



Karla Washington

MSW '00, PHD '09

Assistant Professor of Family and Community Medicine at the University of Missouri

The doctoral curriculum is a perfect balance of social work courses and interdisciplinary learning experiences, which allowed me to build discipline-specific knowledge and develop skills for contributing to research projects. I have watched with great pride as the School of Social Work further strengthens its national reputation, recruiting talented faculty from across the country and enrolling bright, motivated students in its BSW, MSW, and PhD programs.



Michelle Kaiser

MPH '11, PHD '12

Assistant Professor of Social Work at the Ohio State University

As soon as I stepped foot on the University of Missouri campus, I was valued and supported by the School of Social Work. My interest in food security was not a specialty of any SSW faculty, but they immediately connected me with colleagues at MU. My work with the Interdisciplinary Center for Food Security, the Center for Applied Research and Environmental Systems, and my ability to complete an MPH degree while working with SSW faculty gave me a broad range of perspectives on theoretical frameworks and methodologies. At Ohio State University, I am involved in interdisciplinary grant-funded research projects related to food security, urban agriculture, food access, and public health, among many other projects.



Mustapha Alhassan

PhD '13

Assistant Professor at Clark Atlanta University

With support from the School of Social Work and the faculty in the PhD program, I developed my dissertation, *Providing for the Needs of Victims of Human Trafficking under the Trafficking Victims Protection Action of 2000*. The program also increased my teaching experience as a graduate instructor. Dr. Yu offered me regular support when I served as a teaching assistant in his research methods class. I graduated from MU well prepared as a young scholar and academician determined to make an impact on the lives of my students and the profession of social work.



SSW FACULTY RESEARCH INTERESTS

- Health Promotion
- Social Determinants of Health
- Assessment of Risk and Resiliency Factors in Trauma Populations
- Criminal Justice System and Mental Illness
- Information Systems in Human Service Organizations
- Co-occurring Disorders
- Gerontology
- Gerontechnology
- Child Welfare Services and Organization
- Juvenile Justice
- Domestic Violence
- Integrated Behavioral Health
- Youth Development and Community Betterment
- Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders
- School-Based Interventions for Children with Social, Emotional and Behavioral Health Concerns
- Religiousness/Spirituality
- Health Risk Behaviors
- Health Disparities
- Epidemiologic Research
- Healthy Adolescent Development
- Research with Racial/Ethnic Groups and Vulnerable/Underserved Populations
- Women's Health
- International Social Work

