



2024

UB University at Buffalo
The State University of New York



SCHOOL OF SOCIAL WORK
COMMENCEMENT

Saturday

May 18, 2024

9:00 AM

Center for the Arts

North Campus

Keith A. Alford

Dean and Professor

*We would like to acknowledge that the University at Buffalo operates on the traditional territory of the Seneca Nation,
a Haudenosaunee/Six Nations Confederacy.*



Baird Point is an outdoor, Greek-style amphitheater located on the southern shore of Lake LaSalle. It was a gift to the University from the Baird Foundation and the Cameron Baird Foundation. The marble columns on the concrete platforms were once part of the old Federal Reserve Bank in downtown Buffalo. Following their relocation to the lake, the columns were dedicated as a memorial to servicemen and servicewomen.

Program

Prelude

Music performed by the Niagara Brass Quintet

Processional*

Selections from Pomp and Circumstance
By Edward Elgar

Opening Declaration

Denise Krause
*Clinical Professor
Associate Dean for Community Engagement
and Alumni Relations*

National Anthem

Zachary Carr
*Clinical Assistant Professor
Department of Communication*

Welcome

Keith A. Alford
Dean and Professor

Greetings

A. Scott Weber
*Provost and Executive Vice President for
Academic Affairs*

Dean's Remarks

Dean Alford

Commencement Address

Jerome R. Wright
*Co-Executive Director
HALT Solitary Campaign*

SSW GSA Student Address

Megan Battista
*President
SSW Graduate Student Association*

Announcement of 2024 Student Awards

Associate Dean Krause

SSW GSA Announcement of the GSA Faculty, Staff, and Adjunct Faculty Awards

Megan Battista – *President*
Peyton McConville – *Vice President*

Tiffany Liew – *Treasurer*
Andrew Levine – *Secretary*
Richard Manuel – *Board Member*

Recommending Candidates for Degrees

Dean Alford

Conferring of Degrees

Provost Weber

MSW Hooding Ceremony Announcing MSW Candidates for Hooding

Kathryn McClain-Meeder
*Clinical Associate Professor
MSW Program Director*

Patricia Logan-Greene
*Associate Professor
Associate Dean for Academic Affairs*

Hooders – MSW Program

Susan Green
Clinical Professor

Peter Sobota
Clinical Assistant Professor

Kim VanDerLinden
*Director of Interdisciplinary Degree Programs in the Social Sciences
College of Arts and Sciences*

Kim Krytus
*Assistant Dean/Director of Graduate Public Health Programs
School of Public Health and Health Professions*

Melinda Saran
*Vice Dean for Undergraduate Student Affairs and Teaching Faculty
School of Law*

DSW Hooding Ceremony Announcing DSW Candidates for Hooding

Louanne Bakk
*Clinical Associate Professor
DSW Program Director*

DSW Hooders

Elizabeth Bowen
Associate Professor

Annette Semanchin Jones
Associate Professor

PhD Hooding Ceremony Announcing PhD Candidates for Hooding

Annette Semanchin Jones
*Associate Professor
PhD Program Director*

PhD Hooders

Laina Bay-Cheng
*Professor and Associate Vice President for
Faculty Affairs
York University*

Annahita Ball
Associate Professor

Yunju Nam
Associate Professor

Musical Interlude

Music performed by the Niagara Brass Quintet

Alumni Welcome

Rita M. Andolina
Chair of the SSW Alumni Association

UB Alma Mater

Closing Declaration

Associate Dean Krause

Recessional*

Selections from Pomp and Circumstance
by Edward Elgar

Post-Ceremonial**

Music performed by the Niagara Brass Quintet

* Audience will remain seated during the Processional and Recessional

** Reception to follow in the Atrium

SUNY Trustee and UB Officials

Eunice Ashman Lewin

Member of the State University of New York Board of Trustees



President and co-founder of Impacto Consulting Associates, Eunice Ashman Lewin joined the SUNY Board of Trustees in February 2010. She helped reinstate the Student Life Committee, which she co-chairs. In

this role, she spearheaded the creation of the Food Insecurity and the Mental Health task forces. Lewin serves on the board's Executive Committee and the committees for academic affairs, communications and external affairs, community colleges, and academic medical centers and hospitals.

A former commissioner of the Niagara Frontier Transportation Authority, Lewin was a founding member of the Roswell Park Alliance and a board member of the Buffalo Urban League and Hispanics United of Buffalo. She is a member of the Hispanic Women's League and the Greater Buffalo Racial Equity Roundtable. In 2022, Lewin was named co-chair of the 5/14 Remembrance Committee to honor the mass shooting victims of the May 14 tragedy in East Buffalo.

A retired bilingual social worker for the Buffalo Board of Education, she is a champion for STEM education.

Born in Guantanamo, Cuba, Lewin immigrated to the U.S. with her family in 1967. She holds a bachelor's degree in sociology from Marymount Manhattan College and master's degrees in American and Puerto Rican studies, and in educational administration, from UB.

