

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, 2017

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.



Bora Sunseri, co-chair (LA)

F/Asian

Clinical examination

Bora Sunseri is a Licensed Clinical Social Worker with more than 25 years of post-MSW experience. Bora is a member of the Louisiana Department of Children and Family Services Child Welfare Information Systems Solutions Development Team. Her areas of social work experience include child welfare, continuous quality improvement, clinical work with military members/families as well as clients in the correctional system, private practice specializing in adoptions, and clinical social work supervision.



Stephanie D. Washington, co-chair (TX)

F/African American

Masters examination

A recently retired school social worker, Stephanie Washington, Ed.D., is currently an adjunct faculty member at Stephen F. Austin State University (Woodlands Campus). She is a Licensed Clinical Social Worker and maintains a small private practice, providing supervision and consultation to individuals and agencies in Houston and surrounding areas.



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, Virginia. She holds an MSW degree and is a Licensed Clinical Social Worker with 13 years of practice experience, primarily working in children's mental health and child welfare.



Luz Alquicira (TX)

F/Hispanic

Clinical examination

Luz Alquicira has worked for the California Department of Corrections, Parole Headquarters; the California Highway Patrol; and the Census Bureau in criminal justice statistics. She has taught at Sacramento State, Criminal Justice Division, and presented at conferences on criminal justice topics. Her teaching, research, and practice interests are evidence-based practice, psychopathy, and the assessment/treatment of sex offenders. Currently, she facilitates a group for mentally ill offenders, provides mental health/substance abuse treatment to federal inmates, and co-facilitates individual and group sex-offender treatment.



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, NC. Adolpha holds a B.A. 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 Atlanta. She is a Licensed Clinical Social Worker with a private practice specializing in trauma, grief, and crisis intervention.



Sharon Cutts (CT)

F/Caucasian

Clinical examination

Sharon Cutts has been a Licensed Clinical Social Worker for 30 years. She has 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. Areas of expertise include anxiety, depression, LGBT issues, and integration of spirituality and psychotherapy.



Tammy Dyson (BC)

F/Caucasian

Bachelors examination

Tammy Dyson, MSW, Registered Clinical Social Worker, currently works as the leader for the medical assistance in dying program for a large health authority. Tammy has worked in the field of end-of-life care in British Columbia and the California Bay Area for more than 20 years as an educator and consultant. She has taught and facilitated topics related to end-of-life care, including advance care planning and 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 18 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 at a medical rehabilitation center in St. Paul. He has 13 years of post-MSW experience and is a Licensed Graduate Social Worker in Minnesota. His areas of expertise include geriatrics and aging, case management, and medical social work.



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 for Social Work; her dissertation research focused on psychological coping in older adults who survive critical illness.

**Debby Jones (BC)****F/Caucasian****Clinical examination**

Debby Jones, Registered Clinical Social Worker, is chair of the British Columbia College of Social Workers. She holds a BSW from McGill University and an MSW from the University of Victoria. Her practice during the past 39 years has included child protection, child and youth mental health, early intervention, and serving as a college ombudsman and a social work practice leader and ethics consultant in a health authority. Debby provides relief social work coverage at British Columbia Children's Hospital.

**Jay Memmott (SD)****M/Caucasian****Clinical Examination**

Jay Memmott started as an item writer with ASWB in 2002. Besides item writing and serving as a member of the Examination Committee, Jay has assisted ASWB as a form reviewer. Currently, Jay is chair of the social work department at the University of South Dakota. His practice background is varied, having worked in the fields of mental health treatment, home health care, hospice care, addictions treatment, private practice, program evaluation, research, and social work education.

**Michelle Piper (AL)****F/Caucasian, Asian****Masters examination**

Michelle Piper is a Licensed Certified Social Worker working in a state inpatient psychiatric hospital. She holds a BSW and an MSW from the University of Alabama. She also provides clinical social work supervision and is working on completing a DSW degree.

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

Benjamin Rosenberg is a Licensed Clinical Social Worker with a psychotherapy "R" privilege in New York state. He currently serves as a health information technology analyst for the psychosocial services department for a federally qualified health center. Benjamin has a background in community mental health

outpatient settings, with experience with English- and Spanish-speaking populations. He also has been able to grow his career to gain experiences in program management, supervision, and continuous quality improvement.

**Karen Slovak (OH)****F/Caucasian****Bachelors examination**

Karen Slovak, Ph.D., LISW-S, is a full professor and chair of the social work department at Malone University. She received her MSSA and Ph.D. from Case Western Reserve University. She teaches undergraduate courses including methods with individuals, families, and groups, and methods of research. She is also a dissertation mentor for DSW students at Capella University. Her practice experience includes school social work, juvenile delinquency, and substance abuse. Dr. Slovak has published several scholarly journal articles on the topic of suicide by firearm, elderly suicide, cyberbullying, and school social work.

**Charu Stokes-Williams (HI)****F/African-American, Asian****Masters examination**

Charu Stokes-Williams is a Licensed Independent Clinical Social Worker. She was recently promoted to the rank of major in the United States Air Force and serves as the director of psychological health for the 15th Wing at Joint Base Pearl Harbor, Hickam, Hawaii. She also serves as the sexual assault response program medical group point of contact, disaster mental health team chief, and the family advocacy program liaison. She holds an MSW from the University of Michigan and a Ph.D. in social work from Boston College.

**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.

ITEM DEVELOPMENT CONSULTANTS, 2017

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.

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

Amanda Duffy Randall, Ph.D., is clinically licensed and 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 past president of ASWB and former member of the Nebraska Board of Mental Health Practice.

