About the School

The mission of the Silver School of Social Work at New York University is to educate professionals in a global perspective for social work practice with individuals, families, groups, and communities and to provide leadership in the development of knowledge relevant to social work practice in complex urban environments.

The Silver School provides a rich environment for the education of professional social workers, offering undergraduate, master’s, and doctoral degree programs, and continuing professional training. Through faculty research, the School is a key source of scholarly research and publications directed at improving the practice of social work, evaluating social service and mental health programs, and developing new alternatives for meeting the needs of under-served populations.

Since 1960, the Silver School has been a pioneer in training over 17,000 social work practitioners and leaders in every field of practice, affecting lives around the world. From 1960s gang violence to the AIDS crisis of the 1980s to 9/11, NYU’s social workers have been at the center of response efforts that turn crises into social progress.

Deans of the Silver School

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ACADEMIC PROCESSION
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Laurie E. Pennington

BS Banner Bearer
Morgan Sara Siegel

MSW Banner Bearer
Yuan Zhang

WASHINGTON SQUARE
Dana Kukin

ROCKLAND COUNTY
Nicole Devivo

WESTCHESTER COUNTY
Jesse A. Cordero

SHANGHAI
Yuetong (Chloe) Li

American Flag Bearer
Abdul-Rahman Washington

NYU Silver Banner Bearer
Lisa Jeanece Paige

Faculty and Platform Party

WELCOME FROM NYU SILVER
Dr. James Jaccard
Interim Dean and Professor

GREETINGS FROM THE UNIVERSITY
Dr. C. Cybele Raver
Senior Vice Provost for Academic Analytics and Graduate Academic Affairs,
New York University

RECOGNITION OF THE NASW-NYC ALEX ROSEN STUDENT OF THE YEAR AWARD RECIPIENT
Dr. Jeane Anastas
Professor and Past President, NASW

KEYNOTE ADDRESS
Chirlane McCray
First Lady of New York City

DOCTORAL STUDENT ADDRESS
Melissa N. Bowman

HOODING CEREMONY FOR DOCTORAL STUDENTS
Dr. Wen-Jui Han
Director, PhD Program

UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT ADDRESS
Alyssa M. Vu

PRESENTATION OF UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS
Dr. Robert Hawkins
Assistant Dean and Director, Undergraduate Program

MASTER’S STUDENT ADDRESS
Adriana Crystal Ruvalcaba

PRESENTATION OF MASTER’S STUDENTS
Dr. James I. Martin
Associate Dean for Academic Affairs and Director, MSW Program

CLOSING REMARKS AND INTRODUCTION OF THE CLASS OF 2017
Dr. James Jaccard
Interim Dean and Professor

ACADEMIC RECESSION
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The faculty and administration of the School extend their congratulations to the following recipients of special awards and honors in the graduating class of 2017.

SILVER SCHOOL OF SOCIAL WORK STUDENT AWARDS

Dean’s Award for Innovation in Social Work Practice
Marybeth Nametz
Robin L. Holmes
Kyle H. O’Brien - 2016 Recipient

Excellence in Homeless Services and Research
Julianna DiPinto

Excellence in Leadership Award
Terrance Coffie - 2016 and 2017 Recipient

#SocialWorkersRock Award
Elizabeth Abelow Dederick
Monique Reilly-Mundle
Caitlin C. Stetner

Global Social Work Award
Yuan Zhang

Robert Moore Award for Excellence in Scholarship
Laurie E. Pennington

Silver Citizenship Award
Tammy Smith
Tamara Stephanie Levin - 2015 Recipient
Adina Lichtman - 2014 Recipient

Silver Spirit Award
Alyssa M. Vu
Fengtao Huang
Tamara Stephanie Levin - 2016 Recipient

Social Justice Award
Alyssa Brielle Hernon
Dee Bonnick

SOCIAL WORK PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATION AWARDS

NASW-NYC Alex Rosen Student of the Year Award
Terrance Coffie

NYU Student of the Year, New York State Society for Clinical Social Work, Rockland Chapter
April A. Capawana
New York University Undergraduate Founder’s Day Awards

The University honors undergraduate students with superior academic records by designating them Founder’s Day Scholars. The award recipients have a minimum cumulative grade point average of 3.5.

