Congratulations, Class of 2023

2023 Commencement
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11 a.m. Friday, May 12 | Stuart C. Siegel Center

VCU School of Social Work
Order of exercise

Marshals and banner bearers
• Office of Student Success staff and student volunteers

Processional
• Faculty and guests
• Ph.D. graduates
• M.S.W. graduates
• B.S.W. graduates

Introduction of the dean
• Stevara Haley Clark, Ed.D., acting associate dean for academic and student affairs; and associate professor in teaching

Welcome and special faculty recognition
• Rebecca Gomez, Ph.D., interim dean and associate professor

Commencement speaker
• Anthony Estreet, Ph.D., M.B.A., LCSW-C

Special student recognitions
• Stevara Haley Clark, Ed.D.

Recognition of Ph.D. graduates
• Denise Burnette, Ph.D., director, M.S.W. Program

Ph.D. student speaker
• Cameron Tomlinson

Hooding of Ph.D. graduates
• Denise Burnette, Ph.D
• Matthew Bogenschutz, Ph.D.
• Youngmi Kim, Ph.D.
• Sunny Shin, Ph.D.

Awarding of Ph.D. diplomas
• Rebecca Gomez, Ph.D.
• Denise Burnette, Ph.D.

Recognition of M.S.W. graduates
• Nicole L. Lee, Ph.D., director, M.S.W. Program

M.S.W. student speaker
• Elicia Carter

Hooding of M.S.W. graduates
• Qasarah Bey Spencer, Ed.D., assistant professor in teaching
• Kimberly Compton, Ph.D., assistant director, M.S.W. Program; and assistant professor in teaching
• Gary Cuddeback, Ph.D., associate dean for research and interim associate dean for faculty affairs
• Ananda Newmark, Ph.D., associate professor in teaching
• M. Alex Wagaman, Ph.D., associate professor

Awarding of M.S.W. diplomas
• Rebecca Gomez, Ph.D.
• Nicole L. Lee, Ph.D.

Reading of M.S.W. graduate names
• Humberto E. Fabelo, Ph.D., associate professor
• Mer Francis, Ph.D., assistant professor

Recognition of B.S.W. graduates
• Stephanie G. Odera, Ed.D., director, B.S.W. Program

B.S.W. student speaker
• Mya Mombrun

Awarding of B.S.W. diplomas
• Rebecca Gomez, Ph.D.
• Stephanie G. Oder, Ed.D.

Reading of B.S.W. graduate names
• Allison K. Ryals, M.S.W., LCSW, assistant director, B.S.W. Program
• Shenita Williams, Ph.D., director, field education; and assistant professor in teaching

Closing remarks
• Rebecca Gomez, Ph.D.

Recessional

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See back cover for floor plan/seating details.
Anthony Estreet, Ph.D., M.B.A., LCSW-C

Estreet was named chief executive officer of the National Association of Social Workers in January 2023. He earned a bachelor’s in science in psychology from Bowie State University, an M.S.W. at Virginia Commonwealth University, a doctorate in social work at Morgan State University, and an M.B.A. at the University Maryland-College Park. He is a member of Alpha Phi Alpha, the oldest intercollegiate African American fraternity.

He was previously a professor and chair of the Master of Social Work Program at Morgan State University starting in 2013. Estreet is also founder and chief executive officer of Next Step Treatment Center in Baltimore, which provides substance use treatment and mental health services. He was vice president of the NASW Board of Directors but stepped down from that role after being considered a candidate in the search process. Estreet also served as president of the NASW Maryland Chapter and is an active member of the Council on Social Work Education and the National Association of Black Social Workers.

While at Morgan, Estreet was awarded more than $6 million in extramural grant funding for social work workforce development, research and training. He also led the development and expansion of the first M.S.W. program in the United States, and at a historically Black college or university, to have an area of specialized practice focused on addressing substance use disorders.

