



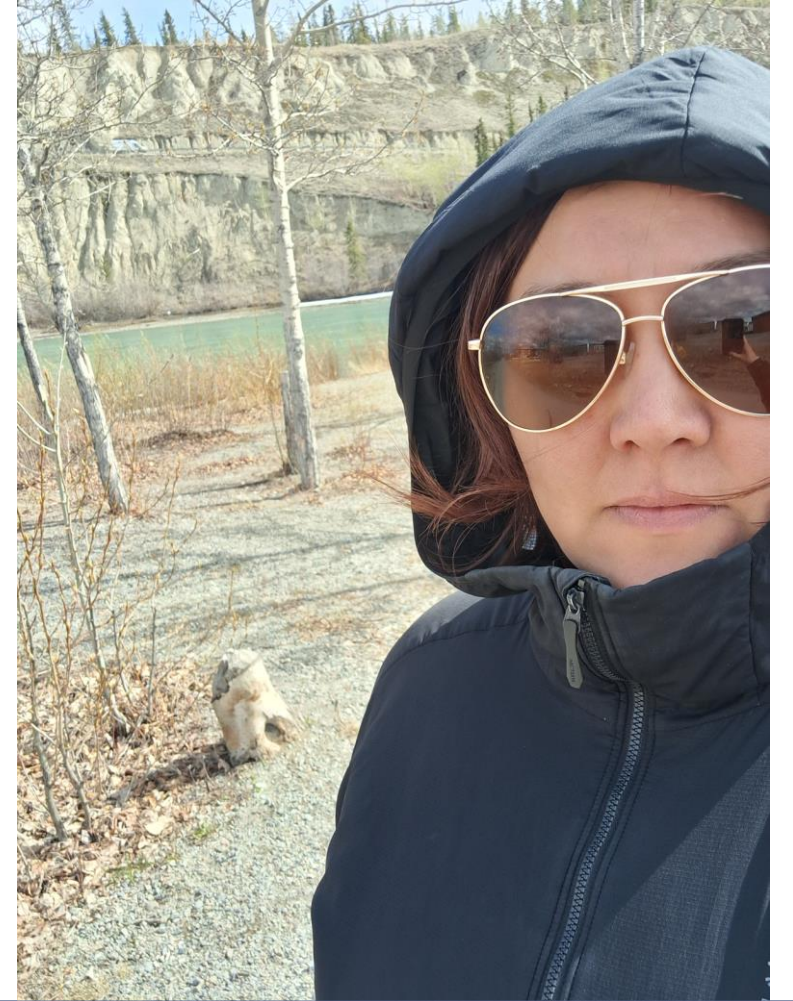
**CONGRATULATIONS
2024 SOCIAL WORK GRADUATES**

CANDICE SILAS,

SELKIRK FIRST NATION (WHITEHORSE, YT)

Now that I have completed my Masters in Social Work, my goals include entering into a management role where I can continue to support Front line work but in a different capacity.

I want to continue to support, uplift and empower Indigenous families and children and find ways to continue to give back to my community to improve the lives of Indigenous people.



KATRINA SOUTHERNWOOD,

REGINA, SK

I'm Katrina Southernwood. I'm from Regina Saskatchewan. I've recently opened Blue Rose Child and Family Wellness Center in Regina. I work with traumatized children (and adults).



LINNEA STROM,

QU'UWTSSEN VALLEY (DUNCAN, BC)

Hello, I live in the Qu'uwtsen Valley (Duncan) the unceded and ancestral home of the Qu'uwtsen people. I am blessed to already be doing what I wanted for my career and just accepted a role on the Island Health Palliative Care Team as well as opening a private counselling practice.



CARLY BIGELOW,

LLOYDMINSTER, AB

I am grateful for my experience in the UVic BSW program and the opportunity to grow both personally and professionally. It was through the UVic BSW program as well as my participation in the UVic Student Mentorship program that I discovered my love for working with children and families and a passion for strengths-based child protection work.

I am excited to be leaning into these interests as I begin my social work career with the Government of Alberta as a Child Intervention Practitioner.



MARIA DIAZ,

VANCOUVER, BC

I currently reside on the on the unceded traditional territories of the xʷməθkʷəy̓əm (Musqueam), Skwxwú7mesh (Squamish), and səliłwətał (Tsleil-Waututh) Nations.

In my future social work practice I want to continue to serve children and youth in my community. Grounding my practice in values that centre around client self determination, trauma informed care and decolonial practices. I look forward to continuing my learning with the hopes of completing an MSW in the near future.

Congrats BSW grads of 2024!



GRAHAM DOWNEY-SUTTON, RSW,

CORNER BROOK, NL

My academic journey through UVic's Bachelor of Social Work: Child Welfare Specialization program has equipped me with a comprehensive social work education and skill set. I would like to extend a special commendation to Professor Jennifer Nutton for the profound impact she has had on instilling a relational approach to practice in her teaching approach, respective courses and practicum placements, particularly in child welfare. Jennifer, I strive daily to incorporate a relational approach into all facets of my own social work practice; thank-you.

I became a Registered Social Worker on April 23, 2024, and the next day, I began working as a Social Worker I in the field of child protection/welfare here Corner Brook, NL with the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador - Department of Children, Seniors and Social Development: Child and Youth Services Division. My future goals are to pursue social work education at the graduate level, further deepening my understanding and expanding my competencies in working collaboratively alongside individuals across the lifespan.

Congratulations 2024 BSW Graduates!



CECILIA LENAHAAN,

NEW WESTMINSTER, BC

My social work goals include pursuing a career in the healthcare field.

