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# VUU Department of Social Work

Fall 2023 Newsletter



## CREATING A CULTURE OF INNOVATION

Greetings from the Panther's Department of Social Work,

As we be we reflect on Virginia Union University's social work department's commitment to civil rights, social justice, service to community, and the diversity embedded in our hallowed walls.

In this month's social work newsletter, we are proud to introduce our talented new social work faculty members. This energetic team of professionals is dedicated to educating and empowering students as they become the next generation of leaders and social workers. We are compelled by our social work mission and our passion to produce skilled generalist practitioners prepared to transform the lives of the clients they will soon serve.

V/r,

Dr. Johnetta H. Guishard, '14, LMSW

Chair, Department of Social Work and Sociology

Assistant Professor, Social Work



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# Faculty Introductions



## Dr. Johnetta Guishard

Department Chair & Assistant Professor

**Research interests:** military populations, substance abuse, youth and education, food insecurity and farming, rural mental health

**Topic interests:** mental health; substance abuse; criminal justice; veterans; youth and young adults

**Experience:** psychotherapy (individual and group); adolescent skills development and education; military sexual trauma

### Education:

BSW | Virginia Union University

MSW | Walden University

LMSW | VA

PhD Mental Health and Addiction | Walden University

## Dr. Katy Baugus

MSW Program Director & Associate Professor

**Research interests:** food Insecurity, transportation disadvantage, inadequate childcare, and non-academic barriers

**Topic interests:** first-generation students, incarcerated individuals, LGBTQ, military affiliated

**Experience:** clinical, administrative, corporate social work, faculty, student affairs

**Education:** BA | Bucknell University

MSW | Marywood University

LCSW | PA & NY

Doctor of Education (EdD) - Higher Education Leadership

| Northcentral University



# Faculty Introductions

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## Professor Lenise Mazyck

BSW Program Director & Assistant Professor

**Research interests:** Food and the Brain, Urban Farming/Food Deserts, Epigenetics and Mental Health

**Topic interests:** Misdiagnosed/Underdiagnosed Neurodivergence for Folx who have experienced Trauma; Epigenetics and Mental Health; Food and the Brain

**Experience:** Community Mental Health, Community Resource Management, Psychotherapy (Individual, Group, Families)

**Education:** BSW | James Madison University  
MSW | University of South Carolina  
LCSW | VA

## Professor Fatima M. Smith

BSW & MSW Field Director & Assistant Professor

**Research interests:** anti-violence with a racial justice lens; trust-based philanthropy

**Topic interests:** intimate partner violence & sexual assault; legislation to protect women, femmes, and transgender folks of color, philanthropy; JEDI (justice, equity, diversity and inclusion)

**Experience:** nonprofits, social entrepreneurship, consulting, student affairs, department of juvenile justice, program management, community organizing

**Education:**

B.S. Administration of Justice | George Mason University  
MSW | Virginia Commonwealth University



# Faculty Introductions

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## Dr. Jeffrey Harlow

Associate Professor & Assistant Provost

**Research interests:** organizational effectiveness, stages of change addiction recovery, leadership self-efficacy, higher education student success, program evaluation, research methods and data analysis

**Experience:** over 20 years higher education instruction and leadership in social work  
Community-based evaluation research

**Education:** BS Environmental Resource Management (Wildlife Biology) | Pennsylvania State University  
MA Theology | Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary  
PhD Social Work | Bryn Mawr College Graduate School of Social Work and Social Research

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# PREPARING FOR 2023-2024 ACADEMIC YEAR

Registration for the Fall 2023 academic year will begin April 2, 2023, and students should schedule an appointment with Dr. Guishard using the link provided to plan for fall courses. <https://calendly.com/jhguishard/30min>

## Frequently Asked Questions about Registration:

### Do I register myself?

No. Registration is completed with your advisor and the registration department.

### What if I need to change my schedule after I register?

Schedule an appointment with your advisor and contact the registrar to notify them of the requested change.

### What is the last day to add or drop courses for the Fall 2023 academic year?

Sub-Term 1 & 2- July 21, 2023 // Sub-Term 3 & 4 - August 11, 2023 //  
Sub-Term 5 - September 8, 2023 // Sub-Term 6- October 20, 2023 //  
Sub-Term 7- October 27, 2023 // Sub-Term 7b- November 17, 2023

### What is the difference between synchronous and asynchronous?

Synchronous learning is conducted online using a video-based platform (Zoom, Teams, Google Meet). The professor meets with the class during the scheduled course days and times. Asynchronous means that there is no requirement for you to be online at a specific time or day. You may be offered optional live interactive times, but you are responsible for completing assignments by the due dates.

