

## Boston University School of Social Work Program

Part-time and full-time MSW programs in Clinical Social Work Practice and Macro Social Work Practice are offered on the Boston University Charles River Campus. Part-time, weekend programs in Clinical Social Work Practice are offered at the Fall River, Cape Cod, and Tyngsboro off-campus sites. Students also can choose to participate in dual degree programs with the Schools of Public Health, Education, and Theology or in Certificate programs in Trauma, Human Services Management, Family Therapy, Gerontology, and Clinical Social Work and Behavioral Medicine. In addition, the School offers a PhD program and professional continuing education programs. For more information, please visit [www.bu.edu/ssw](http://www.bu.edu/ssw).



## Boston University School of Social Work Alumni and Field Instructors Speak About the Previous GEM Project

"This very important social work education program highlights the need for geriatric social workers. GEM is a well-developed program for recruitment in this field. It is a great idea to have primary and enrichment placements that offer this broader perspective for students."

—Susan Cavanaugh, GEM field instructor and BUSSW alumna ('00)

"The GEM program has been a wonderful introduction to the field of geriatric social work. Having never worked with elders prior to this experience, the GEM program has given me a broad overview of the services for and needs of seniors."

—Susan Cocchiarella, GEM student, 2004-2005

"I've had the opportunity to learn about elders and the particular problems facing them in my placement and through the other agencies in the program. This collaborative aspect lends the expertise of different individuals and agencies to the students and provides a very rich experience."

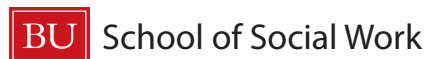
—Caitlin Ryan, GEM student, 2004-2005

"The collaboration among students and field instructors provides a holistic approach to treatment and case management of the geriatric client. This approach goes beyond the traditional field experience."

—Ellen Harrington, GEM field instructor and BUSSW alumna ('87)

"GEM provided a supportive environment to pursue working with older adults. The project's structure offered a best practices model that has made me a more effective social worker, especially in working and communicating with other providers in the community."

—Shauna Peet, a 2002 graduate from the first GEM cohort



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# Lowy-GEM PROGRAM IN AGING



Comprehensive training with stipends preparing MSW students to meet the needs of older adults and their families

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## Lowy-GEM Program in Aging

The Lowy-GEM Program prepares a new generation of master's-level social work practitioners to meet the unique needs of the aging population and the organizations that serve them.

Students receive:

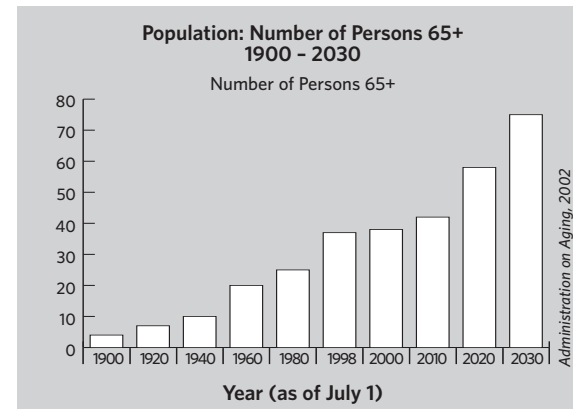
- Field placement stipends
- Primary placements in participating consortium agencies
- Enrichment experiences in second field agencies
- Monthly seminar taught at BUSSW and in field agencies
- Ongoing professional development programs focused on geriatric social work
- Opportunity to earn the Louis Lowy Certificate in Gerontological Social Work
- Post-MSW career guidance and mentorship

The Lowy-GEM Program in Aging is grateful for the support and participation of the Louis Lowy Fund in Gerontology and Social Welfare Policy, the Institute for Geriatric Social Work, and the Hartford Partnership Program for Aging Education (HPPAE).

## Prepare for the biggest demographic revolution of your lifetime...

### Did you know?

- The population of adults aged 65 and over will more than double in the next 30 years.
- Within 15 years, 60,000 to 70,000 social workers specializing in work with older adults will be needed in the United States.



### Gerontological Social Workers:

- Hold positions in mental health, health, home care, long-term care, family service, multi-service, housing, hospice planning, advocacy, government, and research centers;
- Provide individual and group psychotherapy, case management, family therapy, advocacy, community organizing, program development, and management services;
- Work with older adults and their families and providers from many different disciplines and agencies.



## Boston University School of Social Work is a leader in gerontological social work

- Faculty with expertise in research and teaching in gerontology
- Courses on aging and gerontological social work
- Field placements in aging-related settings, including some with stipends
- The Boston University Lowy-GEM Program in Aging for master's-level social work students
- The Institute for Geriatric Social Work (IGSW), which provides national leadership in improving the quality of social work practice with older adults through education, research, and policy

## Selected Faculty in the Field of Gerontological Social Work

**Scott Miyake Geron, PhD**, Associate Professor, Social Research and Social Welfare Policy; Director, Institute for Geriatric Social Work (IGSW)

**Judith G. Gonyea, PhD**, Professor and Chair, Social Research Department

**Robert B. Hudson, PhD**, Professor and Chair, Social Welfare Policy Department

**Reeve Goldhaber, MSW**, Project Manager, Lowy-GEM Program in Aging; Adjunct Assistant Professor

**Bronwyn Keefe, MSW, MPH**, Assistant Director, Institute for Geriatric Social Work (IGSW)

**Kathy Kuhn, MSW**, Director of Education and Training, Institute for Geriatric Social Work (IGSW)

**Trudy Zimmerman, MSW**, Assistant Dean for Field Education; Adjunct Associate Professor