During his career, Estreet has also been tapped to turn around and expand an underperforming clinical program and speed up public health action to address HIV health disparities among men in Baltimore and Jackson, Mississippi. Estreet has published extensively in peer-reviewed journals, is a prolific national conference presenter and keynote speaker, and has two published books.

Learn more about Dr. Estreet's NASW appointment and his perspectives on VCU and higher education.
University Honors
Black History in the Making Award
*M.S.W.*
Elicia Carter
*B.S.W.*
Oscar Kemp

School Honors and Awards
School of Social Work Phi Kappa Phi Scholarship
*M.S.W.*
Samantha Cain

Elaine Z. Rothenberg Memorial Scholarship Fund
*Ph.D.*
Sarah N. Lineberry
*B.S.W.*
Oscar Kemp

Student Field Impact Award
*M.S.W.*
Camryn-Rachele Bosko
Lourdes Sandoval
*B.S.W.*
Alyshia Hill
Ralph Whitfield

Phi Alpha National Honor Society for Social Work Students
*M.S.W.*
Laura M. Asbury
Caitlin Buchanan
Jensina Burstein
Caroline Copeland Gonzales
Deedra Everett
Jarman Fagalde
Mary Falter
Jennifer Anne Flynn
Michael J. Gifford
Ashley Golden
Emily Harris
Deborah Katz
Aaron Keen
Jennifer Tweel Kelly
Aaryn Kopp
Grace Antonia Landolt
Amber N. Leathers
Meredith Migliaccio
Grace Rice
Deborah Lorer Scian
Jonathan Lao Seng
Benjamin Shenal
Jamie Simpkins
Michaela Stam
Taylor Marie Steffan
Alexandra Grace Fellows Sullivan
Carmetra Margirae Tyre
Rachael Wesolowski
Laura Zettlemyer
Daniela Patricia Zuleta-Sarmiento
*B.S.W.*
Denise Allen
Sydney Biondi
Alex Brosius
Edline Lena Evans
Trinity Gillison
Abigail Johnson-Firth
SaQuayla Jones
Marlene Laynez-Loarca
Caroline Lois McWhirt
Angela-Marie Rone
Kayla Simpkins
Terisa Janet Smith
Jasmine M. Willey

School of Social Work Service and Leadership Awards
*Ph.D.*
Jennifer L. Murphy
Cameron Tomlinson
*B.S.W.*
Chantice Blair
Oscar Kemp

School of Social Work Social Justice Award
*Ph.D.*
Jennifer Murphy
*M.S.W.*
Angela Couch

Undergraduate, Graduate and Doctoral Support Scholars
Rosa Jimenez-Vazquez Adelante Scholarship: Sirviendo La Comunidad Hispana
*B.S.W.*
Briany Cruz

Anne Fischer Scholarship Fund in the School of Social Work
*M.S.W.*
Jurica Brown
Ana Diaz
Emarie Drake
Sabrina Hawa
Tyler Holder
Lourdes Sandoval

Child Welfare Stipend Program
*M.S.W.*
Cathleen Atkinson
Elena Boyle
Samantha Chavez
Robyn Coleman
Kala Curtis
Alexis Dickerson
Sophie Grace
Kayla Graves
Lizzie Heier
Marianne Lund
Andrea Olguin
Evelin Perez Rodriguez
Lauren Sherman
Tim Wallace
Claire Witmer

Dr. David P. Beverly Memorial Scholarship Fund
*M.S.W.*
Ana Diaz
Stephen Grinnell

Emmett W. Cocke, Jr. Scholarship
*M.S.W.*
Kimberly Garcia
Frank and Patricia Baskind Scholarship
*B.S.W.*
Oscar Kemp

Fostering Success Scholarship
*M.S.W.*
Allison Clough
*B.S.W.*
Maggie Boettiger
Oscar Kemp

