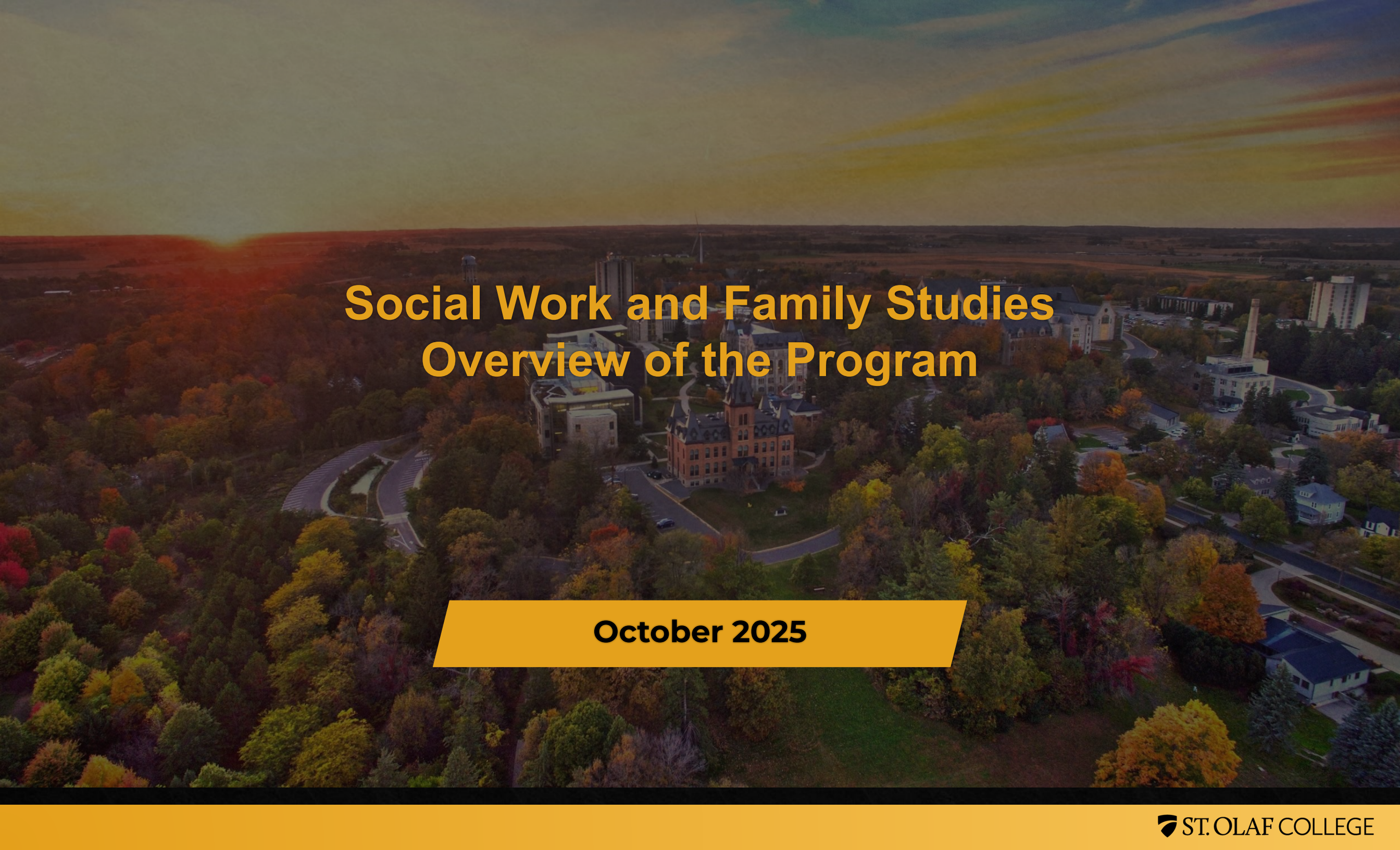


An aerial photograph of St. Olaf College campus during sunset. The central building is a large, multi-story structure with a prominent tower. The campus is surrounded by dense trees with autumn foliage in shades of orange, yellow, and red. The sky is a mix of orange, yellow, and blue. The text "Social Work and Family Studies Overview of the Program" is overlaid in a bold, yellow font.

