

# 2018 GRADUATES

## SCHOOL OF SOCIAL WORK





# LYNN LEKE EPSE TAJOACHA, BSW CALGARY, AB

This moment would not have been possible without my family. Thank you!

I would like to work in the child welfare system.

Thank you too!





# DANISHA POPAT, BSW

## SURREY, BC

I am grateful for all the wonderful people that made this BSW what it was.

I look forward to working in the field of mental health and eventually in clinical social work.

Congrats Graduates!





# BRITTANY TIMMONS, BSW NORTH VANCOUVER, BC

I am so grateful to have completed my BSW and, even more so, for all the love and understanding I have been given on this journey.

As I enter in to the work of child safety, I look towards the future with bright eyes and a hopeful heart.





## TIINA LÓSI, SHANNON McDONALD, MSW TSK'WAY'LAXW FIRST NATION, BC

I am graduating from the MSW Indigenous Specialization. I will continue to work as an advocate for Indigenous children and families. I also have a goal of one day being a university instructor.

Kukstumacacw to all those that supported me in my studies and cheered me on.



# ALICIA FRANCIS, BSW

## UNAMA'KI (CAPE BRETON ISLAND), NS

I am currently working as an outreach worker for Cape Breton Community Housing Association- Housing First Program. I hope to continue working in this field and wherever my social work journey may take me.

This degree would not have been possible without my supportive partner, family and friends. Quoting a dear friend, while always remembering, “people are people.”





# ALYSSA STROHSCHIEIN, BSW SHERWOOD PARK, AB

I am excited to use the experiences and learning I have acquired from my BSW to work with children and youth in the community, as well as provide support to families.





# EMILY KNICKLE, BSW

## WHITEHORSE, YUKON TERRITORY

I am grateful for the many career possibilities that my BSW provides.

Currently I am gaining valuable experience working with youth and in supported housing. In the future I plan to pursue my goal of working with seniors.





# CARRIE OTTEWELL, BSW

## ABBOTSFORD, BC

I am currently seeking full time employment. I have interviewed with the MCFD in the Lower Mainland as well as a variety of policing agencies in the victim services field.

I continue to contemplate furthering my education at the master's level.





# AMAKA CHIJOKE, BSW

## FORT McMURRAY, AB

I am so grateful to God, for the opportunity accorded me to study at UVic.

Looking forward to starting my clinical MSW and to continue my work with individuals with addiction and mental health challenges.

Congrats Everyone! 😊





# TASHA NOVICK, MSW

## EDMONTON, AB

I am proud to have completed my MSW through the University of Victoria.

Growth is most abundant in the margins between worlds - in the tide pools and on the shorelines - and it is in these margins where I find my professional inspiration!

I look forward to continued intersectional client-centered applications of the social determinants of health in both care plans and policy analysis.





# VICTORIA PETERS, BSW

## OTTAWA, ON

I have thoroughly enjoyed my studies at UVic and I am extremely proud of this degree. There were many challenges but all were worth it because of the information I learned and the connections I have made with peers across the country.

I will continue my work within provincial corrections in Ontario, but I plan to transition from institutional to community corrections. I am excited to explore all the opportunities my BSW has opened up for me.



# SETH DIAB, BSW

## VICTORIA, BC

Intake Social Worker at Lalum'utul'Smun'eem Child and Family Services.





## MELANIE MONDS, BSW SMITHERS, BC

I really enjoyed my practicum placement with community corrections and I am currently exploring employment in the field. My other option is to follow my true passion and focus on mental health, addictions and harm-reduction.





# TIFFANY FEHR, BSW

## MAPLE RIDGE, BC

I am thrilled to have finally completed my BSW degree at the University of Victoria! I am so thankful for the experiences and knowledge I have gained through my practicum and coursework.

I am looking forward to starting my MSW program this fall at the University of the Fraser Valley.





## LINDEN HARDIE, MSW HALIFAX (KJIPUKTUK), NS

After completing my MSW with UVic, I was hired as the Social Work Coordinator with Hospice Halifax – a hospice that is currently under construction and is slated to be the first free-standing hospice in the province.





# FARIBA DAVOODY, BSW

## RICHMOND, BC

I will be starting my Master of Social Work in Fall 2018. I'm excited to explore the many options my social work degree opens up.

I could not have done any of this without my amazing fiancé's support and editing skills.





# KARYN HAAG, BSW

## HALIFAX, NS

I am proud to have completed the program both in-person and online.

I am excited to work with these new skills as a Community Support Worker at an organization for youth with mental illness in Halifax.





# NATALIE HAN, BSW

## MARKHAM, ON

(Originally from Beijing, China)

Thanks to UVic's BSW program for giving me a lot of insight and provoking my thoughts.

I am interested in psychotherapy and counselling. Accompanying people while they experience tough times and exploring the feelings and thoughts with them are always my passion.





