Greetings!

If you win an award, start a study, want to promote a community event for social workers or other individuals, or anything else you feel is relevant, please send the information to Dr. Susan Elswick at selswick@memphis.edu. Thank you!

Catherine Clubb-Brown, Newsletter Manager

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Drs. Robbin Lennon-Dearing and Elena Delavega

Congratulations to our own Professors Dr. Lennon-Dearing and Delageva on the upcoming publication of their article “Differences in Housing, Health, and Well-Being among HIV-Positive Women Living in Poverty” in Volume 30, edition 3 by publishers Taylor & Francis.

NO MORE Injustice!

Current full-time foundation year students recently took part in the NO MORE campaign, in participation with the counseling center at the University Memphis. These social work students demand no more injustice! Pictured are Sarah Newman, Lauren Reed, Gerald Richardson, Chelsea Heard, Darnetta Ware, Artice Carter, Jessica Seebeck, Catherine Clubb-Brown, Victoria Maher, DeAvila Bennett, Takindra Worles, and Thomas Graham.

Prof. Veronica Morrow

Professor Morrow recently hosted a conference at the University of Memphis Lambuth Campus. Health professionals from across West Tennessee came together to share resources and discuss mental health issues facing rural communities, including suicide and attention disorders. The conference was covered by a reporter at the Jackson Sun. Read more here: http://www.jacksonsun.com/story/news/2015/03/20/suicide-hits-home-west-tennessee/25117707/
Graduating Social Work Students

The West Branch of NASW Tennessee would like to welcome you to the profession of Social Work!

You are invited to a

Mentor Dinner

for MSW & BSW Students

Wednesday May 6, 2015 at

Jason’s Deli

3473 Poplar Ave, Memphis, TN 38111 (901-324-3181)

at 6:00pm

Meet one-on-one with practicing social workers in the community to get career advice, support and encouragement as you begin your professional career! If you would like to participate in the 2015 Mentor Dinner please apply at this link prior to April 25, 2015:

https://memphis.co1.qualtrics.com/SE/?SID=SV_78KYSXqKTiauTr

If you have questions regarding the Mentor Dinner contact Robin Lennon-Dearing at rlnndrn@memphis.edu
Upcoming events

Memphis Crisis Center needs Volunteers

A Lifeline to Hope.

The Memphis Crisis Center will hold its next New Volunteer Training this month. They need volunteers and interns to staff their crisis lines. This is a great opportunity to gain experience, build skills, build your resume, and secure references and recommendation letters.

New Volunteer Training (Parts One and Two):
WHEN: Monday & Tuesday March 23rd & 24th 6:00pm-9:00pm
WHERE: MCC Training Facility, 70 North Pauline
(Next to Lenny’s Sandwich Shop at the corner of Pauline & Jefferson)

All Training Materials Provided. Dinner will NOT be provided.

These sessions represent parts one and two of the classroom portion of the training. There are a total of 4 classroom sessions offered on a monthly basis (Parts 3 & 4 will be March 30th & 31st). We strongly encourage you to take the sessions in order. Parking is available directly in front of the facility (ignore the tow-away signs). If these spaces are filled, please use the parking garage directly behind the facility. Parking coupons will be available at the training.

Please RSVP to mike.labonte@crisis7.org if you plan on attending the upcoming classroom sessions. If you have any questions about volunteering or interning call Mike LaBonte at (901) 351-9986.

Job Postings

Are you a new graduate seeking employment? Looking for new job within the social work field?

Don’t forget that you have access to many local and current job postings when you visit the Career Center for the Department of Social Work. Tons of great information is just a click away! Visit the Career Center for the Department of Social Work today at http://deptofswrkuofmemphis.wordpress.com/
Upcoming events

**Students Helping Students**

Drs. Barnes, Elswick, Lennon-Dearing, and Washington have received a TBR grant to fund Students Helping Students. Students Helping Students pairs undergraduate social work students with graduate social work students.

If you are interested in improving your academic skills, we invite you to be screened for this new program. The initial assessment takes approximately one hour. You will be assessed on your study skills, writing skills, reading fluency, stress level, and coping skills.

For a screening appointment call (901) 678-1748 or email studentshelpingstudents@memphis.edu.

**Second Year Field Internships**

It's that time of year again – Field Internship preparation! Complete the following form by noting your top three preferences for field placement next year.

Completing this form does not mean that you are guaranteed your preferred agency, but all requests will be reviewed and your placement will be based on the MSW Field Directors decision, the agency’s interview findings, and the agency’s capacity to accept the student.

Reference the online directory (found on our website under field placement, click on directory) to identify agencies you are interested in. Online form: [https://memphis.co1.qualtrics.com/SE/?SID=SV_b81WG1HQtBDqW8d](https://memphis.co1.qualtrics.com/SE/?SID=SV_b81WG1HQtBDqW8d)
Don’t be a stranger!
Please send submissions to the Newsletter Coordinator/Editor:

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