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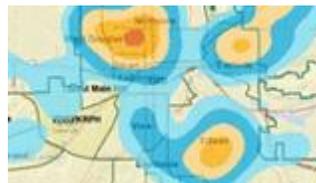
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HHS on Social Media



Did you know that WMU offers an amazing study abroad opportunity in India? The Social Justice and Sustainability in India course is a faculty-led opportunity focusing on sustainability, social justice, and corporate social responsibility. SSW Field Director, Dr. Jennifer Harrison, is excited to share this opportunity with students during the fall 2017 semester

From the [WMU School of Social Work](#), via [Facebook](#)

In other news

Here are some other WMU news articles you might be interested in:

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- [WMU racks up four Educational Advertising Awards](#)

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- The **Department of Occupational Therapy** once again finds two programs in the top 100 list. The master's program in Kalamazoo is the highest ranking program in its field in the state of Michigan at number 32. The graduate program out of Grand Rapids is listed at number 58.



Occupational therapy student and faculty

- The rehabilitation counseling/teaching program co-sponsored by the **Department of Blindness and Low Vision Studies** and the Department of Counselor Education and Counseling Psychology (in the College of Education and Human Development) was ranked 37.
- The **Department of Speech, Language and Hearing Sciences** finds two of its programs in the ranking. First its master's degree in speech-language pathology was ranked 46, while the Doctor of Audiology program came in at 48.
- The Master of Science in Medicine offered by the **Department of Physician Assistant** repeated at number 57 again this year.
- The **School of Social Work's** Master of Social Work program was ranked 71.



Students participate in audiology research

"Of course we are very pleased," said **Dr. Ann Tyler**, acting dean of the college. "These programs have consistently been highly ranked by U.S. News & World Report. It is a wonderful reflection of the hard work of our faculty, staff and students in the College of Health and Human Services to make these programs academically challenging and professionally rewarding."

The college is not content to rest on past success. It continues to develop new graduate programs and hopes to add more to the national rankings in the coming years. In fall 2016, the [Master of Public Health](#) program welcomed its first cohort at the WMU-Grand Rapids regional location. Preparations are underway for the new [Department of Physical Therapy](#) and Doctor of Physical Therapy program, which will host its first students in fall 2019.

Ph.D. alumna Angelique Day finds success in Detroit, DC and Seattle

Angelique Day earned her Ph.D. in Interdisciplinary Health Sciences from WMU in 2011. Since then, she's found great success at Wayne State University, has been named a Congressional Fellow, and has now accepted a position at University of Washington-Seattle.

Day is an assistant professor and founder of the nationally recognized, [Transition to Independence Program \(TIP\)](#), in the School of Social Work at Wayne State University. She graduated from Western Michigan University with a Ph.D. in Interdisciplinary Health Sciences in August 2011. Her dissertation, "An Examination of Post-Secondary Educational Access, Retention, and Success of Foster Care Youth," was awarded the prestigious dissertation award by the Division 37, Section on Child



Dr. Angelique Day

Maltreatment from the [American Psychological Association](#), and the findings were recently published in the Children and Youth Services Review journal. She has since earned additional honors for her groundbreaking research in the field of child welfare including the early career scholar award from the American Psychological Association and the National Blueprint Champion for Excellence Award from the [Child Welfare League of America](#) in 2015.

Before starting at WSU, Day founded Michigan State University's [Fostering Academics Mentoring Excellence \(FAME\)](#) program in 2007, a college access and retention program for students who have aged out of foster care and want to pursue a college education. She was also employed as a policy and outreach advocate with [Michigan's Children](#), a statewide, private, non-profit children's advocacy organization from 2006-11, where she helped develop the child welfare and secondary education policy agendas and led the Youth Policy Leadership Program for the agency, which represented the voice of youth in foster care in the public policy debate.

Angelique was named a Congressional Fellow in August 2016. She is one of only three congressional fellows sponsored by the [Society for Research in Child Development](#) and one of 35 sponsored by the American Association for the Advancement in Science and Technology in the 2016-17 academic year. Her fellowship was made possible by a grant from the [William T. Grant Foundation](#).