## NIKE JALADE, BSW CALGARY, AB

I am so grateful for the opportunity to participate in the BSW program; a time of personal growth.

My goal is to contribute to effective policies.





# SHANNON GRIFFIN, MSW

## VICTORIA, BC

I learned so much during my journey through the MSW program and I want to give thanks to the department and fellow students.

I plan to work in the mental health field using a strength-based approach with a commitment to challenge mental health stigma.





# MADDY ROSS, BSW

## WINDSOR, NS

I am beyond happy to end the academic career and on to the next chapter. I have met some wonderful people and had some unique experiences which I believe steered me towards my current employment with MCFD following my final practicum.

All the best 😊





# HARLEEN ATHWAL, BSW

## SURREY, BC

Thank you to my family and friends whose love, support and humour helped me on my journey to achieving my BSW.

I have begun my work in the field as a social worker with the Ministry of Children and Family Development in Surrey. I hope to continue working with children and youth throughout my career and plan on returning to school to obtain my MSW with the hopes of creating policy change for child protection in BC.

Congratulations Grad Class of 2018!





# NUZHAT HUMA, BSW

## CALGARY, AB

I am so enthusiastic due to completing my BSW via distance education. A BSW was a big dream of my life which came true with the huge support of my husband and two sons. Thank you to the faculty of Social Work and my family for all the wonderful support and encouragement which led me to accomplish my goal.

In the future I want to work with seniors in palliative care and look forward to where destiny takes me.





# DESIREE SMILEY, BSW

## VICTORIA, BC

My educational journey has taught me so much more than I ever thought possible. I am so grateful to have had such an amazing opportunity and learn from some of the greatest minds working in the field of social justice.

I am so excited to see where my future practice will take me and the degree to which I can make a difference within my own home community. I can only hope to continue to grow at such a rate moving forward and to be able to give back to humanity for all that it has given me.





# LARA JUSTINE ELLISON, MSW

## VANCOUVER, BC

I am looking forward to spending more time with my daughters and ease into my practice as a Narrative Therapist- both in private practice and community work.

I am grateful for the time I've spent at UVic and to all the mentorship made available over the years.





# SHELLEY MORTIMORE, BSW VICTORIA, BC

It has been a long road but I am happy to receive my Bachelor of Social Work from the University of Victoria.

Congratulations to my fellow graduates!





# MAYA HAMEL, BSW

## CALGARY, AB - TREATY 7 NATION

My future plans for social work are to work with young people at risk and struggling with mental health issues.

Will see where life takes me!

Photo: Maya & Riley





# JESSICA ARAYA, BSW

## COMOX, BC

I am so glad to be graduating from the BSW program. It has been an amazing experience.

I am currently working at the Head Injury Society in my home town and wish to continue working in health care to support people with disabilities, chronic or acute health issues.





# FATIMA MOHAMMAD, BSW ABBOTSFORD, BC

I am excited to finally be done my degree in Social Work!

I look forward to continuing my education as I pursue a Master of Marriage and Family Therapy.





# SHYLA JOHNSON, BSW

## RED DEER, AB

I currently intend to continue my journey as the Team Leader for a 25 bed transitional housing program with the Schizophrenia Society of Alberta.





# KATHY WESLEY, GAKS LAKSIILDA, MSW TERRACE, BC

I am from the Nisga'a and Tsimshian Nation. I am incredibly happy to receive my MSW degree. I have had tremendous support from family and instructors to succeed. Without that strong network and many prayers to the Creator, I could not have come this far.

I am looking forward to working with young people as an Aboriginal Child and Youth Mental Health Clinician on the northwest coast. T'ooyaksiy niin (Thank you).





# JESSICA LUPTON, BSW

## CASTLEGAR, BC

As a settler to the Sinixt Nation and Ktunaxa peoples of the Kootenai and Salmo rivers, I feel privileged to have been able to complete my BSW primarily online.

As a new Social Worker, I hope to build on my current experience as a housing advocate.





# KATHRYN SCOTT, BSW CAMBRIDGE, ON

I am working at the House of Friendship as a counsellor with addiction services.





# SABRINA REHMAN, BSW

## TORONTO, ON

This program has been nothing short of wonderful! Both the faculty and fellow at-distance students challenged me, supported me and shared with me. I have grown not only as a professional, but as a daughter, sister, friend and community member. This September I will be starting my MSW, continuing to focus on work with children and their families.

Congrats Class of 2018!





# KRISTIE WILKINS, MSW

## SURREY, BC

As we learned throughout the MSW program, social work is an ongoing learning experience that never ends.

I am continuing to grow as a social worker and a recent hire with the Fraser Health Authority at Surrey Memorial Hospital.



# CONGRATULATIONS

TO ALL OF OUR

BSW, MSW & PhD GRADUATES

Spring Convocation - June 15, 2018

