Department of Social Work Programs

- **Baccalaureate Social Work (BSW Program)**
  - 2014-2015 graduates: 137
  - Currently enrolled: 302

- **Master’s Social Work (MSW Program)**
  - 2014 – 2015 graduates: 9
  - Currently enrolled: 35
Association of Social Work Boards (ASWB)  
Licensure Exam Pass Rates for 2014

- **Licensed Social Worker (LSW)**
  - Bachelors Licensure Exam First-Time Pass Rates
    - 61% University of Mississippi
    - 71% North American

- **Licensed Master Social Worker (LMSW)**
  - Masters Licensure Exam First-Time Pass Rates
    - 75% University of Mississippi
    - 71% North American
Departmental Composition & Noteworthy Accomplishments
2014 - 2015

- **Department Composition**
  - 7 Tenure-Track Faculty
  - 3 Full-Time Lecturers
  - 1 Visiting Assistant Professor

- **Publications**
  - Refereed Articles 14
  - Book Chapters 2

- **Presentations**
  - International / National 6
  - Regional 3
  - State 7

- **Honors**
  - Ms. Jennifer Buford, Recipient of the University of Mississippi Office of Student Disability Services ACCESS Award (2014)
Noteworthy Accomplishments
Grants

- **Grants (Totaling $2,125,680)**
  - **Child Welfare Training Academy (CWTA) Grant**
    - Primary Investigator: Dr. Daphne S. Cain
    - Granting Agency: Mississippi Department of Human Services
    - Award Amount: $2,019,555
  - **MSW Cohort Grant**
    - Primary Investigator: Dr. Susan C. Allen
    - Granting Agency: Mississippi Department of Human Services
    - Award Amount: $81,625
  - **Juvenile Intervention & Faith-Based Follow-Up Evaluation**
    - Primary Investigator: Dr. Desiree Stepteau-Watson
    - Granting Agency: JIFF, Inc.
    - Award Amount: $20,000
  - **Latino Day Laborers: Exploring Skin Protection Behaviors through a Social Cognitive Approach**
    - Primary Investigator: Dr. Javier Boyas
    - Granting Agency: UM, School of Applied Sciences
    - Award Amount: $4,500
Noteworthy Accomplishments
Students

- **Ms. Peggy Gillam, MSW**
  - Social Work Alumni - awarded a University of Mississippi Alumni Hall of Fame Award

- **Ms. Tawnya Langley, MSW**
  - National Association of Social Workers Mississippi Chapter, Claire Nowlin Graduate Student Award, Outstanding Social Worker of the Year 2014

- **University of Mississippi Taylor Medalist**
  - Ms. Stephanie Johnson, MSW
  - Ms. Angelika Teasley, MSW

- **Ms. Regina Chambers, MSW Student**
  - Received the Outstanding Student Poster Presentation at the National Association of Social Workers Mississippi Chapter Annual Conference on Community Activism through Our Eyes: Using Photovoice to Explore Values of Youth in the Mississippi Delta.
  - American Federation of Labor Congress of Industrial Organizations (AFL-CIO) Union Summer Internship in Jackson, MS

- **Ms. Patricia Tortora, MSW Student**
  - Substance Abuse Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) Project LIFT Intern – Leadership in Behavioral Health Care, Bethesda, MD

- **Black Lives Matter BSW Student Presentation** at the National Association of Social Workers Mississippi Chapter Annual Conference
  - Ms. Kendria Strowder, Ms. Kelsey Vaughn, Mr. Jeromy Payne, Ms. Lisa Ramsey & Ms. Kendra Smith (Dr. Desiree Stepteau-Watson, Student Advisor)
New Tenure Track Faculty
2015 - 2016
Dr. Viktor Burlaka

Viktor Burlaka, Ph.D., MSW, Assistant Professor
University of Michigan, Ann Arbor
Ph.D., SW & Psychology (Clinical), 2015
National University Kyiv-Mohyla Academy
MSW, 2003

Research Interests:
Addictive behaviors
Violence & Mental Health
Evidence-Based Psychosocial Interventions
Dr. Jandel Crutchfield

- Jandel Crutchfield, Ph.D., MSW, Assistant Professor
  - Louisiana State University
    - Ph.D. Social Work (2013)
  - Florida State University
    - MSW (2006)

- Research Interests
  - School Social Work
  - Education Achievement Gap
  - Education Reform & Policy
  - Charter Schools & School Social Workers
  - School Dropout
  - School Turnaround
Dr. Yi Jin Kim

- Yi Jin Kim, Ph.D., MSW, Assistant Professor
  - University of Texas at Arlington
    - Ph.D. (2014)
    - MSW (2010)

- Research Interests
  - Substance Use among Adolescents
  - Peer Victimization & Adolescent Suicide
Dr. Tess Lefmann

- Tess Lefmann, Ph.D., MSW, Assistant Professor
  - University of Tennessee, Knoxville
    - Ph.D. Social Work (2014)
    - MSSW (2010)

- Research Interests
  - Physiology of stress among vulnerable populations
  - Brain development 0 – 3 yo
  - Genetics and epigenetics and its role in human development
Dr. Younghee Lim

- **Youngee Lim, Ph.D., LMSW, Associate Professor**
  - Ohio State University
  - Southern Baptist Theological Seminary
    - MSW (1996)

- **Research Interests**
  - Poverty
  - Earned Income Tax Credit
  - Anti-Poverty Policies & Programs
  - Income Inequality
  - Financial Inclusion & Alternative Financial Sectors

- Dr. Lim will be joining UM in January 2016
Hires Continued

20 Staff Positions

- **Department of Social Work**
  - Ms. Christy Isom, Senior Secretary

- **Child Welfare Training Academy Grant** (74% have graduate social work degrees)
  - Ms. Melody Hamilton, MSW, Program Director
  - Ms. Patricia Digby, MSW, Training Director
  - Ms. Renea Masterson, Administrative Coordinator
  - Ms. Ronica Turner, Staff Assistant
  - Ms. Angela Adams, MSW, Education & Training Specialist
  - Ms. Angela Mooers, MSW, Education & Training Specialist
  - Ms. Jennifer Harris, MSW, Education & Training Specialist
  - Ms. Tina Stokes, MSW, Education & Training Specialist
  - Ms. Denita Johnson, MSW, Education & Training Specialist
  - Ms. Christina Shumpert, MSW, Education & Training Specialist
  - Ms. Minnie Hoey, MSW, Education & Training Specialist
  - Ms. Felicia Penilton-Hadley, MSW, Training Specialist
  - Ms. Jacqueline Parker, MSW, Training Specialist
  - Ms. Bonnie Engelbrecht, Training Specialist
  - Ms. Randi Faulkner, MSW, Training Specialist
  - Ms. Becky Smith, MSW, Training Specialist
  - Ms. Marcelene Thompson, MSW, Training Specialist
  - Ms. Sherry Felder, Evaluator
  - Ms. Olevia Williams, Evaluator Assistant
Plans for 2015 - 2016

- Complete the BSW & MSW Self-Study for the Council on Social Work Education Commission on Accreditation (CSWE CoA) (fall 2015).

- Complete the CSWE CoA Site Visit (spring 2016)