

# VIRGINIA WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY SOCIAL WORK PROGRAM

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## BSW Alum Highlights

- Professor Christman and Dr. Dobrin collaborated with recent BSW graduate, Samantha Silvia '25, to develop the workshop, "The Role of Christianity and Religious Organizations on Suicidality and Health Outcomes," at the 2025 North American Association for Christians in Social Work (NACSW) Annual Conference. The workshop trained practitioners on how to develop spiritually informed safety plans with clients to facilitate least restrictive care options. Attendees earned 1 CEU.
- Dr. Dobrin and Professor Christman attended VBCDC's 40th anniversary celebration event with VWU graduates and VBCDC representatives Tanisha Davis '03, Chief Programs Officer, and Janae Brown '25, Neighbor Advocate. For four decades, VBCDC has been a leader in advancing housing stability and community development across Virginia Beach.



## Faculty Highlights

- Professor Christman and Dr. Dobrin delivered the workshop, "Fostering Community Well-being: A Scholar-Activist Approach to Police-Mental Health Partnerships," at the 2025 Association for Applied and Clinical Sociology Conference. This workshop addressed the critical gap in mental health training for law enforcement, who are often first responders to mental health emergencies.
- Professor Christman developed and led a training, "Navigating Professional Boundaries in Social Work," for staff at VBCDC.
- Professor Christman and Dr. Dobrin partnered with local agency, Communities in Schools (CIS), to develop and deliver a workshop, "Pathways to Success: Social Work," at Bayside High School. CIS operates in 30 schools across Hampton Roads and provides behavioral interventions to students in efforts to increase graduation rates. The workshop provided psychoeducation on identifying career aspirations and pursuing college education.
- Professor Christman and Dr. Dobrin developed and presented the workshop, "Bridging Faith & Wellness: A Prevention Model for Student Mental Health," at NACSW annual the conference. The workshop trained practitioners on how to integrate spiritually informed interventions into principles of public health to improve community mental health outcomes. Attendees earned 1 CEU.

## Student Highlights

- Fall Practicum opportunities included: Dozoretz Hospice House of Hampton Roads and Tidewater Collegiate Academy
- Spring Internship placements include: Westminster Canterbury Home Health & Hospice, Chesapeake Bay Academy, and Virginia Beach Community Development Corporation (VBCDC)

## BSW Program Highlights

- Program began drafting the self-study for the Council on Social Work Education reaffirmation due on August 1, 2026.

