

2026 CSWE Election: Candidate Statement

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Undergraduate Program Representative (Dean/Director) – CSWE Board of Directors

I am a visionary, service-oriented social work educator, administrator, and scholar whose leadership is grounded in the values of excellence, equity, and integrity central to social work education. My work reflects an unwavering commitment to advancing the mission, values, and strategic priorities of the Council on Social Work Education through thoughtful governance, collaboration, and innovation.

I serve as a tenure-track faculty member and the BSW Field Director at California Baptist University, where I provide comprehensive leadership across undergraduate program administration, curriculum development, accreditation alignment, and field education oversight. I also bring direct practice and supervision experience as a field instructor supervising MSW interns, which strengthens my understanding of student learning, professional competency development, and field-based evaluation across program levels. In my dual faculty and administrative role, I have led curriculum redesigns, accreditation initiatives, and comprehensive field education enhancements that strengthen student learning while ensuring institutional alignment with CSWE competencies and EPAS standards. My responsibilities include revising program and field education manuals, strengthening assessment and field policies, facilitating faculty development workshops, and building sustainable partnerships with community-based organizations that expand high-quality field placements and reinforce ethical, culturally responsive practice.

As an undergraduate program leader and BSW Field Director, I bring direct, hands-on experience with the opportunities and challenges facing accredited undergraduate social work programs, positioning me to effectively represent undergraduate program perspectives, priorities, and needs in Board-level decision-making.

A defining feature of my leadership is my advancement of Interprofessional Education (IPE) as a core strategy for preparing practice-ready graduates. I have designed and led IPE initiatives that bring together social work, public health, education, and allied disciplines through shared coursework, simulation-based learning, and collaborative field experiences. These efforts enhance students' ability to work effectively in team-based, systems-oriented environments and directly align with CSWE's emphasis on integrated practice, workforce readiness, and community impact.

Through my work as BSW Field Director, IPE leader, and field instructor, I demonstrate a strong understanding of institutional accountability, program quality assurance, and stewardship of educational resources aligned with Board-level fiduciary and oversight responsibilities. My leadership reflects strategic planning, data-informed decision-making, and long-term program sustainability within undergraduate social work education.

At the national level, I have organized and chaired transdisciplinary symposium series that elevate interprofessional and cross-sector collaboration among social work, public health, and education. This work reflects my capacity for generative thinking and my ability to convene diverse stakeholders to address complex social challenges through collaborative, community-driven solutions.

My scholarship and professional service focus on faith integration, cultural humility, social innovation, and interprofessional collaboration, aligning closely with CSWE's vision for transformative and inclusive social work education. I am committed to mentorship, transparency, and purpose-driven decision-making, cultivating environments in which students, faculty, and practitioners grow in both professional competence and ethical clarity. My faith-informed and equity-centered approach reflects the heart of social work education: preparing ethically grounded, globally minded professionals who lead with both intellect and empathy. I am prepared to contribute to the governance, oversight, and strategic direction of the CSWE Board of Directors.