

The success of the Association of Social Work Boards (ASWB) social work licensure examination program depends on the hard work of volunteers, consultants, and contracted item writers committed to public protection. Together, this diverse group of social workers sees to it that the ASWB examinations remain valid and reliable.

## EXAMINATION COMMITTEE, 2015

Appointed by the ASWB president, this group of subject matter experts meets up to four times a year to review and approve test questions for use on the ASWB examinations. Examination Committee members are appointed from among ASWB item writers.



**Greg Winkler, co-chair (WI)**

M/Caucasian

Clinical examination

Greg Winkler is a Licensed Clinical Social Worker who manages behavioral health services in a county human services department. He is appointed to the Wisconsin social work regulatory board and is an adjunct faculty member in the social work program at George Williams College. Areas of expertise include evidence-based treatment, behavioral health regulations, trauma, project management, and ethics/boundaries.



**Brent Meyer, co-chair (GA)**

M/Caucasian

Masters examination

Brent Meyer is an assistant director and direct service provider in the university counseling center at Mercer University. He holds clinical licenses in Georgia and Florida. He has past experience in private practice and health care settings, with areas of expertise that include trauma, chronic mental health issues, anxiety/depression, relationships, and sports psychology.



**Mary Stebbins, co-chair (VA)**

F/Caucasian

Bachelors examination

Mary Stebbins is the program coordinator and director of field education for the undergraduate social work program at Longwood University, located in Farmville, Va. She holds an MSW and is a Licensed Clinical Social Worker with 13 years of practice experience, primarily working in children's mental health and child welfare.



**Miriam Balen (BC)**

F/Caucasian

Clinical examination

Miriam Balen is a Registered Clinical Social Worker in Vancouver, BC, with 15 years of post-MSW experience. She is currently a school social worker, and her areas of expertise include mental health practice with children, adolescents, and adults.



**Adolpha Bassett (NC)**

M/African American

Masters examination

Adolpha Bassett is a mental health clinician at Johnston County Public Health's Behavior Division in Smithfield, N.C. He holds a BA in psychology and an MSW. Licensed as a Clinical Social Worker in 2012, his areas of expertise include hospital and community mental health practice with children and adults in crisis.



**Kelli Cortes (GA)**

F/Caucasian

Masters examination

Kelli Cortes is a mobile crisis intervention clinician working in the city of Atlanta. She is an LCSW with a private practice. She specializes in trauma, grief, and crisis intervention with clients of all age groups.



**Sharon Cutts (CT)**

F/Caucasian

Clinical examination

Sharon Cutts, LCSW/ACSW, has been a clinical social worker for 28 years. She received her BSW from Penn State and MSW from Smith College School for Social Work. The first 16 years she worked in a range of settings, including a child guidance clinic, hospital emergency room, child welfare agency, and residential facility for adjudicated adolescent males. Her private practice is located in Wethersfield, Conn. She primarily works with teens and adults in individual, couple, and family modalities. Areas of expertise include anxiety, depression, LGBT issues, and integration of spirituality and psychotherapy.



**Tammy Dyson (BC)**

F/Caucasian

Bachelors examination

Tammy Dyson, MSW, RCSW, is a social work consultant on the Home Hospice team in Vancouver, BC. Tammy has worked in the field of end-of-life care in British Columbia and the Bay Area, California, for more than 15 years. She has taught and facilitated on topics related to end-of-life care, including advance care planning, emotional care in the final days of life, and grief.

**Susanna Hendrickson (KS)**



F/Caucasian

Bachelors examination

Susanna Hendrickson is a school social worker in Kansas City, Kan. She earned her BSW from Wichita State University and her MSW from University of Missouri-Kansas City. Susanna has 17 years of experience working with children and families in shelters, inpatient mental health, and education settings. Her areas of expertise include crisis intervention, domestic violence, and children's mental health.



**Carl Hokanson (MN)**

M/Caucasian

Bachelors examination

Carl Hokanson is a social work manager and direct service provider with 11 years of post-MSW experience. He holds an MSW and is a Licensed Graduate Social Worker in Minnesota. His areas of expertise include geriatric/aging, case management, and medical social work.



