

SOCIAL WORK AND FAMILY STUDIES

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The Department of Social Work and Family Studies offers a major in social work and a concentration in family studies. Family studies and social work are fields of study that build upon students' liberal arts education to prepare them to identify the changing needs of individuals, families, and communities, develop the means to satisfy those needs, and explore policies and programs that address social problems and enhance human strengths.

The mission of Social Work and Family Studies is to:

- identify as a collaborative department concerned with the well-being of diverse individuals, families, and communities;
- create an intellectual community for faculty working in family studies, social work, and related areas; and
- support the college emphases on cross-cultural and experiential learning.

For the requirements for each of the departmental offerings, see the listings under Family Studies (<http://catalog.stolaf.edu/archive/2016-2017/academic-programs/family-studies>) and Social Work (<http://catalog.stolaf.edu/archive/2016-2017/academic-programs/social-work>).

Faculty

Chair, 2016-2017 (fall)

Mary S. Carlsen (on leave Interim and spring)

Professor of Social Work and Family Studies
 social policy; global social work; professional ethics; end of life care; family studies

Chair, 2016-2017 (Interim and spring)

Susan E. Smalling

Associate Professor of Social Work and Family Studies
 anti-oppressive research and practice; indigenous populations; family and child welfare

Karen Goodenough

Instructor in Social Work and Family Studies
 macro practice, policy; children and families

Erica Weekes Kanewischer

Visiting Assistant Professor of Social Work and Family Studies
 marriage and family therapy

Lisa L. Moore

Assistant Professor of Social Work and Family Studies
 race and culture in families; emerging adulthood theory; social work practice

Kristen Perron

Instructor in Social Work and Family Studies