

The success of the Association of Social Work Boards 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, 2018

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 27 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.



Sharon Cutts (CT)

F/Caucasian

Clinical examination

Sharon Cutts, Licensed Clinical Social Worker, has been a clinical social worker for 28 years. The first 16 years of her career, 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 in Wethersfield, Connecticut. She works primarily with teens and adults in individual, couple, and family modalities. Areas of expertise include anxiety, depression, LGBT issues, and integration of spirituality and psychotherapy.



Adolpha Bassett, co-chair (NC)

M/African American

Masters examination

Adolpha Bassett is a mental health clinician at Johnston County Public Health's Behavior Division in Smithfield, North Carolina. Adolpha holds a B.A. in psychology and an MSW. He has been a Licensed Clinical Social Worker since 2012. Areas of expertise include hospital and community mental health practice with children and adults in crisis.



Tammy Dyson (BC)

F/Caucasian

Masters examination

Tammy Dyson, MSW, Registered Clinical Social Worker in Vancouver, British Columbia, 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 both an educator and a 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.



Carl Hokanson, co-chair (MN)

M/Caucasian

Bachelors examination

Carl Hokanson is the manager of the social work department at a medical rehabilitation center in St. Paul, where he is also a direct service provider and supervises BSW interns. He has 14 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.



Amanda Eagle (FL)

F/African American

Clinical examination

Amanda Eagle is a Licensed Clinical Social Worker with more than 15 years of experience working with children and families in crisis. She works with the Hillsborough County DUI traffic safety school providing education/substance use assessments and maintains a small private practice, working primarily with at-risk youth. Her areas of social work experience include child welfare, quality assurance/improvement, psychoeducation, and substance use education/assessment.



Shannon Bender-Bell (BC)

F/Caucasian

Bachelors examination

Shannon Bender-Bell, MSW, Registered Clinical Social Worker, has 20 years of post-MSW experience. She has worked in the areas of trauma, domestic violence, and grief. She has particularly enjoyed her work as a coroner. She recently completed certification as a Registered Holistic Nutritionist and hopes to one day incorporate this into holistic practice with clients.



Joseph Harper (IL)

M/Caucasian

Clinical examination

Joseph Harper is a Licensed Clinical Social Worker and is employed by the Illinois Department of Human Services Division of Mental Health. Joe has more than 20 years of experience in correctional and forensic social work services. He is currently an adjunct faculty member in social work at the University of Southern California. Joe is a member of the National Association of Social Workers and a former first vice-president of the Illinois chapter.



Jessica Chatman (IL)

F/African American

Bachelors examination

Jessica Chatman is a Licensed Clinical Social Worker with eight years of experience. She graduated with a BSW and an MSW from Southern Illinois University-Carbondale. She is currently the clinical coordinator for a nonprofit behavioral health company in Chicago. Areas of expertise include quality assurance, training, and accreditation for providers of substance use treatment and community mental health treatment.



Susanna Hendrickson (KS)

F/Caucasian

Bachelors examination

Susanna Hendrickson is a school social worker in Kansas City, Kansas. She earned her BSW from Wichita State University and her MSW from University of Missouri-Kansas City. Susanna has 19 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.



Lauren Henríquez-Bentiné (NY)

F/Latina

Clinical examination

Lauren Henríquez-Bentiné is a bilingual Licensed Clinical Social Worker at a school-based health clinic, where many of the high school students are newly arrived immigrants. Lauren has worked at outpatient mental health clinics, a college disability services office, and an HIV case management program. Her areas of expertise include trauma, self-harm, and depression. Lauren has a small private practice. She graduated from Fordham University's advanced standing MSW program in 2005 and earned her BSW from Lehman College in 2004.



Jil Meadows (NC)

F/Caucasian

Masters examination

Jil Meadows lives in Asheville, North Carolina, and works as a counselor at her alma mater, Warren Wilson College. She holds a B.A. in English from that school and an MSW from Smith College School for Social Work. She began her career more than 30 years ago in medical settings and then moved into the area of therapeutic foster care. In her current clinical work with college students, she incorporates neuroscience, positive psychology, and a sense of humor.