Jeremy M. Jacobs

Chairman of the University at Buffalo Council



Jeremy M. Jacobs was appointed to the UB Council in 1997; in 1998, then-Gov. George Pataki named him chairman. Jacobs is chairman of Delaware North, a global hospitality company with customers in the United

States, Australia, New Zealand and the United Kingdom. The company's operations include food and retail at airports and sports venues, sports facility ownership and management, operations of parks and major tourist attractions, hotel ownership and management, gaming operations and fine dining.

Jacobs owns the Boston Bruins and serves as chairman of the National Hockey League's Board of Governors. In 2018, he received the sport's highest honor when he was inducted into the Hockey Hall of Fame.

An alumnus of UB's School of Management and Harvard Business School's Advanced Management Program, Jacobs holds honorary doctorates in humane letters from UB, Canisius College, Niagara University and Johnson & Wales University. In 2015, his family donated \$30 million to advance UB's medical school, which was renamed the Jacobs School of Medicine and Biomedical Sciences.

Jacobs has served Western New York for more than four decades with his business expertise and philanthropic leadership, and Delaware North has received multiple awards for social responsibility, community service and environmental stewardship.

A longtime friend and supporter of UB, Jacobs has served as chairman, trustee and director of the UB Foundation, chairman of the President's Board of Visitors and adviser to the School of Management.

Satish K. Tripathi

University President



An internationally distinguished researcher and higher education leader, Satish K. Tripathi, PhD, is the University at Buffalo's 15th president.

Tripathi, who served as UB's provost from 2004-2011, was dean of the Bourns College of Engineering at the University of California, Riverside, from 1997-2004. Previously, he spent 19 years as professor of computer science at the University of Maryland, including seven years as department chair.

In 2024, Tripathi was elected to the American Academy of Arts and Sciences. A fellow of IEEE and AAAS, he has published more than 200 scholarly papers, supervised more than 30 doctoral and postdoctoral students and served on program committees of numerous international conferences.

Tripathi graduated at the top of his class from Banaras Hindu University (BHU). He holds a master's degree and a doctorate in computer science from the University of Toronto, as well as master's degrees in statistics from the University of Alberta and BHU. He has received honorary doctorates from the Indian Institute of Information Technology, Allahabad, and Brock University in Canada.

Tripathi is co-chair of the Association of American Universities (AAU) Task Force on Expanding U.S.-India University Partnerships, and he serves on the College Football Playoff Board of Managers. Previously, he was chair of the Mid-American Conference Council of Presidents and Internet 2. He also served on the boards of the AAU, the NCAA Division I, the NCAA Board of Governors, the Association of Public and Land-Grant Universities and the Council for Higher Education Accreditation.

A. Scott Weber

*Provost and Executive Vice President
for Academic Affairs*



As provost and executive vice president for academic affairs, A. Scott Weber, PhD, serves as the university's chief academic officer, providing leadership across the academic enterprise including

research, scholarship and creative activities; undergraduate, graduate, professional and international education; faculty development; diversity and inclusion initiatives; and university libraries. Weber is leading the implementation of the university's vision to be recognized among the top 25 public research universities in the nation, focused on building on UB's strengths to achieve new levels of excellence in research, scholarship, education, clinical care and engagement.

A member of UB's faculty since 1983, Weber is an innovative scholar and teacher and former chair of UB's Department of Civil, Structural and Environmental Engineering. Weber has held progressively responsible administrative roles at UB, including senior vice provost and vice provost for academic affairs, where he was instrumental in the creation of the UB Curriculum and the nationally recognized Finish in 4 program; and vice president for student life, where he focused on enhancing the student experience on campus and promoting overall student wellness.

Weber serves on New York's Hazardous Waste Facility Siting Board for Chemical Waste Management. He is a former board member and current advisory committee member of the United Way of Buffalo and Erie County.

Weber earned bachelor's and master's of science degrees in civil engineering from Virginia Polytechnical Institute and a PhD in civil engineering from the University of California, Davis.

Keith A. Alford

Dean and Professor



Since being named dean of the UB School of Social Work in 2021, Keith A. Alford has steered the school through a period of growth and stability. Under Alford's leadership, the school has embedded the principles of diversity,

equity, inclusion and accessibility across its five-year strategic plan. He also is steering the integration of racial trauma into the school's established trauma-informed and human rights framework.

Alford joined UB from Syracuse University, where he served as professor and director of the School of Social Work and as the university's first chief diversity and inclusion officer. A former child protective services worker and therapeutic foster care supervisor, Alford has devoted his professional life to serving and researching the needs of children and families.

Alford's research has appeared in numerous social work journals and has been funded by grants from the U.S. Health and Human Services Department, National Science Foundation, and New York State Office of Mental Health. He also has authored book chapters and contributed columns on issues associated with diversity and human services. His professional memberships include the Academy of Certified Social Workers, Council on Social Work Education, National Association of Social Workers, Society for Social Work and Research, National Association of Deans and Directors of Schools of Social Work, and Child Welfare League of America.

Alford earned his PhD and MSW from The Ohio State University College of Social Work, and his BA from Coker University.

Commencement Speaker

Jerome R. Wright

Co-Executive Director, HALT Solitary Campaign



Jerome R. Wright is a justice-impacted individual, a community activist and advocate who co-executive directs the HALT Solitary campaign and the New York State Jails Justice Network. He is also a consultant for the UB School of Law's legal clinics.