Gaye Shinall Jones Merit Scholarship in Social Work
*B.S.W.*
Charlene Agustin

Hans S. Falck Scholarship
*Ph.D.*
Sarah N. Lineberry
Jennifer L. Murphy

Hatcher Merit Scholarship in Social Work
*B.S.W.*
Trinity Gillison

Joanne Kerbs Caramanica Scholarship
*M.S.W.*
Deborah Katz

Judy M. Thomas “Dr. T.” B.S.W. Scholarship
*B.S.W.*
Kaela Burns
Gabe Vargas

Kimberly K. Giancaspro Scholarship
*M.S.W.*
Megan Schnellenberger

Dr. Marilyn A. Biggerstaff Fund for Doctoral Student Research
*Ph.D.*
Cameron Tomlinson

Martin S. Schwartz Fund
*M.S.W.*
Deborah Katz

Cesare and Ida Sclarandis Fund
*M.S.W.*
Deborah Katz

Pamela B. Nystrom Memorial Scholarship Fund
*B.S.W.*
Alexis Apollony

Radical Alliance for Anti-Racism, Change and Equity (RAACE)
*Ph.D.*
Jennifer L. Murphy
*M.S.W.*
Em Bickford
*B.S.W.*
Oscar Kemp

Rick and Brenda Faulkner Scholarship
*B.S.W.*
Maggie Boettiger
Katheryn M. Chihuan Iparraguirre

Student Ambassadors
*M.S.W.*
Eva Ramirez

Virginia Council on Social Welfare Scholarship
*B.S.W.*
Alexis Apollony

We Are Why: A Scholarship Centering Black Community and Supporting Black Liberation
*M.S.W.*
Cathleen Atkinson

Dual Degree, Certificate, Cooperative and Certification Program Recipients

Dual Degree M.S.W./M.P.H.
*May 2023*
Lawrence Green

Certificate in Aging Studies
*December 2022*
Abby Ledford

May 2023
Ashly Welch

Certificate in Gender Violence Intervention
*May 2023*
Sara Burleson
Kerry Byrne
Elica Carter
Stephen Grinnell
Tyler Holder
Zoe Minnick
Taylor Marie Steffan

Certificate in Nonprofit Management
*May 2023*
Natalie Battaglia
Kerry Byrne
Jerica Thompson
*August 2023*
Nicole Concepcion Aquino

Certification in School Social Work
*December 2022*
Edelmaris Colindres
Justin Torrence

*May 2023*
Allison Clough
Caroline Copeland Gonzales
Malik Edmonds
Courtney Fosque
April Garber
Brooke Gardner
Melvisha Hathaway
Megan Martin
Meredith Migliaccio
Paloma Saucedo de la Pena
Laura Zettlemoyer

*August 2023*
Crystal D. Moran
Brooke Vanlandingham

Va-LEND
*May 2023*
Grace Rice
Ph.D. Graduates

Sunghwan Cho
Dissertation
Acculturative stress, religiosity, resilience and quality of life among older Korean immigrants.

Dissertation Chair
Denise Burnette, Ph.D.

Committee
Kyeongmo Kim, Ph.D.
Sarah Kye Price, Ph.D.
Rosalie Corona, Ph.D., VCU Department of Psychology

Sarah N. Lineberry
Dissertation
Impact of COVID-19 on adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities in the United States.

Dissertation Chair
Matthew Bogenschutz, Ph.D.

Committee
Hollee McGinnis, Ph.D.
Kyeongmo Kim, Ph.D.
Parthenia Dinora, Ph.D., Partnership for People with Disabilities

Jennifer L. Murphy
Dissertation
Adolescent school mental health service utilization

Dissertation Chair
Youngmi Kim, Ph.D.

Committee
Kyeongmo Kim, Ph.D.
Traci Wike, Ph.D.
Kevin Sutherland, Ph.D., VCU School of Education

Cameron Tomlinson
Dissertation
Comparing theoretical models of childhood adversity to understand psychological adjustment of child welfare-involved adolescents.