I am currently working with Vancouver Coastal Health and planning to apply for Masters in Social Work in the near future.



STEPHANY LEWIS,

HALIFAX, NS

Congratulations to my fellow graduates! My experiences in the BSW program at UVic has given me the opportunity to grow mentally, spiritually, and emotionally. I am beyond grateful for this journey and could not have done it without all the support from my loved ones.

I am excited for what the future will hold and am looking forward to continuing my education and applying for my MSW!



MEGAN MACLELLAN,

MISSISSAUGA, ON

I grew up in Riverview, NB and have been living in Mississauga, ON for the last ten years.

I recently started working as a Community Mental Health Counsellor with Services and Housing in the Province (SHIP). I'm excited to continue building on the knowledge and learnings from my time at UVic to bring an anti-oppressive and decolonial lens to my work in community mental health, and I would eventually like to complete an MSW.

Congratulations everyone!



ANNE NOMELLINI,

VICTORIA, BC

I am humbled to live as an uninvited settler on the traditional unceded territories of the Lək̓ʷəŋən speaking Peoples, known today as the Esquimalt and Songhees Nations, and the WSÁNEĆ communities of Tsartlip and Tseycum.

I am incredibly grateful to have worked alongside my fellow graduates and within the many diverse communities I had the honour of serving throughout my degree. I am excited to see where my passion and newfound knowledge will take me, while I remain committed to continuous growth and learning.



CHARIS ORD,

BURNABY, BC

I currently work with people with developmental disabilities in Vancouver/ Downtown Eastside, and I am in love with this work!

Sometime in the future, I would love to continue on to complete my MSW with a focus in youth mental health and addictions.

Congratulations grads!



JOSHUA YOHANI PARKINS,

AMISKWACÎWÂSKAHIKAN, TREATY 6 TERRITORY AND MÉTIS NATION OF ALBERTA REGION 4

Hello,

My name is Joshua Yohani Parkins. I was born and currently practice in the meeting place of Amiskwacîwâskahikan, Treaty 6 territory and Métis Nation of Alberta Region 4. This land belongs to the Cree, Saulteaux, Blackfoot, Métis, Dene, and Nakota Sioux peoples. My future social work goals include furthering my passion for transnational social work, reflexive therapy modalities, and child welfare advocacy within an MSW program in the fall of 2025.

The photo attached is of my Grandmother (Bibi) Audrey, and me near our family home in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania. My Bibi has given me strength and courage during my time in the BSW, and the Babobab tree behind us symbolizes the spiritual bonds that transcend time, age, and healing. Thank you!

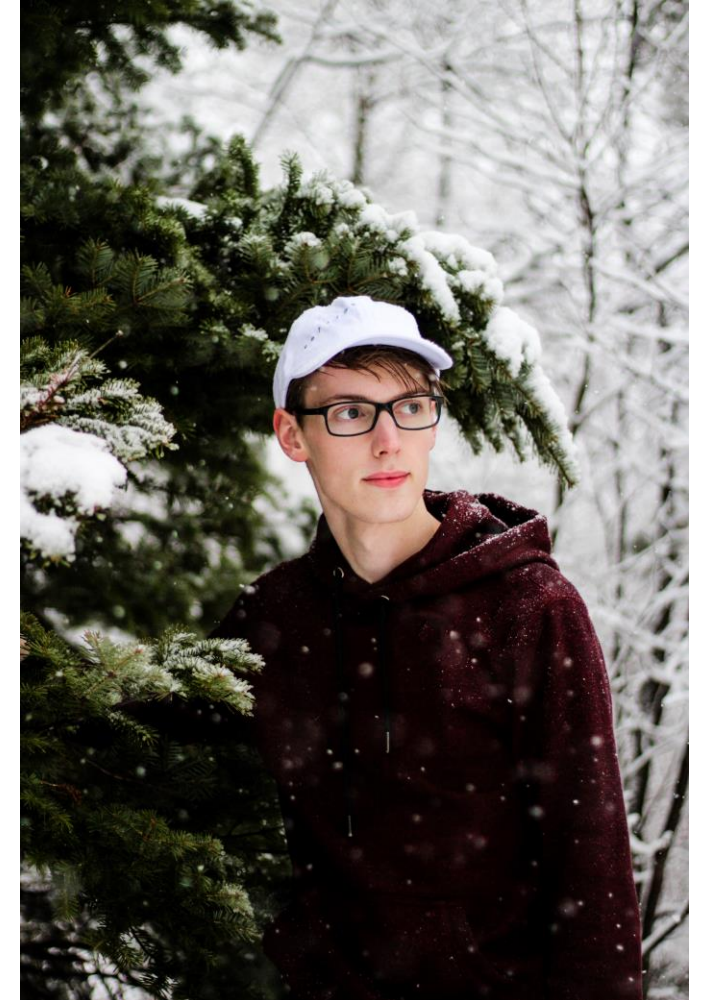


DAWSON PARNELL,

WOLFVILLE, NS

I am from Wolfville, Nova Scotia, otherwise known as Mi'kma'ki, the traditional and unceded territories of the Mi'Kmaq Peoples.

My future social work goal is to work with children and families and collaboratively make my community a better place to live through positive systemic change.



JESSAMYN STEWART

VICTORIA, BC

I'm from Edmonton but I live in Victoria now.

I want to expand into a career that involves working with women and vulnerable populations, providing group learning and educational opportunities for personal growth and community building.

I hope to continue embracing new challenges and vulnerabilities in this field and grow my own capacity to be with people in all their joy and grief.