Although a native of New York City, Wright has for the past 15 years called Buffalo home. He is a deacon at Elim Christian Fellowship church and a mentor and motivational speaker who continues to make it his life's work to break "the status quo": the injustices of racism, poverty, inequality and mass incarceration.

Married with four grown children and a host of grandchildren, Wright sums up his life by exclaiming, "To God be the glory!"

Greetings from the Dean

On behalf of the University at Buffalo School of Social Work's faculty and staff, I extend congratulations to the Class of 2024! You are now counted among the thousands of alumni who make a positive difference in the world every day. In this celebratory 90th anniversary year of our school, we are confident that the values and skills you acquired through your field placements, coursework and research will serve you well in your career.

The world will always need social workers to address sweeping issues that confront society, including local and global oppression, racial and social injustice, economic deprivation, inadequate education and reduced access to critical services. Given these challenges, social workers—with our open minds and responsiveness—are at the forefront of effecting lasting change.

Your strengths-based training and focus on the dignity and worth of individuals will be necessary at every turn. As social workers, you will uplift humanity by establishing meaningful relationships and helping individuals, families and communities to reclaim wellness and wholeness. Your advocacy and trauma-informed lens will always be foundational roots to maintain.

We are grateful that you placed your trust in the UB School of Social Work for your training—and we now put our trust in you to pay it forward. During your professional journey, you will impact countless lives, with a ripple effect more powerful than you realize. Be mindful of the noble responsibility you hold, exemplify an ethical stance and lead by example. Seize opportunities to make your research engaging and beneficial to communities in need. Remember, it's not the fittest surviving—it's the community thriving. Let's continue empowering each other as we empower those we serve.

As UB graduates, you will be change agents. As social work professionals, you must continue to expand your knowledge base and remain "students of life." Learning is lifelong; stay as informed as possible, especially given the changes and challenges we know await us. Be bold and proactively seek new information that will help you in your specialty area.

Throughout your career, please remember your alma mater. We are part of your ever-widening network, and your future is important to us. Your generosity as individuals, and through your Graduate Student Association, committee and organization work, has been invaluable to the school. Today, you join the thousands of social workers who represent the strength of our degree programs, many of whom serve as mentors to students and as donors who help build our scholarship funds.

Please keep in touch! We look forward to staying connected with you through social media, your alumni association, Mosaics magazine, our inSocialWork podcast and beyond. Again, on behalf of our faculty and staff, I applaud you today. Continue to maintain wellness and safety. The social work profession heartily welcomes you!

Sincerely,

Keith A. Alford
Dean and Professor

Awards

Andrew J. Laughlin Memorial Award – Megan Battista

This award is presented to a graduating MSW student who demonstrates exemplary character, gives back to the community, is recognized for their sense of humor, strength, compassion and honesty, and models the values of the social work profession. This award was established to honor Andrew J. Laughlin, an outstanding young man who made significant contributions in the community through his volunteer work and as a model of social work values.

Angel McKnight-Miller Memorial Award – Ace Morreale

This award was established to support an MSW student who embodies the qualities and promise of the late Angel McKnight-Miller, who died suddenly in 2017 while in her foundation year at the School of Social Work. The award acknowledges a student who demonstrates a strong commitment to social justice issues and the need to structure social institutions to promote human rights and opportunities for meaningful social participation; takes action to create a path to social change and to strengthen actions, policies, practices and attitudes that promote equitable power, opportunities, access and outcomes for all people; and possesses the qualities of hope, courage and strength.

Archie W. Swanson Honorary Award – Kelly Madden

This award is presented to a graduating MSW student who demonstrated the following qualities in fieldwork practice: professional integrity, creativity, respect for the dignity of people, warmth and keen sensitivity. This award was established to honor Archie W. Swanson, former executive secretary of Family Service Society, who represented and upheld these ideals and endeavored to build and strengthen family life through professionally trained staff and high agency standards.

Bertha S. Laury Thorn and Rose Award – Madison Whitney

This award is presented to an MSW student who demonstrates academic progress and transformation into a positive role model. This award was established by faculty, alumni and community leaders in honor of Bertha S. Laury, emeritus associate dean for community affairs.

Deborah Zimmerman, MSW '89 Award – Corey Haertel

This award is presented to an outstanding MSW student who demonstrates passion and commitment to social work practice with older adults and who embodies the qualities of the late Deborah Zimmerman. This award honors her memory as an outstanding teacher and social worker who made significant contributions in the community through her work with the elderly.

Dorothy L. Lynn Honorary Award – Kathleen Riley

This award is presented to a foundation year MSW student who has demonstrated consistent outstanding performance in class and field. This award was established to honor Professor Emeritus Dorothy L. Lynn, a pioneer in social work education and a dedicated and dynamic teacher in the School of Social Work for 29 years.

The DREAM Award – Heidi Bradway, Grace Harvey, Claudine Karambizi, Dayna Starks

This award is presented to a School of Social Work student volunteer involved in the DREAM (Developing Relationships through Empowerment, Advocacy and Motivation) program who demonstrates the ability to work in a team, an interest and aptitude for community action, and concern and respect for the dignity of all.

