnout with Culturally Relevant Self-Care Techniques*  
**Advisor:** Darrin Wright, Ph.D., L.M.S.W., M.A.C.
- Alicia Octavia Tetteh, B.S.W., *Virginia Commonwealth University*, M.S.W., *Howard University*
- Dissertation Title:** *Crucial Conversations: An Anti-racist Clinical Supervision Model*  
**Advisor:** Darrin Wright, Ph.D., L.M.S.W., M.A.C.
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- Dissertation Title:** *Lift My Mood: Exercise for Mental Health Mobile Application*  
**Advisor:** Raquel Ellis, Ph.D., M.S.W.
- Yashauna Wallace, B.A., *Queens University*, M.S.W., *University of Cincinnati*
- Dissertation Title:** *Pictures Change Everything*  
**Advisor:** Raquel Ellis, Ph.D., M.S.W.
- Valerie H. Wood, B.A., *Manhattanville College*, M.S.W., *Fordham University*
- Dissertation Title:** *Social Work Education's Urgent Call: Foundations of Inclusion*  
**Advisor:** Laura Stein, L.C.S.W.