Dissertation Chair
Sunny Shin, Ph.D.
Shelby McDonald, Ph.D., Denver Zoological Foundation

Committee
Hollee McGinnis, Ph.D.
Albert Farrell, Ph.D., VCU Department of Psychology
M.S.W. Graduates

Abraham, Mary Pat
Acosta-Lewis, Zephyr
Ahmadi, Mckenzie
Albert, Grace
Arnold, Abigail
Arvig, Anna
Asbury, Laura
Asuru-Acey, Nadell
Atkinson, Cathleen
Audritsh, Elizabeth
Ayaz, Eman
Baisden, Steven
Baldwin, Tyler
Battaglia, Natalie
Beaty, Sierra
Beganie, Kari
Berlinghoff, Morgan
Bettendorf, Maria
Bickford, Em
Bielz, Alexis
Bishop, Naomi
Bitsas, John
Blouch, Rachel
Bopp, Lynanne
Borchardt, Brooke
Bosko, Camryn-Rachele
Bowens, Trinity
Breeden, Meredith
Britt, Erin
Brown, Dayla
Brown, Jurica
Brown, Marilyn
Brown, Tina
Bryan, Grace
Buchanan, Caitlin
Burleson, Sara
Burns, Grace
Burstein, Jensina
Byrne, Kerry
Carden, Emily
Cardenas, Grecia
Carter, Elicia
Caswell, Jackson
Cattler, Paige
Chadwick, Audrey
Chamale, Dania
Chavez, Samantha
Chenoweth, Megan
Chenoweth, Allison
Concannon, Sean
Constancia-Sorto, Tatiana
Cooley, Ady
Copeland, Caroline
Crispens, Cameron
Cruz, Cecilia
Cunha-Benjamin, Bela
Davis, Hope
Deitutu, Kwasi
DeMildt, Anna
Denny, Jordan
Diaz, Maria
Dickerson, Alexis
Dovel, April
Dowdy, Grace
Drake, Emarie
Dunn, Rebecca
Edmonds, Malik
Eline, Lauren
Ellis, Kathryn
Ellson, Katherine
Everett, Deedra
Fagade, Jarman
Finley, Jessica
Flynn, Jennifer
Foley, Ires
Fosque, Courtney
Fox, Tiffany
French, Amanda
Froelich, Stefanie
Futrell, Armani
Gaffin, Rachel
Garber, April
Garcia, Kimberly
Gardner, Brooke
Gaskins, J’Keyah
Gayles, Italy
Gifford, Michael
Goldberg, Megan
Golden, Ashley
Grace, Sophie
Graves, Kayla
Gray, Jason
Green, Lawrence
Grinnell, Stephen
Harris, Anna
Harris, Milo
Hartzog, Haylee
Harvey, Vania
Hathaway, Melvisha
Hawa, Sabrina
Hinks, Kelly
Holder, Tyler
Holstein, Lauren
Hoy, Jessica
Isbell, Kara
Jackson, Naomi
Jensen, Ryanna
Jimenez, Stephanie
Johnson, Emily
Jones, Brittany
Judge, Colleen
Kahn, Emmanuelle
Katz, Debo
Keen, Aaron
Kelly, Jen
Knopp, Benjamin
Kopp, Aaryn
Kotait, Taylor
Kumar, Kathryn
Landolt, Grace
Leathers, Amber
Levendosky, Simone
Lewis, Jacquaila
Ligush, Annie
Lins, Bill
Lloyd, Olena
Lowe, Rebecca
Lund, Marianne
Lunos, Cali
Maddux, Ryan
Mair, Tavan
Martin, Megan
McCormick, Jessica
McCray, Nikayla
McDonald, Louise
McKinney, Christopher
Migliaccio, Meredith
Minnick, Zoe
Miranda, Karissa
Mitchell, Rebecca
Morgan, Anna
Muneer, Javeria
Neal, Megan
Negash, Maya
Oakley, Olivia
Omps, Vaughn
Perez Rodriguez, Evelyn
Peyton, Madalyn
Pillai, Kashish
Pirozzi, Emma
Pitts, Rashonda
Ramey, Kristen
Ramirez, Eva
Rashid, Nody
Reid, Kristen
Rice, Grace
Rocha, Allanah
Rodriguez, Freya
Rodriguez, Jenerifer
Roushar, Bree
Rowe, Charlotte
Rubley, Julie
Rucker, Christine
Ruiz, Kristan
Sadick, Emma
Sanderson, Elizabeth
Sandoval, Lourdes
Saucedo de la Pena, Paloma
Savage, Caitlyn
Sawh, Marissa
Schnellenberger, Megan
Schnelzer, Pauline
Schroeder, Kristin
Scian, Deborah
Seng, Jonathan
Shaffer, Leigh
Sheikh, Aman
Shenal, Benjamin
Sherman, Lauren
Simpkins, Jamie
Solell-Knepler, Kesem
Sperry, Sophia
Stafford, Elizabeth
Stam, Michaela
Steffan, Taylor
Steinruck, Kamryn
Stevenson, Rikki
Sullivan, Alexandra
Swankowski, Ashley
Taylor, Chrysse
Taylor, Jordan
Thompson, Jerica
Tyre, Carmetra
Vannoy, Lynn
Vanous, Jesse
Vaughan, Erica
Viado, Timothy
Wachter, Rachel
Wallace, Chelsea
Wallace, Timothy
Waybright, Liana
Webel, Katharine
Welch, Ashly
Wesolowski, Rachael
White, Anita
White, Evan
White, Nicholas
Wike, Asher
Wilde, Delany
Williams, Joleeta
Witmer, Claire
Wood, Ariel
Worrell, Lilly
Wray, Sydney
Yellin, Skye
Young, Byerly
Zettelmooyer, Laura
Zimermann, Kathleen
Zuleta-Sarmiento, Daniela