Madeline Abreu
Chrystelle Isabelle Adé
Lisa Amato
Travis Jamal Blair
Sebastian R. Lopez Calvo
Taylor Colby
Kirk James Cooper-Johnson
Alyssa Hornyak
Jacob Kupperman
Katherine Leigh Landis
Rachel M. Langer
Brian Dong Yoon Lee
Brendan Leyden
Gabrielle Mass
Elisabetta F. Moiso
Marybeth Nametz
Tali Zilberman Neuhaus
Lora Oh
Lauren Osoria
Kaira Marie Otero
Kyrie Philbrook
Samantha Ashley Seligman
Morgan Sara Siegel
Devin J. Splaine
Alyssa M. Vu
Abdul-Rahman Washington
Brooklyn Williams

New York University Global Spiritual Life Graduate Student Award

Ariel Powell

Nia Awards

Philip Vera Cruz / Pete Velasco Mentorship Award
Yizhao Sheng

Urvashi Vaid / Melinda Paras Inclusive Programming Award
Hina Afridi

Silver Student Leadership Council

The mission of the Student Leadership Council is to provide multiple, flexible pathways to student leadership. Members serve as mentors; academic committee members; orientation leaders; volunteers for major school events; and the backbone for academic, professional, and social programming at the School.

Bryan W. Batista-Thomas
Daisy Varinia Bonilla
Ji-Ae (Joanna) Chang
Amina R. Choudhery
Hayley Redmond Cilley
Riyana Dasgupta
Xueting Fan
Jennifer D. Fana
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Barbara Mitchell
Gladys A. Ofori
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Nicholas J. Schmidt
Yizhao Sheng
Tammy Smith
Changxuetong Sun
Chuyue Sun
Autumn I. Talley
Wendoline Vargas
Hanning (Rachel) Zhang
Yuan Zhang
Phi Alpha Honor Society

Pi Pi Chapter Graduating Students

Phi Alpha Honor Society invites into membership those who have achieved excellence in scholarship and demonstrated their dedication to humanitarian goals. Now in its seventh year, the Pi Pi Chapter of Phi Alpha is the largest student organization at the Silver School of Social Work. In addition to maintaining exceptionally high standards of academic achievement, each member of the Pi Pi chapter volunteers time to charitable organizations in the community.

Madeline Abreu*
Chrystelle Isabelle Adé*
Suzanne Adelman
Justin Michael Afflitto
Lisa Amato*
Samantha B. Arfin
Rosemary Theresa Barton
Sarah E. Bees
Kendall Bernard
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Emily O’Brien
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Jacqueline M. Oregel
Lauren Osoria*
Helen Hyun-Kyung Park
Henry Park
Amita K. Patel
Samantha Katherine Pedersen
Alyssa R. Petersel
Kyrie Philbrook*
Alexandria Phillips
Molly A. Plotkin
Alexa C. Quattrocchi
Lisa Veronica Rabinovich
Tanina Marie Restivo
Amanda K. Ripley
Yunjoung Ro
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Brooklyn Williams*
Lingwei Wu

* Undergraduate
Chirlane McCray is the First Lady of New York City, a writer, and a passionate advocate for the underserved.

Ms. McCray is the driving force behind *ThriveNYC*, the most comprehensive mental health plan of any city or state in the USA. *ThriveNYC* is changing the culture around mental health and substance misuse, reimagining the way government and its partners deliver services, and making it easier for people to get help in the places where they live, work, worship and learn.

