

Abby L. Keiser, MS

Abby Keiser has been involved with the LBC social work department by providing on site experience through COBYS Family Services through practicum hours and internship hours. These hours provide experience with evidence based curriculum to increase their skills, knowledge and values to increase their competence in becoming a social worker with children and adults in the small group therapy environment and parent classroom. Abby continues to have a passion to equip students to reach their potential through these experiences and to understand their own passions for their future. She also is an adjunct professor at LBC investing in student's lives.

Stephen W. Stoeffler, MSW, LSW

Mr. Stoeffler has experience in the fields of child welfare, probation and parole, older adult protective services, and family homelessness. He teaches in graduate and undergraduate social work programs in the areas of diversity, ethics, social problems, human behavior, spirituality, research, social work practice, programs and organizational development, and social and economic justice. His areas of interest include social work education, social and economic justice, poverty, race relations and macro practice. He is devoted to helping students become competent social workers. He was the recipient of the 2011 Kristin Bowser Young Social Worker of the Year Award, given by the National Association of Social Workers-Pennsylvania Chapter, for his contributions and leadership within the profession of social work. Mr. Stoeffler received his MSW from Temple University and his BSW from Shippensburg University. He is currently a PhD candidate at Widener University's Center for Social Work Education.

Matilda E. Casler, Ph.D., MSW, M.Ed.

For 14 years, I was a professor of psychology (1992 - 1998) and social work (1998 - 2006) at Eastern Nazarene College. In 2006, I was hired as a social work professor at Roberts Wesleyan College where I remained until my retirement in 2010. At both of these colleges, I was heavily invested in teaching students the knowledge, values, and skills needed to become competent social workers. In addition to working with students in the classroom, many hours were spent with them outside of the classroom for the purpose of relating what was being learned to social work situations in the environment. I am currently providing volunteer services for Hospice, CASA and Power Packs. In addition, I am an item writer for the Association of Social Work Board, which generates social work licensing exams.

Sarah Wilcox, BSW

In the fall of 2010, I graduated from Philadelphia Biblical University, now known as Cairn University, with a Bachelor of Science in Bible and Bachelors in Social Work. My field and employment experience consisted of working with a school social worker at the Bucks County Intermediate Unit 22, assisting school counselors at Lakeside Alternative School in Bucks County Pennsylvania, working as a coordinator for adults with disabilities at Access Services, Facilitator/Coordinator for family group conferencing at It Takes A Village and a para-educator at Hempfield High School. My passion for helping students pursue a degree in social work comes from my education, field experience and obstacles in life that I have learned to overcome by the grace of God. Though I am not currently involved in the social work field, my role as the athletic coordinator at Lancaster Bible College gives me a platform to use my what I have learned in the classroom and the field to help others create opportunities out of obstacles. With that said, my desire to give back and invest in the social work department is a way I can help equip our students to think critically in human development, behavior and social change, develop/refine values as they become competent well educated students and build skills that enables them to problem solve and empower others.

Patty Eastep, BSSW

I came to LBC after being out of school for almost thirty years. By the grace of God I've persevered and finish the race. I would encourage you to seek assistance through tutoring, the writing center and study groups. Each service will walk along side you to enrich your ability to master your classes. Never ever compromise your integrity. Learning is a lifelong adventure and as you become a competent social worker you will encourage and teach others to overcome some of life's challenges.

Carla Kouterick, LSW

I received my MSW in 2009 from Millersville University and my PA license in 2013. I have experience working with children and families, and currently provide individual counseling at Family Resource and Counseling Centers. Due to the wide range of opportunities within the social work field, I would aim at helping students find the area that best fits their skill set. The Lord has blessed me with experiences both personally and professionally that I believe would be of value to students preparing for this field of ministry.

Rebecca McMinn, MSW

I am a social worker currently working in the area of child welfare. I have a Bachelor's degree in Psychology/Business and a Master's degree in Social Work. Social workers play an important role in society through advocating, teaching, and showing compassion. I gravitated towards the field of social work in hopes of helping to make a positive change in my community. Social work is a challenging, yet rewarding field, which needs competent and skilled workers. As a part of the LBC Social Work Program Advisory Board, I believe I can make a difference by passing along the skills, values, and lessons I have learned to our new generation of social workers.

Tia Slabaugh, BA, MSW (in progress)

I am finishing up my last two semesters at Millersville University to complete my MSW. Previous work experience includes work with Shepherd's Touch as a counselor, specifically working with individuals struggling with depression, anxiety and addiction. I work at The Factory Ministries to help people overcome life barriers and supply appropriate resources. I have a passion for helping others, as well, as teaching and instructing social work interns to develop the skills and knowledge needed in the field. I look forward to being a part of the LBC advisory board.

Kim Florio, LCSW

I became a social worker at Juniata College in 1978 and have been so grateful to work closely with people as they experience the joys and disappointments of life. I have loved working with teen parents, substance abusing men and women, countless people who are profoundly sad, people who feel psychologically invisible, anxious children, lonely adolescents, struggling parents and many more. I have been a practicing social worker for 23 years and a full-time parent for 16 years. I love studying about how people develop, interact and think and applying this to the counseling hours. I have had many student interns as a teaching hospital social worker at University Hospital at Stony Brook, New York and have enjoyed teaching students about empathy, practical problem solving, and understanding people and their problems. I currently work as a therapist with Providence Behavioral Health and Family Resource and Counseling Center.

Rachel Warren, BS

I have worked 2.5 years in child welfare and recently moved to working with the aging population. I am halfway through my MSW program with Temple University. In my short experiences, I have learned that emotional intelligence, organization, and positive stress relievers are your best tools to help you be competent in your job, make a positive impact on your clients and your agency, and help prevent burnout.

Liz VanPelt

I received my BSW at Millersville University and started my career as a Caseworker at Lancaster County Children and Youth. I obtained my MSW from Millersville as well while a caseworker and obtained my LSW shortly after graduation. I am currently a Social Work Case Manager at Lancaster General Hospital. I am on the board of directors for Lighthouse Vocational Services. I am married to my husband Kevin and we have a baby boy, Joseph. We are members and regular attenders of Calvary Church. We live in the Manheim Township area. I value the skills and knowledge I have obtained over the years from other Social Workers, therefore I feel I will enjoy helping new students obtain those values and skills to be successful and an important asset to the Social Work community.

Juanita Smith

For over 12 years, I worked with social workers as both a foster/adoptive parent and as a Parent Mentor for families involved with Lancaster County Children and Youth Agency. I am a mom of 5 children, 2 biological and 3 adopted, ranging in age from 12-21 years. Currently, I am working part-time with Community Services Group as direct support staff at an adult mental health CRR.