December 2022 graduates

Adams, Jenna
Allen, Daphne
Arrazia, Laura
Arey, Jessica
Ayees, Shaqrah
Branick, Deirdre
Bultman, Kristin
Cameron, Shan’Te
Castillo, Haylie
Clark, Cornecia
Clarke, Caroline
Cohen, Samuel
Colindres, Edelmaris
Cook, Katherine
Davis, Ashley
Dietch, Michelle
Faniel, Amber
Felice, Sarah
Guzman, Shelby
Harker, Benjamin
Heck, Laura
Henderson, Tyler
James, Jessica
Johnson, KC
Jones, Alicia
King Carr, Phyllis
Knittel, Eli
Krenz, Megan
Lay, Mico
Le, Victoria
Ledford, Abby
Lewis, Kimberly
Lloyd, Nohea
McLear, Kimberly
McDevitt, Chitra
McKinley, Molly
Melton, Emily
Miller, Megan
Minor, Mary
Moylan, Lindsey
Oldfield, Caroline
Oliver, Antacia
Ondo, Lania
Park, Caroline (Carly)
Pitney, Linda
Reilly, Megan
Sanchez-Moreira, Claudia
Sanchez, Carlos
Sharif, Saima
Short, Malinell
Simkol, Ilana
Smith, Ebony
Smith, Mackenzie
Snyder, Melinda
Spruill, Christina
Stith, Destiny
Suvanasai, Irrin
Thomas, Carole
Torrence, Justin
Tripp, Stephanie
Turner, Ian
Watson, Brittany
Williams, Brittany
Willner, Emily
Winebrenner, Levi
Zeman, Brittany