**Carmen Howlette (MD)**

F/African American

Clinical examination

Carmen Howlette holds an MSW from the University of Maryland and a bachelor's degree from UC Berkeley. She has social work experience in a variety of settings including a maximum security penitentiary, the Department of Social Services, a pain management clinic, and a psychiatric rehabilitation program. She works for Magellan Healthcare Provider Group as a behavioral health care coordinator. Carmen also has a private practice in Ellicott City, Md.

**Liz Johnston (CA)****F/Caucasian****Clinical examination**

Liz Johnston is a Licensed Clinical Social Worker in private practice. She specializes in treating addiction and trauma, and teaches undergraduates in social science at Cal Poly University. She recently received her Ph.D. from Smith College School of Social Work; her dissertation research focused on psychological coping in older adults who survive critical illness.

**Bora Sunseri (LA)****F/Asian****Clinical examination**

Bora Sunseri is a Licensed Clinical Social Worker with more than 24 years of post-MSW experience. Bora is a member of the Louisiana Department of Children and Family Services Transformation Project, working to modernize computer systems. Her areas of expertise include child welfare, Continuous Quality Improvement, military, and corrections.

**Sujata Pai (NY)****F/South Asian****Bachelors examination**

Sujata Pai is a conference facilitator with New York City Children's Services and has more than two decades of experience in administrative, supervisory, and direct care capacities in child welfare. She holds an MSW and an MPA. She has served as a consultant reviewer for the Children's Bureau and as a peer reviewer for the Council on Accreditation (COA). She has reviewed grant proposals for several federal agencies. Sujata is appointed to the New York State Board for Social Work.

**Stephanie D. Washington (TX)****F/African American****Masters examination**

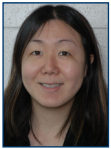
Stephanie D. Washington, Ed.D., LCSW, has been a school social worker for 30 years. She has worked with a number of populations including prekindergarten, pregnant teens, adjudicated juveniles, and children receiving special education services. She has been an adjunct professor in curriculum and instruction at the University of Houston and Lone Star College and currently provides clinical social work supervision while maintaining a small private practice.

**Benjamin Rosenberg (NY)****M/Asian****Bachelors examination**

Benjamin Rosenberg is a Licensed Clinical Social Worker working in the areas of community mental health and quality improvement. He graduated from Columbia University School of Social Work.

**June Yee (AB)****F/Chinese Canadian****Masters examination**

June Yee is a Registered Clinical Social Worker working in outpatient heart health. She holds a BSW and an MSW with 35 years of post-MSW experience. June's areas of expertise include psychosocial aspects of adult congenital heart defects, mental health, stress management, anxiety, depression, cardiac wellness, program planning, and research.

**Esther Song (VA)****F/Asian****Masters examination**

Esther Song received a BA in psychology and has been working in child welfare for four years. She is a Licensed Clinical Social Worker currently working in a CPS Differential Response Unit in Washington, D.C.

## ITEM DEVELOPMENT CONSULTANTS, 2015

The association contracts with experienced social workers who work directly with item writers in the creation of the questions that are presented to the Examination Committee. These consultants also attend Examination Committee meetings to gather feedback from the committee on the work of writers.

**David Aiken (FL)****M/Caucasian****Clinical examination**

David Aiken holds an MSW from Barry College. David has worked as a social worker in the Air Force and for various community mental health centers in Ohio, with adults, children, and adolescents. He also has considerable experience working with court-ordered forensic clients and on crisis intervention teams. David now does volunteer work with the Lee County Sheriff's Office in North Miami Shores, Fla.

**Monica Roth Day (MN)****F/Caucasian****Masters examination**

Monica Roth Day received her bachelor's in psychology with a minor in counseling from the University of Iowa; her MSW from the University of Minnesota, Duluth; and her Ed.D. from the University of Minnesota. Monica is a social work educator with 19 years of post-MSW experience. She is the director of the Center for Excellence in Teaching and Learning and social work program coordinator at University of Wisconsin-Superior.

