“There is no power greater than a community discovering what it cares about.”
~ Margaret J. Wheatley author of *Turning to One Another*, Berrett-Koehler Publishers, 2009

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

**CONGRATULATIONS**
Kevin Bullock, MINCAVA’s Internet Systems Professional, and Janell Draper, are the proud parents of Rory Bullock, born at home on October 22.

**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 (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).

**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]

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**What’s Goin’ On**

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

**NOVEMBER 10 WORKSHOP FOR SOMALI-SERVING AGENCIES**

A workshop for Somali Serving Agencies is scheduled for Tuesday, November 10, 2009, 2:30-4:30 p.m. Presenters include: **Pam Orren**, Child Protection Screener, Hennepin County Human Services and Public Health; The Definition of Child Maltreatment, Safety, and Harm; and **Victoria Fitzgerald**, Group Facilitator, Wilder Foundation, Learning More Effective Ways to Manage a Child’s Behavior.

**Commentary:** **Hassan Ugas**, MSW, School of Social Work. Discussion led by **Esther Wattenberg**: Are Child Welfare Mandates Congruent with Cultural Factors?

This is a **no cost workshop**, supported by the Children's Trust Fund and under the auspices of the Center for Advanced Studies in Child Welfare. To register, go to the CASCW website: [www.cehd.umn.edu/ssw/cascw](http://www.cehd.umn.edu/ssw/cascw) Click “Upcoming Events,” under “Events & Outreach.”

**2009 MINNESOTA ROUND TABLE ON EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION**

The Minnesota Round Table is a conference that brings together a panel of nationally recognized experts on children's issues for a lively discussion of a topic at the forefront of research and practice. Following a unique format that has ensured its success for 30 years, colleagues sitting at the Round Table respond to questions posed by the moderator. They are encouraged to reflect, explore intuitive hunches, and challenge each other's ideas in an open, constructive environment. This year's panel will be moderated by Associate Professor **Jodi Sandfort**, in the University's Humphrey Institute. Panelists include:

- **Harriet Meyer**, M.A., President of the Ounce of Prevention Fund
- **Arthur J. Rolnick**, Ph.D., Senior Vice President and Director of Research at the Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis
- **Barbara Yates**, M.A., Executive Director of Resources for Child Caring
- **Chad Dunkley**, Chief Operating Officer for New Horizon Academy and Kinderberry Hill

**Workshop Date:** Wednesday, November 4, 2009; 12:30-5:30pm; Hennepin Central Library, Minneapolis, MN

**Agenda:** 12:30-1:00pm Registration; 1:00-4:30pm Event; 4:30-5:30pm Reception with hors d'oeuvres and cash bar
You can view bios for all of our presenters and get more details on the agenda at the Round Table website.

**Registration:** $50 and includes the complete event and reception. Registration is online only at: [http://www.regonline.com/mnroundtable2009](http://www.regonline.com/mnroundtable2009) Payment is accepted by check (with or without PO), credit card (Visa/MC), or EFS Chart String (U of M only). The registration deadline is Friday, October 30, 2009.

**Graduate Student Scholarships** are still available to University of Minnesota graduate students in programs related to early childhood education and development. The scholarship covers half of the registration fee ($25). To apply for a scholarship:

Email Sara Zettervall ([sarazet@umn.edu](mailto:sarazet@umn.edu)) with your full name and UMID number. Sara will use this info to verify your enrollment. Sara will contact you and let you know whether you received a scholarship. If so, you will get a discount code to enter on the registration form that will subtract the $25. Please note that you may be able to cover all or part of your registration fee through your own department as well contact your program's DGS to find out if funds are available.

**Questions?** Contact Sara Zettervall, CEED Events Specialist, at 612-6252252 or sarazet@umn.edu.

**RESTORATIVE JUSTICE & PEACEMAKING NEWS**

At the request of the Tribal Court of the Ft. Peck Reservation of the Assiniboine and Sioux tribes in Eastern Montana, Professor Mark Umbreit provided restorative justice training and consultation related to their youth justice system, October 26-28, 2009.

The Center for Restorative Justice & Peacemaking, which Mark directs, received a $25,000 grant from the International Institute for Education to conduct a five day workshop on “Peacebuilding Through Dialogue: From Conflict Management to Transformation in Individuals, Families, Communities, and Nations.” Approximately 40 Hubert Humphrey Fellows from countries throughout the world will attend this workshop in March 2010.

**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.

**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.
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

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."

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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