Haseltine T. Clements Memorial Award – Jamil Elisofon

This award is presented to a graduating MSW student who has demonstrated concern for human dignity and continued efforts towards cultural competency in field placement. This award was established and sponsored by the Haseltine T. Clements Society.

Jane Emmet Epstein, LCSW-R Honorary Award – Nic DeSmet

This award is presented to a second-year MSW student who has demonstrated interest in mental health and specifically community mental health, demonstrates a commitment to volunteerism, and embodies the qualities that Ms. Epstein exemplifies: empathy, an ability to instill hope in others, sincerity and professionalism.

Julian Sodja Memorial Award – Joseph Timothy Vanini

This award is presented to a graduating MSW student who has demonstrated an extraordinary contribution to addictions practice, trauma survivors with addiction, or people with co-existing psychiatric disorders. This award was established by the School of Social Work Alumni Association.

Kristopher L. Braselton Memorial Award – Danielle J. Taylor

This award is presented to a graduating MSW student who has demonstrated academic persistence and determination, has overcome a personal difficulty or challenge, and intends to pursue a career in the health or mental health and disabilities field. This award was established by the Braselton family to honor the memory of their son Kristopher L. Braselton.

Awards

NASW Award – WNY Division – Aditi Kumar

This award was established by the National Association of Social Workers, Western New York Division, for presentation to a graduate student who has demonstrated academic excellence and personified values that are enunciated by the NASW.

Niles Carpenter Award – Herminio Cruz

This award is presented to an MSW student within the foundation curriculum who has demonstrated financial need, an outstanding grade point average and strong field performance, and shows potential for professional achievement. This scholarship is named after the first dean of the School of Social Work.

Rose Weinstein Scholar Award – Nicole Fusco

This award is presented to a graduating MSW student who successfully completed the Hartford Partnership Program for Aging Education and who has demonstrated academic excellence, a commitment to social work practice with older adults, leadership and community service. This award was established by the UB Emeritus Center in honor of Rose Weinstein's legacy.

School of Social Work Alumni Association Award – Kristen Tasselmyer

This award is presented to a foundation year MSW student who has completed the foundation curriculum and who has demonstrated practice skills, relationship building with clients and a commitment to the social work profession in the field education experience. This award was established by the School of Social Work Alumni Association.

School of Social Work Outstanding Student Award – Richard Manuel

This award is presented to a graduating MSW student who has demonstrated academic excellence, leadership abilities within the school, community or university, and a commitment to the social work profession through their role as a student, colleague or member of a community.

Susan Nochajski and Jacqueline McGinley Excellence in Disability Practice Award – Analea Blackburn, Nicole Chappell

This award is presented to an MSW student who has demonstrated academic excellence and intends to pursue a career in the field of intellectual and developmental disabilities. This award was established by Dr. Jacqueline McGinley, in honor of those she supported in practice, and Dr. Thomas Nochajski, in honor of his wife, the late Dr. Susan Nochajski, a clinical associate professor in the Department of Rehabilitation Science and director of the Occupational Therapy Program.

Terese M. Eusanio Memorial Scholarship – Alisa Chirico

This award is presented to an MSW student who embodies the qualities the late Terese Eusanio exemplified. The student must identify as a feminist and demonstrate an interest in women's health. The student must also maintain high academic standards and social work ethics, demonstrate respect for the dignity of all and the ability to work in a team, possess an interest and aptitude for community action, and work towards social and political change.

School of Social Work GSA Outstanding Faculty Teaching Award

This award recognizes a faculty member for embodying the four key qualities of commitment to student learning; their dedication as a social worker, teacher, citizen of the community and role model; contributing to the furthering and betterment of the social work profession; and their overall excellence in teaching. The individual has been selected by the students and GSA officers of the School of Social Work.

School of Social Work GSA Outstanding Adjunct Faculty Award

This award recognizes an outstanding adjunct faculty member dedicated to student learning. The individual has been selected by the students and GSA officers of the School of Social Work.

School of Social Work GSA Outstanding Staff Award

This award recognizes the important contributions of staff members in supporting School of Social Work students. The recipient has demonstrated excellence in their position and service to students. The individual has been selected by the students and GSA officers of the School of Social Work.

Candidates for Degrees

Subject to the completion of all degree requirements, degrees will be conferred as indicated upon those individuals listed herein who were identified by April 1, 2024, and upon such others as may meet the requirements of their respective degrees. Candidates are listed according to actual date of degree conferral (February 2024, June 2024 and August 2024).

Special Recognition:

Gold Cords: University at Buffalo School of Social Work's Rho Kappa Chapter of the Phi Alpha National Social Work Honor Society.

The Kente Stole: Students who participated in UB's ALANA Celebration of Achievement, which historically has honored graduating African, Latino/a, Asian and Native American students.

The Rainbow Tassel: Students who participated in the Lavender Reception, celebrating achievements of graduating students who identify with the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and Queer (LGBTQ) community at UB.

The Red, White and Blue Cord: Graduating UB students who are active duty servicemembers, reservists, members of the National Guard, newly commissioned officers or veterans of the United States armed forces.

The first seat in the front row has been reserved and marked by a white ribbon in honor and memory of those students who have passed and cannot join us in the celebration of our graduates today.

