Welcome new and returning students!

“You never change things by fighting the existing reality.
To change something, build a new model that makes the existing model obsolete.”
~ R. Buckminster Fuller

SSW News & Notes
(A compendium of news for and about SSW students, faculty and staff.)

IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES FOR MSW STUDENTS:
September 17 (Thursday): Library Workshop, 11:45-1:30, VoTech 230 *
September 19 (Saturday): Library Workshop, 11:30-1:15, VoTech 230 *
October 1 (Thursday): Pizza with Jim, 11:45-1:00, Vending Lounge
October 2 (Friday): Library Workshop, 11:30-1:15, VoTech 230 *
October 3 (Saturday): Pizza with Jim, 11:15-12:30, Vending Lounge
October 29 (Thursday): Advising Meetings, 11:45-12:30, Peters Hall (more information to follow)
October 31 (Saturday): Advising Meetings, St. Paul & Rochester (more information to follow)
November 10 (Tuesday): Registration for Spring 2010 begins for current students
November 14 (Saturday): SW Licensure Workshop, 11:15-1:15 (place TBD/more information to follow)

*To sign up for a library workshop, please contact Karen Borchardt at kborchar@umn.edu

GRADUATE STUDENT REGISTRATION
All Graduate Students must be registered by Monday, September 21. No changes to grade base will be accepted after September 21. Students registering and/or adding a class for fall semester after September 21 will need Graduate School approval. September 21 is also the last day to cancel a class without a "W" appearing on the transcript. Any course cancellations processed after September 21 will result in a "W" being entered on the transcript. Any questions concerning registration deadlines and/or changes should be directed to Jan Goodno at jgoodno@umn.edu

GRADUATING IN DECEMBER?
The Graduate School will hold their fall commencement ceremony on Friday, December 11, 2009 at 1:00 PM in Northrop Auditorium. Graduate students interested in participating in the Graduate School's Fall commencement ceremony must submit their Commencement Attendance Approval Form to the Graduate Student Services and Progress Office, 316 Johnston Hall, by October 1, 2008. This form may be downloaded from the Graduate School's website at http://www.grad.umn.edu/current_students/forms/gs54.pdf The form requires the signature of your adviser and the Director of Graduate Studies, Dr. Dave Hollister. Students must have an approved MSW Degree Program Form on file in order to obtain the required signatures on the Commencement Attendance Approval Form. For questions concerning Graduate School commencement and/or graduation procedures, contact Jan Goodno at jgoodno@umn.edu
**PHD CANDIDATE HONORED AS 2009 COMADRE OF THE YEAR**
Comunidades Latinas Unidas En Servicio (CLUES), Minnesota’s premier social service agency serving Latinos, chose doctoral candidate Elena Izaksonas as Comadre of the Year for her dedication, contributions and service to the agency and the community. Comadre is a kinship term given for a very close female friend or relative who acts as a guide. Elena received the award on September 2.

**KIVNICK NAMED GERONTOLOGICAL SOCIETY FELLOW**
Professor Helen Kivnick has been named a Fellow of the Gerontological Society of America. Fellowship is the highest class of membership within the society and is an acknowledgment of outstanding and continuing work in the field of gerontology.

**CONGRATULATIONS ARE IN ORDER**
Congratulations to the following Ph.D. students who recently passed their Prelim Oral Exam: Matt Bogenschutz, Charissa Eaton, Katharine Hill, Kelly Knochel, Michaela Rinkel, and Tim Zuel. And congratulations to doctoral student, Mary Harrison, on the birth of Peter Harrison Howard, born July 15.

**WANT TO GET EXPERIENCE PROVIDING MENTAL HEALTH CARE?**
If you’re interested in getting experience providing mental health care and want to be part of one of the largest student groups on campus, become a volunteer at the Phillips Neighborhood Clinic! The Phillips Neighborhood Clinic is a student-run clinic that offers free health care to an underserved Minneapolis community. Students from the medical, pharmacy, physical therapy, public health, social work, and nursing schools can apply. Learn more about this exciting opportunity at a special information session for social work students:

Thursday, September 17, 12:00-1:00 pm in 280 Peters Hall. Or visit the website to learn more: [www.phillips.neighborhoodclinic.com](http://www.phillips.neighborhoodclinic.com) This is a great opportunity to not only deliver health care to an underserved population, but also to foster inter-professional teamwork among multiple U of M schools! To get an application, send a blank email to pncapplications1@gmail.com for instructions. Questions? Email Adam at leona171@umn.edu