INSTITUTIONS WHERE OUR PHD GRADUATES ARE CURRENTLY WORKING

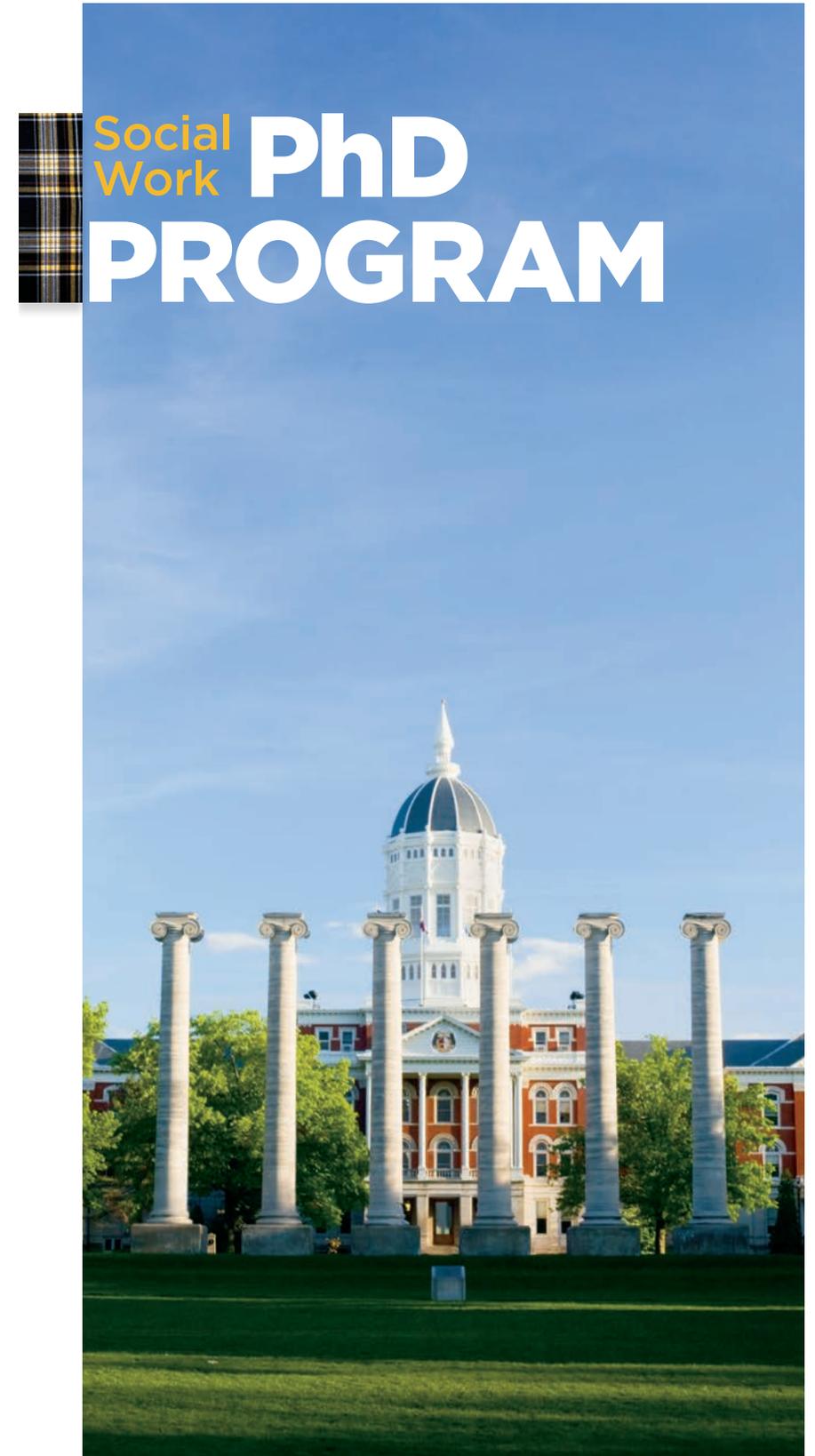
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| California State University | Clark Atlanta University |
| Missouri State University | University of Southern Mississippi |
| Hankuk University of Foreign Studies, South Korea | University of Kentucky |
| | Wright State University |
| | William Woods University |

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School of Social Work

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Greetings From the Program Director



Welcome to the University of Missouri (MU) PhD program in Social Work, the only such program in a public Missouri institution of higher education. Consistent with MU's stature as a Carnegie Doctoral/Research Extensive institution and a member of the Association of American Universities (AAU), the goal of our program is to prepare students for excellence and

leadership in social work research and teaching.

One of the strengths of our program is that it provides students with opportunities for collaborative research and teaching with other disciplines across campus including family and community medicine, health sciences, nursing, public health, and interdisciplinary research centers. Frequently, such collaboration makes an important contribution to students' success in the program.

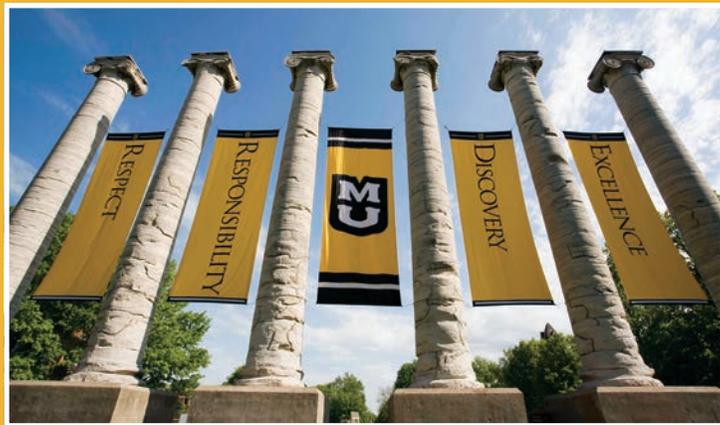
Our doctoral faculty are dedicated to producing outstanding researchers and educators. We encourage students to make presentations at regional and national conferences, publish papers in refereed journals and pursue teaching opportunities while in the program. Most of our PhD graduates are on the faculty of social work programs in the U.S. and internationally.

I encourage you to visit our program in person, online, and to contact me for more information.