**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 development, 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. Bynia became an item writer for ASWB in 2007, was a member of the Clinical exam committee, and served as a Clinical exam committee co-chair in 2009 and 2010.

**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 the University of Wisconsin-Superior. Monica became an item writer for ASWB in 2007, joined the Masters exam committee in 2010, and served as Masters exam committee co-chair in 2013.

**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 dean of natural and social sciences. 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.*, published in 2015.

**Greg Winkler (WI)****M/Caucasian****Clinical examination**

Greg Winkler, Licensed Clinical Social Worker, is the behavioral health division manager at Rock County Human Services Department in Janesville, Wis. 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. His areas of expertise include evidence-based treatment, behavioral health regulations, trauma, project management, and ethics/boundaries.

PRACTICE ANALYSIS WRAPUP AND NEW EXAM CREATION

ASWB's analysis of the practice of social work, conducted every five to seven years, is the cornerstone of the social work licensing exam program. During the 2017 examination program year, ASWB staff and volunteers completed activities associated with the most recent analysis process, setting the stage for new examination blueprints that will debut in early 2018.

Accomplishments included:

- Reclassification of examination items to match the new blueprints
- Successful standard setting meeting to establish passing scores for each examination category
- Publication of a technical report on the practice analysis
- Development of new online practice tests to match the new blueprints, including revised rationales for each item
- Updates to the *ASWB Guide to the Social Work Exams*

These accomplishments were achieved while ASWB continued to maintain the current examinations: writing and reviewing test items, reviewing examination forms, and conducting problem item review, among other activities. Additionally, 2017 marked the launch of a new, proprietary item development software that will allow the association to move its test questions through a seamless system that streamlines the development process and increases security.



The standard setting meeting brought together licensed social workers from across the United States and Canada. Participants listed by number: 1. Christine Escobar-Sawicki (IL), 2. Amy Prentice (NC), 3. Amy McLean (TN), 4. Pauline Kunichika (AZ), 5. Alicia Gordon-Smith (ON), 6. Ashante Montero (TX), 7. Angela Dickson (OK), 8. Faren Frederick (VA), 9. Jenna Crawford (PA), 10. Camilla Gaines (AL), 11. Susan Feyen-Reay (NE), 12. Dianna Cooper-Bolinskey (IN), 13. Khadyne Augustine (MD), 14. Kristi Paguio (MI), 15. Narine Dat Sookram (ON), 16. Denise Kwan (BC), 17. Mohammad Alam (AB), 18. Franzcesca Guidry-Jackson (TX), 19. Melissa Foley (MA), 20. Felicia Teixeira (MA), 21. Kristen Mercado (NY), 22. Toya Walker (MA), 23. Albaliz Tello (NJ), 24. Brianna Matsuura (CA), 25. Heidi Gibbons (WI), 26. Meagan Nwangwa (WI), 27. Jean Leong (AB), 28. Joe Schriver (AR), 29. Morgan McDowell (MN), 30. Cole Hooley (MO), 31. Ashley Stringer (AL), 32. Chaundra Randle (MD), 33. Erika Robinson Newby (MD), 34. Monique Stinson (SC), 35. Alejandro Zamora (ID), 36. Laurie Girdharry (MA), 37. Kirk Royster (NY), 38. Nelly Chow (AB), 39. Logan Woodcome (MA), 40. Karen Sutton (GA), 41. Twayla Eason (NC), 42. Damion Dallas (MA), 43. Richard Wallace Taylor (CA), 44. Daniel Olavarria (NY), 45. Kalene DeHaut (NY), 46. Jolene Engelking (MN), 47. Tiffany Welch (PA), 48. Sharon Zimmerman Wilson (OH), 49. Daniel Heathcock (TX), 50. Jeffrey Trant (MA), 51. Stephen Quinlan (BC), 52. Anita Arenson (MN), 53. Shatiea Blount (MD), 54. Myke Selha (IA), 55. James Masters, PearsonVUE staff

2017 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/a members of the ASWB Examination Committee.

Name/Jurisdiction	Race/Ethnicity, Gender	Current Practice Setting	SW Degrees	Areas of expertise
Shannon Bender-Bell (BC)	Caucasian, female	Direct practice	BSW, MSW	Trauma, domestic violence, grief
Keeva Hartley-Stouffer (MN)	African American, female	Direct practice	MSW	Trauma, play therapy, attachment disorders, domestic violence
Carl Hokanson (MN)	Caucasian, male	Direct practice	MSW	Geriatrics and aging, case management, medical social work
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
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
Brent Meyer (GA)	Caucasian, male	Direct practice	MSW, Ph.D.	Trauma, chronic mental health issues, anxiety/depression, relationships, sports psychology
Stacey Owens (MD)	African American, female	Direct practice	BSW, MSW	Mental health; work with military veterans
Sujata Pai (NY)	Asian, female	Direct practice	MSW, MPA	Administrative, supervisory, and direct care capacities in child welfare
Trish Smith (AB)	Caucasian, female	Direct practice/Academia	BSW, MSW	Mental health, child protection, social work practice in rural and northern communities
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
Leana Torres (AZ)	Pacific Islander, female	Direct practice	MSW	Community mental health, inpatient psychiatric hospital social work, military social work

EXAMINATION DEVELOPMENT MEETINGS, 2017

JANUARY 20-22

Item Reclassification
Culpeper, VA

MARCH 24-26

Form Review
Culpeper, VA

MAY 19-20

Standard Setting
Herndon, VA

JULY 7-9

Practice Tests and Rationale Writing
Culpeper, VA

AUGUST 4-6

Exam Committee
Minneapolis, MN

SEPTEMBER 29-OCTOBER 1

Exam Committee/Form Review
Reston, VA



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