**STUDENT WRITING SUPPORT WORKSHOPS**
The Center for Writing will be conducting two APA workshops for students, presenting an introduction to APA documentation & editorial style. Learn the basics of American Psychological Association (APA) documentation and editorial style through discussion, handouts, and exercises. The workshop will also include a brief introduction to RefWorks, a web-based citation manager. Workshops will be offered:

**Tuesday, October 6, 2009, 10:30-12:00 noon, Wilson Library, room S30A (West Bank)**

**Friday, October 9, 2009, 10:00-11:30, McGrath Library, room 2 (St. Paul)**

Presenters are Candance Doerr-Stevens, PhD student in Literacy Education, and writing consultant, Center for Writing; and Debra Hartley, PhD, Assistant Director, Center for Writing

To register, click here ([http://writing.umn.edu/sws/workshops/register-sws.htm](http://writing.umn.edu/sws/workshops/register-sws.htm)) or go to our workshop web page at [http://writing.umn.edu/sws/workshops/index.htm](http://writing.umn.edu/sws/workshops/index.htm)

**INFORMATION SESSIONS ON DUAL DEGREES WITH HHH**
The Humphrey Institute of Public Affairs is hosting an information session to promote its graduate programs in Public Policy and Urban and Regional Planning. Faculty, staff and current Humphrey students will provide information and answer questions about these degree programs, as well as our dual degree programs with the schools of Business, Law, Social Work, Public Health, Landscape Architecture and Civil Engineering. To register, click on the link below your interested date.

Thursday, September 24, 2009 from 5:30-7:30 PM [http://www.eventbrite.com/event/390573215](http://www.eventbrite.com/event/390573215)
Monday, October 5, 2009 from 5:30-7:30 PM [http://www.eventbrite.com/event/390588260](http://www.eventbrite.com/event/390588260)
Wednesday, November 4, 2009 from 5:30-7:30 PM
LIGHTFOOT AND EDLESON NAMED TO EDITORIAL BOARD
Professors Liz Lightfoot and Jeffrey Edleson have been named to the Editorial Board of the new Journal of the Society for Social Work Research. The journal will be entirely electronic and provide free access.

INTERNATIONAL RESEARCH CONSORTIA
Professor Jeffrey Edleson has been invited to participate in two international research consortia. The first is the Centre for Research Development in Gender, Mental Health and Violence Across the Lifespan led by Prof. Harriet MacMillan at McMaster University in Canada and funded by the Canadian government. The second is the Australian Centre for Excellence on Violence Research lead by Prof. Paul Mazerolle at Griffith University.

Prof. Edleson will be a keynote speaker at the 2nd Congreso Internacional on violencia, maltreato y abuso in Buenos Aires, Argentina, in mid-November. The conference website is: http://www.congresoviolencia.com/

ALUMNUS NAMED DEAN AT SINGAPORE INSTITUTE OF MANAGEMENT
Ngoh-Tiong Tan (PhD '88) has been named Dean, School of Human Development and Social Services at the Singapore Institute of Management, better known as UniSIM. He will oversee graduate programs in social work and counseling as well as undergraduate programs in social work, counseling, human resources, and child education.

Prof. Tan was a tenured Professor at Augsburg College before he joined UniSIM. He spent 17 years at the National University of Singapore's Department of Social Work. He has also been a visiting scholar at Harvard University, Cambridge University, UC Berkeley, Oslo University and Sydney University. Prof. Tan has extensive experience and research in social work, social enterprise, dispute and conflict resolution, parenting and community mediation, dynamics of change and crisis and disaster management. He has served and contributed in numerous social work organizations and agencies in Singapore and abroad.

What’s Goin’ On
(Details on events, conferences, seminars, workshops, retreats, and more . . . whatever’s happening in our social work community.)

WALK FOR MENTAL ILLNESS
The School of Social Work will be walking in the “NAMIWalks for the Mind of America”, NAMI’s signature 5k walkathon in Minneapolis at Minnehaha Park on September 26, 2009. NAMI, the Nation’s Voice on Mental Illness (formerly the National Alliance for the Mentally Ill) is the largest education, support and advocacy organization that serves the needs of all those whose lives are touched by these illnesses. Check-in for the walk begins at 11:30 am - the walk starts at 1:00 pm. Please join others in the SSW community for this fun event benefiting an important and worthwhile cause. If you are unable to walk, please consider making a donation. Donations can be made by sponsoring any of the team members. For more details or to register, please visit our team page at http://www.nami.org/namiwalks09/MIN/uofmssw

