"The cardinal doctrine of a fanatic's creed is that his enemies are the enemies of God."
~ Andrew Dickson White, diplomat, historian, and educator (1832-1918)

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

CONGRATULATIONS
We congratulate Lisa Quinn-Lee on her successful final Ph.D. oral defense on November 23, 2009. The title of her dissertation is "School Social Work with Grieving Children in the Twin Cities". Professor David Hollister is Lisa's adviser.

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>

KEYNOTE ADDRESS IN ARGENTINA ON DOMESTIC VIOLENCE PROJECT
Professor Jeffrey Edleson provided a keynote address on MINCAVA's (Minnesota Center Against Violence and Abuse) Hague Convention and domestic violence project, participated in a panel on batterer intervention research and provided a half-day workshop in Buenos Aires, Argentina, at the 2nd Congreso Internacional Violencia, Maltrato y Abuso, November 15-16.

ELECTION TO MINORITY EDUCATION PARTNERSHIP BOARD
Associate Professor Lisa Albrecht was nominated and elected to the Board of Directors of the Minnesota Minority Education Partnership (MMEP). Its mission is to increase the success of students of color in Minnesota schools, colleges and universities. Other University of Minnesota board members include: Rusty Barcelo, Robert Poch (CEHD), and Vanessa Abanu (CEHD), Bruce Schelske (TRIO) and Tex Ostvig.

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.
CITYSONGS NOW PART OF UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA UROC

CitySongs, co-founded 18 years ago by School of Social Work Professor Helen Kivnick and a diverse group of metro neighbors and professionals, is the newest program to join the University’s Urban Research and Outreach/Engagement Center in North Minneapolis. This arts-based youth and community development program challenges at-risk youth in grades 4-8 to master music and performance skills, to make aesthetic contributions to their communities, to take leadership roles, and to set and achieve their goals. In turn, these children provide from 10-20 live performances to inspire, strengthen, and vitalize their communities.

CitySongs is preparing for its first season, in community partnership with Plymouth Christian Youth Center (PCYC) and will begin recruiting participants from neighboring youth centers. Youth ages 9-14 are welcome. The first scheduled performance will be Sunday, December 6, 4:00 pm, at the Capri Theater, 2027 West Broadway, Minneapolis.

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

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