



**CONGRATULATIONS
2023 SOCIAL WORK GRADUATES**

JAHMELA JOSEPH-THOMAS

TRADITIONAL TERRITORY OF THE MISSISSAUGAS OF THE CREDIT, THE ANISHNABEG, THE CHIPPEWA, THE HAUDENOSAUNEE AND THE WENDAT PEOPLES

I would like to acknowledge that I have the privilege to live, work and play on the traditional territory of the Mississaugas of the Credit, the Anishnabeg, the Chippewa, the Haudenosaunee and the Wendat peoples.

CONGRATS fellow graduates; We made it! You persevered and accomplished a major goal. All of the readings, assignments and practicum experiences will help us to leave a positive footprint on the field of Social Work. Thank you to the faculty for instilling that we all have gifts to share. We are the change we wish to see in the world.

Having completed both my BSW and MSW at UVic has been an insightful journey. I am grateful for the knowledge I have gained and excited to take my new learning back to the education sector with me. I am and will continue to be a proud forever learner.



PREET KAINTH

ABBOTSFORD, BC

UNCEDD AND TRADITIONAL LANDS OF THE SUMAS AND
MATSQUI FIRST NATIONS, AND THE STO:LO PEOPLES

The journey to complete my MSW education at UVic was one of unexpected healing and unlearning. As I move forward in my professional career, I hope to open a private counseling practice that aids in the healing of others through creating an open and relational space. I know I will carry the knowledge acquired through this program with me for years to come.

Well done grads! We made it through to the other side. Now, we channel our energy as a collective and facilitate change.



ALICIA TAUREA CARLOW SNUNEYMUXW FIRST NATION

'Uy' Skweyul (Good Day) Graduates! I've completed courses in 2020 and have been working as the Child and Family Services Manager for an Indigenous Governing Body, enacting their rights to Jurisdiction under Bill-C92. I plan to pursue my Masters and develop a practice that embodies culture, harm reduction, land based healing and narratives which include connections to family, kinship ties and community.

Huy tseep q'u to my Mom, Dad, family, friends, my pups and all those who have supported me along this journey.



SAM DELACHEROIS WESTBANK FIRST NATION

Congratulations to the class of 2023! I am currently working as the Aboriginal Patient Navigator at the Kelowna General Hospital. I hope to achieve my M.S.W. and offer private counselling and wellness services within community.



DAGMAR DEVINE

WEST KOOTENAYS, BC

Congratulations to my fellow classmates on the completion of our program! I'm honored and grateful to have taken this journey with you all. For myself, my lifelong dream of obtaining my bachelors is but the start and the spark that is spurring me onward towards my masters in social work next year.

I plan on continuing my social work practice in the beautiful West Kootenays of British-Columbia, in the area of family preservation, and personal and family counselling. My goal is to expand and explore therapeutic approaches that include internal family systems therapy, narrative therapy and EMDR. Wherever my path may take me, the approaches I have learned at UVic and the different ways of knowing and being have left an indelible mark on myself and my practice. I am grateful to have had the opportunity to study at UVic and to get to know all those who have walked alongside me on this path.



ALOE HARRIS TRADITIONAL TERRITORIES OF THE SINIXT, THE SYILX, AND THE KTUNAXA PEOPLES, NELSON, BC

I plan to work in the field for the next few years and then complete my master's. Once I have my master's, I would like to focus on child and youth counselling. Congratulations to all my fellow graduates!



HOLLY KRYWORUCHKA

VANCOUVER, BC

I come to you from the stolen, unceded and traditional territories of the The x^wməθk^wəy'əm (Musqueam), Sk̓wx̓wú7mesh (Squamish), and səlilwətał (Tsleil-Waututh) peoples. I have so much gratitude to have had the opportunity to complete my BSW at UVic as it has provided me with the foundational knowledge necessary to propel me into community social services work.

Congratulations to all my fellow graduates! It was truly a pleasure to learn alongside you all!



EVELYN MORALES

VANCOUVER, BC

I reside in Vancouver, on the unceded territories of the Musqueam, Squamish, and Tsleil-Waututh Nations. During my time in the BSW program at UVic, I rediscovered and claimed my own Indigeneity—I am Indigenous! I am passionate about becoming a healthcare social worker. I am excited to share that I will continue with my education in a health-focused Master's degree program at the University of Waterloo. I am so grateful to all the people that supported me on this journey to completing my social work degree at UVic. Special thanks to Kim Grzybowski, Nancy Ami, Emily Arvay, and Dawn Schell for their continued support and guidance. I could not have done it without you and know that you all have a special place in my heart. Congratulations to my fellow graduates.



JOAN NGULEFAC AMISKWACIY WASKAHIKAN, EDMONTON, ALBERTA

I currently reside, work, and study in treaty six of the Cree, Dene, Blackfoot, Saulteaux, and Nakota Sioux. I was born and raised in Cameroon, Africa, before immigrating to Canada in 2016.

I currently work in a domestic violence shelter as a Crisis Intervention Worker. My future goal is to continue building my skills within my social work core values while engaging, supporting, and empowering the people I work with.



KATLYN PAULHUS

EDMONTON, ALBERTA

My current social work involves allied health with the addictions medicine team at Royal Jubilee Hospital. I hope to continue to work alongside our most disenfranchised community and eventually move to social policy.



JUDITH ANN QUINN

ST. JOHN'S, NEWFOUNDLAND

I am honoured to be a graduate of the Bachelor of Social Work at the University of Victoria and grateful to my instructors for their ongoing support during my social work journey. My future goals include graduate studies with a focus on counselling and geriatrics. During this time of celebration, as I reflect and look ahead to the future, I would like to take this opportunity to honour my mom who passed away during the pandemic. Her inspiration led me to this achievement, for which I am so grateful. Thank you to my family and friends, and most importantly, my partner, for his ongoing support and understanding during my studies.

Congratulations Social Work Class 2023!



KYRENY (KY) SCOTT

UNCEDED X^wMƏΘK^wƏYƏM (MUSQUEAM) FIRST NATION TERRITORY, (RICHMOND, BC)

Ky's research goals are rooted in her commitment to decolonial praxis and are shared from her place of mixed identities. She is passionate about critical policy analysis supporting equitable care for Indigenous children residing on Turtle Island; shared trauma frameworks as pathways for healing from trauma; and providing a safe, heart-centered and compassionate space for herself and those she cares for in her personal and professional life.



KYLE TURONE

X^wMƏθK^wƏY'ƏM (MUSQUEAM), SƏL'ÍLWƏTƏ?
(TSLEIL-WATUTH), STÓ:LŌ, SHÍSHÁLH (SECHELT)
AND SKWXWÚ7MESH (SQUAMISH) NATIONS
VANCOUVER, BC

Congratulations to all of the graduates! I look forward to continuing as a research assistant with the Canadian Consortium for Child and Youth Trauma through McGill University and my adjudication and outreach work in Vancouver. I am grateful to all who have supported this achievement, especially my mentors, family, and friends!



DIANE DESORMEAUX WRIGHT WINNIPEG, MANITOBA

My Spirit Name is Sun Shinning through the Cloud, from the Turtle Clan / Totem Wolf. My Christian name is Diane Desormeaux Wright. Born in Ottawa, Ontario, raised in Timmins, Ontario and currently living in Winnipeg, Manitoba. My degree will allow me to help family reunify and bring our children home. Now I am looking forward and hope to start my Masters in 2024.