* Denotes induction into the University at Buffalo School of Social Work's Rho Kappa Chapter of the Phi Alpha National Social Work Honor Society.

Candidates for Degrees

PHD

June

Hannah Glasser Ginn*
Seventy Faye Hall
Sarah Christine Richards-Desai
Candra D. Skrzypek

August

Beth Anne Tripi

DSW

Kelly Michelle Beeseck*
Marie A. Cannon
Dexter Claude Daniel
Francine Fishman*
Jacqueline Hall
Jamali Lisa Moses
Aimee L. Neri
Dominque Marie Norman
Amelia Ortega
Stacy M. Peterson*

MSW

February

Aliza Benson*
Kelly Flowers*
Carrie Connor McCausland
LaKea M. Palmer

June

Nininahazwe Agnes
Daisy Lynn Ambrusko*
Jennifer Astudillo Gomez
Rosie Avery
Anita Baar
Megan Beth Battista*
Thomas Robert Beall-Schwab
Kayla Ann Berhalter
Jacob Alexander Bernstein
Heidi Elizabeth Rose Bradway*
Marianna Braun
Sarah Noel Butler
Joseph Canepa
Calista Kathleen Cannock
Sara Carlson
Paige Elizabeth Carozzolo
Ashley Cassiol
Hannah Catherine Christopher
Samantha Anne Conner
Nicole Coughlin
Amanda L. Czyhura
Kristen Davis*
Nic DeSmet
Samantha Dunkle
Brandon David Eldredge*
Jamil Ramon Elisofon
Taylor Erni
Brianna Maria Essue
Jessica Falco
Clare Bennett Falkowski
Dominic Filio*
Sean Foster
Lauren Rachel Friedman
Nicole Fusco*
Eva Becker Gmeinder
Poorna Sudha Goli
Nina Isabella Greco
Morgan Gregg*
Kaitlyn G. Harnden
Grace E. Harvey
Harrison Hawthorne

Sarah Marie Hayes
Mona Burgess Hunter*
Lily Joan Ying Hurteau
Ebou Alhaji Alimatou Jallow
Anna Kathleen Janiszewski
Vanity Jones
Olivia Judge
Nirali Atulkumar Kantaria
Claudine Karambizi
Jade Kendall
Tara Elizabeth Keough
Emily Kersten
Heidi Louise Kildal
Tanya A. Kingsley*
Madeline M Kotrides
Kayla M. Leathers
Tiffany Liew
Erica Rose Logsdon
Amari Lucas
Kelly Bernadette Madden
Richard Manuel*
Savannah Markajani
Candace Ella Martinez*
Peyton E. McConville
Samantha Rae Menard
Sarah E. Meyers
Holly Elizabeth Miano
Mackenzie Ann Milne*
Megan Kae Morgante
Vanessa Renee Nablo
Amie R. Noonan
Alexandria Nowicki
Justin E. Nunez
Kristen Michelle O'Connell
Hannah Ossman*
Monica Jayesh Patel
Gina Perno*
Sameeha Jahan Rashid
Eileen Morgan Rath*
Jennifer Anika Ray
Kayli Madeline Regan
Samantha N. Roller

Sara Jessica Rosenblatt
Alexis Rowe
Julia Rozler
Cydney Jill Russell
Destiny Allure Rust*
Brielle Santora
Kaylee Murray Schiffman
Taylor Schneeberger
Elizabeth Schram*
Shanya Shajan
Leah Catherine Shanahan
Eric James Shiel
Brooke Emily Shields
Bailey Shirk
Samuel Michael Smith
Sydney K. Snyder
Marissa Sorrentino
Joseph Peter Spano
Bryce Andrew Stancampiano
Margaret Antonia Stanford
Dayna N. Starks
Shalinie Sukhram
Makayla J. Sutton
Kaleigh Kathleen Swipes*
Paige Szarafin*
Caitlin Rylance Thill
Jacinda Kathleen Thomas
Shelby M. Thompson
Jadan L. Torcello
Joseph Timothy Vanini
Cynthia Vogel
Maryann Webb
Ian Weeks
Nathaniel Whitcomb
Daniel Jacob White
Melissa White*
Sarah Williams
Jessica Lynne Willis
Sarah Marie Willoughby
Dana Marie Wilson*
Amy Wlosinski*
Justin Todd Wolf*
Hannah Marie Wroblewski*
Josette Youssef

Rosa Guadalupe Zarrabal
Samuel Joseph Zuckerberg

August

Rosemary Acosta*
Zachary M. Adams*
Stephanee Alcantar
Noah Allen
Brian Andrew
Alessia Bauman
Kayliee Bertrand-Henretta
Christina Marie Breen*
Wanda Maria Catala
Angelika Marie Chacon
Diana V. Coletti
Christie Rose Connelly*
Paula Andrea Coolen
Renee Crossan*
Thomas M. Culin
Priscilla M. Danler
Kaylie Elizabeth DeShane*
Elizabeth Elsa Moseley Dial*
Vanessa Diaz
Brionna Leigh Fassett
McKenzie Fedyshyn
Susan Fox
Sharon Francis
Mikako Fujiwara
Amber Gladney
Sandra Helen Glastetter
Larissa Becker Gmeinder
Karla Marie Gutierrez
Eric Brian Hardwick*
Deborah Harris
Ashton Elizabeth Rose Hasenstab*
Lorien Xanthe Hayden
Wanda LaVern Hines-McGriff
Michelle Holler
Alysha Tiana Jackson
Marieke J. Jerabeck
Katherine Meredith Johnson
Walaa M. Kadhum
Hannah Eve Kalmeyer