Michelle Piper (AL)

F/White, 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 in New York. He currently serves as a health information technology analyst for the psychosocial services department for a federally qualified health center. Benjamin holds an LCSW-R certification in New York and has a background in community mental health outpatient settings, with experience with English- and Spanish-speaking populations. He also has experience 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. Karen has published several scholarly journal articles on the topics of suicide by firearm, elderly suicide, cyberbullying, and school social work.



Trish Smith (AB)

F/Caucasian

Clinical examination

Trish Smith is a Registered Clinical Social Worker and an approved clinical supervisor with the Alberta College of Social Workers. She has a private practice in Grande Prairie, Alberta. She is a sessional instructor for the University of Calgary with the faculty of social work, teaching in both face-to-face and online BSW programs. Trish also provides video telehealth mental health therapy for northern and remote communities in Alberta.



Charu Stokes-Williams (NE)

F/African American, Asian

Masters examination

Charu Stokes-Williams, Ph.D., LICSW, is a commissioned officer in the U.S. Air Force. She recently moved to Omaha, Nebraska, and now serves on the faculty of the Family Medicine Residency clinic at the 55th Medical Group at Offutt Air Force Base. In her new position, she oversees the Behavioral Health Optimization Program for three clinics while also teaching and advising the Air Force Family Medicine Residency doctors on behavioral health topics.



Leana Torres (AZ)

F/Pacific Islander

Masters examination

Leana Torres is employed as a clinical social worker with the U.S. Air Force. Prior experience includes private practice, inpatient psychiatric hospitals, and community mental health. Leana holds a bachelor's degree in psychology and an MSW. Her areas of expertise include military families and trauma.



ITEM DEVELOPMENT CONSULTANTS, 2018

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. Amanda is a past president of ASWB and a 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, Maryland, 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 Clinical exam 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 22 years of post-MSW experience and is currently an associate professor at Metropolitan State University in St. Paul, Minnesota. 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 emeritus at Mansfield University of Pennsylvania, where she served as professor of social work and in several administration roles. She is currently a part-time faculty member for Capella University's MSW program. 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 by NASW Press.



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, Wisconsin. He is appointed to the Wisconsin social work regulatory board. His areas of expertise include evidence-based treatment, behavioral health regulations, trauma, project management, and ethics/boundaries.



2018 FORM REVIEWERS

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

Name/Jurisdiction	Race/Ethnicity, Gender identity	Current Practice Setting	SW Degrees	Areas of expertise
Miriam Balen (BC)	Caucasian, female	Direct practice	MSW	Hospital and community mental health practice with children, adolescents, and adults
Kelli Cortes (GA)	Caucasian, female	Direct practice	MSW	Trauma, grief, and crisis intervention with clients of all age groups
Keeva Hartley-Stouffer (MN)	African American, female	Direct practice	MSW	Trauma, play therapy, attachment disorders, domestic violence
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
Stacey Owens (MD)	African American, female	Direct practice	BSW, MSW	Mental health; work with military veterans
Mary Stebbins (VA)	Caucasian, female	Direct practice	MSW	Children's mental health and child welfare
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
Stephanie Washington (TX)	African American, female	Direct practice/Academia	MSW, Ed.D.	Supervision and consultation to individuals and agencies
June Yee (AB)	Chinese Canadian, female	Direct practice	BSW, MSW	Psychosocial aspects of adult congenital heart defects, mental health, cardiac wellness, program planning, research

EXAMINATION DEVELOPMENT MEETINGS, 2018

JANUARY 5-6

Form Review
Culpeper, VA

MARCH 23-25

Exam Committee/Form Review
Culpeper, VA

JUNE 1-3

Standard Setting
Arlington, VA

AUGUST 3-5

Exam Committee
Nashville, TN

SEPTEMBER 28-30

Exam Committee/
Form Review
Alexandria, VA



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