“A good leader can’t get too far ahead of his followers.”
~ Franklin D. Roosevelt, 32nd US President (1882-1945)

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 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).
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**ACTIVIST EDUCATOR ON RACIAL JUSTICE**

Associate Professor Lisa Albrecht gave a presentation at the Wilder Center on October 15 on “Working for Racial Justice” that addressed the role every person can play in the fight for racial justice. Albrecht serves on a variety of boards including Project South: Institute for the Elimination of Poverty and Genocide, the Minneapolis Commission on Civil Rights, and Women Against Military Madness. She is currently working on a collection of interviews, “Beacons in the Storm: White Educator Activists Working for Racial Justice.”

**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.)**

**SOCIAL JUSTICE FILM FESTIVAL OCTOBER 24**

A Social Justice Film Festival will be held **October 24**, 10:00-5:00, in the Tate Physics Building. Hosting the film festival are: Housing & Residential Life, the Social Justice Leadership Retreat, the Office of Student Affairs, Equity and Diversity, Equal Opportunity and Affirmative Action, and the Institute on Community Integration. Twelve different films will be shown in 4-film segments at 10 AM, 1 PM, and 3 PM. Those attending are welcome to come for just one film or watch three throughout the day.

Most of the films are about one hour in length and all of films will be followed by a discussion facilitated by the festival sponsors. A list of the films that includes a short description is available at:  
http://www.housing.umn.edu/filmfestival/

**WORK WITH REFUGEES AND ASYLUM SEEKERS**

Assistant Professor Patricia Shannon gave a presentation to the Hennepin County Mental Health Board on September 17 titled "Addressing the Mental Health Needs of Hennepin County's Refugees." She also participated in the September 30 "Roundtable on Psychosocial Services to Refugees and Asylum Seekers" under the aegis of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees. At the upcoming December 14, 2009, Minnesota Department of Human Services Training Conference on Migration and Mental Health, Patricia will give a presentation titled “The Development of the Refugee Mental Health Assessment Project.”

**2010 EXECUTIVE PATHWAYS INTERNSHIP PROGRAM**

The MN Department of Human Services (DHS) has announced their summer 2010 Executive Pathways Internship Program offering 12 internships in a number of programs areas for full time graduate students in a number of
professional degree programs, including social work. **The deadline for application is December 11, 2009.** Each placement is designed to provide in-depth learning opportunities in a state government setting. Interns are appointed as Management Analyst I with a pay rate of $16.41 per hour for up to 400 hours.

A brief description of DHS's major internship areas and a list of Executive Pathways placements available in 2010 summer is at: [www.dhs.state.mn.us](http://www.dhs.state.mn.us)  Type "Office of Equal Opportunity" in the "advanced search" box, and you will see a link for the Executive Pathways application. You can also send an email to executive.pathways@state.mn.us to receive this application in MSWord or RTF formats.

The Executive Pathways internships usually **cannot be used as your School of Social Work field placement.** If you apply for this internship, check with the field program first. For more information on the Executive Pathways program, you also can email njohnsto@umn.edu.

**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](http://www.cehd.umn.edu/SSW/prospective_students/msw/admission/infosessions.asp)

**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](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](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.

**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.

SOCIETY FOR SOCIAL WORK AND RESEARCH CONFERENCE NEWS
Professor Gilgun and Ph.D. student Alankaar Sharma will do a paper and a workshop at the annual conference of the Society for Social Work and Research in January in San Francisco. The paper is “The Discourses of Masculinity and Femininity in Case Studies of Survivors of Child Sexual Abuse.” The workshop is “Seven Things You Didn’t Learn About Grounded Theory in Graduate School.”

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: 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."

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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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