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“The test of a democracy is not the magnificence of buildings or the speed of automobiles
or the efficiency of air transportation, but rather the care given to the welfare of all the people.”
~Helen Adams Keller, lecturer and author (1880-1968)

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

CONDOLENCES
We offer our condolences to Jerry Stein, senior fellow and founder of the Learning Dreams Project, whose brother, Gene, died unexpectedly on November 11. Our thoughts and prayers are with him and his family.

LAST INFORMATION SESSION ON DUAL DEGREES WITH HHH
The Humphrey Institute of Public Affairs is hosting the last 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.

Tuesday, December 1, 2009 from 5:30-7:30 PM
<http://www.eventbrite.com/event/390606314>

RACISM, WHITE PRIVILEGE AND SOCIAL JUSTICE
Associate Professor Lisa Albrecht presented at the “Overcoming Racism: Why is it so hard?” Conference sponsored by the Facilitating Racial Equity Collaborative at the William Mitchell College of Law on November 6. She was also a panelist for “The National White Privilege Conference is Coming to Town! Why We Want You There” workshop, and a panelist for the workshop, “Palestine 101 – Occupation, Racism & Apartheid – Palestinian & Jewish Perspectives.” Eight current and former Social Justice Minor students also participated in the conference. They did a workshop, “Students' Perspectives: Our Experiences with Anti-Racist Education.”

HOMELESS CHILDREN & YOUTH CONFERENCE PRESENTATION
Anita Larson, CASCW [Center for Advanced Studies in Child Welfare] Data Coordinator, presented a paper at the National Association for the Education of Homeless Children & Youth 21st Annual Conference in Denver, CO., on November 15, 2009. The paper was titled “Using Data: A Population-Level Description of the Cross-System Status of Homeless and Highly Mobile Students.”

ARTICLE ON AIDS RESEARCH PUBLISHED IN AFRICAN JOURNAL
What’s Goin’ On
(Details on events, conferences, seminars, workshops, retreats, and
more . . . whatever’s happening in our social work community.)

MINCAVA TO HOST BOOK SIGNING BY SURVIVOR OF HUMAN TRAFFICKING
MINCAVA [Minnesota Center Against Violence and Abuse] will host a presentation and book signing with Bukola Oriola, victim and survivor of human trafficking. Ms. Oriola will present from and sign her book “Imprisoned: The Travails of A Trafficked Victim”. Please join MINCAVA in welcoming Bukola Oriola on Friday, December 4, 2009, 1:45-2:15 in the atrium of Peters Hall. This event is free and open to all who are interested. Light refreshments will follow. Please contact Jennifer Witt at 612-624-2716 with questions.

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

DISCOVER PUERTO RICO
Come discover the “Isla del Encanto” (Island of Enchantment) on Tuesday, December 1, 2009, at 7:30pm in the Great Hall at Coffman Memorial Union at 300 Washington Ave. S.E. Learn about the Puerto Rican heritage and explore the richness of its culture. There will be food, presentations, cultural exhibitions, and live music by the group Yenyeré. For more information, please contact acep@umn.edu.

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.lsw02010.org Further information is available from Adrian Delgado at: 312-925-6959.

MINNESOTA GERONTOLOGICAL SOCIETY CALL FOR PAPERS
The MGS annual conference will be April 30, 2010, at the Earle Brown Heritage Center in Brooklyn Center, 8:00-3:30. The conference theme is “Be the Change: New Ideas for Transforming Aging Services”. Keynote Speaker is Harry (Rick) Moody, Ph.D., Director of Academic Affairs for AARP. This promises to be a thought provoking day and engaging exploration of aging services innovations. Through presentations, poster sessions, round table discussions and networking, conference attendees will have the opportunity to learn more about current research and how it translates into practice in our rapidly changing world of aging services.

Attendees will have the opportunity to hear from professionals and researchers located throughout Minnesota and choose from a variety of professional tracks: Innovations in Diversity; Innovative Partnerships; Innovations in Housing and Health Care; and Innovations in Evidenced Based Practice. MGS invites you or someone you know in the field of gerontology to submit a break-out session abstract for the 2010 Conference. About 250 participants from a wide variety of disciplines typically attend the yearly MGS conference. Visit the MGS website and download the form at: http://mngero.org/conference/index.html

2010 EXECUTIVE PATHWAYS PAID INTERNSHIP PROGRAM
The MN Department of Human Services (DHS) has announced their summer 2010 Executive Pathways Internship Program offering 12 paid 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.

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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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