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News



[New collection offers inclusive housing policies for St. Louis region](#)

For decades, deeply entrenched policies have made Greater St. Louis one of the most segregated metropolitan areas in the United States. A new briefing book offers policy options for change.



[Experts discuss why, how social workers change policy](#)

Social policy is a part of social work at almost every turn, yet many of the insights from the profession never

Recent Publications

[Special Issue | Financial Capability and Assets for Socioeconomic Development](#)
Ansong, Okumu, & Koomson.
Global Social Welfare

[Financial Capability Training for Social Workers in Singapore: Towards More Effective Practice](#)
Deepa, Ghoh, & Sherraden.
International Social Work

[Special Issue | Financial Capability and Asset Building for Family Financial Wellbeing](#)
Rothwell, Jacobson Frey, & Birkenmaier. *Journal of Family and Economic Issues*

[Social Work Education in Post-Soviet Countries: Progress of Azerbaijan](#)
Huseynli. *British Journal of Social Work*

[Comments on Receiving the Distinguished Career Achievement Award of the Society for Social Work and Research](#)
Sherraden. *Washington University, Center for Social Development*

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CSD in the Media

[Save for college or retirement? New 529 rule makes it easier to help your kid do both](#)
Money

[Giving babies a government trust fund at birth could help get rid of student debt and build wealth, report says](#)
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find their way into the programs and rules that govern social workers' efforts. What prompts helping professionals to take up policy work, and which strategies are most effective for influencing policy?

Upcoming Events

[Spring 2023 Seminar Series](#)
A Biweekly Brown Bag Seminar Series



Special issue offers new insights on family financial well-being

A special issue of the Journal of Family and Economic Issues charts an agenda for new practice and research on financial capability, assets, and family financial well-being.



Sherraden honored with distinguished career award

The award recognizes a career of applied research innovations, major contributions to social work knowledge. On Saturday, January 14, 2023, the Society for Social Work and Research honored Michael

Sherraden with the 2023 Distinguished Career Achievement Award.

CSD Notables

[Gena Gunn McClendon](#), CSD's Director of Community Engagement, Director of Voter Access and Engagement, and Co-Director of Financial Capability and Asset Building, has been honored by the Brown School at Washington University as a [Black History Month Champion](#) for her "legacy of positive change within the African American experience in Greater St. Louis, nationally, and internationally."

CSD celebrates the many contributions of [Faculty Director Leila Patel](#), Professor at the University of Johannesburg and the Founding Director of the [Centre for Social Development in Africa](#) (CSDA), as she steps down from her role as the South African Research Chair in Welfare and Social Development. A pivotal figure in the development of South Africa's post-apartheid social-welfare policy, Dr. Patel is a prolific author and noted expert in social development. She remains engaged in the work of CSDA.

[CSD Faculty Associate Stephanie Boddie](#) has garnered tenure at Baylor University, where she holds appointments in the Diane R. Garland School of Social Work and the George W. Truett Theological Seminary.

[CSD Faculty Director Carrie Pettus](#) has been elected to serve as Chair of the [Grand Challenges for Social Work](#) Executive Committee and Leadership Board. She succeeds Richard P. Barth, Professor and Past Dean of the University of Maryland School of Social Work. Pettus, a [Principal at Justice System Partners](#), will assume the role in January 2024.



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