Social Work and Family Studies Overview of the Program

October 2025



Meet the Department

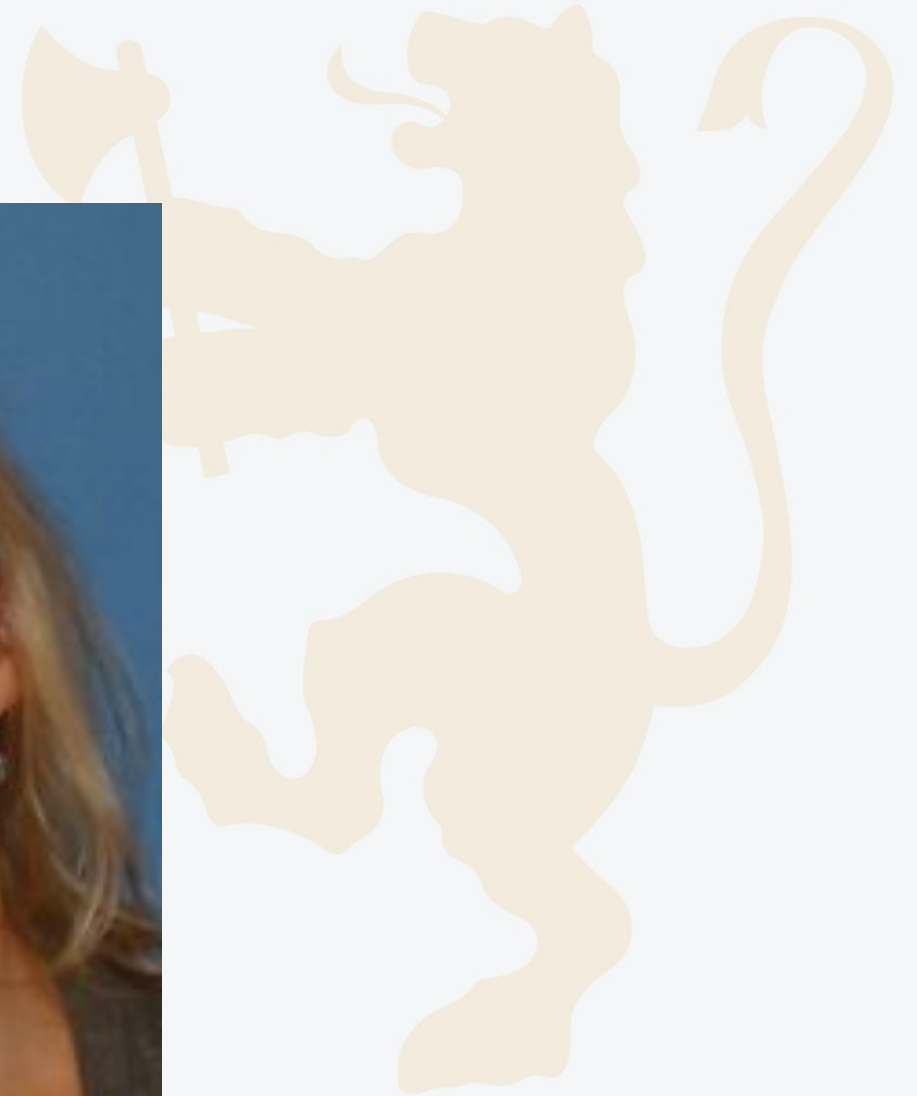
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- **Department Chair**
- **Director of Family Studies Concentration**



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- **Associate Dean, Faculty of Social Sciences**



