

University of Illinois at Chicago
Jane Addams College of Social Work
Administrative History
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Overview

The Jane Addams College of Social Work started out under the auspices of University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign's Jane Addams School of Social Work, which began in 1944 and started holding classes in Chicago the following year. In 1965, the Jane Addams School of Social Work was established at the new University of Illinois at Chicago Circle campus, but it continued to report to Urbana-Champaign. The school officially separated in from the Urbana in 1974 and became a college in 1976. The Jane Addams College of Social Work only has a single department and has offered degrees at three levels: Bachelors, Masters, and Doctoral.

Mission

“The mission of Jane Addams College of Social Work is to educate professional social workers, develop knowledge, and provide leadership in the development and implementation of policies and services on behalf of the poor, the oppressed, racial and ethnic minorities, and other at-risk urban populations.” (Approved 1992)¹

Organization

As of 2006, the Jane Addams College of Social Work consisted of only one department with over 30 faculty members. However, the college oversaw several centers and partnerships. The centers include:²

- Jane Addams Center for Social Policy and Research
- Great Lakes Addiction Technology Transfer Center (GLATTC)
- Kinship Care Practice Project
- Midwest AIDS Training and Education Center (MATEC)
- Midwest Latino Health Research, Training and Policy Center

Deans

Dates	Name	Title
1974-1974 Sep 1	George Magner	Dean (see footnote) ³
1974 Sep 1-1975 Sep 18	Sidney Zimbalist	Acting Director ⁴

¹ <http://www.uic.edu/jaddams/college/aboutJACSW.html>

² <http://www.uic.edu/jaddams/college/research.html>

³ University of Illinois Board of Trustees Fifty-Eighth Report, 15, 382.

Magner was Associate Director of the College of Social Work at Urbana and had been appointed as Dean of the new Chicago based Jane Addams School of Social Work on July 17, 1974 to be effective on September 1, 1974. However, he may have resigned immediately to become Acting Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs at Chicago Circle (58th Report p. 382). However, a later meeting reported that he did not resign until February of 1975 (58th Report p. 641).

1975 Sep 18-1976, Aug 1	Samuel Weingarten	Acting Director ⁵
1976 Aug 1-1980, Sep 1	Dr. Shirley Buttrick	Dean ⁶
1980 Sep 1-1981, Sep 1	Donald A. Brieland	Interim Dean ⁷
1981 Sep 1-1990, Sep 1	Donald A. Brieland	Dean ⁸
1990 Sep 1-1991 Aug 15	Almera P. Lewis	Acting Dean ⁹
1991 Aug 15-	Creasie Finney Hairston	Dean ¹⁰

Significant Events:

1944	School of Social Work Established at Urbana ¹¹
1945	First Social Work classes offered at Chicago campus ¹²
1946	Urbana's School of Social Work is accredited by the Council on Social Work Education. ¹³
1951	UIC's branch of the School of Social Work becomes an autonomous unit, reporting directly to the chief campus academic administrative officer. ¹⁴
1957	Master's degree program established in Chicago. ¹⁵
1965	School of Social Work at Chicago moves to the Chicago Circle Campus ¹⁶
1966	The administrative functions of the Chicago division shift to the newly created chancellorship. ¹⁷

⁴ University of Illinois Board of Trustees Fifty-Eighth Report, 382. However, in University Archives record group 025/01/02, in a Curriculum Vita, Zimbalist self-reports as having been Acting Director from 1975 to 1976.

⁵ University of Illinois Board of Trustees Fifty-Eighth Report, 382. Note that he only became Acting Director following Zimbalist's Acting Directorship.

⁶ University of Illinois Board of Trustees Fifty-Eighth Report, 641.

⁷ University of Illinois Board of Trustees Sixty-first Report. 277.

⁸ University of Illinois Board of Trustees Sixty-first Report. 277.

⁹ University of Illinois Board of Trustees Sixty-Sixth Report, 317. There is no mention beyond that that Lewis served as Acting Dean after Brieland left.

¹⁰ University of Illinois Board of Trustees Sixty-Sixth Report, 317.

¹¹ University Archives record 003/04/00/04, UIC Institutional Self-Study July 1976 Appendix G, pg 1.

¹² UIC Self-Study Report February 1987, 49.

¹³ University Archives record 003/04/00/04 , UIC Institutional Self-Study July 1976 Appendix G, pg 1.

¹⁴ University Archives record 003/04/00/04, UIC Institutional Self-Study July 1976 Appendix G, pg 1.

¹⁵ University Archives record 003/04/00/04, UIC Institutional Self-Study July 1976 Appendix G, pg 1. The reason cited for the creation of the program in Chicago was that there were not enough fieldwork opportunities in Urbana.

¹⁶ University Archives record 003/04/00/04, UIC Institutional Self-Study July 1976 Appendix G, pg 1.

¹⁷ University Archives record 003/04/00/04, UIC Institutional Self-Study July 1976 Appendix G, pg 1.

1967	The Graduate College is decentralized. ¹⁸
1972	Doctoral Program approved. ¹⁹
1973	First group of doctoral candidates admitted. ²⁰
1974	The Chicago branch of the Jane Addams School of Social work gains independence from Urbana and now reports directly to the Chancellor of UIC. ²¹
1975	Bachelor's degree program begins. ²²
1975	Urbana removes Jane Addams' name and becomes the School of Social Work. ²³
1976	The Jane Addams School of Social Work becomes the Jane Addams College of Social Work. ²⁴
1979	Degree requirements for Bachelor's degree revised. ²⁵
1981	Doctor of Social Work degree changed to Doctor of Philosophy in Social Work. ²⁶
1985	Doctoral grade requirement implemented. ²⁷
1988	Social Work degree revised. ²⁸
1992	Mission Statement adopted. ²⁹
2006	Undergraduate admissions to Bachelor of Social Work program suspended indefinitely. ³⁰

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¹⁸ University Archives record 003/04/00/04, UIC Institutional Self-Study July 1976 Appendix G, pg 1.

¹⁹ UIC Self-Study Report February 1987, 49.

²⁰ UIC Self-Study Report February 1987, 49.

²¹ University of Illinois Board of Trustees Fifty-Eighth Report, 15. The change is effective September 1, 1974.

²² UIC Self-Study Report February 1987, 49.

²³ University of Illinois Board of Trustees Fifty-Eighth Report, 391.

²⁴ University of Illinois Board of Trustees Fifty-Ninth Report, 131. The name change occurred to aid relations with accreditation group and to be consistent with the rest of the field. The title of the head of the unit becomes dean, instead of director, with the change from school to college.

²⁵ University of Illinois Board of Trustees Sixtieth Report, 346.

²⁶ University of Illinois Board of Trustees Sixty-first Report, 207.

²⁷ University of Illinois Board of Trustees Sixty-third Report, 177.

²⁸ University of Illinois Board of Trustees Sixty-fifth Report, 21.

²⁹ UIC Self-Study Report 1997, 87.

³⁰ Admissions office of College gave this data. However, it is highly probably that this was not the first year this occurred based on anecdotal evidence.