Berkeley Social Welfare

UC BERKELEY SCHOOL OF SOCIAL WELFARE

DOCTORAL PROGRAM
PhD in SOCIAL WELFARE

explore.

Berkeley is the highest ranked public university in the world. **Our Social Welfare faculty are the top scholars in the field.** Our social welfare graduate programs consistently place in the top 10 of US graduate school rankings.

Established on the University of California's flagship campus in 1944, Berkeley Social Welfare has prepared more than 11,000 social welfare scholars and social work professionals for leadership roles in our society. Our students draw on an internationally recognized faculty, not only in our School but across campus and elsewhere.

The goal of our doctoral program at Berkeley is to inspire innovation and independence in the pursuit of knowledge. The PhD program in Social Welfare develops scholars who challenge conventional wisdom when addressing the grand challenges before our society. Our graduates go on to make significant contributions to social work and social welfare research, policy development and practice. In addition to providing the educational climate conducive to creating innovative research scholars, we also train our students to be educators who inspire the next generation of social work practitioners and researchers.

Dean Jeffrey Edleson

research & instructional
opportunities

Berkeley Social Welfare faculty and students conduct award-winning research informing solutions to pressing social problems in interrelated areas such as: **child, family and aging services; behavioral health and prevention; social determinants of health violence; and victimization and social conflict.**

Berkeley's world-class faculty and research units conduct studies that make a difference – advancing the understanding of complex social problems, transforming the systems that perpetuate disadvantage and enhancing the lives of society's most vulnerable members.

SOCIAL WELFARE RESEARCH UNITS

The California Child Welfare Indicators Project
This collaborative venture between Berkeley and the California Department of Social Services is engaged in ongoing research projects and initiatives that use state child welfare administrative data to inform policymakers and practitioners on key child welfare issues.

The California Social Work Education Center (CalSWEC)
The CalSWEC collaborative – the nation's largest state coalition of social work educators and practitioners – provides opportunities for workforce evaluation and research directed toward developing effective, culturally competent public-service delivery to the people of California.

Center for the Advanced Study of Aging Services
CASAS supports research and development regarding innovative programs and services designed to improve the lives of older persons.

Center for Prevention Research in Social Welfare
An intellectual home for researchers intending to intersect the aims of prevention science with the mission and opportunities of the social work profession.

Digital Health Equity Research
DHER, affiliated with the Latino Mental Health Research Program at UCSF and San Francisco General Hospital, focuses on the development, evaluation and implementation of digital health interventions to improve the reach of evidence-based interventions for improving health and mental health in low-income and underserved communities.

Risk-Resilience Research
The Risk-Resilience Research team uses multi-method, interdisciplinary, longitudinal study designs to focus on understanding why some people with mental disorder become involved in self-harm, violence and/or criminal behavior.

Berkeley doctoral students have a rich variety of research resources available around campus.

CAMPUS RESOURCES

D-Lab: Social Sciences Data Laboratory
D-Lab provides one-on-one consulting, personalized training, working groups and space for social science projects to promote networking with social scientists across campus.

Social Research Library
This newly remodeled library is located in Haviland Hall, home to Berkeley Social Welfare. A print and digital collection focuses on research that addresses social and individual problems from a variety of disciplines including psychology, education, social welfare and public policy.

Social Science Matrix
Matrix brings relevant scientists together to generate effective solutions to global challenges including behavior change, social resilience and governance. Matrix provides faculty and PhD students with opportunities to network, submit grant proposals together and disseminate findings.

X-Lab
Berkeley's Experimental Social Science Laboratory offers PhD students attractive laboratory facilities, development of infrastructure for mobile field experiments and administrative support for conducting computer-based experiments of interest to social scientists.

Did you know...?

UC Berkeley doctoral students may apply for a Designated Emphasis in addition to the PhD in Social Welfare.
A Designated Emphasis serves in a similar way as a minor does for undergraduate degrees, allowing students to explore an area of study which constitutes a new method of inquiry or an important field of application relevant to the field of Social Welfare. Some examples of approved Designated Emphases include:

- *Critical Theory*
- *Development Engineering*
- *Women, Gender and Sexuality*

our **faculty**

The world's most distinguished faculty call Berkeley home. Berkeley Social Welfare has the highest proportion of members of the American Academy of Social Work and Social Welfare than any other school.

Nationally and internationally recognized as leaders in their fields, Berkeley Social Welfare's pre-eminent faculty conducts cutting-edge research on major issues facing California, the US and the world.

Adrian Aguilera, Assistant Professor
Services Research in Low-Income Populations, Latino and Minority Mental Health, Health Disparities, Cognitive-Behavioral Therapy for Depression, Mobile Technology (mHealth) and Mental Health, Digital Health

Michael J. Austin, Milton and Florence Krenz Mack Distinguished Professor
Strategic Planning, Social Service Management, Organizational Development

Julian Chun-chung Chow, Professor
East Asian Studies, Community Practice and Service Delivery in Urban Poverty, Ethnic and Immigrant Neighborhoods, Community Analysis and Needs Assessment, Program Planning and Development, Cultural Competency Services

Jill Duerr Berrick, Zellerbach Family Professor
Family Policy, Child and Family Poverty, Child Abuse and Neglect, Foster Care, Kinship Care, Child Welfare Services

Jeffrey Edleson, Dean and Professor
Program Evaluation, Family Violence, Child Maltreatment, Engaging Men, Violence Prevention