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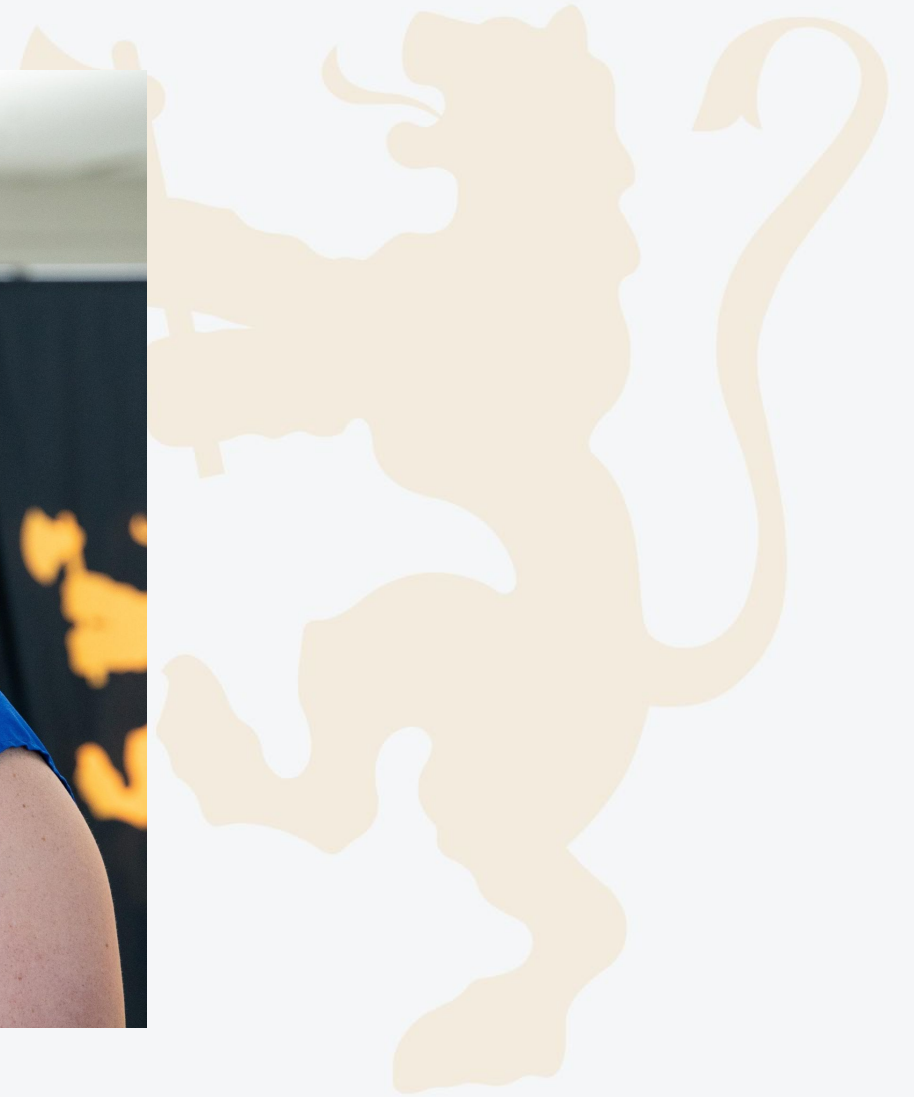
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Wendy Anderson, PhD, MSW, LGSW



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Starting a Major or Concentration

- Connect with a member of our faculty to see if one or both courses of study are a fit for you:
- **Social Work**- a professional program
- **Family Studies**- intensive study in family social science

First Year: Must, Should, Can

- For Social Work:
- Must- there are no courses you *must* take
- Should- begin prerequisite courses, i.e. Psych 125 and So/An 121
- Can - take other Ole Core classes

First Year: Must, Should, Can

- For Family Studies:
- Must- there are not courses you *must* take
- Should- take FAMST 132, Intro to Family Studies
- Can - take other Ole Core classes, and those for your major

Receiving Credit for Previous Work

- For Social Work, you may use AP credit for the prerequisite courses like Psychology 125
- Credit transfer is handled by the registrar's office
- There are not placement exams for Social Work or Family Studies.

Reach Out to Our Faculty

We encourage you to reach out to our social work and family studies faculty!

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