“Commandment Number One for any truly civilized society is this: Let people be different.”
~ David Grayson [pen name of Ray S. Baker], journalist, author (1870-1946)

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

LOAN REPAYMENT PROGRAM JUST GOT EASIER
The National Health Service Corps Loan Repayment Program provides $50,000 (or the outstanding balance of qualifying student loans if it is less than $50,000), tax free, to primary care medical, dental and mental health clinicians in exchange for two years of service at an approved site in a Health Professional Shortage Area. Upon completion of the service commitment, clinicians may be eligible to apply for additional support for extended service. [Licensed Clinical Social Workers are included.] Go to their web site for more detailed information at:
http://nhsc.bhpr.hrsa.gov/loanrepayment/

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

ARTICLE ON MALTREATMENT OF ELDERLY KOREAN AMERICANS
Assistant Professor Hee Yun Lee and doctoral student Narae Shin have had their paper “Cultural Views on and Responses to Elder Mistreatment in Elderly Korean American Immigrants: A Social Development Intervention” accepted for publication in the journal Social Development Issues.

25h ANNUAL HOMELESS MEMORIAL MARCH AND SERVICE
The 25th annual Homeless Memorial March and Service will be held Thursday, December 17, beginning at 5:00pm at the Hennepin County Government Center, 3rd Avenue South and 5th Street South. The march will follow 5th Street west to Nicollet Avenue and proceed south to 28th Street. A Service of Remembrance follows at 6:30pm at Simpson United Methodist Church, 2740 1st Avenue South, Minneapolis. The Salvation Army Mobile Canteen will be at Nicollet and Franklin Avenues with hot coffee. Speaker: Monica Nilsson, Director of Outreach - St. Stephen's Human Services, president of the Minnesota Coalition for the Homeless and longtime advocate for the homeless community.

Music will include: Ninijanisag Drum Group from the Ain Dah Yung Center and Saleha Erdman on cello.

Parking and Shuttles: Parking is available at the Kmart parking lot located at 10 West Lake Street, Minneapolis. Shuttle Buses will depart from Kmart, at the corner of Lake Street & First Avenue at 4:20 pm.

For more information contact: Eric Johnson at 612-455-0858

Last year 131 homeless and formerly homeless people who died in 2008 were remembered. On any night in Minnesota, there are at least 1,000 people out on the street. The average life expectancy in America is 77 years. The life expectancy of a person who is homeless is 47 years.
CURA FORUM ON ANALYSIS OF NORTH MINNEAPOLIS FORECLOSURES
The Center for Urban and Regional Affairs (CURA) presents Mark Ireland, attorney with the Foreclosure Relief Law Project at Housing Preservation Project, speaking on “Assumptions, Mistakes, Successes and Moving Forward: An empirical analysis of foreclosures in North Minneapolis and foreclosure policies” on Friday, December 18, in L110 Honeywell Auditorium at the Carlson School of Management on the West Bank [321 19th Avenue S.] RSVP required by December 16 to 612-625-9040 or curahf@umn.edu. CURA Housing forums are free and open to the public.

CI 8150 - RESEARCH AND SOCIAL JUSTICE – WRITING SEMINAR
A spring 2009 writing seminar designed for students who have passed their preliminary exams and are beginning/writing their dissertations - “Ethical and Epistemological Issues in Research with Minoritized Populations” will be taught by instructor Bic Ngo, Mondays, 4:40-7:20pm. The seminar will engage students from a variety of disciplines and research interests in consideration of the epistemological and ethical issues and implications of doing research for social justice. Students will examine the possibilities and problematics of research that seeks to understand and explicate inequality and disparities in the experiences of immigrant and other minoritized populations. The class will emphasize critical epistemology and practices in data collection, analysis and writing of research. The work of interdisciplinary, critical researchers, debates about the role of research for social change, and issues related to reflexivity and representation will be considered.

This interdisciplinary course is relevant to students in the various content and disciplinary areas of education research. It will be important for students whose dissertation research includes concerns related to:

- immigrant youth and families
- minoritized populations
- achievement gaps
- educational disparities
- anti-oppressive education
- urban and multicultural education
- education in urban contexts
- dimensions of difference (e.g., race, gender, class, religion, sexuality)

Contact Bic Ngo at bcngo@umn.edu with questions.

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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