

## LaChaune L. DuHart, MSW

PhD Candidate in Social Work | Colorado State University | Expected Graduation 2026/2027

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### ACADEMIC PROFILE AND SELECTED RECORD

I am a social work scholar, educator, and retired U.S. Army Medical Command veteran examining social integration, belonging, and persistence among student veterans and military-connected students as they transition into higher education. My work centers disabled and Black student veterans, whose voices traditional veteran services often overlook, and uses mixed-methods, critical, and community-engaged approaches to inform equitable campus practice and veterans' education policy.

Instructor of record for graduate and undergraduate courses in social welfare policy, policy analysis, and mezzo and macro practice, and co-instructor for human behavior in the social environment and statistics, grounded in an anti-oppressive, Freirean dialogic pedagogy; field instructor for two social work programs; three dissertation manuscripts in preparation and six conference presentations; nearly a decade of veteran services leadership, including stewardship of more than \$4.5 million in federal and state funding..

### EDUCATION

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Doctor of Philosophy in Social Work, Colorado State University (**ABD; Expected 2026/2027**)

Master of Social Work, Metropolitan State University of Denver

Bachelor of Social Work with a Minor in Sociology, Colorado State University-Pueblo

Associate of Arts in Social Work and Sociology, Pikes Peak State College

### AREAS OF INTEREST

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**Research Interests:** Student veteran social integration, belonging, and persistence; disability, race, and veteran identity; military-to-academic transitions; veterans' education and health policy; and critical, mixed-methods/quantitative statistics (including systems R/SPSS/Excel), and community-engaged research.

**Teaching Interests:** Social welfare policy and policy analysis; human behavior and the social environment; mezzo and macro social work practice; research methods and statistics; and military-informed social work practice.

### SELECTED MANUSCRIPTS

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**DuHart, L.** (under review). Social integration among U.S. student veterans in higher education: A scoping review. *Journal of American College Health*.

**DuHart, L.** (under review). Examining racial moderation in the relationship between veteran status and social integration in U.S. higher education. *Journal of Veterans Studies*.

**DuHart, L.** (in preparation). From service to belonging: Student veterans' lived experiences of social integration in higher education. *Journal of Diversity in Higher Education*.

### SELECTED RESEARCH CONTRIBUTIONS

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**From Service to Student:** Principal investigator of a multiple-article dissertation examining social integration among U.S. student veterans, including how race shapes veterans' connection to campus life.

**Black Student Veterans' Belonging:** Developed the Black Student Veterans' Belonging Model, proposing culturally responsive affinity structures to reduce isolation and strengthen retention.

**Veterans' Policy and Degree Completion:** Conducted a systematic review of the VA MISSION Act and original research on factors affecting veteran degree completion to inform university retention and equity efforts.

## SELECTED PRESENTATIONS

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- DuHart, L.** (2026). *Rethinking how we support student veterans on our campus*, Keynote address at the 13th Annual California Community Colleges Veterans Summit.
- DuHart, L.** (2025). *Understanding the barriers to academic and social success for disabled veterans*, CSWE
- DuHart, L.** (2024). *Enhancing Black student veterans' sense of belonging: The Black Student Veterans' Belonging model*, Presentation, Colorado State University.
- DuHart, L.** (2024). *Discursively framed voices of Black student veterans*, Presentation, MSU Denver.

## FUNDING AND GRANTS

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- 2026 Grant Recipient, Rancho Santa Fe Foundation, \$29,000 awarded through the Leota Peters Whiteman and John R. Storey Scholarship Funds for student veteran scholarships, food insecurity, and emergency aid
- 2024 Grant Recipient, Veterans of Foreign Wars Military Grant (also awarded 2019 and 2022)
- 2021 Grant Recipient, Health Resources and Services Grant
- 2020 Grant Recipient, MSU Denver Graduate Research Grant
- 2019 Grant Recipient, Veteran Transition and Academic Success Grant

## TEACHING PROFILE

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Instructor of Record for Contemporary Issues in Social Welfare Policy (graduate), Social Welfare and Policy (two years, including a hybrid cohort), Policy Analysis, Mezzo/Macro Social Work I and II, and Social Work Introduction; Co-Instructor for Human Behavior in the Social Environment I and II and Statistical Research and Analysis. Field Instructor for University of Northern Colorado, Walden University, and Metropolitan State University of Denver social work students.

## LEADERSHIP AND SERVICE

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- 2026–Present Board of Directors, San Diego Management Association
- 2025–Present Board Member, Regional Chamber of Commerce (Military Affairs; Legislative Affairs)
- 2025–Present Inaugural Director, Veterans Affairs and Military Education, San Diego Miramar College
- Present Managerial Lead, Grants Committee, San Diego Community College District
- 2024–Present Congressional VA Work Study Advisor (*Colorado 2024-2025, San Diego 2025-present*)
- 2023–2025 Director, Veteran Services, University of Northern Colorado
- 2022–2025 Member, Colorado Advisory Council on Military Education
- 2009–2021 Noncommissioned Officer, U.S. Army (*Active Duty and Reserves*)
- Military Honors:* Army Commendation Medal( 2), Army Achievement Medal (2), Good Conduct Medal (2), National Defense Medal, Global War on Terrorism Medal, Army Service Medal, Overseas Service Medal, and Certificate of Achievement (5). Expert Marksmanship Qualification Badge (2012-2022).

## SELECTED AWARDS

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- Velma Borschell Budin Scholarship, 2024–2025
- Josh Chapel Scholarship, 2024–2025
- James and Katherine Pappas Scholarship for PhD Students in Social Work, 2024–2025
- First Generation Graduate of the Year Award, Master of Social Work, 2022
- Student Veteran of the Year, 2021