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Upcoming Events

April 30

- MSW Student Orientation

May 10

- MSW Presentations and All School Assembly
- Induction of BSW Honor Students into Phi Alpha National Honor Society
- Last Day of Classes
- Final Field Evaluations Due

May 15

- Commencement

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POWER-ful Conference Jumpstarts Social Work Participants

On March 12, the rafters of the Hughes Metropolitan Complex were echoing with laughter in response to the antics of the keynote speaker for the day, Dr. Bowen White, and his alter-ego, Dr. Jerko. Trained and in partnership with Dr. Patch Adams, Dr. White “takes his show on the road” to creatively lift the spirits of patients and professionals who care for them.

His message: Take care of yourself, don’t take yourself too seriously, don’t expect perfection, don’t forget you are a sacred being. And, above all, HAVE FUN. The 170+ social workers in attendance were obviously enjoying Dr. White and hearing his message loud and clear. Evaluations of his presentation were overwhelmingly positive.

Afternoon panel presentations presented information on current best practices in a variety of social work fields, including the fields of aging, medi-

cal social work, school social work, mental health, and family services. The cap off the day, a letter was composed by conference participants to alert Governor Sebelius to our profession’s contributions and encouraging attention to identified areas of concern. The letter can be reviewed on the social work website www.wichita.edu/socialwork.

Following the conference, a wine/cheese reception sponsored by the Alumni Association featured award presentations to outstanding social workers and professionals for practice excellence. In the area of school social work, Carol Abrahams, LMSW; mental health, Fran Betzen, LMSW; aging, Annette Graham, LSCSW; medical social work, Courtney Boettcher, LSCSW; law and justice, Gigi Phares, JD, LMSW; child and family, Cammy Houston, LMSW, and Denise Fleming LMSW. Special awards went to Jeannie Leichhardt of Wichita Children’s Home,

Partner in Social Work Award; Carolyn Risely-Hill, LMSW, Distinguished Alumna Award, and Robert Emmart, LSCSW, Social Worker of the Year. A special recognition award went to Nancy Corkins, LMSW, who chaired the conference planning committee.

POWER partners in this event were Wichita Area SRS, Sedgwick County/COMCARE, St. Francis Academy, Wichita Children’s Home, The Salvation Army, and Rainbows United. This event initiates what is hoped will be an annual celebration of the social work profession, and the beginning of a social work alumni association. Anyone wishing to join the alumni association is encouraged to contact Sabrina Perez Glatt at the School of Social Work, 316-978-5852, Sabrina.perez-glatt@wichita.edu or Colleen Fulford at 316-682-4662 or ccfulford@wichita.edu for information.

Practicum Placements for Fall 2004

The process has begun for MW students who will be starting their Concentration practicum in Fall 2004. Agen-

cies are being contacted in the month of April to secure available placements and students will be arranging inter-

views throughout the months of April and May.



ScWk 870, Clinical Assessment Practice, will be offered online during the Fall 2004 semester.

Clinical Assessment (DSM IV TR) Course to be Offered Online for Fall 2004 Semester

Dr. Joanne Levine will again offer the Clinical Assessment course in an online format during the fall, 2004 semester. The course content includes

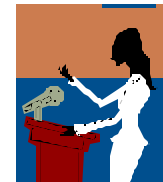
understanding the multiaxial format of the DSM-IV TR and an overview of major diagnostic categories from a strengths based perspective. If

you would like more information, please contact Dr. Levine at Joanne.levine@wichita.edu

The graduating MSW Student Colloquium and All School Assembly will be May 10 in the Rhatigan Student Center. The event will begin at 8:30 AM followed by the Assembly at 4:00-5:00 PM.

Reserve this Date!

MSW Colloquium & All School Assembly



Field Instructors and interested community social workers are invited to join the graduating MSW students on May 10 to hear their scholarly presentations of their integra-

tive projects. The event will take place in the Rhatigan Student Center starting at 8:30 AM, and will be followed by a reception and celebration for MSW and BSW students at

4:00 PM in the Rhatigan Student Center East Ballroom. Check the social work website www.wichita.edu/socialwork for more details.



