"The weak can never forgive. Forgiveness is the attribute of the strong."

~ Mohandas Karamchand Gandhi (1869-1948)

SSW News & Notes

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

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

ADVISING AND REGISTRATION FOR SPRING 2010
Registration for the 2010 Spring Semester begins November 10, and October advising meetings will help you plan. These meetings provide an opportunity to hear about spring classes, meet others in your concentration and to talk with faculty members who teach in the concentration. Advising meetings are scheduled as follows:

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 29
Students in the foundation year of their full program (50 credits), full and part-time: 11:45 - 12:30 in Peters Hall 39
Students in the COMMUNITY PRACTICE concentration who are in their concentration year of study, either full program (50 credits) or advanced standing, full and part-time: 11:45 - 12:30 in Peters Hall 74
Students in the DIRECT PRACTICE concentration who are in their concentration year of study, either full program (50 credits) or advanced standing, full and part-time: 11:45 - 12:30 in Peters Hall 5

Students who plan to be finished with all of their degree requirements by the end of summer, 2010 may want to consider the STEPS TO GRADUATION meeting, which will take place at 12:30 in Peters Hall 5 - following the
concentration meetings listed above.

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 31**

Students in the foundation year of their full program (50 credits), full and part-time: 11:15 - 12:00 in Peters Hall 39

Students in the DIRECT PRACTICE concentration who are in their concentration year of study, either full program (50 credits) or advanced standing, full and part-time: 11:15 - 12:00 in Peters Hall 5

Students who plan to be finished with all of their degree requirements by the end of summer, 2010 may want to consider the STEPS TO GRADUATION meeting, which will take place at 12:00 in Peters Hall 5 - following the DIRECT PRACTICE MEETING listed above.

Class schedules are available on the Onestop website, and also on the SSW website (http://www.cehd.umn.edu/SSW/Documents/All_Spring10.pdf). When you come to your advising meeting please bring your Program Completion Plan form from the MSW Student Handbook (available online at http://www.cehd.umn.edu/SSW/Documents/All_Spring10.pdf).

**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) or go to our workshop web page at http://writing.umn.edu/sws/workshops/index.htm

**SSW PHD INFORMATION SESSION**

If you (or someone you know) are interested in obtaining a Ph.D. in Social Work, plan to attend an information session on the St. Paul campus. Find out what a Ph.D. from the School of Social Work at the University of Minnesota could mean for your future. The Ph.D. session will allow prospective Ph.D. applicants to learn more about the program and the application process, and talk with faculty and current students. The information session is:

**Tuesday, October 13, 2009**

5:00-7:30 p.m.

Peters Hall Atrium, St. Paul Campus

University of Minnesota

For questions and/or to RSVP (by October 6, please) contact Jan Goodno (jgoodno@umn.edu) or call 612-624-4258. For more details, please click here: http://www.cehd.umn.edu/ssw/prospective_students/phd/admission/calendar.asp

**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.

Monday, October 5, 2009 from 5:30-7:30 PM
<http://www.eventbrite.com/event/390588260>

Wednesday, November 4, 2009 from 5:30-7:30 PM
<http://www.eventbrite.com/event/390592272>
PRESENTATIONS AT GERONTOLOGICAL SOCIETY ANNUAL MEETING
Associate Professor Terry Lum will give two presentations at the upcoming Gerontological Society of America’s 62nd annual scientific meeting in Atlanta, November 18-22.

Paper presentation: Terry Lum, Yuebin Xu, and Xiulan Zhang, Title: Economic Development and Household Economic Well-being of Older People in Urban China. Professors Xu and Zhang are faculty members at the Beijing Normal University in China. Professor Xu is a full professor and Professor Zhang is the Dean and a full professor in the College of Social Development and Public Policy.

Poster presentation: Terry Lum & Kofi Danso. Title: Racial and Ethnic Difference in Health and Mental Trajectories of Older People. Kofi Danso is a 2nd year doctoral student at the SSW.

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

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

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

SOCIAL JUSTICE EVENTS

SSW FACULTY TO FACILITATE YOUTH FORUM IN COUNTRY OF JORDAN
Assistant Professor Ross Velure Roholt and Professor Mike Baizerman will facilitate a 3-day youth forum in the country of Jordan in October. Participants are 45 young people from across the country who will discuss current issues and challenges related to their civil and political participation and create recommendations for policy makers. The event is supported by the International Center for Human Rights and Democratic Development in Canada, an organization Ross is also working with to increase youth civic action in Morocco.