The First Lady is honored to serve as Chair of the Mayor’s Fund to Advance New York City. The Mayor’s Fund is the City’s official nonprofit—a one-of-a-kind organization that brings together government, philanthropies and the private sector to work on some of the most pressing issues of our time, including mental health, youth workforce development, and immigration and citizenship. She is also Honorary Co-Chair of the Commission on Gender Equity, and is guiding efforts to create a city where every girl and woman is treated equally and feels safe.

Ms. McCray and Mayor Bill de Blasio have two remarkable children, Chiara and Dante. You can learn more about the First Lady’s work on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram and Tumblr. She invites New Yorkers to help her make the greatest city in the world even greater.
Class of 2017

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Master of Social Work

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Patience Boakyewaa  Shira Rose Berk  Bùllerjahn
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These names are up to date as of May 2, 2017. Names and related details for all graduates appearing herein are subject to such changes, deletions, and additions as may be necessary for conformity with final, official records of the University.
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Dissertation Title: Externalizing Behaviors in Children Exposed to Intimate Partner Violence: Risk and Resiliency within the Context of the Mother-Child Relationship
Chair: Dr. Wen-Jui Han

Diana M. Padilla
Dissertation Title: Resistance or Acceptance of Abusive Behaviors in Romantic Relationships in Low Income and Urban Puerto Rican Adolescents Using a Unified Theory of Behavior
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Dissertation Title: A Research Synthesis and Meta-Analysis of Gender Differences in HIV Risk Factors Among People Who Inject Drugs
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Chair: Dr. Michelle Munson

Rosa Cho
Dissertation Title: Victims, Agents, and Everything In-Between: A Qualitative Exploration of Female Migrant Defendants of NY’s Human Trafficking Intervention Courts
Chair: Dr. Liliana Goldin

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Dissertation Title: Community Violence Exposure Among Young Adults Living in Public Housing: A Mixed Method Analysis of PTSD Symptoms and Functional Outcomes
Chair: Dr. Michelle Munson

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Dissertation Title: Beneath the Surface: A Call for Integrating Health and Mental Health Care for Burn Survivors
Chair: Dr. Jennifer Manuel

Jeffrey T. Steen
Dissertation Title: Adverse Childhood Experiences, Career Success, and the Role of Substance Misuse Treatment Among Social Workers with Alcohol and Other Drug Problems
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Laura C. Summerhill
Dissertation Title: A Quantitative Analysis of Ethiopian Attitudes Toward Intercountry Adoption
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* Student Group Leader   ° Award Recipient
There are two major qualities that I believe Gerry Landsberg possessed. They aren’t often found together but they were in him—Visionary and Pragmatist. Gerry was a visionary pragmatist.

I have known Gerry for 25 years and within that time, he was a colleague, mentor, supervisor and colleague again. We met in 1991 when I was directing a youth and community violence prevention division within Victim Services and NYU Silver was conducting the evaluation of one of my federal grants. A few years later, when I became a doctoral student at NYU Silver, I worked with Gerry as his doctoral assistant. When I joined the School’s faculty in 2015, we were colleagues once again. Throughout all of these roles, he actively mentored me and took pride in my professional development.

Gerry was not someone who paid a lot of attention to people’s positions. He tended to focus on whether people were interested and motivated to do something more, something that could make a real contribution to real issues and real people. It was just common sense to him that if we could do something to make things better then we should. He recognized that academia was, in some ways, a privileged place in that we had access to data that could improve conditions in communities. He was always looking to merge what we learned from research with real challenges, applying the theories but, more importantly, figuring out a pragmatic way to bring it all together so that there would be a real impact.

