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Welcome to the team!

This Fall, we have three new faculty joining our department.



Mr. Blake Lanier



Dr. Cameron Greensmith



Dr. Neil Duchac

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MSW Program Celebrates 10 Years of Excellence

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Grant Awards

Dr. Lisa Johnson, LCSW, HS-BCP, is Vice-President of SafePath Children's Advocacy Centers Board of Directors. She is the first community member representing academia on the Board. She is also the recipient of a \$10,000 grant from Help for Children (HFC) in support of her qualitative research project, "An Innovative Approach to Experiential Learning: Merging University Learning and Children's Advocacy Centers."



Dr. Darlene Rodriguez, Ph.D, MSW, MPA, was selected to receive the FY18 OVPR Pilot/Seed Grant to Attract External Funding for "Atlanta's Immigrant Crossroads: Civic Engagement as a Tool for Newcomer Integration." 41 applications were received and the final decision was based on reviews, an analysis of the external funding potential, prior internal and external funding and proposal submission activity, performance on prior OVPR support and considerations for investigator career state. Dr. Rodriguez received one of 11 awards that were approved.



Welcome, New Interim Human Services Program Coordinator, Dr. Jennifer Wade-Berg

Jennifer A. Wade-Berg, Ph.D. CNP is an Associate Professor in Human Services and Campus Executive Director of the Nonprofit Leadership Alliance Certificate Program. Her teaching emphasis is nonprofit management and research interests and publications are in the areas of cultural competence, sports philanthropy, student retention and curriculum mapping. She also holds approximately \$5 million dollars in grant funding for various projects.



We want to thank Dr. Steve King for serving as the Human Services Coordinator for the past year and for all his efforts.

Publications

Dr. Hans Skott-Myhre recently co-edited (with Veronica Pacini-Ketchabaw and Kathleen S.G. Skott-Myhre) a volume on working with young people in the contexts of child and youth care, early childhood education, and psychology. [*Youth Work, Early Education, and Psychology: Liminal Encounters*](#), argues for the necessity of examining and interrogating how various modes of praxis related to young people are deployed in the 21st century. The analysis presented by the various authors in the volume is premised in an acknowledgement that the socio-political landscape has shifted considerably under the emerging systems of rule that constitute postmodern capitalism. The editors argue that the traditional modes of civil society designed to integrate and shape young people as functioning members of society such as education, the family, modes of psychotherapy, as well as orphanages and other forms of residential care, are in various stages of crisis and reconfiguration. To this end they propose a series of propositions that highlight politicized strategies to working with young people under current conditions of neo-liberal capitalism. The book questions ongoing approaches, and provides alternative perspectives drawing on the pedagogical affordances of liminal approaches founded in theoretical frameworks of immanence.



Dr. Irene McClatchey's newly published book, [*Bereavement Camps for Children and Adolescents*](#), is the first book to describe in detail how to create bereavement camps for children and adolescents. It is a comprehensive how-to guide, offering practical advice on planning, curriculum building, and evaluation. Readers will find a step-by-step plan for building a non-profit organization, including board development and fundraising, such as grant writing, soliciting businesses, and holding special events, as well as valuable information on nonprofit management and volunteer recruitment. The appendices include a variety of sample forms, letters, and more.



Student/Faculty Partnerships

Our students take an active role in the Human Services field by participating in the ongoing conversations around pertinent topics. This year, several students partnered with faculty members to co-author articles or co-present at conferences.

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