**Amanda Duffy Randall (NE)****F/Caucasian****Bachelors examination**

Amanda Duffy Randall, Ph.D., LCSW, is the director of the Grace Abbott School of Social Work at the University of Nebraska Omaha. She has taught for more than 30 years and maintains a private practice working with adolescents, adults, and families in the LGBT community. She is a former president of ASWB and a former member of the Nebraska Board of Mental Health Practice.

**Nancy Sidell (PA)****F/Caucasian****Masters examination**

Nancy Sidell earned her master's degree from Case Western Reserve University and her Ph.D. from Ohio State University. Nancy started her professional life as a social worker in a nursing home, and moved on to hospital settings, both community and teaching facilities. Nancy is a faculty member at Mansfield University of Pennsylvania, where she is currently serving as interim dean of professional studies. Her areas of expertise include gerontology, rural issues, social work communication skills, and teaching pedagogy. She is the author of *Social Work Documentation, 2nd ed.*, being published in late 2015.

**Bynia Reed (MD)****F/African American****Clinical examination**

Bynia Reed earned her MSW from the University of Southern California, Los Angeles, and her Bachelor's degree in psychology from Princeton University. Bynia's training focused on early childhood attachment, attachment theory, and family mental health. She has a private practice in Laurel, Md., where she focuses on play therapy and treatment of children, adolescents, and adults.

# 2015 ITEM WRITERS

In 2015, ASWB added 20 social workers to its North American pool of item writers. These writers have joined a diverse writing network responsible for creating the test questions. Each writer is expected to create 30 items per contract that meet ASWB standards.

Name/Jurisdiction	Race/Ethnicity, Gender	Current Practice Setting	SW Degree(s)	Areas of expertise
Kristina Bonic (MD)	Multiracial, female	Direct practice	BSW, MSW	Child disorders, developmental disabilities, school social work
Amanda Eagle (FL)	African American, female	Direct practice	BSW, MSW	Youth and family, child welfare and safety
Terri Feher (OH)	Caucasian, female	Academia	BSW	Individuals, groups and families, mental health
Robin Greene (NS)	Caucasian, female	Direct practice	MSW	Mental health, social work/health care research, ethics
Joseph Harper (IL)	Caucasian, male	Direct practice/Academia	MSW	Correctional and forensic mental health settings
Reagen Jackson (GA)	African American, female	Direct practice	BSW, MSW	Adolescents, crisis intervention, managed care, cognitive behavioral therapy, systems theory, human behavior and development
Leah Little (MI)	Caucasian, female	Direct practice	MSW	Substance abuse, mental health, adolescents and families, veteran population, evidence-based practices
Andrea Monto (OR)	Caucasian, female	Direct practice	BSW, MSW	Trauma, SPMI, military social work, research, homelessness, diagnostic impressions, assessment, alternative interventions, program and practice evaluation (measures and analysis)
Julie Novas (NY)	Hispanic, female	Direct practice	MSW	Trauma, addiction/recovery
Steven Parks (TX)	Hispanic, male	Direct practice	MSW	Direct clinical practice concerning trauma, child abuse, psychotherapy, and LGBT issues
Cecilia Ponce (KS)	Hispanic, female	Direct practice/Academia	MSW	Diagnosing, assessments, and clinical direct practice, theory and human behavior
Andrew Seeley (AB)	Caucasian, male	Direct practice	BSW	Trauma, mental health, bereavement, screening and assessment, human sexuality, and work with high-risk youth
Amy Seese-Bieda (WA)	Hispanic, female	Direct practice	MSW	Medical social work, geriatric social work, child and adolescent mental health, child welfare, and social work administration
Catherine Simmons (TN)	Caucasian, female	Academia	MSW, Ph.D.	Mental health, family violence, clinical social work and research/evaluation
Michie Summers-Perez (GA)	Multiracial, female	Direct practice	MSW	Ethics, diagnosis, crisis management/intervention, human behavior in the social environment, diversity' race, culture, religion, sexual orientation, age
Jason Swain (CA)	Caucasian, male	Direct practice	MSW	Chemical dependency, supervision, diversity and cultural competency
Licia Thomas-Wagoner (VA)	Hispanic, female	Direct practice	MSW	Trauma resolution, depression, grief, anxiety, bipolar disorder, severe mental illness, immigrant populations, diverse ethnic cultures, expressive arts therapies, LGBTQ, self-identity, and self-care
Senetra Wallace (NC)	African American, female	Direct practice	MSW	Mental health direct and indirect practice, assessment and diagnosis, human development and behavior in the environment, professional values and ethics, effects of culture, race, ethnicity, sexual orientation, gender, and disability
Joyce White (TX)	African American, female	Direct practice/Academia	BSW, MSW	Social work administration, service delivery, supervision, professional values and ethics, communication, professional relationships, and direct and indirect practice
Patricia Williams (AL)	African American, female	Direct practice	BSW, MSW	Human development and behavior in the environment; effects of culture, race, sexual orientation, gender; disability assessment and diagnosis, and professional values and ethics