FAMILIES AT THE FOREFRONT OF POLICYMAKING – CAPITOL EVENT
The Children, Youth & Family Consortium – with the Minnesota Council on Family Relations – is sponsoring an event at the Capitol on October 1, 8:30-11:30, on checklist training for those interested in keeping families at the forefront of policymaking and implementation. Learn how asking a few simple questions can really make a difference! To register and for more information, visit: www.cyfc.umn.edu/policy/ChecklistTraining.

25th ANNUAL CONFERENCE ON POLICY ANALYSIS
The University of Minnesota College of Continuing Education, Economic Resource Group, and its co-sponsors will hold the 25th Annual Conference on Policy Analysis on October 14, 2009, on the St. Paul campus at the Continuing
Education and Conference Center. “Never Let a Serious Crisis Go To Waste” is the conference theme. The conference will provide an opportunity for analysts and policy makers to explore timely topics that reflect the importance of analysis in formulating policy decisions in government. Conference sessions will provide an opportunity to: 1) gain insight into current trends and changes in the policy-making environment; 2) explore current policy issues and processes in concurrent sessions; 3) share ideas with others from around Minnesota. For more information and to register, visit: [http://cce.umn.edu/pdfs/cpe/government/25th_policy_analysis_brochure.pdf](http://cce.umn.edu/pdfs/cpe/government/25th_policy_analysis_brochure.pdf)

**UPCOMING LEARNING DREAMS WORKSHOP: PROMOTING EDUCATIONAL ENGAGEMENT FOR FAMILIES IN THE CHILD WELFARE SYSTEM**

The Center for Advanced Studies in Child Welfare announces an upcoming workshop – “Learning Dreams: A Strategy for Promoting Educational Engagement for Families in the Child Welfare System” to be held Wednesday, October 21, 8:30-4:00 at the Mcnamara Alumni Center. Dr. Jerry Stein, Senior Fellow in the School of Social Work, will present the Learning Dreams model for educational engagement as a tool for child welfare workers to use to motivate youth and help them make long term progress in their lives. It will also teach workers how to use creative community building strategies to effectively support the learning dreams of youth in the child welfare system. Learning Dreams is built on the premise that actively supporting a culture of learning in homes and communities creates a foundation for students’ educational success. To For more information, or to register, go to: cehd.umn.edu/ssw/cascw

[<http://www.cehd.umn.edu/ssw/cascw/>](http://www.cehd.umn.edu/ssw/cascw/)

Click on the link on the banner under the pictures!

**OCTOBER 29 FALL AGING CONFERENCE**

The Minneapolis and St. Paul Senior Workers Associations invites SSW students to attend the 35th annual Fall Aging Conference, Thursday, October 29, at the Earle Brown Heritage Center in Brooklyn Park, 8:00-4:30. The conference goal is to provide individuals with an opportunity for education, resources, support and connectivity in relation to issues affecting older adults ultimately improving services and advocacy for older adults in our community. This year’s topic is “Aging is Risky Business.” There will be multiple vendor booths offering products, services and information—featuring a lineup of inspiring speakers presenting information on some of the risks and issues affecting older adults and the professionals serving them. Students will have the opportunity to network with hundreds of professionals in the aging field and learn about the latest topics and issues facing older adult services. The student discount registration rate is $35. Scholarships are also available.

The Senior Workers Associations is a community organization of persons working to assist the elderly in maintaining health and independence. It offers many benefits to students that include monthly membership meetings, networking opportunities, continuing education, and public policy updates. The membership includes over 500 professionals who work with older adults in a variety of settings, including healthcare workers, homemaker and companion care, transportation, real estate agents, legal assistance, financial planning and other services that relate to older adults and their caregivers.

To learn more about the Fall Aging Conference or the Senior Workers Associations, visit [www.seniorworkers.org](http://www.seniorworkers.org). To speak with someone directly, contact Georgia Lane, Community Liaison Committee Co-Chair at 612-695-2770 or glane@eldercc.us

**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](mailto: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](http://cehd.umn.edu/ssw/Documents/MSCSW WORKSHOP BROCHURE_7_.pdf)

**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 homelessstudy@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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