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COLLEGE *of* HUMANITIES *and* SOCIAL SCIENCES

# MASTER *of* SOCIAL WORK

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TWENTY NINTH OF APRIL, TWO THOUSAND TWENTY FIVE

# MASTER OF SOCIAL WORK

Utah Valley University

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10:00 am, Tuesday, April 29, 2025  
Grand Ballroom, Sorensen Center

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**Introduction**..... Kristin Lambert, Ph.D.  
*Program Director, Master of Social Work*

**Welcoming Remarks** ..... Rachel Arocho, Ph.D.  
*Department Chair, Social and Behavioral Sciences*

**Student Speaker** ..... Madelin Green  
*President, MSW Student Association*

**Keynote Speaker**..... Spencer Evans, LCSW

## **Presentation and Hooding of Graduates**

**Closing Remarks** .....Steven C. Clark, Ph.D.  
*Dean, College of Humanities & Social Sciences*

*MSW graduate picture, celebration, and refreshment immediately to follow in SC 206.*

# MESSAGE FROM THE DEAN

## DEAR GRADUATING CLASS OF 2025,

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Congratulations on reaching this impressive milestone in your academic journey! As the Dean of the College of Humanities and Social Sciences, I am proud of your achievements.

Your path to graduation has been marked by resilience, determination, and growth. You've mastered academic, personal, and professional challenges and are now ready to make meaningful contributions to society.

Throughout your time here, you've developed critical thinking skills and an understanding of human behavior and social dynamics. These tools will serve you well in your next chapter. Remember, learning is a lifelong journey. I encourage you to stay curious, seek new experiences, and continue to challenge yourselves both intellectually and personally. As you leave our campus, know you carry with you the support and pride of our entire academic community. We're excited to see the impact you'll make in your fields.

To the families and supporters of our graduates: thank you for your invaluable support and encouragement. Your role in this achievement cannot be overstated.

Class of 2025, as alumni, you'll always be part of our college family. We look forward to hearing about your future successes and hope you'll stay connected with us. Congratulations once again on your well-deserved success. Go forth with confidence and determination to make a positive difference in the world!

Sincerely,

**STEVEN C. CLARK, PH.D.**

*Dean, College of Humanities and Social Sciences*



# MESSAGE FROM THE MSW FACULTY

DEAR MSW CLASS OF 2025,

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Congratulations on your incredible achievement!

Completing the Master of Social Work program is no small feat, and we commend you for your dedication, perseverance, and hard work. You have navigated challenges, sacrificed sleep and time with loved ones, and balanced coursework, practicum hours, jobs, and countless other commitments — all in pursuit of a greater purpose. As seasoned social workers, we assure you that every sacrifice is worth it.

You are entering the field at a time when compassionate, skilled professionals are needed more than ever. You have gained the knowledge, expertise, and passion to make a meaningful difference in the lives of individuals, families, and communities. As you step into this next chapter, we are excited for you to explore the vast opportunities ahead and embrace the profound impact you can make.

As you celebrate this milestone, take a moment to reflect on your resilience and growth. This is just the beginning. Believe in yourselves as much as we believe in you. You have the strength to overcome challenges, the heart to uplift others, and the ability to create lasting change. We are incredibly proud of you — go forth and do good in the world!

Please stay connected — we want to continue celebrating your successes and supporting you on your journey.

With our warmest wishes for a fulfilling and rewarding career,

**UVU MASTER OF SOCIAL WORK  
PROGRAM FACULTY & STAFF**

## MSW FACULTY & STAFF

Karla Arroyo, Ph.D., LCSW  
*Assistant Professor*

Malisa Brooks, Ph.D., CSW  
*Assistant Professor*

Lars Eggertsen, Ph.D., LCSW  
*Associate Professor*

Kristin M. Lambert, D.S.W., LCSW  
*Assistant Professor*  
*Director, MSW Program*

Angelea Panos, Ph.D., LCSW, LMFT  
*Associate Professor*  
*Director, SUDC Program*

Doug Wendt, Ph.D., LCSW  
*Assistant Professor*

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*Director, MSW Field Education*

Kendra Blinzinger, MSW, LCSW  
*Associate Director, MSW Field Education*

Kyler Wakefield, MPA  
*MSW Program Manager*

Rebecca Sills, BSW  
*MSW Advisor*







# MASTER OF SOCIAL WORK GRADUATING CLASS OF 2025

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**The following individuals have earned or are completing a Master of Social Work:**

Abigail Swanson  
Adam Durrant  
Aubrey Hales  
Bailey Baird  
Brooklynn Zaugg-Jacklin  
Deeqa Sheikh Hamid  
Emily Francis  
Jason Weekes  
Jennilee Stewart Gunter  
Kai Molina  
Mabel Johnson  
Rian Wells  
Shandy Beckstead  
Shannon Sanchez Brea  
Taylor Williams  
Tyler Koyle  
Annie Mackay  
Allie McGee  
Amy Brown  
Aspen Ward  
Audrey Laurence  
August Moulton  
Bayley Grossman  
Camille Brown-Hill  
Cheyenne Foote  
Destyni Lee Upton  
Emma Wright  
Gioia Johnson

Hannah Hermansen  
Hannah Tenney  
Haylee Strohl  
Jaimee Smart  
Jocelyn Akwenye  
Jolie Okamoto  
Kalani Whitmore  
Kristen Schmitt  
Madelin Green  
MaKayla Boren  
Margarita Aguilar Bojorquez  
Marian Wendy Dignan  
Megan Ward  
Michelle Ross  
Rachel Johnston  
Sadie Miller  
Sandrale D. Jensen  
Sarah Fairbanks  
Theresa Elliott  
Holly Lewis  
Tyfani Lanae Rohner Balzotti  
Joshua Richardson  
Marc Anthony Avalos Gomez  
Nolan Osborn  
Seth Allred  
Seth Jacklin  
Trace Hollingsworth  
Trevor G. Roberts

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**The Master of Social Work Program sincerely thanks the following community partners for supporting our students' learning and growth:**

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