BSW Students to be Inducted into the Phi Alpha National Honor Society

There will be an Induction Ceremony for the new members of the Phi Alpha Honor Society on May 10 at 3:00 PM in the Rhatigan Student Center Sunflower Room (Room 006).

The Beta Delta (WSU) Chapter of Phi Alpha, a national Honor Society for BSW students, will hold its annual induction ceremony for new members on May 10 at 3:00 PM in the Sunflower Room (Room 006 Lower Level) of the Rhatigan Student Center. The induction ceremony will be followed by a brief business meeting of the organization in which officers will be elected for the 2004-2005 academic year.

Congratulations to the following BSW Honor students who will be inducted into Phi Alpha:

- Heather Aldridge
- Kathleen Brown
- Jessica Christian
- Jim Clutter
- Arlene Deen
- Carrie Engel
- Angelia Erickson
- Jennifer Holthaus
- Kamy Hopper
- Denise Hundertmark

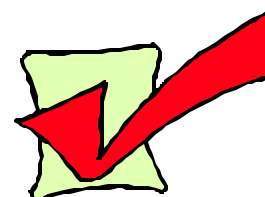
- Jacquelyn Johnson
- Nicole Mages
- Bich-Thuy Nguyen
- Lorie Pence
- Allison Petre
- Elisha Ray
- Christine Rhodes
- Deah Rhodes
- Cindy Schleining
- David Schonberg
- Rema Shabshab
- Kathryn Stucky
- Cassandra Tinsmon

Final practicum evaluations are due May 10.

Final Evaluations Due

Just a reminder to Field Instructors that final practicum evaluations will be due May 10 (date of last classes). Students who have not completed

their practicum hours will consult with their Field Instructors to make arrangements for practicum completion



Field Practicum Associate Changes

Sue O'Hara-Jones, LMSW, who has been filling the new position of Field Practicum Associate, will be leaving at the end of the Spring 2004 semester to move closer to her family in Texas. She has described the position as "The perfect job" and expresses

genuine regret at leaving Wichita. The pull of a new grandchild and the chance to be more of a factor in her children's lives has won out over the joys of working with students and supportive faculty.

The position Sue has filled has been posted and applications are currently being accepted. Review of applications will begin on May 1. For more information on the position, visit our website at www.wicita.edu/socialwork.

Sue O'Hara-Jones, the Field Practicum Associate, is leaving. The School of Social Work is accepting applications for her replacement..



Congratulations to Our Graduates!!!!



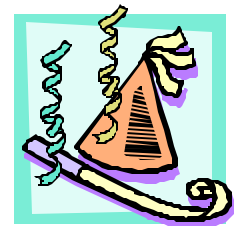
BSW Graduates:

- Heather Aldridge
- Daniel Beeson
- Stacey Bitting
- Cristy Brown
- Kathleen Brown
- Catrina Butler
- Jessica Christian
- Jim Clutter
- Sarah Criser
- Kelly Davis
- Carrie Engel
- Angelia Erickson
- Abby Fyler
- Ramona Gutierrez
- Susanna Holtzclaw
- Kamy Hopper
- Denise Hundertmark
- Jacquelyn Johnson
- Steven Maddy
- Nicole Mages
- Afeion Morris
- Adina Murry-Swinney
- Staci Nelson
- Bich-Thuy Nguyen
- Kesha Nolen
- Lorie Pence
- Allison Petre
- Dana Phillips
- Elaine Power
- Elisha Ray
- Jodi Rexroat
- Christine Rhodes
- Cindy Schleining
- Kareem Scott
- Rema Shabshab
- Michelle Smalley
- Cassie Tinsmon

MSW Graduates:

- Matt Atwood
- Tinna Bendt
- Sarah Bigley
- Anita Bookout
- Gina Brewer
- Kendra Bruce
- Sondra Buck
- Angela Butcher
- Mary Chapman
- Tracie Davis
- Colleen Fulford
- Carol Gallegos
- Kerry Harris
- Angel Hearn
- Erin Hendry
- Nancy Jackson
- Robert James
- Audra Kenneson
- Leslie Lehman
- Jean Mash
- AmalMekaeil
- Billie Melugin
- Natalie Mossman
- Brandon Neeley
- Sheila Schroeder
- Shahida Shah
- Hope Slack
- Ragan Snyder
- David Stark
- Katherine Stewart
- Fahimeh Tadayon
- Betty Ward
- Coleen Werner
- Marcia Woolson
- Virginia York

Congratulations to our graduates of the BSW and MSW programs!