Eileen Gambrill, Professor of the Graduate School and Hutto Patterson Charitable Foundation Professor Emerita in Child and Family Studies
Professional Ethics and Education, Social Learning Theory, Behavioral Methods

Neil Gilbert, Milton and Gertrude Chernin Professor
Comparative Welfare State Analysis, Child Welfare, Evaluation Research, Family Policy, Social Security

Anu Manchikanti Gomez, Assistant Professor
Sexual and Reproductive Health, HIV Prevention, Gender Equity, Violence against Women, Transgender Health, Health Equity, Social Determinants of Health

James Midgley, Harry and Riva Specht Professor
Development, Social Development, Social Policy, Community Development, International Social Welfare, Global Poverty and Inequality

Kurt Organista, Professor
Race/Ethnicity, HIV Prevention, Social Behavior

Tina Sacks, Assistant Professor
Racial Disparities in Health; Social Determinants of Health; Race, Class and Gender; Poverty and Inequality

Andrew Scharlach, Eugene and Rose Kleiner Professor of Aging
Aging Policies; Programs and Services; Aging-Friendly Communities; Family Caregiving; Work/Family Issues; Death, Dying and Bereavement; Gerontological Social Work Education

Steven P. Segal, Milton and Florence Krenz Mack Distinguished Professor
Psychiatry, Methodology, Mental Health and Social Policy

Valerie Shapiro, Assistant Professor
Adoption, Implementation and Sustainability of Effective Prevention Practices; Strength-Based Screening and Assessment in Schools and Youth Serving Organizations; Coalition-Based Models for Community Decision-Making to Prevent Mental, Emotional and Behavior Problems in Young People

Jennifer Skeem, Professor
Criminal Justice; Health Policy; Children, Youth and Families; Psychology and Law; Risk Reduction; Mental Health; Implicit Cognition and Emotion

Paul Sterzing, Assistant Professor
Polyvictimization of Vulnerable Adolescents, Bullying Involvement and Peer Rejection, Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity Microaggressions, Impact of Mental and Behavioral Health Problems on Rates of Revictimization, Impact of Family-Level Homo/Trans-positivity and Negativity on Mental Health and Extra-Familial Forms of Victimization

Susan Stone, Catherine Mary and Eileen Clare Hutto Professor of Social Services in Public Education
School-Based Psycho-Social Services, School-Effects, Archival Data Analysis
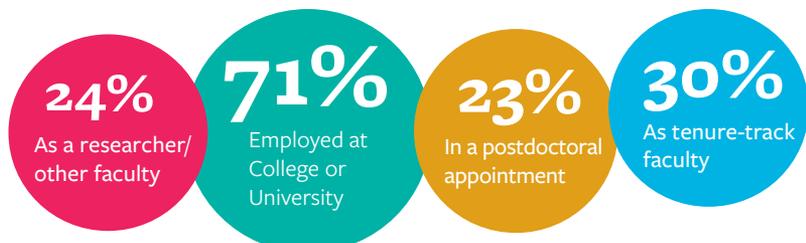
Did you know...?

Doctoral students at Berkeley are required to include faculty from outside their major discipline on qualifying and dissertation committees. Social Welfare PhD students have access to world-class Berkeley faculty in top-ranked programs. National rankings noted below:

#1 Public Policy   **#2** Psychology   **#5** Economics   **#9** Public Health
#1 Sociology   **#2** Statistics   **#6** Political Science   **#14** Education

why Berkeley?

With more than 200 doctoral program graduates, Berkeley Social Welfare produces distinguished professors and researchers for some of the best social work schools and policy centers throughout the country and around the globe.

24% As a researcher/ other faculty

71% Employed at College or University

23% In a postdoctoral appointment

30% As tenure-track faculty

Career Outcomes, 2009-10 to 2012-13, Berkeley Social Welfare PhD Alumni

doctoral studies in
Social Welfare

We warmly invite you to join us at Berkeley where doctoral students celebrate unconventional thinking, where students support one another in their quest for new knowledge that can transform lives and where the highest standards of academic excellence are pursued in the company of friends. Berkeley's doctoral program prepares the next generation of scholars to think critically and creatively to solve the most pressing issues of the day.

Jill Duerr Berrick, Professor
Doctoral Program Chair

Our students are trained and equipped with the knowledge of professional practices, policies and programs required to address a wide range of contemporary societal problems. They use empirical evidence to inform practice and transform lives.

Berkeley Social Welfare doctoral students pursue knowledge in three select fields of study:

- *A social welfare problem area and related policies and institutions*
- *A field of social science theory and research containing theories, concepts, empirical data and methodology appropriate for guiding research within the problem area*
- *A field of social welfare intervention pertinent to the problem area*

A customized curriculum is tailored to individual research interests. Doctoral students design their academic pursuits in collaboration with individual faculty from Berkeley Social Welfare and additional distinguished departments across the Berkeley campus.

Expert Training in Social Research and Statistical Methods
Doctoral course work includes seminars in research methods, statistics, theory and other related courses, with required courses focusing primarily on research methodology.

Training in Pedagogy
Berkeley Social Welfare provides doctoral students opportunities to prepare for a career teaching and to practice their developing skills. Students complete a pedagogy course on Teaching in Social Welfare and then may serve as a Graduate Student Instructor (GSI) under the guidance and mentoring of a Berkeley Social Welfare faculty member.

Berkeley Social Welfare doctoral faculty and
students conduct on-campus information
sessions about the PhD program every fall
semester. Additionally, we send representatives
to graduate fairs across the United States. Visit
our website to see our recruiting events schedule
and if we are coming to a city near you!

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