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Monthly Newsletter

University of Memphis Department of Social Work



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/>



Happy February!

Welcome to the beginning of a new semester! 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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Field Instructor of the Year Award

Nominate your field instructor for the Field Instructor of the Year Award. This is a prestigious honor for field instructors and a great way for students to thank their field instructors for all of their guidance and supervision. The Field Instructor of the Year will be announced at the Field Instructor Luncheon. Please take the time to nominate your field instructor by completing a brief evaluation by March 31, 2015: https://memphis.co1.qualtrics.com/SE/?SID=SV_bll0C270h4fboPj

Social Work Field Agency Fair

The University of Memphis' Department of Social Work will host its Annual Field Agency Fair on Friday, March 27, 2015 from 9am – 12pm in the Rose Theater on the University of Memphis campus. This is a wonderful opportunity for BA and MSW students to meet clinicians from the community, discuss agency programming, identify potential field placements and job opportunities, distribute resumes, and network with other local clinicians and agencies.

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_b8IWG1HQtdBDqW8d

Student of the Year Nominations

Nominate your social work student intern for the Student of the Year Award. This is a prestigious honor for students and a great way for Field Instructors and agencies to thank their interns for all of their hard work and dedication. The Social Work Student of the Year will be announced at the Student Graduation Ceremony and dinner party. Please take the time to nominate your field instructor by completing a brief evaluation by March 31, 2015:

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Field Agency Fair Registration

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https://memphis.co1.qualtrics.com/SE/?SID=SV_6YfU1ak7NR2Weix



Faculty and Student Spotlights



Frannie Harper-Mion and Robbin Lennon-Dearing

Dr. Robin Lennon-Dearing

More than thirty women living with HIV in the Memphis area were joined by fifteen community agencies and 25 social work student volunteers for the Second Annual Women’s Empowerment Forum held on December 4, 2014 at the Urban Child Institute.

The women participated in a full-day educational and healing-oriented event where they received information and encouragement to be proactive in their self-care. This event was planned and implemented by a committee of volunteers, chaired by Dr. Lennon-Dearing, and supported through donations from community organizations and agencies.

Special appreciation goes to Frannie Harper, MSW ’15, for her creativity and community connections that made this event a success. And thanks to the student volunteers from Dr. Lennon-Dearing’s SWRK 3904 Practice II class for their willingness to volunteer their time and enthusiasm.

Bria Gibson

Bria Gibson, a senior in the BASW Program, is completing a semester-long internship in Nashville, TN with the Tennessee Legislative Internship Program.

In the spring semester of each year, promising seniors or graduate students enrolled in degree programs in social work, political science, laws, history, administration, economics, sociology, journalism, or related fields are placed with Tennessee General Assembly legislators to gain hands-on experience in government. Bria’s duties include bill and policy analysis, constituent work, and computer and library research.

Bria has been assigned to the following senators: Representative Steve McManus (Republican – Cordova/District 96) and Representative Antonio Parkinson (Democrat – Memphis/District 98). While completing her field practicum in Nashville, Bria plans to learn about developing and reforming federal policies, and advocating for oppressed groups.



Upcoming event

2015 Special Education Symposium

February 27, 2015

1:00 pm—4:30 pm

Location: Room 150 A, 711 Jefferson Ave, Memphis, TN

Welcome

Dr. Susan Neely-Barnes, PhD, MSW
Associate Professor, MSW Program Coordinator
University of Memphis Department of Social Work

First Session: Response to Intervention and Children with Disabilities

Dr. Laura Casey, PhD, BCBA-D
Assistant Professor, Instruction and Curriculum Leadership/Special Education (ABA),
University of Memphis College of Education, Health & Human Sciences
Dr. Susan Elswick, EdD, LCSW, LSSW
Assistance Professor,
University of Memphis Department of Social Work

Second Session: Instructionally Appropriate IEPs and the Common Core

Jeness Roth, M.Ed
Family Faculty Coordinator
University of Tennessee Health Science Center, Boling Center for Developmental Disabilities
Gina Brady
Advocate
Disability Rights of Tennessee

Third Session: Advanced Advocacy

Craig Barnes
Staff Attorney
Memphis Area Legal Services
Derek Flake
Regional Coordinator, West TN
Support and Training for Exceptional Parents (STEP)

Come learn from experts in This event provides 3 credit hours towards Continuing Education (CE) or Continuing Legal Education (CLE).

