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David J. Pate, Jr. joined the faculty in January of 2006. Professor Pate received a Bachelor of Social Work from the University of Detroit, a Masters of Arts in Social Work from the University of Chicago, School of Social Service Administration and then earned a Ph.D. in Social Welfare at the University of Wisconsin-Madison in 2003. He is a Faculty Affiliate in the Center for the Study of Cultural Diversity in Healthcare, University of Wisconsin, School of Medicine and Public Health.

His fields of special interest are welfare reform policy; child support enforcement policy; fatherhood; domestic violence; and the intersection of race and poverty. He has over fifteen years of direct service, management, and policy experience in the field of social work.

Professor Pate's research projects involve the use of qualitative research methods to examine the relationship of non-custodial fathers of children on welfare and their interaction with their children, the child support enforcement system, the mothers of their children, and the incarceration system. Most recently, he conducted research under the Wisconsin Child Support Demonstration Evaluation (Institute for Research on Poverty) examining the same variables with White and African-American fathers and a selected partner. He is a research consultant to the Strengthening Healthy Marriage (SHM) project, a seven-year longitudinal research and evaluation study of strategies for enhancing couple relationships among low-income married parents in the United States, led by the Manpower Development Research Corporation (MDRC), ChildTrends, and Optimal Solutions Group, and funded by the Administration on Children and Families (ACF) of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

Professor Pate teaches required undergraduate and graduate social welfare policy courses.

His most recent publications explore the issues of poor fathers, welfare policy, and their children. These publications include "Deadbeat Dads or Fatherhood in Poverty?" in *Good Parents or Good Workers?: How Policy Shapes Families' Daily Lives*, editors Jill Duerr Berrick and Bruce Fuller (2005); and "African American Fathers and their Involvement in the Child Welfare System" in *Child Welfare for the 21st Century: A Handbook of Practices, Policies, and Programs*, editors Gerald P. Mallon and Peg McCartt Hess (2005).

Prior to his appointment at UWM, He was the Founder and Director of the Center for Family Policy and Practice, and held a Postdoctoral Research Fellowship at the Institute for Research on Poverty (IRP), University of Wisconsin-Madison.