B.S.W. Graduates
Abbott, Kathryn++
Abbott, Sherice
Agustin, Charlene
Allen-Pineda, Denise
Anderson, Kegan+
Angulo, Tatiana++
Apollony, Lexi++
Bailey, Ashley
Batool, Fatima+
Bell, Brittany
Biondi, Sydney++
Blair, Chantice
Blount, Danica
Boettiger, Maggie++
Brickey, Taylor+
Brozios, Alex+++;
Bullock, Kywuan++
Burns, Kaela+
Bustillo, Claudia
Butler, Roquelle
Carney, Haley++
Carper, Bri+
Chapman, Hayley+
Chihuan Iparraguirre, Katheryn+
Cruickshanks, Eilidh
Cruz, Brian
Davis, Eliza++
Deiss, Rachel++
Dobra, Jordan+++;
Durand, Chloe
Evans, Edline
Evans, Sam+
Flores Valdez, Leslie++
Gillison, Trinity++
Gordillo, Andressa+
Gosse, Lily++;
Haile, Natania
Hartmann, Mackenzie+
Heinrich, Emma+
Henry, Ericka
Henry, Tiffany++;
Hernandez-Zuniga, Jessica
Hicks, Robert+
Hildebrand-Graviss, Q+
Hill, Alyshia
Hill, Kaylin
Hinkle, Ellie+++;
Hudson, Jordan
Humphrey, Cecilia
Jefferson, Alana+
Jennison, Ashley+
Johnson, Mary
Johnson-Firth, Abigail++;
Jones, SaQuayla
Kemp, Oscar+++;
Koontz, Milo+++;
Lacy, Patrice
Levy, Hannah+
Lindor Carty, Josiah
Lyons, Khaila
Marlow, Crystal
Martin, Eleanor+
Mathias, Hannah
Matthews, Talaya++;
McKeen, Kathryn+
McWhirt, Caroline++
Miano, Eduardo
Mombrun, Mya
Newborn, Kiera++
Padapoloulo, Cat
Passos, Isabella++;
Picone, Danielle
Rivers, Ashton
Rogers, Courtney
Rone, Angela-Marie++;
Rose, Bria
Rucker, Daniel+
Sales, Ana+
Shaw, Jack
Shields, Caitlin
Simpkins, Kayla
Smith, Robert
Smith, Teri++;
Thakkar, Layla
Thompson, Katherine
Vargas, Gabe
Walker, Violet+
Walltower, Morgan
Walter, Ella++;
Whitesell, Margo
Whitfield, Ralph+
Willey, Jasmine++;
Williams, Cameron
Wilson, Julianne
Woollett, Mayra++;

August 2023 graduates
Anderson, E’Wayna Charnise
Aquino, Nicole Concepcion
Argo, Amiel
Bauer, Iz
Currier, Emily
Falter, Mary
Mobley, Ayan Ntiski
Moore, Alyson
Moran, Crystal D.
Olguin, Andrea
Owen, Vinessa Tramaine
Poole, LaNesia
Roane, Selena
Rudderman, Amanda
Stapor, Daniela
Taylor, Jessica
Vanlandingham, Brooke
Whelan, Carly

+++ Summa cum laude (3.9-4.0 GPA)
++ Magna cum laude (3.6-3.89 GPA)
+ Cum laude (3.3-3.59 GPA)

Only undergraduate students are eligible for honors designations. Due to rigid time constraints, this program must be printed before the final list of degree candidates can be determined. The exclusion of the name of a student is not to be taken as an indication of official status as a non-graduate, nor is the inclusion of the name of a student to be taken as a certification of official status as a graduate.

August 2023 graduates
Argo, Amiel
Bush, Taylor
Duwa, Reilly++;
Forbes, Nicolette
Laynez-loarca, Marlene++;
Luck, Trinity