This highly selective, nonpartisan program is devoted to expanding knowledge and awareness of evidence-based practice in Congress. Her 12-month program began in August, with an intensive one-month orientation taught by national leaders in the fields of political science, economics, medicine and psychology. Day is placed with Congressman Danny K. Davis (D-IL, 7 District - Chicago), a ranking member of the Human Resources Subcommittee, House Ways and Means Committee, where she is providing leadership over his child welfare portfolio. She also provides leadership to the bipartisan Congressional and Senate Caucuses on Foster Youth.



Dr. Day with 3 other social science congressional fellows

In December 2016, Day's TIP program was highlighted as a national best practice at a joint congressional caucus briefing. The congressional fellowship program was designed to increase the intersections of research and public policy, and to maximize the implementation of public policy decisions that are grounded in solutions backed by rigorous scientific study.

In addition to the honor of serving as a congressional fellow, Day also recently accepted a position at the University of Washington-Seattle. Beginning fall 2017, she will bring her talent and passion to the School of Social Work at UW, one of the premier social work institutions in the nation. In addition to her academic appointment, she will also serve as a policy advisor for

[Partners for Our Children](#), a research and public policy think tank dedicated to improving the well-being of child-welfare involved children and families at the State and national levels.

Day's professional experience in research, policy development, child welfare practice, and her personal experiences as a former ward of the court, make her uniquely qualified to continue to provide leadership in training, research, and consultation in the field of child welfare across the nation.

HDRReAM aids Kalamazoo County in fight against STDs

The [Center for Health Data Research Analysis and Mapping \(HDRReAM\)](#) at Western Michigan University is working with Kalamazoo County in its campaign to reduce the spread of sexually transmitted diseases.

The partnership was built on HDRReAM's recent work toward understanding the spread of chlamydia in the city of Kalamazoo. [According to county officials \(in an article on Mlive\)](#), HDRReAM's data allowed the county to focus efforts on areas where the disease was prevalent and spreading.

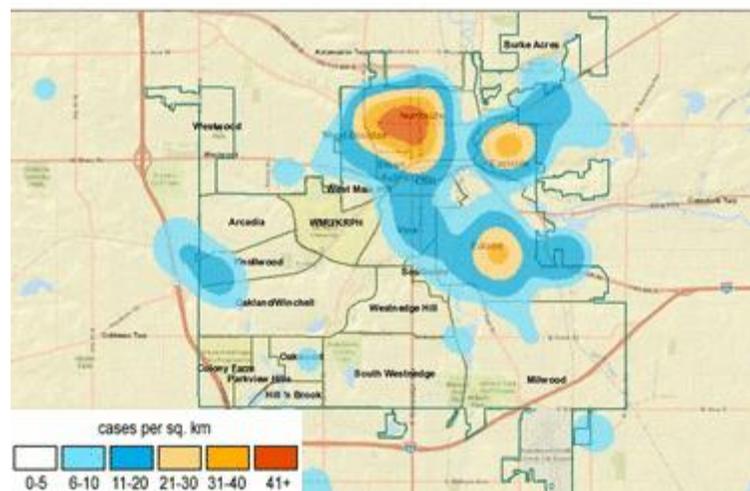
"In this case we were able to help the county pinpoint their efforts toward treating STDs," said **Dr. Amy Curtis**, HDRReAM director. "It is a perfect illustration of why we started HDRReAM. Data mapping can be invaluable to public health experts when fighting these sorts of outbreaks."

HDRReAM is also working with the Health and Community Services Department to coordinate [their online mapping website](#) with the county's health promotion efforts, creating templates for this community and others to disseminate maps of critical health-related information.

About HDRReAM

[HDRReAM](#) is a partnership between Western Michigan University and Southwest Michigan public health offices, including Kalamazoo County Health and Community Services Department and Calhoun County Health Department. HDRReAM **provides health-related secondary data**

Health Data Research, Analysis and Mapping (HDRReAM) Center



Chlamydia in the city of Kalamazoo

analysis and mapping services for the ultimate purpose of creating and disseminating a holistic overview of our community's health in order to advance knowledge, understanding and strategies to improve the public's health.

Interprofessional Education on display at 2017 IPE Expo

Faculty and students braved icy St. Patrick's Day roads to participate in the second annual [CHHS Interprofessional Education Expo](#), which was focused on the topic of post-traumatic stress disorder.