Hayley M. Kasprzycki
Mandy Kerkeslager
Kristopher D. Konyak*
Aaron Kottke
Daryl Kovalich*
Danielle Krakowski
Yekaterina Kukhto*
Rebekah Lyn Lacell
Mary Grace Lankford Phelan
Matthew Liston
Kathryn Maria Logronio
Bret Francis Mandell
Jeffrey Joseph Mann
Ace Morreale*
Kristin Nicholas*
Tamara Gale Novak*
Wanda Luz Octaviano*
Sarah Marie O'Donnell
Amanda Parsons
Hunter Paige Pasternak
Audrey Jean Peterson
Marie Carmelle Pierre
Katrina Anne Pirillo
Daniella Ann Prades
Chyna Twunay Ray
Tyrone Eugene Reese*
Rosaura Romero*
Kaitlin Rose Shaw*
Michelle Lee Smalt
Jenna Lauren Sofia
Mia Grace Sullivan
Danielle Jenine Taylor
Andrea Tobias*
Andrea Troutman
Keyla Marie Vega
Courtney Viens
Gabrielle Elizabeth Bruscia Wagner*
Ah Wei
Dimetria Robyn Welch
Roemello Kardel White
Brianna Wold*
Sara Elizabeth Worden*
Mariah R. Yochelson*

Candidates for Degrees

BA/MSW

February

Roberto Nicholas Ortiz

June

Nakharin Christian Homniyom

Sebastian Keight

Haley E. Martin

Kamaria A. Scott

Ibrahima Sow

Emma Louise Wirsen

MBA/MSW

June

Ajaylah Humphrey*

Elizabeth Ramirez

MPH/MSW

June

Naomi Thi Song Freudenheim Frisch

Mikayla Logan

Vikranth Potluri

Ashley Wimble*

JD/MSW

June

Jahna C. Mott

Kayla Christine Shutts

Faculty

Keith A. Alford
Dean
BA, Coker University
MSW, PhD, The Ohio State University

D. Michael Applegarth
Assistant Professor
BSW, Brigham Young University–Idaho
MSW, Brigham Young University
PhD, University of California, Los Angeles

Amanda Aykanian
Assistant Professor
BA, Framingham State University
MA, University of Massachusetts Boston
PhD, University at Albany, State University of New York

Louanne Bakk
Clinical Associate Professor
DSW Program Director
BSW, Arizona State University
MSW, University of Michigan
PhD, Michigan State University

Annahita Ball
Associate Professor
BA, BA, MSW, PhD, The Ohio State University

Elizabeth Bowen
Associate Professor
BA, BPhil, University of Pittsburgh
AM, University of Chicago
PhD, University of Illinois at Chicago

Clara M. Bradizza
Professor
BSc, University of Toronto
MA, PhD, Binghamton University

Lisa Butler
Associate Professor
BSc, University of Toronto
PhD, Stanford University

Filomena M. Critelli
Associate Professor
Director of Undergraduate Studies
Interim Associate Dean for Diversity, Equity and Inclusion
BA, SUNY Buffalo State University
MSW, University at Buffalo, State University of New York
PhD, University at Albany, State University of New York

Catherine N. Dulmus
Professor
Associate Dean for Research
Director of the Buffalo Center for Social Research
BSW, SUNY Buffalo State University
MSW, PhD, University at Buffalo, State University of New York

Susan A. Green
Clinical Professor
BS, SUNY Geneseo
MSW, University at Buffalo, State University of New York

Annette Semanchin Jones
Associate Professor
PhD Program Director
BA, University of Notre Dame
MSW, PhD, University of Minnesota

Robert H. Keefe
Associate Professor
BA, Ithaca College
MSSA, Case Western Reserve University
PhD, University at Albany, State University of New York

Isok Kim
Associate Professor
BS, MSW, University of Washington
MA, PhD, University of Michigan

Jangmin Kim
Assistant Professor
BA, Jeonju University
MSW, Joenbuk National University
MSW, Portland State University
PhD, Indiana University

Wooksoo Kim
Associate Professor
BA, Seoul National University
MLA, Eastern Michigan University
MSW, The Ohio State University
PhD, University of Washington

Denise J. Krause
Clinical Professor
Associate Dean for Community Engagement and Alumni Relations
BA, Binghamton University, State University of New York
MSSW, Columbia University

JoAnn S. Lee
Associate Professor
BA, Stanford University
MS, MPA, Columbia University
PhD, University of Washington

Laura A. Lewis
Clinical Associate Professor
Assistant Dean for Global Partnerships
BA, SUNY Fredonia
MSW, PhD, University at Buffalo, State University of New York

Patricia Logan-Greene
Associate Professor
Associate Dean for Academic Affairs
BA, Wesleyan University
MSSW, University of Tennessee at Knoxville
PhD, University of Washington