December 2022 graduates
Ellis, Fabian
Holicky, Molly
Faculty

- Adrienne Baldwin-White, Ph.D., assistant professor
- Frank R. Baskind, Ph.D., dean emeritus and professor
- Qasarah Bey Spencer, Ed.D., assistant professor in teaching
- Matthew Bogenschutz, Ph.D., associate professor
- Denise Burnette, Ph.D., Samuel S. Wurtzel Endowed Faculty Chair in Social Work and professor
- Jamie L. Cage, Ph.D., assistant professor
- Jillian A. Carpenter, M.S.W., assistant professor in teaching
- Karen G. Chartier, Ph.D, associate professor
- Stevara Haley Clark, Ed.D., associate professor in teaching
- Kimberly S. Compton, Ph.D., assistant professor in teaching
- Nicole A. Corley, Ph.D., assistant professor
- Elizabeth P. Cramer, Ph.D., LCSW, professor
- Gary S. Cuddeback, Ph.D., professor
- Cassie Desena-Jacobs, D.S.W., LCSW, assistant professor in teaching
- Humberto E. Fabelo, Ph.D., LCSW, associate professor
- Mer Francis, Ph.D., assistant professor
- Maurice N. Gattis, Ph.D., associate professor
- Jacob Goffnett, Ph.D., assistant professor
- Rebecca Gomez, Ph.D., associate professor
- McKenzie N. Green, Ph.D., assistant professor
- Carrie A. Hartwell, Ph.D., LCSW, Instructor
- Hyojin Im, Ph.D., associate professor
- Muthoni Imungi, Ph.D., associate professor in teaching
- Kyeongmo Kim, Ph.D., assistant professor
- Youngmi Kim, Ph.D., associate professor
- Miriam Kurtikar, Ph.D., associate professor
- Nicole L. Lee, Ph.D., associate professor in teaching
- Hollee A. McGinnis, Ph.D., assistant professor
- Ananda Newmark, Ph.D., associate professor in teaching
- Stephanie G. Odera, Ed.D., associate professor in teaching
- Nicole L. O-Pries, M.S.W., LCSW, associate professor in teaching
- Sarah K. Price, Ph.D., professor
- Naomi Sutton Reddish, M.S.W., assistant professor in teaching
- Allison K. Ryals, M.S.W., LCSW, associate professor in teaching
- Sunny H. Shin, Ph.D., associate professor
- M. Alex Wagaman, Ph.D., associate professor
- Traci L. Wike, Ph.D., associate professor
- Shenita Williams, Ph.D., LCSW, assistant professor in teaching
Administration and staff

- Leslie A.C. Aitken, D.Ed.Min., coordinator, Ph.D. Program
- Robert Anderson, M.S., upper-level B.S.W. student success advisor
- Allison Bell, M.A., executive assistant to the dean
- LaKesha Bennett, B.A., senior recruitment specialist
- Denise Burnette, Ph.D., director, Ph.D. Program
- Sarah Burton-Everette, M.Ed., director, advising and retention
- Stevara Haley Clark, Ed.D., acting associate dean, academic and student affairs; director, online education
- Lakeita Clarkson, M.S., online M.S.W. student success advisor
- Kimberly S. Compton, Ph.D., assistant director, M.S.W. Program
- J. Doug Critcher, assistant, B.S.W. Program
- Gary S. Cuddeback, Ph.D., associate dean, research; interim associate dean, faculty affairs
- Kiara Faulks, M.A., senior recruitment specialist
- Liana Fino, B.S., senior research administrator
- Cinnamon M. Francis, M.Sc., enrollment and agreements manager, field education
- Anna Givens, M.P.A., senior development specialist
- Rebecca Gomez, Ph.D., interim dean
- Janina Holly, B.S., communications specialist
- Kristin A. Hopkins, M.A., assistant, M.S.W. admissions
- Rachel Hosig, B.S.W., B.S., coordinator, M.S.W. Program
- Sharon Johnson, B.S., business manager
- Kimberly King, administrative coordinator, field education
- Nicole L. Lee, Ph.D., director, M.S.W. Program
- Geoff LoCicero, M.L.I.S., director, communications
- Amanda Long, M.S.W., coordinator, community engaged child and family well-being initiatives
- Jackie Maroney, fiscal services specialist
- Katy Martin-Poindexter, A.A.S., HR generalist
- Jasmine McLaughlin, M.S.W., LCSW, program field coordinator, field education
- Anna McLemore, M.P.A., HR manager
- Mieko Michelle, MA.Ed., coordinator, M.S.W. Program
- Bennett Newman, M.B.A., senior financial administrator
- Stephanie G. Odera, Ed.D., director, B.S.W. Program
- Susan L. O’Shea, M.ED., CPA, assistant dean, finance and administration
- Jay W. Pearman, B.S.C.I.S., information technology analyst
- Jazmyn Porter, M.P.H., M.S.W., senior advisor
- Sarah K. Price, Ph.D., professor
- Iesah Ramsey, Ph.D., director, student success
- James Romanik, M.B.A., director, development
- Allison K. Ryals, M.S.W., LCSW, assistant director, B.S.W. Program
- India Turner, M.S.W., program field coordinator, field education
- Jacob A. Ulmschneider, M.A., assistant, M.S.W. admissions
- Audrey Walls, M.Ed., student success writing advisor
- Micah Weedman, Ph.D., term prep designer
- Shenita Williams, Ph.D., director, field education
- Madison Woodroof, M.S.W., assistant director and program field coordinator, field education
Dr. Sarah Kye Price is getting ready for one final commencement celebration at VCU after 17 years watching students walk across the stage and into the world to make a real, tangible difference in the lives of clients and communities.