From left to right: Terri Feher (OH); Joyce White (TX); Leah Little (MI); Amy Seese-Bieda (WA); Patricia Williams (AL); Michie Summers-Perez (GA); Steven Parks (TX); Licia Thomas-Wagoner (VA); Joseph Harper (IL); Julie Novas (NY); Robin Greene (NS); Amanda Eagle (FL); Jason Swain (CA); Kristina Bonic (MD); Andrea Monto (OR); Senetra Wallace (NC); Andrew Seeley (AB); Cecilia Ponce (KS); Reagen Jackson (GA); Catherine Simmons (TN).

# 2015 FORM REVIEWERS

A final review of a complete ASWB examination is conducted before a test form goes online for administration. These form reviews are conducted by subject matter experts, primarily emeritus members of the ASWB Examination Committee

Name/Jurisdiction	Race/Ethnicity, Gender	Current Practice Setting	SW Degree(s)	Areas of expertise
Nikki Barfield (FL)	African American, female	Direct practice	BSW, MSW	Policy, administration, health care management, and clinical services with children and adults
Shannon Bender-Bell (BC)	Caucasian, female	Direct practice	BSW, MSW	Trauma, domestic violence, grief
Trevor Gates-Crandall (NY)	Caucasian, male	Direct practice	MSW	Addiction, LGBT issues
Keeva Hartley (MN)	African American, female	Direct practice	MSW	Trauma, play therapy, attachment disorders, domestic violence
Nora Jessome (NS)	Caucasian, female	Social work administrator	MSW	Community development, early childhood development, disaster relief
Debby Jones (BC)	Caucasian, female	Direct practice	BSW, MSW	Mental health; supervision; children, youth, and families
Leslie McCarl (PA)	Caucasian, female	Direct practice	MSW	Community mental health in rural settings
Jane Matheson (AB)	Caucasian, female	Direct practice	MSW, Ph.D.	Children, youth, and families; child welfare; mental health administration
Jay Memmott (SD)	Caucasian, male	Academia	MSW, Ph.D.	Mental health, substance abuse, gerontology, research
Stacey Owens (MD)	African American, female	Direct practice	BSW, MSW	Mental health and work with military veterans
Saundra Starks (KY)	African American, female	Direct practice/Academia	MSW, Ed.D.	Cultural competency, diversity, women's issues, clinical practice
Susanna Sung (MD)	Asian, female	Direct practice	MSW	Adult mood and anxiety disorders, community outreach, government relations, policy
Karen Tamminga (OR)	Caucasian, female	Direct practice	MSW	Addictions, dual diagnoses, trauma, and community mental health social work
Leana Torres (AZ)	Pacific Islander, female	Direct practice	MSW	Community mental health, inpatient psychiatric hospital social work, and military social work

## EXAMINATION DEVELOPMENT MEETINGS, 2015

### JANUARY 9-10

Form Review  
Culpeper, VA

### JUNE 26-28

Item Writer Training  
Washington, DC

### MARCH 20-22

Exam Committee/Form Review  
National Harbor, MD

### AUGUST 7-9

Exam Committee  
Boston, MA

### JUNE 5-7

Exam Committee/Form Review  
Washington, DC

### OCTOBER 2-4

Exam Committee/Form Review  
Arlington, VA



Keeva Hartley (MN) and Debby Jones (BC) review examination forms at a 2015 exam development meeting.



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