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Marchers for science

Brown School faculty and staff, including CSD leaders, participated in the April 22 March for Science in St. Louis with a banner and signs supporting the Grand Challenges for Social Work. *Learn about how to move ideas and evidence into policy to address critical national problems.*

How to shrink America's sprawling prison system

The United States is the world's leader in incarceration. Carrie Pettus-Davis, of CSD's Smart Decarceration Initiative, shares how to change that.



Recent publications

Research-supported treatment and organizational culture and climate's impact on child welfare outcomes

Patterson, D. W., Hales, T. W., Maguin, E., & Dulmus, C. N. *Research on Social Work Practice*

Behavioral interventions to increase tax-time saving: Evidence from a national randomized trial

Grinstein-Weiss, M., Russell, B. D., Gale, W. G., Key, C., & Ariely, D. *Journal of Consumer Affairs*

Adopting a financial capability and asset-building curriculum at historically black colleges and universities

Rochelle, M., McClendon, G., Sherraden, M. S., Brackett, M., Wright, M., Jordan, T., ... Birkenmaier, J. *Journal of Human Behavior in the Social Environment*

The role of parents in introducing children to financial services: Evidence from Ghana-YouthSave

Wu, S., Despard, M. R., & Chowa, G. *Journal of Family and Economic Issues*

Financial capability

Sherraden, M. S. *Encyclopedia of Social Work*

Eviction leaves 'jagged scar' on families

Best-selling author Matthew Desmond was the keynote speaker at the Metropolitan St. Louis Equal Housing and Opportunity Council's annual fair housing conference, "Evicted: Poverty & Fair Housing in St. Louis."



Prompts help families save tax refunds

Motivational prompts to save tax refunds can increase saving among low- and moderate-income households, finds a new study from CSD's Refund to Savings Initiative.



Guo named Yangtze River Scholar

Shenyang Guo, CSD's director of research, has been named a Yangtze River Scholar by the Ministry of Education of the People's Republic of China.

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CSD in the media

Civil unrest in Ferguson from the eyes of older citizens | *The Source*

On health and welfare, moral arguments can outweigh economics | *The New York Times*

Putting a focus on the needs of people behind bars | *SSA Magazine*

What is your future risk of poverty? | *The Source*

Already dreaming about how to spend that tax refund? | *NBC News*

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Upcoming events

Influencing Social Policy Conference
June 1-3 | Brown School

HomeGrown STL Networking Breakfast
June 8 | Brown School

Catalyzing a Financially Stable Workforce
September 19 | Brown School

**Chowa directs new
UNC global center**

Gina Chowa, CSD faculty director for Global Asset Building, leads the new Global Social Development Innovations Center.



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