MSCSW “BREATH” WORKSHOP PLANNED
The Minnesota Society for Clinical Social Work presents its fall workshop for clinical social workers and related disciplines on Friday, October 30, at Tubman Family Alliance, 9:00-12:30. It’s titled “Conscious Breath: Developing the Power and Healing Capacities of the Breath”, facilitated by Delle Jacobs, MSW, LICSW, LMFT. The registration form is available at: http://cehd.umn.edu/ssw/Documents/MSCSW WORKSHOP BROCHURE.pdf

DOES OVERINDULGENCE HURT KIDS?
A clinical conversation – “Parents or Pushovers: How Overindulgence Hurts Kids and What To Do About It” will be held September 21, 2009, at the Tubman Family Alliance. 2 CEUs. For more information, visit: http://cehd.umn.edu/ssw/Documents/CLINICAL CONVERSATION Driggs 2009.pdf
CSWE CONFERENCE PRESENTATION ANNOUNCED
The 2009 CSWE Annual Program Meeting is November 6-9 in San Antonio, Texas. Director of CASCW (Center for Advanced Studies in Child Welfare) Traci LaLibete, and PhD student Narae Shin, will present a paper on November 7, titled “Educating Child Welfare Professionals on Assessment of Child Exposure to Domestic Violence.”

GERONTOLOGICAL CONFERENCE PRESENTATION ANNOUNCED
The Gerontological Society of America’s 62nd annual scientific meeting is November 18-22 in Atlanta. Assistant Professor Hee Lee and doctoral student Narae Shin have a poster session titled “Korean Elder Immigrants' View of and Response to Elder Mistreatment: A Type-Specific Approach Session Title: Elder Abuse.”

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR HOMELESSNESS STUDY
The Wilder Foundation’s research area seeks volunteers for its 2009 Study of Homelessness in Minnesota. The date is the evening of Thursday, October 22 (some daytime hours may be available.) The survey will be taken at more than 300 shelter locations throughout Minnesota, including emergency shelters, transitional housing programs, and battered women’s shelters. In addition, surveys will be conducted at non-shelter locations in some areas. Purpose of the study is: to promote efforts to create more permanent, affordable housing for all Minnesotans; provide an accurate picture of homelessness in Minnesota for planners, service providers, policy-makers, and the public to help us end homelessness; and support funding requests for programs that serve homeless people. The study has been planned with the help of advocates for homeless people, service advisors providers and government agency staff representing urban, suburban, and rural areas of Minnesota.

More than 800 volunteer interviewers conduct face-to-face surveys of adults and unaccompanied youth who are homeless, including single persons, couples, and families. All volunteers are required to watch an instructional DVD. Individual DVD training materials are provided to each volunteer. The DVD is about an hour long. Most interviewing assignments involve about a 4-hour time commitment. Most interviewing is done in the evening - from about 5:30 to 9:30 p.m. Evening starting and ending times vary slightly, depending on the site. Daytime interviewing schedules vary by location. Volunteers will receive training materials, site assignments, and details by October 12. Site leaders from Wilder Research and other organizations provide direction and support to volunteer interviewers at each location.

Reports on the 2006 study are available at www.wilderresearch.org. Go to Research Topics and select Homelessness and Housing. For more information or to volunteer, please contact Karen Ulstad at Wilder Research, 651-280-2690 or toll free 1-800-328-2972 - Email: karen@wilder.org OR homelesssstudy@wilder.org

VOLUNTEER TUTORS WITH LATINO YOUTH NEEDED
Lisvel Valerio of Cristo Rey School is looking for students who might be interested in volunteering as tutors with Latino youth in their school. If you are interested, please contact her directly at LisvelValerio@cristoreytc.org or call her at 612-545-9773. There is more information about the school at www.cristoreytc.org

Job Market
(Listings of positions currently open in the School of Social Work, social work field agencies and the wider social service community.)

JOB POSTINGS NOW EXCLUSIVELY ON SSW WEBSITE
Job openings in the social work community are now exclusively posted on the SSW web site. Please forward details about jobs you would like posted to either Jackie Colby at colby041@umn.edu or Jill Beaudette at jbeaudet@umn.edu.
To view job postings, go to: http://cehd.umn.edu/ssw/Employment/default.asp

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We welcome your ideas, tips and recommendations. Submit to: Jill Beaudette at jbeaudet@umn.edu. SSW Speaks is a weekly e-mail newsletter for students, alumni and friends of the School of Social Work at the University of Minnesota. The newsletter, a free information source prepared by the School, is designed to help students, alumni, and friends stay connected to the School.