The day began with Grand Rounds, where our interprofessional team led by **Karen VanDeusen** and **Ineke Way** (social work); **Kathy Lewis-Ginebaugh** and **Delores Walcott** (IHS); **Steve Eberth** (occupational therapy) and **Denise Bowen** (physician assistant) walked attendees through a case requiring input from multiple disciplines.



Poster presentations in the CHHS Atrium

"Interprofessional practice is the norm. It only makes sense that interprofessional education has become increasingly prevalent," said **Dr. Ann Tyler**, acting dean of the College of Health and Human Services. "We established the IPE Expo to highlight the way we've embraced interprofessional education and collaboration, both with the departments in this college and with outside institutions, like the WMU Homer Stryker M.D. School of Medicine."

After Grand Rounds, attendees headed to the atrium, where a number of students from different CHHS departments offered poster presentations on various topics.

Ph.D. student receives prestigious research award

Interdisciplinary Health Sciences Ph.D. student **Libby MacQuillan** has been selected to receive an [All-University Graduate Research and Creative Scholar Award](#), one of the most significant honors that Western Michigan University bestows upon its graduate students. The award recognizes Libby's distinctive doctoral research.

MacQuillan's dissertation explores the prevalence of gestational diabetes in Michigan, and breastfeeding behavior after gestational diabetes-complicated pregnancy in Kalamazoo County and throughout the state of Michigan.

Students who receive All-University Graduate Research and Creative Scholar Awards and the Graduate Teaching Effectiveness Awards for 2017 will be honored at a reception sponsored by the Graduate College, the Graduate Studies Council and the Graduate Student Advisory Committee on April 27. In addition, the awards are also acknowledged at commencement ceremonies when the recipients graduate.



Libby MacQuillan

Libby earned a Bachelor of Science degree from Michigan State University in 2001, a Master of Arts degree from WMU in 2010 and will complete her doctoral degree in 2017. She holds completed certificates of training in Adult Weight Management and Prevention Strategies for Childhood Obesity from the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics.

[About the Graduate Research and Creative Scholar Awards](#)

A long, rich history surrounds the Graduate Research and Creative Scholar Awards, which were granted for the first time in 1985, to honor outstanding achievement in research and creative activities. In 1998, the Graduate Teaching Effectiveness Awards were born through the collaborative efforts of the Graduate College and the Graduate Studies Council.

WMU Fostering Success program saluted as a 'beacon' for college access

by Mark Schwerin
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KALAMAZOO, Mich.—Western Michigan University's Fostering Success Michigan initiative has been cited as a "beacon" for supporting increased college access.

The Michigan College Access Network has awarded Fostering Success Michigan with the 2017 Beacon Award, recognizing it for leadership in the college access and success field. The award recognizes the WMU-based, statewide initiative for supporting college access by strengthening success through partnerships, aligning organizational leaders in the college access and success field, and supporting a unified vision for progress toward the Lumina Foundation's Goal 2025, which calls for increasing the proportion of Americans with high-quality degrees or credentials to 60 percent by 2025.



Left to right: Christina Smith, graduate assistant; Brandon Youngblood, Seita Scholar; Karie Ward, sustainability coordinator; Yvonne Unrau, director; and Raschard France, Seita Scholar graduate.

Fostering Success Michigan

Fostering Success Michigan, operated by Western Michigan University's Center for Fostering Success, is focused on increasing postsecondary access and success for youth with experience in foster care. Founded in 2012 through generous support from The Kresge Foundation, WMU, the Havimill Foundation and others, the initiative was established to help increase college-going rates and successful transitions among Michigan's students from foster care by building a network of support on college campuses and within local communities.

Dr. Yvonne Unrau, director for the Center for Fostering Success, praised the efforts of team members and in particular **Maddy Day**, director of outreach and training.

"The Fostering Success Michigan team is making it possible for young people in foster care to actualize their dreams of college through collaborative work with partners across multiple sectors in communities across the state of Michigan," Unrau says. "Maddy Day and the Fostering Success Michigan team are true pioneers in this work and are changing the landscape of possibility for Michigan's most vulnerable youth."

Beacon Award

The Beacon Award is presented to organizations that have continually endeavored to unite programs, activities and operations in support of postsecondary attainment. Fostering Success

Michigan was selected based on several factors, including strong partnerships with the network and a commitment to local college access networks. Fostering Success Michigan also was recognized for embracing collective impact, a strategy in which organizations from different sectors agree to solve a specific problem using a common agenda, aligning their efforts and using common measures of success.