Michael Lynch
Clinical Associate Professor, Field Education
BA, SUNY Geneseo
MSW, University at Buffalo, State University of New York

Kathryn McClain-Meeder
Clinical Associate Professor
MSW Program Director
BSW, Gordon College
MSW, University at Buffalo, State University of New York

Nadine Shaanta Murshid
Associate Professor
BBA, James Madison University
MPP, Australian National University
PhD, Rutgers University

Tonya Myles-Day
Clinical Assistant Professor
Faculty Support Liaison for Racially Underrepresented Students
BSW, SUNY Buffalo State University
MSW, University at Buffalo, State University of New York

Yunju Nam
Associate Professor
BA, Seoul National University
MSW, University of Pennsylvania
MA, PhD, University of Michigan

Faculty

Kelly L. Patterson
Associate Professor
BA, North Carolina Central University
MS, University at Buffalo, State University of New York
PhD, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee

Maria Y. Rodriguez
Assistant Professor
BA, Alfred University
MSW, University of Pennsylvania
PhD, University of Washington

Alexander Rubin
Clinical Assistant Professor, Field Education
BA, University of Toronto
MSW, University at Buffalo, State University of New York

Todd Sage
Clinical Associate Professor
BASW, California State University, San Bernardino
MSW, Portland State University
PhD, University of North Dakota

Nancy J. Smyth
Professor
Associate Dean for Faculty Development
BA, MSW, PhD, University at Albany, State University of New York

Peter Sobota
Clinical Assistant Professor
BA, MSW, University at Buffalo, State University of New York

Mickey Sperlich
Associate Professor
BS, MA, Eastern Michigan University
MSW, PhD, Wayne State University

Christopher St. Vil
Associate Professor
BSW, SUNY Buffalo State University
MSW, Stony Brook University
PhD, Howard University

Noelle M. St. Vil
Associate Professor
BA, California State University, Northridge
MSW, PhD, Howard University

Katie C. Stalker
Associate Professor
Director of Field Education
BA, MSW, University at Buffalo, State University of New York
PhD, University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill

Paul. R. Stasiewicz
Professor and Janet B. Wattles Endowed Chair
BA, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee
MA, PhD, Binghamton University

Adjunct Faculty

Megan Bailey
Lynda Battaglia
Joseph Bieron
Mark Boser
Cheney Brockington
Wayne Brown
Nicole Bycina
Elizabeth Caprio
Destonie Cormier
Amy Cross-Viola
Diedre DeBose
Marissa Desiderio
Orlando Dickson
Gretchen Ely
Emma Fabian
Christy Ferriter
Danielle Figura
Kristen Fisher
Michelle Fortunado-Kewin
Kathryn Franco
Glenn Frost
Steven Halady
Elaine Hammond
Catherine Heimback-Murdie
Tara Hughes
Laurel Iverson Hitchcock
Lakia Johnson
Nicole Jordan
Linzy Jourdi
Ashley Keagle
Samantha Koury
Eun Jeong Lee
Kathleen Lisborg
Brad Loliger
Ashley Maracle
Whitney Marris
Wendy Martin
McKenzie Mattison
Jessica Mencia
Mary Milnamow
Gerald Moote
Aimee Neri
Leonore Olmstead
Stephanie Palau
Julia Parker

Kevin Penberthy
Sandra Piwko
Andrew Prinzing
Sarah Richards-Desai
Rachel Ritzenthaler
Rana Ryan-Begin
Melanie Sage
Jennifer Schultz
Marsha Schwam-Harris
Matthew L. Schwartz
Michael Serrano
Candra Skrzypek
Jamy Stammel
Jay Swarouth
Beth Tripi
Jennifer Underweiser
Robyn Wiktorski-Reynolds
Qi Zhou

Staff

Ashley Allen
Richard G. Amantia
Matthew Biddle
Rachel Blane
Maria Carey
Joe Cavaretta
Anna R. Cerrato
Jessica Chatt
Heather Cruz
Courtney Doxbeck
Kathryn Franco
Kathryn E. B. Griswold
Kathleen T. Heim
Deborah A. Hill
Joshua C. Hine
Clara Keating
Kristina Lazzaro
Trisha M. Mahar
Lauren McGowan
Melissa Miller
Irene F. Mucci
Meghan Phipps
Marjorie Quartley
Steven J. Sturman
Tamara Tobias
Sarah J. Watson
Trevor Wilson
Yue Wu
Erin Zack

School of Social Work Graduate Student Association Officers

President: Megan Battista
Vice President: Peyton McConville
Treasurer: Tiffany Liew
Secretary: Andrew Levine
Board Member: Richard Manuel

Commencement Coordinators

Joshua C. Hine
*Assistant Dean for Student and
Academic Affairs*

Kristina Lazzaro
Student Services Advisor

UB Alma Mater

*Music by Walter S. Goodale, MD, 1903.
Lyrics adapted by UB students in 2006
for contemporary use*

Verse 1:

The pride of our spirit and tradition,
Our alma mater's truth and name declare.
Celebrate our history and wisdom,
O let us all prepare to sing her glory.

