“All I ask is this: Do something. Try something. Speak out; show up, write a letter, a check, a strongly worded e-mail. Pick a cause -- there are few unworthy ones. And nudge yourself past the brink of tacit support to action - once a month, once a year, or just once.”

~ Joss Whedon, writer and film director

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

CONGRATULATIONS
Congratulations to doctoral student Sheetal Rana who became a U.S. citizen on September 17, 2009.

Congratulations to Ph.D. student Narae Shin who recently passed her Preliminary Oral Exam.

IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES FOR MSW STUDENTS:
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

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

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 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


**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**
[http://www.eventbrite.com/event/390592272](http://www.eventbrite.com/event/390592272)

**Tuesday, November 17, 2009 from 12:00-1:30 PM**
[http://www.eventbrite.com/event/390598290](http://www.eventbrite.com/event/390598290)

**Tuesday, December 1, 2009 from 5:30-7:30 PM**
[http://www.eventbrite.com/event/390606314](http://www.eventbrite.com/event/390606314)

**PHD INFORMATION SESSION ON OCTOBER 13**
The School of Social Work will hold a PhD Information Session on Tuesday, October 13, 2009, 5:00-7:30pm in Peters Hall, located at 1404 Gortner Ave. on the St. Paul campus. This information session will allow prospective Ph.D. applicants to find out more about the program, talk with faculty, and learn about the application process. Please RSVP by October 6 to Jan Goodno at jgoodno@umn.edu. Questions should also be directed to Jan.

**MANUAL ON CHILDREN EXPERIENCING COMPLEX TRAUMA IS FREE**
Dr. Anne Gearity has provided information on this manual developed as the final project from a five year Bush Foundation grant to the Washburn Center for Children. The title is DEVELOPMENTAL REPAIR: An Intensive Treatment Model for Working with Young Children Who Have Experienced Complex Trauma and Present with Aggressive and Disruptive Symptoms. While it specifically describes a day treatment model, much of the material is applicable to work with individual children, in schools and agencies and as a theoretical frame for child welfare. These young children are at great risk and they need everyone who works with them to understand how interventions can be protective. The manual is now available at no cost at the Washburn site: [www.washburn.org](http://www.washburn.org)

It is available in color and grayscale (which is easier for printing). Make sure you have the latest Adobe program. And please send Anne your comments and reactions to this: the manual and model continue as a work in progress at geari002@umn.edu
PREVENTION TRAINING ON CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE IN INDIA
Doctoral student Alankaar Sharma held a six-day training in Nepal on prevention and response to child sexual abuse as part of his consultancy for an international non-government organization based in India. Alankaar provided training to the project staff of an agency that works with street children in Kathmandu and other parts of Nepal on different child rights issues. The training also involved assisting the agency in developing a strategy for their future and ongoing work against child sexual abuse.

GILGUN TO SPEAK AT WORLD CONFERENCE IN HONG KONG
Professor Jane Gilgun is an invited speaker at the Joint World Conference on Social Work and Social Development in Hong Kong in June 2010 and will speak on practice and research.

BROWN BAG SEMINAR ON INTERVENTION RESEARCH
On Thursday, September 24, Professor Gilgun will lead a brown bag seminar on “Intervention Research: What Works, With Whom, Under What Conditions” in 74 Peters Hall, 12:00-1:00.

QUALITATIVE RESEARCH & FAMILY PSYCHOLOGY PUBLICATION

PUBLICATION ON PERPETRATORS OF CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE
Sharma, Alankaar & Jane F. Gilgun (2008). The method to the madness: Myths and realities about

EDLESON WORKSHOP ON CHILDHOOD EXPOSURE TO VIOLENCE
Prof. Jeffrey Edleson provided an all day workshop to an invited group of community leaders on behalf of Families Thrive and First 5 of Contra Costa County, California, on September 11. The 40 invited leaders from child welfare, health, education and other social services focused on developing early interventions to prevent and respond to childhood exposure to violence.

EDLESON PART OF CALIFORNIA “GREAT MINDS” SERIES
Prof. Jeffrey Edleson was filmed on September 14 for the "Great Minds" Series sponsored by the Judicial Council of California. The Series focuses on issues of science and social science that inform judges in their decision making. Edleson was interviewed by a Superior Court Judge from Sacramento. The interview will be broadcast to all California judges in April 2010.

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

WATTENBERG TO RECEIVE MSSWA “FRIEND OF THE YEAR” RECOGNITION
Professor Esther Wattenberg will receive special recognition as “Friend of the Year” by the MSSWA [Minnesota School Social Workers’ annual banquet on Monday, October 26, at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Minneapolis. Professor Wattenberg has worked indefatigably throughout her long career on behalf of at risk children.

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 11:30am. - 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
INVITATION TO MIXED METHODS INTERDISCIPLINARY GRADUATE GROUP
Faculty and students are invited to participate in the newly established Mixed Methods Interdisciplinary Graduate Group, which is an informal, monthly discussion of issues related to the integration of qualitative and quantitative methods. Activities include textbook review of key concepts and issues in mixed methods (using a textbook accessible via a University of Minnesota library account), review and critique of a journal article with a mixed methods design/orientation, and discussion of individual projects and interests. The Mixed Methods Interest Group will meet Wednesdays each month on the following dates: October 14, November 18, and December 16 during the Fall semester, 3:30-5:00 PM in 6-194 Weaver-Densford Hall. Please RSVP to Joe Gaugler, PhD, Associate Professor, School of Nursing, Email: gaug0015@umn.edu; Phone: 612-626-2485.

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_7_.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 Elderly 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 homelessnessstudy@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](http://cehd.umn.edu/ssw/Employment/default.asp)

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