



# SOCIAL WORK SYNERGY

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## WELCOME!!!

Welcome to the NEW Social Work Program! We are happy to present this first newsletter as a resource for information related to the Neumann University Social Work Program, faculty and student information, activities and career development, professional links, and more!

Do you have ideas to share? Please send us your topic and information and we will include your piece in the next edition of **SYNERGY**.

### Faculty News

**Andrea Murphy, MSW, LCSW** – As the Program Director, Professor Murphy worked tirelessly last year to create the new Social Work Program! She is a graduate of Widener University’s Master of Social Work Program and is a licensed clinical social worker. Additionally, Professor Murphy is currently teaching the first Social Work course and will be teaching again in the Spring.

Pet Fact: Professor Murphy’s dog, a Bichon, is named Sadie.

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610-361-2574  
murphya@neumann.edu

**Rina Keller, MPA, MSS, LSW** – Welcome Professor Keller! Professor Keller completed her first graduate degree in Public Administration at Villanova University, and her Masters of Social Service at Bryn Mawr’s Graduate School of Social Work and Social Research. Additionally, she is a licensed social worker. In addition to teaching, Professor Keller is the Director of Field Placement for the Social Work program and will work with each Major on their internship experiences.

Pet Fact: Professor Keller’s French Bulldog is named Emma.

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### Spring 2016 Social Work Courses

SW100	Intro to Social Work (A. Murphy)	T/R 11:20-12:50
SW 200	Social Work with Individuals & Families (A. Murphy)	T/R 9:40-11:10
SW 205	Social Welfare Policies & Services (R. Keller)	M/W/F 10:20-11:20
SW 210	Diversity, Oppression, & Social Justice (R. Keller)	M/W/F 11:30-12:30

### Field Trips

The Intro to Social Work class has visited the Nemours/A.I. DuPont Hospital for Children and the Wilmington VA Medical Center. Our students had the opportunity to meet and talk with social workers with a wide variety of expertise. Next trip: Chester County Prison on 11/3. Additional field trips will be planned for all Social Work students in the spring - including a trip to Standing Hope Equine Therapy to learn how horses (and other animals) assist in psychotherapy.

## *Selected Jobs for BSW Graduates*

Adoption and Foster Care Agencies  
Child Protective Agencies  
Community Advocacy Organizations  
Criminal Justice Agencies  
Correctional System  
Social Services Agencies (i.e. working with the Homeless)  
Governmental Work – Working with Federal & State Agencies in Crime/Investigation/Criminal Justice Issues, Dept. of Health & Human Services, National Institute of Drug Abuse, the Peace Corp, Center for Disease Control & More

Probation Officer or Parole Officer  
Substance Abuse Agencies  
Healthcare Settings  
Mental Health Agencies  
Schools  
Victimology (Women’s Centers, Victim’s Rights Groups, Domestic Abuse Units)  
Non-Governmental Organizations – The World Bank, The National Academy of Science, Children’s Defense Fund, Social Science Research Council

### *Career Services & Professional Development*

Neumann University offers a variety of professional development services for current students including but not limited to: resume development, interview preparation, review of job offers, review of benefit packages, etc.

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(you can also make appointments on their webpage)

### *National Association of Social Workers (NASW) www.socialworkers.org*

The NASW is the largest social work professional organization in the world. Neumann BSW students are expected to read, understand, and abide by the NASW Code of Ethics.

If you would like to join, the NASW offers a student rate of \$57/year.

Check their website for career information and meeting dates and places. Be sure to attend when you can!

\*Remember to include professional memberships and attendance at workshops and conferences on your resume.

### *Resume Development*

Students should construct and periodically update their resume in order to highlight academic and professional accomplishments. Be sure to include a section on skills which details any language and technology proficiencies. All students are encouraged to meet with Professor Murphy, Professor Keller, or Career Services for assistance.

### *Library Resources*

Reference librarians are an excellent resource when planning your research papers and presentations. Please contact Mr. Gomez or Ms. Williams for assistance:

- Guillermo Gomez - ext 5557;  
gomezg@neumann.edu
- Maureen Williams - ext 5541;  
williamm@neumann.edu

### *Accreditation*

Our BSW program is on the path to accreditation by the Council on Social Work Education (CSWE) to ensure that students receive an education which meets the highest standards of the profession. Additionally, graduating from an accredited program enables students to enter Master of Social Work (MSW) programs with “advanced standing” status. Advanced standing generally allows students to complete their MSW in 18 months or less.