Refrain:

To Buffalo all hail to thee,
Noble and strong it's our university!
To blue and white pledge loyalty,
Singing, I will always remember thee!

Verse 2:

We'll ever keep our standards high,
And sing UB's praises to the sky.
Receiving the finest education,
Our knowledge we impart unto the nations.
(Repeat refrain)

Verse 3:

Our friends we've made with ties that bind,
A union of our spirit, heart, and mind.
Together we'll continue life's journey,
O may dear Buffalo forever be.
(Repeat refrain)

The State University of New York

Board of Trustees

Merryl H. Tisch
Chairman

Cesar Perales
Vice Chairman

Joseph W. Belluck*
Courtney E. Burke
Eric Corngold
Marcos A. Crespo
Robert J. Duffy
James F. Haddon
Keith B. Landa
Eunice A. Lewin*
Stanley S. Litow
Edward M. Spiro
Cary F. Staller
Camille J. Varlack*
Christy Woods

System Administration

John B. King Jr.
Chancellor

Melur K. Ramasubramanian
*Executive Vice Chancellor
and Provost*

University at Buffalo Council

Jeremy M. Jacobs*
Chairman

Julie M. Bargnesi*
Michael W. Cropp*
Jonathan A. Dandes*
Scott E. Friedman
René F. Jones
Brenda W. McDuffie
Pat Roche
Alika Turton

Emeritus Members

Sheila H. Battle
Roger I. Blackwell
Robert T. Brady
Randall L. Clark
Pamela Davis Heilman*
June W. Hoeflich*
Gerald S. Lippes*
Mary E. Randolph
Rose H. Sconiers*
John N. Walsh III

University at Buffalo

Satish K. Tripathi
President

A. Scott Weber
*Provost and Executive
Vice President for
Academic Affairs*

Cabinet Members

Mark Alnutt
Athletics

Allison Brashear
Health Sciences

Christopher Connor*
*Enrollment Management
(Interim)*

Beth Del Genio*
*Chief of Staff to the
President
Government and
Community Relations*

John Della Contrada
*University
Communications*

Venugopal Govindaraju*
*Research and Economic
Development*

Brian F. Hamluk
Student Life

Graham L. Hammill
Academic Affairs

Kathleen S. Heckman*
*University Advancement
(Interim)*

Laura E. Hubbard
*Finance and
Administration*

Stacy Knapper
*University at Buffalo
Foundation*

E. Bruce Pitman
*Chief Information Officer
(Interim)*

Seval Yildirim
Inclusive Excellence

Deans

Keith A. Alford
School of Social Work

Marcelo W.B. Araujo*
School of Dental Medicine

Allison Brashear
*Jacobs School of Medicine
and Biomedical Sciences*

S. Todd Brown
School of Law (Interim)

Julia E. Czerniak
*School of Architecture
and Planning*

Ananth V. Iyer
School of Management

Kemper E. Lewis
*School of Engineering
and Applied Sciences*

Gary M. Pollack*
*School of Pharmacy and
Pharmaceutical Sciences*

Suzanne N. Rosenblith
*Graduate School of
Education*

Robin G. Schulze
*College of Arts and
Sciences*

Jean Wactawski-Wende*
*School of Public Health
and Health Professions*

Annette Wysocki
School of Nursing

**Academic
Administration**
Craig W. Abbey
*Institutional Analysis and
Planning*

Ann M. Bisantz*
Undergraduate Education

Christopher Connor*
*Enrollment Management
(Interim)*

Robert Granfield
Faculty Affairs

Graham L. Hammill
*Academic Affairs;
Graduate School*

Nojin Kwak
International Education

Evviva Weinraub Lajoie
University Libraries

Seval Yildirim
Inclusive Excellence

University at Buffalo Foundation

Gregory M. Bauer*
Chairman

Robert E. Denning*
*Vice Chairman;
Treasurer*

Jean C. Powers*
Secretary

Stacy Knapper
Chief Executive Officer

Trustees

Teresa Bair*
Jason L. Bird*
Helen M. Cappuccino*
Gregg S. Fisher*
Daniel M. Hamister
Kathleen M. Hamm*
Louis M. Jacobs
Kathie A. Keller
Daniel K. Magnuszewski*
Margaret H. McGlynn*
Dale M. McKim III*
Michael J. Murray*
Michael D. Olfano*
James J. Palmisciano*
Nagendra Raina*
Danielle Shainbrown*
Steven H. Shepsman*
Satish K. Tripathi

Directors

Ashok G. Kaveeshwar*
Eileen S. Silvers*
Daniel A. Sperrazza*
D. Scott N. Warman
Marjorie E. Winkler*
Margaret W. Wong*

Emeritus Trustees

Randall I. Benderson*
Dianne Bennett*
Lawrence P. Castellani
Ellen E. Grant*
Jeremy M. Jacobs*
John N. Walsh III

*UB alumnus/alumna/alum

ON THE COVER:

The modern seal for the University at Buffalo harks back to a design adopted in 1923 to reflect the evolution of the university from separate schools into a more close-knit organization. Though the seal has been revised several times over the decades, the foundational elements remain: a proud bison signifying the City of Buffalo atop a shield supported by the palm leaves of victory and emblazoned with the flames of wisdom.