“I fell into social work a little accidentally,” Dr. Price recalls. “I started my undergraduate career with a health focus and was working my way through school as a nurses’ aide, and I was terrible at it. I loved talking with people, and that made me very slow with my work tasks. One day, my supervisor was reprimanding me and said rather bluntly, ‘if you want to talk to people so [expletive!] much, maybe you should be a social worker.’ I took an introduction to social work class the next semester. The rest is history!” She went on to earn her B.S.W. at SUNY College at Buffalo and her M.S.W. at Syracuse University.

Dr. Price’s social work career has always been interdisciplinary. Her direct practice work has included health care settings in geriatrics, women’s health, sub-acute rehabilitation and hospice care. She became a grief therapist in community practice specializing in reproductive health care and bereavement during and around the time of pregnancy. That work inspired her to pursue her Ph.D. (Washington University in St. Louis, 2005) in order to improve health and mental health for pregnant and parenting people. “My research, just like my practice, involves teams of nurses, physicians, public health professionals, community health workers, policy-makers and educators because we all have roles in creating and advocating for more equitable health and mental health care.”

At VCU, Dr. Price attained the faculty rank of professor and has served as the Ph.D. Program director (2013-2014) and the associate dean for faculty development (2019-2022). Her research and scholarship have been funded by the NIH KL2 Scholars Program in Clinical and Translational Science, the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA), the Patient-Centered Outcomes Research Institute (PCORI) as well as several internal and community-foundation funding agencies. She has taught in-person, online and as a field instructor and liaison across programs and has served as the dual-degree advisor for the M.S.W.-M.P.H. program. She developed an online elective in Social Work Practice in Health Care, which will continue to be offered in the M.S.W. Program.

Dr. Price has been deeply engaged with her community of faith through ministry in racial justice and healing, food and housing equity, and pastoral care and support. In 2014, she began seminary in a hybrid model with Church Divinity School of the Pacific (CDSP) in Berkeley, California. After completing her M.Div. in 2018, she was ordained as an Episcopal priest. The Rev. Dr. Price has served locally with both Grace and Holy Trinity and St. Mark’s, Richmond. Last year, she spent the spring and summer as visiting professor of women in ministry at CDSP, developing and teaching a course in social work and spiritual care. Most recently, she has been filling an interim role with the Episcopal Diocese of Virginia supporting others called to ordained ministry.

What will you miss? “I will miss my amazing colleagues and students. I am truly grateful for all the people who have crossed my path here at VCU.”

What are you most proud of? “Deep commitment to my social work values, and living that out through my teaching, mentoring and community-engaged research partnerships. Now I hope to be an excellent community partner with the School of Social Work!”

VCU awarded Dr. Price the honorary designation of Distinguished Career Professor in May 2023.