The University of Tennessee Boling Center for Developmental Disabilities (BCDD) is approved by the American Psychological Association to sponsor continuing education for psychologists. The University of Tennessee Boling Center for Developmental Disabilities maintains responsibility for this program and its content. The BCDD is offering these activities for as many as 3.0 CE continuing education credits. The University of Tennessee adheres to the APA Ethical Principles of Psychologists.



If you have any questions feel free to email PEAP@malsi.org or call (901) 523-8822 ext. 101.

Please RSVP by Feb. 20th via PEAP@malsi.org or Eventbrite.

Parking is available on the streets around the Boling Center. As the university has resumed classes, allow time to find parking.

Brought to you by: **BCDD** THE UNIVERSITY OF TENNESSEE HEALTH SCIENCE CENTER
BOLING CENTER FOR DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES



Upcoming events

Free February Webinars

[Novel Findings in Brain DNA for Psychiatric Disorders](#)

Brain & Behavior Research Foundation

Feb 10 at 1PM CST: "Wade H. Berrettini, M.D., Ph.D... studying genetic and biologic influences on brain disorders and behavior..."

[Models of Trauma-Informed Integrated Care Part II: Identifying and Responding to Early Childhood Trauma in the Pediatric Setting](#)

NCTSN

Feb 11 at 11-12:30PM CST: "issues pertaining to the identification, management and treatment of traumatic stress in young children exposed to trauma... example will be discussed from the perspectives of both a pediatrician and mental health clinician"

[Stress and Anxiety Following Traumatic Brain Injury \(TBI\)](#)

DCoE

Feb 12 at 12-1:30PM CST: "complex interaction between the effects of stress and anxiety during the recovery course of TBI... strategies for treating co-morbid symptoms with the core symptoms of TBI... evidence-based practices..."

[Connecting the Dots: An Overview of the Links Among Multiple Forms of Violence](#)

Children's Safety Network & Suicide Prevention Resource Center

Feb 12 at 2-3:30PM CST: "overview of the research linking multiple forms of violence (including shared root causes) and examples from those in the field who are already working to prevent multiple forms of violence at the same time..."

[How Struggling Readers Might Qualify for Free Digital Books](#)

Understood.org

Feb 13 at 12PM CST: "What makes a book "accessible"? And how might kids with reading issues like dyslexia be eligible for free digital books?..."

[Practical Tips in Treating Eating Disorders](#)

CSAB

Feb 13 at 12PM CST: [CSAB usually charges \$25 per webinar but is providing them for free during the month of February]

[Moving Beyond the Wheel: Understanding Domestic Violence in LGBTQ Communities](#)

BWJP

Feb 17 at 2-3:30PM CST: "understanding of the strengths, vulnerabilities and barriers LGBTQ survivors face in navigating systems and communities, as well as addressing the unique considerations for safety planning and advocacy rooted in the lived experiences of LGBTQ survivors..."

[Eating Disorders in Neurobiology](#)

CSAB

Feb 20 at 12PM CST:[CSAB usually charges \$25 per webinar but is providing them for free during the month of February]

[Dealing With Trauma & Phobias Using NLP](#)

onlineevents.co

Feb 25 at 1PM CST: "What is NLP in terms of therapy? Which techniques will work? Which will not work?"

Can I use NLP alongside my existing therapeutic techniques and skills? How to use NLP to assist people in overcoming trauma and phobias?..."

[Understanding Clients who Engage in Self-Injurious Behaviors](#)

NAADAC

Feb 25 at 2-3:30PM CST: "various reasons clients self-harm as a coping mechanism, how this behavior can become addictive, and treatment options..."

[Family Violence Prevention – Building Trauma Informed Communities](#)

CHNET-Works

Feb 26 at 12PM CST: "how a culturally-competent, trauma-informed practice can easily be integrated across a continuum of supports and services together with diverse children, youth, adults, families and communities..."

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.

Social Work Day on the Hill

This year the Social Work Department at the University of Memphis will participate in Social Work Day on the Hill on March 25, 2015 in Nashville, TN.

You may register for SWDOTH here: http://naswtn.site-ym.com/events/event_details.asp?id=525657&group= Cost of lunch is \$6/

The Graduate Organization of Social Work is holding an interest meeting on February 12, 2015 at 4:30 in McCord 207/209.

If you have any questions, please contact Dr. Delavega or Roslyn Brewer, GO!SW president.



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Save the Date
for the Department of Social Work's 3rd Symposium
150 Years after Appomattox:
Social Work & the Reconstruction of Human Dignity
Friday, April 24, 2015 • 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Featuring
Beverly Robertson
Celebrated Former Director
of the National Civil Rights Museum

Social Work CEU's will be offered, and ethics hours will also be available.

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