

# AGENTS UCLA Luskin OF CHANGE

## **SOCIAL WELFARE**

Social justice. It is more than simply a belief. It is the force by which we meet the critical needs of the most vulnerable members of society. From child welfare and foster care to mental health and services for the elderly, the demand for transformation can be found at every age, in every community. As a social welfare practitioner, you can effect change beginning with the individual and spanning entire populations.

**Right now.  
Right here.  
Become an agent of change.  
Only at UCLA Luskin.**

*"At Luskin, we martial the tools of social science to address human problems, and to improve the quality of individual lives, families, communities, and the wider world."*

**Gary Segura**  
Dean, UCLA Luskin School of Public Affairs

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## MASTER OF SOCIAL WELFARE

*"What I hope to do is influence social policy for those who need it most."*

Sara Pilgreen  
Master of Social Welfare, Ph.D. Candidate

### **AT UCLA LUSKIN**

The diverse ethnic and cultural metropolis of Los Angeles gives our students the unique opportunity to experience the complexity of urban communities today. Our distinguished faculty members are active in research as varied as the world we live in, pursuing social change in the child welfare system, criminal justice institutions, mental health service delivery, global and domestic HIV/AIDS interventions, civic engagement, and more. They provide real-world field education experience along with innovative scholarship to prepare our graduates for future success.

### **OUR PROGRAM**

UCLA Luskin's Master of Social Welfare is a full-time, two-year program blending theory, leadership, and research with generalist practice. Two separate year-long field placements with social work agencies allow our students to actualize what they are learning in the classroom, providing holistic, integrated experiences.

Our year one core curriculum is comprised of coursework in:

- Social welfare policy and leadership
- Theories of human behavior and social systems
- Generalist practice
- Research and statistics
- Field practicum

In the second year, students participate in integrated research projects and field practicum. They also choose to specialize their practice, theory, and policy/leadership coursework in one of three areas of concentration:

- Child and Family Well Being
- Health and Mental Health Across the Lifespan
- Social and Economic Justice

### **WHO WE ARE**

Founded in 1947, Social Welfare at UCLA Luskin School of Public Affairs seeks to:

- train the next generation of change agents
- lead the development of knowledge for the profession
- strengthen social institutions and services in Los Angeles and beyond

Social Welfare is a multidisciplinary field of study, and many of our students have professional aspirations that require multiple degrees. UCLA Luskin Social Welfare has joint master's degree programs in:

- Asian American Studies
- Law
- Public Health
- Public Policy

### **CHANGE AGENTS**

Social work is among the nation's fastest growing professions. Our alumni serve in such roles as government leaders, community organizers, public agency managers, and direct practitioners. Our MSW graduates contribute as scholars, holding faculty positions at prestigious universities in the U.S. and abroad.

Where are **UCLA Luskin graduates?**

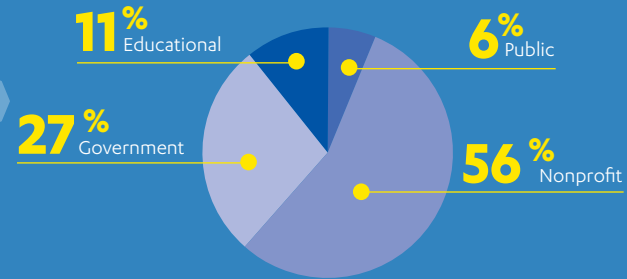
- Cedars- Sinai Medical Center
- Los Angeles Unified School District
- Los Angeles County Department of Children and Family Services
- Migrant Justice
- National Council for Behavioral Health
- Para Los Niños
- UCLA Mattel Children's Hospital
- Office of CA Assembly Member Shirley Weber
- Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health
- California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation

### **ACCREDITED**

The UCLA Social Welfare MSW Program is fully accredited by the Council on Social Work Education (CSWE), the sole accrediting agency for social work education in the United States.

## SOCIAL WELFARE GRADUATES

Working in:



**72%** employed within 3 months of graduation

**43%** found employment through a connection built at UCLA Luskin

**98%** pass rate on the LCSW (Clinical Exam [ASWB])  
California Board of Behavioral Sciences School Exam 2016 Results

## FUNDING YOUR UCLA DEGREE

As a UCLA Luskin student, you have a variety of financial aid options, including merit-based fellowships, teaching assistantships, and research appointments. All eligible students are guaranteed a need-based fellowship award from the department. Additional funding is available from both the UCLA Graduate Division and Financial Aid Office. For further information, visit our website.

*"We are here because it has become time for us to start making history."*

Stephanie Hair  
Master of Social Welfare

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# Luskin Spotlight

## LEYLA KARIMLI

As an assistant professor of social welfare at UCLA Luskin, Leyla Karimli focuses her research on a multidimensional and systems-oriented analysis of poverty and social exclusion in a global context. Her 13 years of international research and practice experience include work in the former Soviet Union, Burkina Faso, Ethiopia, Zimbabwe, Uganda, Kenya, Colombia, Philippines, and Tajikistan.

Karimli's recent study of rural communities in five countries found that women provide far more hours of care in their daily lives than do their male counterparts. "Care work is essential for personal well-being and for maintaining societies," Karimli writes in her research report. "But across the world, it is overwhelmingly the preserve of women, and it often restricts their opportunities for education, employment, politics and leisure."



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