Gerry never stopped generating ideas for projects and initiatives based on partnerships with communities to address a number of overlooked social challenges. He launched the micro/macro focused learning opportunity (FLO) to expose NYU Silver students to the sometimes-neglected aspects of social work like policy, advocacy and leadership. He was passionate about serving children of incarcerated parents and enlisted me to work with him to develop a field placement at a local church that was established for people coming out of the prison system. Last Spring, we convened a micro/macro FLO event to compare and contrast the juvenile justice systems in New York and in Scotland. In the late 1990’s, he created NYU Silver’s Institute Against Violence, and after 9/11, we worked to develop Partners in Healing in collaboration with many of the city’s afterschool programs through the Partnership for Afterschool Education. I am thankful that our paths crossed and I am proud to consider him a mentor, proud of his contributions to NYU Silver and grateful always for his support.
**NYU Silver: A Brief History**

1953: NYU establishes a Department of Social Work in its Graduate School of Public Administration and Social Service.

1955: NYU grants 34 Master’s in Social Service degrees.

**May 1960:** NYU votes to establish separate graduate schools of public administration and social work.

**September 1960:** NYU establishes the School of Social Work.

**May 1961:** NYU confers 35 degrees to the first graduates of the School of Social Work.

**August – October 1972:** With federal funding no longer available and the School unable to reach revenue goals from a new undergraduate program, NYU sends the School a closing notice. The closure is scheduled to happen over two years with half the faculty receiving one-year termination notifications.

**November 1972:** Fundraising efforts are successful, including a $300,000 gift from Trustee Ruth Lewis Farkas. NYU’s Board of Trustees votes to confirm reinstatement of the Graduate School of Social Work.

**September 1973:** The School establishes the one-year residence MSW program and an undergraduate program.

**September 1976:** The School creates the MSW extended program, allowing a combination of full-time and part-time study.

**September 1980:** The School creates a doctoral program (DSW).

1981: The School initiates a post-master’s advanced certificate in clinical social work to help professionals advance their knowledge in treatment strategies and improve their approaches to complicated cases.

**September 1982:** The School introduces a 16-month accelerated MSW program, a faster route to an MSW degree.

**September 1984:** The School establishes its first dual-degree program. With the NYU School of Law, the program allows students to earn an MSW degree and JD degree.

1987: The New York State Education Department authorizes the School to grant a PhD degree, replacing the DSW.

**September 1987:** The School introduces the advanced standing MSW program.

1990: As School enrollment exceeds 1,000, NYU announces that 1 Washington Square North will be added to the School of Social Work building, joining 2 and 3 Washington Square North.

1994: The refurbishing of the School’s buildings is complete and the School is renamed the Ehrenkranz School of Social Work.

**September – December 2001:** Following the September 11 attacks, the School’s faculty, alumni, and students respond with crisis counseling and other critical services.

2003: The School establishes the Division of Lifelong Learning and Professional Development.

2007: NYU renames the School the Silver School of Social Work in honor of Constance and Martin Silver’s $50-million gift. In honor of Dean Shirley Ehrenkranz, the School names its 1 Washington Square North building the Ehrenkranz Center.

2007: The School establishes the McSilver Institute for Poverty Policy and Research.

2007: The School creates a 32-month MSW program designed for those who work full-time, allowing for evening, weekend, and summer study.

2010: The Center for Latino Adolescent and Family Health is founded.

2012: The Center on Violence and Recovery partners with NYU Silver.

2012: NYU Silver and East China Normal University School of Social Development establish the NYU-ECNU Joint Institute for Social Development at NYU Shanghai.

2015: The School’s first global MSW program is established; students attend the first year at NYU Shanghai and second year at NYU Washington Square campus.

2015: The School creates a DSW program in clinical social work, to prepare licensed social workers for leadership roles in academic and agency settings.

READ MORE: socialwork.nyu.edu/history
NYU Silver embraces the core values of the social work profession as spelled out in the National Association of Social Workers Code of Ethics.

These core values, embraced by social workers throughout the profession’s history, are the foundation of social work’s unique purpose and perspective:

» **Service**
» **Social justice**
» **Dignity and worth of the person**
» **Importance of human relationships**
» **Integrity**
» **Competence**

This constellation of core values reflects what is unique to the social work profession.

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