“Understand this, I mean to arrive at the truth.  
The truth, however ugly in itself, is always curious and beautiful to seekers after it.”
~ Agatha Christie, author (1890-1976)

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

CONDOLENCES
We extend our condolences to MSW student Janine Tea whose father, Roger Sherman Tea III, passed away on October 29. Our thoughts and sympathies are with Janine and her family.

CONGRATULATIONS
Rosemary Link, PhD (1986) has accepted the position of Associate Vice President of Academic Affairs at Simpson College in Des Moines, Iowa. Previously, Rosemary was a professor in the Social Work Department at Augsburg College. Rosemary's e-mail address is Rosemary.Link@Simpson.edu.

IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES FOR MSW STUDENTS:
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:

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.

  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>
CRITICAL LANGUAGE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

The Critical Language Scholarship Program is funded by the State Department for students (undergrad or grad) to study one of the following languages overseas: Arabic • Azerbaijani • Bangla/Bengali • Chinese • Hindi • Indonesian • Japanese • Korean • Persian • Punjabi • Russian • Turkish • Urdu. The application period is November 9 to December 18 and the website for the program is at https://clscholarship.org/home.php. One of the School’s MSW graduates, Ann Beuch, participated in the program over the summer to study Korean in South Korea, and reports it was a great experience.

What’s Goin’ On

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

RESEARCH ON MICROFINANCE FOR WOMEN IN VIETNAM

An International Research Grant from CEHD has been awarded to Professor C. David Hollister and MSW student Hoa Nguyen who will travel to Hanoi, Vietnam in December 2008 to conduct research on “Microfinance for Women in Vietnam: Factors for Success and Failure”.

ARTICLE ON AIDS RESEARCH PUBLISHED IN AFRICAN JOURNAL


SLEEP OUT 2009 – SHELTER FROM THE STORM

The 14th annual Sleep Out Campaign to raise awareness and money for the housing needs in the communities served by Interfaith Outreach & Community Partners will be held Saturday, November 21, at the Hoy family home in Wayzata. Their sleep out goal is $10,000. (Judy Hoy is a School of Social work community faculty member.) If you’d like to participate and contribute, please visit: http://www.iocp.org/news-events/news/sleep-out-2009-shelter-storm

LATINO SOCIAL WORKERS CONFERENCE 2010

The Latino Social Workers Organization (LSWO) will have a conference on April 7-9, 2010 at the University of IL-Chicago in collaboration with Jane Addams College of Social Work. This conference will take place in the Medical District of Chicago. Conference Theme: Latino Empowerment and Strengths Perspective in Meeting the Needs of Our Latino Communities. Dr. Rey Martinez from New Mexico Highlands University and Dr. Sandra Magana from the University of Wisconsin-Madison are Honorary Co-chairs for this 2010 Conference. You’re invited to join LSWO in Chicago, the home of President Obama, Jane Addams, and Hull House Museum. Dr. Flavio Marsiglia, Arizona State University and Dr. Vincent Guilamo-Ramos, Columbia University, are presenting at the 2010 Conference.

Information on the call for papers/presentations/poster sessions is available on the LSWO web site at: http://www.lswo2010.org Further information is available from Adrian Delgado at: 312-925-6959.

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 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.
NGOabroad Opportunities for Social Work Students

NGOabroad: International Careers & Volunteering is a unique service that helps social workers enter or advance in international humanitarian work and provides frugal, customized international volunteering. NGOabroad has several opportunities to stretch your social work skills. Communities in Uganda, Ghana, Kenya, or Cameroon are in need of good people. People who have experience in sexual abuse or assault, in trauma work, and work with youth are needed. Using sports, music, drama & dance as therapeutic modalities will fit especially well as talk therapy is not a good fit in African culture. There are also amazing opportunities in Chile and Bolivia for youth workers, mental health workers, and those trained in counseling torture victims. For more detailed information, read the NGOabroad website at: http://www.ngoabroad.com/Articles/Cent&SAmerica.html

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

We welcome your ideas, tips and recommendations. Submit to: Jill Beaudette at jbeaudet@umn.edu. SSW Speaks is a weekly e-mail newsletter for students, alumni and friends of the School of Social Work at the University of Minnesota. The newsletter, a free information source prepared by the School, is designed to help students, alumni, and friends stay connected to the School. To unsubscribe contact: jbeaudet@umn.edu. (C) 2009 by the Regents of the University of Minnesota, The University of Minnesota is an equal opportunity educator and employer. This email sent by: The School of Social Work, 105 Peters Hall, 1404 Gortner Avenue, St. Paul MN 55108