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MASTER OF SOCIAL WORK QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER
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Master of Social Work
Accepting Applications Now



About the Program

The California Baptist University Master of Social Work program is designed for students who wish to make a difference in the lives of others. This program is faith based and seeks to help marginalized communities and vulnerable populations thrive. This newsletter will inform those who want to stay updated about upcoming events, featured students, community outreach, and other program news.

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Note From The Director

Dr. Armstrong

Isaiah 1:17 says “Learn to do good; seek justice, correct oppression; bring justice to the fatherless, plead the widow’s cause.” Our MSW program has been uniquely designed to examine the plight of marginalized groups throughout the Inland Empire, and to empower our students to grow in their faith as they work to enhance the well-being of individuals, families, and communities in need.



Student Highlight

Ashley Robinzine

Ashley Robinzine is the featured Master of Social Work student for this issue. Her passion for advocating for those who are voiceless and her love of poetry have intersected to make her excel in her studies. After watching the documentary "Sweet Dreams" for the MSW Program's Social Cinema Series, she wrote a poem in response to the film (shown on the next page). She states that:

"Poetry is what actually started my career in social work. When I was fifteen I was a part of a group called 'From Pistols 2 Pencils'... basically we spread gang and gun violence awareness through spoken word (poetry). Through that group I was able to advocate in my hometown, interview the chief of police at that time, and really bare witness to the heartache that existed in the place where I am from. Poetry is also a great way for me to take care of myself as an outlet, self-care is something that is encouraged within the MSW program."

When asked about why she decided to become a social worker, she says: "I love people but I love God even more, meaning that if it weren't for Him then I would not care enough to put my love into action. I truly feel like this is what I am supposed to be doing, to fill in the gap and act as a bridge for those who want to do something but don't know how and for those who need help but don't know who to turn to."



CBU's MSW Program Presents

SOCIAL
 Cinema Series

Upcoming Events

CASA BLANCA Harvest Festival

November 18

The fun starts at 11:00

Free Tamales, Community Vendors and
Entertainment

To Sign-up to run a game booth please contact
Professor Costello (951.343.8148)



Coats For Kids

December 5 (11:00- 12:00) and December 6
(11:00 -12:00)

We need new and gently used coats for
distribution at Casa Blanca.

A distribution box is located outside Professor
Costello and Professor Hays offices.

If you would like to volunteer to distribute please
contact Professor Costello (951.343.8148) or Dr.
Hays (951. 552.8145).



Culture and Justice Lecture Series

November 16, 2017

Jeffrey Mar, M.D.



"Sweet Dreams" by Ashley Robinzine

"I have sweet dreams that relieve my memories
of the pain

That give me courage to open my eyes again
That turn my enemies into friends I have sweet

dreams that remind me that hope exists
As long as peace, love and acceptance is

something that we don't resist

I have dreams sweeter than sugar from the cane

These are my dreams for change

My dreams are what keep me sane

They cover me from the reign*

I have sweet dreams that bring about unity That
transform me inwardly and change my identity

These dreams are so sweet you have to want
them

You've got to see,

These dreams are not limited to me

Sweet dreams are not easy to achieve

So you tell me, what am I supposed to do with
them?

Should I continue to sleep?

That is something that I can't do that, because
they need to become a reality

I want to live, taste, and see these dreams

I cannot deny the future of something that is
going to be so sweet"

Reign* - as in the reign of terror, chaos, hate,
mistrust, etc.

The Social Work Family



MSW Students in the Community:
Mayor's Prayer Breakfast
Catholic Charities Poverty Simulation
Culture and Justice Lecture Series