- Mansoo Yu, PhD

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PURPOSE

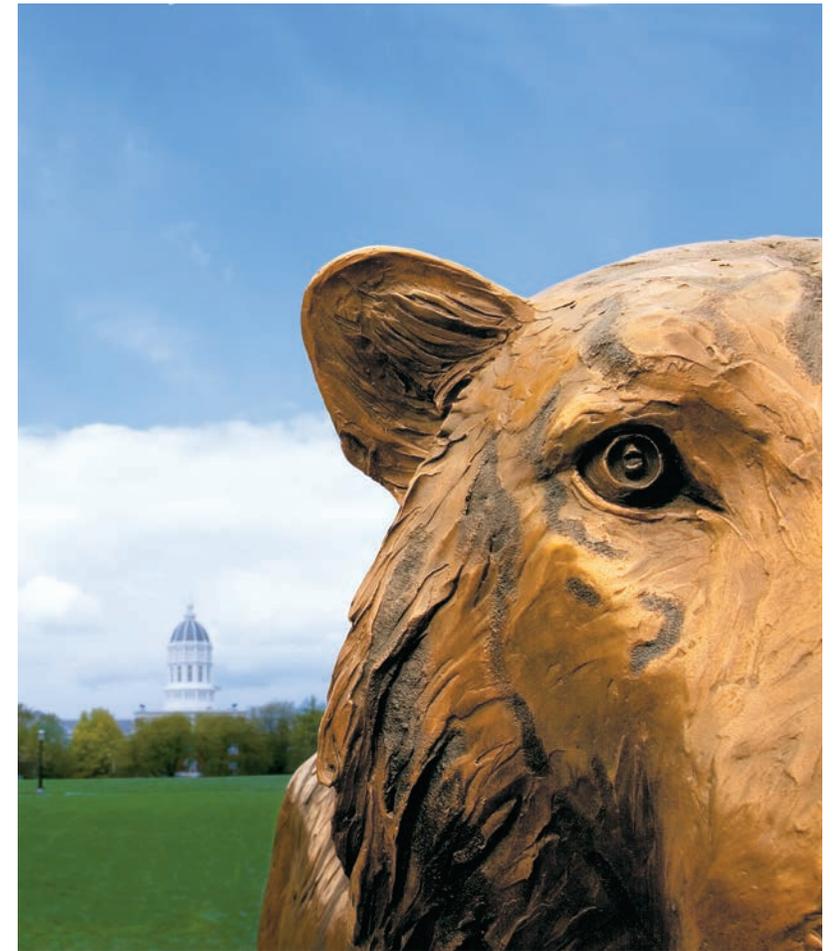
The University of Missouri School of Social Work PhD program is nationally distinct in its interdisciplinary emphasis, theory-driven research, community-based collaborative research, and student-faculty collaborative research. The program's purpose is to produce researchers who investigate social problems, disseminate research knowledge, and implement and evaluate programs. It also prepares graduates to become social work educators, promote leadership roles in policy development and practice implementation. By building upon MU's mission of service to the state as a land-grant university, the program extends into the 21st century and keeps with MU's stature as a Carnegie Doctoral/Research Extensive institution.

COURSEWORK

The PhD curriculum consists of a minimum of 51 post MSW semester credit hours divided among three distinct but highly interrelated elements. A core of social work courses provides a foundation in the traditions and knowledge of the profession while exposing students to current and emerging research and practice techniques. Electives from MU's spectrum of social and behavioral sciences enable students to design an individualized program that capitalizes on their interests and talents.

COURSE WORK	HOURS
4 core social work classes	12
2 statistics classes	6
5 elective classes	15
Research application	3
Dissertation seminar	3
Dissertation	12
Total	51

For more information, visit
ssw.missouri.edu/phd_studyplans



ADMISSIONS

Admission to the PhD program requires acceptance into the School of Social Work and the Office of Graduate Studies. Admission to the PhD program is limited and determined on a competitive basis. The school's doctoral faculty makes admission decisions. Completed applications received by January 15 will be reviewed for admission the following fall semester. Applicants are strongly encouraged to apply for admission earlier to take full advantage of available scholarships, awards, fellowships and assistantship positions. The application process can be found at: bit.ly/1OshbDq

FINANCIAL SUPPORT

A number of competitive scholarships, awards and fellowships are available through the School of Social Work, the College of Human Environmental Sciences and the Office of Graduate Studies. These scholarships are awarded primarily on the basis of academic merit. Additionally, graduate research and teaching assistantships might be available to students in support of faculty research and teaching. These funding opportunities are available on a competitive basis decided upon by faculty.