“Life isn't about finding yourself. Life is about creating yourself.”
~ George Bernard Shaw, writer, Nobel laureate (1856-1950)

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

IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES FOR MSW STUDENTS:

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

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
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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. The next workshop will be offered on:

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.

Wednesday, November 4, 2009 from 5:30-7:30 PM
<http://www.eventbrite.com/event/390592272>
Tuesday, November 17, 2009 from 12:00-1:30 PM
<http://www.eventbrite.com/event/390598290>
Tuesday, December 1, 2009 from 5:30-7:30 PM
<http://www.eventbrite.com/event/390606314>

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

DO YOU KNOW SOMEONE WHO COULD USE AN MSW?
The School of Social Work will be hosting MSW information sessions throughout the next few months. Representatives will be sharing information about the MSW program, admissions process and financial aid opportunities. For more information, visit the School of Social Work web site at: http://www.cehd.umn.edu/SSW/prospective_students/msw/admission/infosessions.asp
PRESENTATION: THE STRUGGLE FOR WOMEN'S RIGHTS IN YEMEN

Raufa Hassan, a prominent Yemeni feminist, will speak about the struggle for women’s rights in Yemen over the past two decades, including the debate about gender equality in education, women's political representation, and personal status laws in the context of the growing role of Islam in the Yemeni political arena. Dr. Hassan is Professor of Development, Gender, Social Change, Intercultural Communication and Development Communications in the Mass Media College of Sanaa University. She is also the founder and former director of the first Center for Women Studies at Sanaa University.

The event is Thursday, October 8, 4:00-5:30pm, in 110 Heller Hall. This event is cosponsored by the Institute for Global Studies and the Human Rights Program Interdisciplinary Center for the Study of Global Change - University of Minnesota http://www.icgc.umn.edu

WORKSHOP FOR ADOPTION RESEARCHERS

Child Trends, a research organization in Washington, D.C., will be conducting a workshop (via Webinar and teleconference) on how to use data from the 2007 National Survey of Adoptive Parents (http://aspe.hhs.gov/hsp/09/NSAP/index.shtml). The National Survey of Adoptive Parents (NSAP) is the first large, nationally representative survey of adoptive families across adoption types (n=2,089) and contains information on the characteristics, adoption experiences, and well-being of adopted children and their families in the U.S. The NSAP data and supporting documentation are available for public download at http://www.cdc.gov/nchs/slaits/nsap.htm. The workshop will be held on Tuesday, December 8, 2009 and is available at no cost to participants. For details please contact Sharon Vandivere, 202-572-6044, svandivere@childtrends.org; or Karin Malm, 202-572-6118, kmalm@childtrends.org.

GRADUATE DEGREE FAIR FOR THE PUBLIC GOOD

The Idealist.org Graduate Degree Fair for the Public Good is an opportunity to learn more about a variety of graduate programs such as:

- Public Policy
- Nonprofit Management
- Education
- MBA
- Social Work
- and many more

The fair will be held Wednesday, October 7, 5:00 am-8:00pm, in the Great Hall of Coffman Memorial Union at the University of Minnesota (300 Washington Ave SE). This event is sponsored by the Humphrey Institute. To learn more about the Humphrey Institute and our graduate programs, visit: http://www.hhh.umn.edu

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

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/>

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. To speak with someone directly, contact Georgia Lane, Community Liaison Committee Co-Chair at 612-695-2770 or glane@eldercc.us

WORKSHOP FOR SOMALI-SERVING AGENCIES
A tentative date for a workshop for Somali-Serving Agencies is scheduled for Tuesday, November 10, 2:30-4:30. Vicky Fitzgerald, Wilder Foundation, will make a presentation tentatively titled, “Learning More Effective Ways to Manage a Child’s Behavior.” Discussion: The Child Welfare Definition of Safety and Harm—Are They Congruent with Cultural Factors. The workshop will likely be held in the forum area at the Hubert H. Humphrey Institute of Public Affairs on the West Bank campus. More information will follow.

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.”

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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