## Important Dates for Fall 2023 & Spring 2024

### Field Orientation - Student Edition

Sunday, March 19 - 5:00 - 7:30pm | [Zoom](#)

### Fall 2023 Registration

April 2, 2023

### Field Orientation - Student Edition

Tuesday, June 20 - 6:00 - 8:30pm | [Zoom](#)

### Field Orientation - Student Edition

Thursday, July 20 - 6:00 - 8:30pm | [Zoom](#)

### First Day of Fall 2023

Monday, August 21, 2023

### Field Placement Applications Due

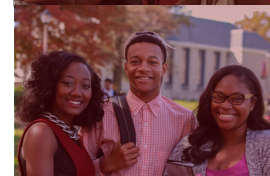
Friday, February 2, 2024

### Spring 2024 Registration

April 3, 2024

### Spring 2024 Commencement

Saturday, May 11, 2024



# FALL 2023

## COURSE OFFERINGS

### BSW program

SWK 255 | Introduction to Social Work | T & R | 6:00-7:30 PM | 16 weeks | synchronous

SWK 256 | Communications | T & R | 10:00-11:30 AM | 16 weeks | synchronous

SWK 304 | Human Behavior in the Social Environment | T & R | 4:00pm-5:30 PM | 16 weeks | synchronous

SWK 309 | Social Research I | 8 weeks | asynchronous

SWK 311 | Social Policy I | 8 weeks | asynchronous

SWK 314 | Social Work Ethics | W | 5:30-8:30 PM | 8 weeks | synchronous

SWK 424 | Practice II | 8 weeks | asynchronous

SWK 428 | Field Seminar I | T | 2:00-4:00 PM | 16 weeks | synchronous

SWK 426 | Field Education I | 16 weeks | synchronous

SWK 490 | SWK Elective - Financial Literacy | 8 weeks | asynchronous

SWK 306 | SWK Elective - Substance Abuse | 8 weeks | asynchronous

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### pre-MSW program

SWK 500 | Human Behavior in the Social Environment | T & R | 4:00-5:30 PM | 16 weeks | synchronous

SWK 511 | Policy I | 8 weeks | asynchronous

SWK 524 | Generalist Practice I | 16 weeks | asynchronous

SWK 590 | Field Education IA | 16 weeks | asynchronous

SWK 640 | Introduction to Trauma-Informed Practice | T | 12:00-3:00 PM | 8 weeks | synchronous

SWK 651 | Advanced Generalist Practice III | M | 2:00-4:00 PM | 16 weeks | synchronous

SWK 754 | Advanced Policy | 8 weeks | asynchronous

SWK 690 | Field Education IIA | 16 weeks | asynchronous

## Campus resources

### Housing

Ms. Dawnyale Bundy-Hale | [dlbundy-hale@vuu.edu](mailto:dlbundy-hale@vuu.edu)

### Registrar

Ms. Dixon | [registrar2@vuu.edu](mailto:registrar2@vuu.edu) & [ddixon@vuu.edu](mailto:ddixon@vuu.edu)

### Student Accommodations

Dr. Corey Scott | [cscott@vuu.edu](mailto:cscott@vuu.edu)

### IT

[helpdesk@vuu.edu](mailto:helpdesk@vuu.edu)

# SPRING 2024 COURSE OFFERINGS

## BSW program

SWK 255 | Introduction to Social Work | T & R | 6:00-7:30 PM | 8 weeks | synchronous

SWK 310 | Social Research II | | 16 weeks | asynchronous

SWK 380 | Social Discrimination | 8 weeks | asynchronous

SWK 490 | Pre-Field | R | 2:00-4:00 PM | 8 weeks | synchronous

SWK 324 | Practice I | T & R | 4:00-5:30 PM | 16 weeks | synchronous

SWK 425 | Practice III | T & R | 9:00-10:30 AM | 16 weeks | synchronous

SWK 429 | Field Seminar II | T | 2:00-4:00pm | 16 weeks | synchronous

SWK 427 | Field Education II | 16 weeks | asynchronous

SWK 490 | SWK Elective - Case Management | 8 weeks | asynchronous

SWK 490 | SWK Elective - Trauma and Self Care | T & R | 12:00-1:30 PM | 8 weeks | synchronous

## pre-MSW program

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SWK 510 | Social Research I | 8 weeks | asynchronous

SWK 525 | Generalist Practice II | 8 weeks | asynchronous

SWK 591 | Field Education IB | 16 weeks | asynchronous

SWK 613 | Advanced Research - Program Evaluation | 16 weeks | asynchronous

SWK 652 | Advanced Generalist Practice IV | M | 2:00-4:00 PM | 16 weeks | synchronous

SWK 693 | Field Education IIB | 16 weeks | asynchronous

## Social Work Field Education

Field education, also known as field placement & field seminar, is a requirement for students who are seeking a BSW degree or a pre-MSW degree from VUU. Field education is not optional. Field education provides students an opportunity to get firsthand experience of social work in action. These hours must be completed in a community agency setting and are in addition to the required coursework. Students may be eligible to complete the field education requirement with their current employer. Students interested in utilizing their current place of employment for field education must obtain approval from the Director of Field Education.

Full time BSW students must complete 400 practicum hours during their senior year of the program. Students are required to spend at least 14 hours per week with their assigned agency. Typically, students complete these requirements in two 7-hour days, during normal daytime business hours. Full time MSW students must complete 400 practicum hours during their first year and 500 practicum hours during their second year of the program. Students are required to spend at least 14 hours per week with their assigned agency the first year and at least 21 hours per week the second year. Typically, students complete these requirements in two or three 7-hour days, during normal daytime business hours.