Celebrate!

Summer Course Offerings

The School of Social Work at Wichita State University will be offering the following electives this summer:

ScWk 610I, Child Welfare and Family Services will be offered during the summer pre-session, meeting daily from May 24 through June 4, 8:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. This course provides knowledge and intervention skills for social work and other helping professionals involved in providing services to children when childcare within the family is temporarily or per-

manently disrupted. Special emphasis will be placed upon risk assessment and permanency for children. It will also include the identification of environmental factors that can contribute to neglect and violence in families. This course will be taught by Curtis Proctor.

ScWk 870, Clinical Assessment Practice, will run during the 2nd 4-week session, meeting daily from July 6 through July 30, 7:30 to 9:40 a.m. This course uses a biopsychosocial perspective to under-

stand problematic patterns of functioning identified as diagnoses in the DSM-IV. Students critically examine the DSM-IV as a basis for social work assessment and learn its use within an advanced generalist practice perspective. The course will be taught by Deb Von Stroh.

For more information on how to take these classes as a guest or non-degree seeking student, you can contact WSU Graduate School at 316-978-3095.



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School of Social Work Director Answers Call for Duty

At WSU, Cathleen Lewandowski has been preparing students for careers in social work. Now activated for duty in the U.S. Army Reserves for the next 18 months, she's helping prepare soldiers for duty. Dr. Lewandowski, a licensed social worker and lieutenant colonel, was notified of her activation April 14, and reported for duty with her unit, the Topeka-based 1908th Combat Stress Unit, April 18.

She is not sure where her unit will be deployed once the soldiers have "honed up on basic soldier skills." All of its members are undergoing training and evaluation, sometimes working more than 12 hours a day. "It doesn't matter if you're medical or what, you have to have your soldier skills sharpened, and then we'll focus on our combat stress mission," she says. Dr. Lewandowski could not confirm the unit's deployment destination. Psychiatrists, psychologists, nurses, occupational therapists and social workers are among the sol-

diers comprising the 1908th Combat Stress Unit. The unit works in teams to provide mental health counseling to soldiers, says Dr. Lewandowski, who has been in the U.S. Army Reserves for more than two decades.

Dr. Lewandowski says she felt she needed to get more involved in her military service after 9/11. "I have some clinical skills and there's a big need for that," she notes. Even before her activation, she had spent extra weekends, helping get soldiers ready for deployments. "I certainly enjoy teaching and being at the university, but I enjoy being a soldier, too," Dr. Lewandowski says.

Military service is a family affair for the Lewandowski's. Her youngest son, Zach Dalbom, is in his third year at the U.S. Naval Academy. Her oldest son, Eric Dalbom, a first lieutenant with the Army's 10th Mountain Division in Fort Drum, N.Y., spent some time deployed to

Afghanistan. "He was able to use his experience to help me get ready" for her deployment. Eric was able to make it back to see his mom off to Topeka.

Lewandowski says her WSU colleagues and her husband, David Ericson, a political science faculty member, really stepped up to help her take care of her professional and personal responsibilities on such short notice. Linnea GlenMaye has been named Director of the School of Social Work, while another faculty member, Curtis Proctor, is taking over Dr. Lewandowski's Applied Social Work Research class. Twyla Hill, an assistant professor in sociology, will wrap up Dr. Lewandowski's grant-funded project on women in substance abuse rehabilitation. Dr. Hill is the co-investigator in the project. Dr. Joanne Levine will be taking over an Episcopal Social Services Grant for Dr. Lewandowski.

We're on the Web!

See us at:

www.wichita.edu/socialwork