The Michigan College Access Network is focused on increasing the number of Michigan students enrolling in, persisting through and completing postsecondary educational credentials. Organization officials say 38.4 percent of the state's residents have such credentials., and the network aims to increase the proportion to 60 percent by the year 2025 in keeping with Lumina Foundation's Goal 2025.

According to Lumina Foundation, the U.S. economy has added 11.5 million net new jobs for workers with postsecondary education since 2011, but only 80,000 for those with a high school diploma or less. As a result, recovery from the Great Recession has not been possible for the millions of Americans who lack postsecondary education and have limited options for employment and economic security.

WMU gets final OK to offer classes in Punta Gorda and Tampa

by Cheryl Roland and Tyler Lecceadone
March 23, 2017 | WMU News

KALAMAZOO, Mich.—The Higher Learning Commission has approved Western Michigan University's request to offer programs at two locations in Florida.

The HLC's decision follows last year's approval by Florida's Commission for Independent Education to grant provisional licenses allowing WMU to operate regional locations on the campuses of Florida SouthWestern State College in Punta Gorda, and the Western Michigan

University Cooley Law School in Riverview, near Tampa. The HLC is the accrediting organization for degree-granting post-secondary educational institutions in a 19-state region.

With the HLC's approval, WMU will be able to move forward with its plans to launch aviation flight science and aviation management and operations programs, each leading to a bachelor's degree, beginning with the 2017 fall semester. The aviation flight science program will be offered on the campus of FSW and at the Punta Gorda Airport through collaborative efforts with



The University plans to offer numerous programs in Florida.

the Charlotte County Airport Authority. The aviation management and operations program will be offered online.

A multiyear process

In 2015, WMU's Board of Trustees authorized the administration to petition for approvals that would accomplish several objectives.

- Provide the College of Aviation with an additional location that would allow increased flight time and enhance the college's ability to respond to aviation industry needs.
- Allow the College of Health and Human Services to advance the delivery of its nationally recognized programs by providing more health care settings for clinical rotations.
- Expand the off-site delivery of academic programs through WMU's Extended University Programs operation.

"The Higher Learning Commission's approval clears the way for us to deliver access to the University's four-year programs that are most beneficial for the needs of individuals in Charlotte County and surrounding areas," says **Dr. Dawn Gaymer**, WMU's associate provost for Extended University Programs. "The approval will provide economic drivers for the region and create pathways for students to accelerate their career ambitions without leaving the state of Florida."

In addition to aviation programs, the Institutional Actions Council of the Higher Learning Commission approved WMU's request to offer the following programs in Florida:

- Certificate in alcohol and drug abuse
- Bachelor of Science in child and family development
- Master of Science in engineering management
- Certificate in gerontology
- Certificate in integrative holistic health wellness
- Bachelor of Science in interdisciplinary health services
- Certificate in low vision rehabilitation for occupational therapy
- Master of Music in music therapy
- Master of Science in nursing
- Master of Arts in organizational learning and performance
- Master of Science Medicine in physician assistant
- Master of Arts in spirituality, culture and health
- Bachelor of Arts in university studies
- Bachelor of Science in university studies
- Master of Arts in vision rehabilitation therapy

In October 2016, FSW and WMU announced an alliance that allows WMU to offer several high-profile academic programs, with the HLC's approval at Florida SouthWestern's Charlotte County campus. The alliance has been designed to integrate program offerings based on the community's need and their impact on the county's economic development.

At the time the alliance was announced, chair of the Charlotte County Board of Commissioners **Bill Truex** spoke about the importance of the agreement for each school and the Charlotte County community.

"FSW has always been a pillar in this community, and with the addition of WMU, our community will reach greater heights," Truex said during the October announcement. "These two strategic, successful universities will help to illuminate our workforce availability, attract businesses and expand our economic development even more."

The HLC approval allowing WMU to operate regional locations in Punta Gorda and Tampa comes in addition to the nearly 350 online classes currently available to residents of Florida.

"Through our online courses, the University has been offering opportunities for nontraditional students looking for career advancement, or professional development opportunities since 1998," says Gaymer. "The addition of our regional locations in Punta Gorda and Tampa will allow individuals better access to both online and in-person courses."

For more information about the Higher Learning Commission, visit hlcommission.org.

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