Dr. Steven Soifer, Chair of the Department of Social Work, recently published a book: *Community Economic Development in Social Work* (cover pictured below). Community economic development (CED) is an increasingly essential factor in the revitalization of low- to moderate-income communities. This cutting-edge text explores the intersection of CED and social work practice, which both focus on the well-being of indigent communities and the empowerment of individuals and the communities in which they live.

Thank you for reading the October edition of the Social Work newsletter! 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
Community Events

Check out these upcoming activities for social workers in our community

**Concerned Persons Support Group**

Offered by Bradford Health Services

A confidential support meeting for people in the community who are struggling with the effects of drugs and alcohol

Any concerned persons who are interested in making a difference in the life of someone suffering from the disease of addiction can attend (parents, guardians, grandparents, friends, other family members, and neighbors).

**Every Tuesday 5:30pm – 6:30pm**
Memphis Regional Office
8566 Cordes Circle
Germantown, TN 38139
(901) 744-8111

**Bradford Health Services**

Classes available for parents and faculty include:

- The United States of Numb: Current Trends in Adolescent Drug Use and Mental Health
- Beer Bongs and Bullying: The Connection Between Adolescent Substance Abuse and Bullying Behavior

*additional topics available upon request

To schedule an appointment contact Angela Camp, National Coordinator of Adolescent Marketing at acamp@bradfordhealth.net or (256) 503-8715

**T-shirts For Sale**

The Graduate Organization of Social Workers is selling shirts for $10 a piece.

The shirts are royal blue, cotton, and short-sleeved (see below).

To order a shirt email Wendi Albert at wendikalbert@gmail.com with your name, phone number, email address, and preferred size (S - XXL). Payment can be made by check or cash.

**Call for survey participants**

Shunda McCoy is a PhD candidate in Social Work at Argosy University in Nashville. Shunda is looking for people to participate in a survey for her doctoral dissertation.

The purpose of the study is to determine whether there is a significant difference between the perceptions of School Social Workers and School Counselors regarding role conflict and role ambiguity.

The survey will take approximately 15 minutes.

To take the survey, click the following link: https://www.surveymonkey.com/8k9T285
Job Openings

Check out these career opportunities in the greater Memphis area

The Collegiate School of Memphis has several job openings. The Collegiate School is an urban, private Christian school providing rigorous college-preparatory education to children grades 6-12.

Qualifications:
- Bachelors Degree or higher
- Education and/or experience in desired subject area
- Teaching experience
- Strong interest in high-performing urban education

Potential Faculty Position Openings
- Bible/Ethics
- College & Career
- English
- Fine Arts
- Foreign Language
- Library
- Math
- Physical Education/Wellness
- Science
- Social Studies
- Technology

To learn more call (901)-591-8200.

Youth Villages has a job opening for an Anaya Family Intervention Specialist. Youth Villages offers growth and development through continuous training, as well as tuition and licensure reimbursement for students.

Qualifications:
- Masters degree in a social service discipline
- Strong organizational skills and attention to detail
- Excellent written, verbal, and oral skills
- Ability to manage multiple priorities simultaneously
- Basic computer knowledge
- Ability to maintain a flexible schedule

Additional Benefits:
- Medical, vision, dental, prescription drug coverage
- Retirement savings pension plan
- 403 (b)
- 2 weeks paid vacation
- 12 paid sick days per year
- 9 paid holidays
- Mileage and cell phone reimbursement

For more information, go to:
http://www.careerbuilder.com/jobseeker/jobs/jobdetails.aspx?SiteID=cb_jobalert&JobDID=J3H33S76MPZZ3KQ3G10&ipath=PSKKG24&sc_extcmp=JS_JobAlert_Title&showNewJDP=yes&psa=1

Additional Job Postings

Are you a new graduate seeking employment? Looking for a 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/.
Faculty and Student Spotlight

MSW-PDI Grant

Congratulations to Drs. Susan Neely-Barnes, Elena Delavega, and Susan Elswick (pictured at left) who have received a three-year grant to fund the Midsouth Social Work Professional Development Initiative (MSW-PDI) from the Health and Resources and Services Administration.

The purpose of the MSW-PDI is to expand the number of master’s level social workers in Memphis and the Midsouth region. The project will train 33 second year MSW inters per year. The project will augment the existing curriculum that includes a concentration in Advanced Practice with Children, Youth, and Families and existing field placement requirements with field agency experiences and symposiums focused on transition age youth, violence prevention, integration with primary care, interprofessional education, engagement with families, and cultural and linguistic competency.

Interns participating in the training will receive a $10,000 stipend connected to their field placement and have the opportunity to apply for travel funding to attend conferences and symposia.

The research team hopes to sustain the program after the funding ends by establishment of a training center that will offer continuing professional education and clinical services to the community.

Jamé H. Scott

Jamé H. Scott is an extended study MSW student, expected to graduate in May 2015. She earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in Social Work from LeMoyne-Owen College in 2004 and received her MBA in Management from Strayer University in 2008.

Jamé has been a statewide trainer at the Tennessee Resource Parent Annual Conference for the last 3 years. This year she was the opening keynote speaker and had the opportunity to share her life experiences with over 1,000 Tennessee foster and adoptive parents.

Jamé is currently the Foster Care Department Manager at Goodwill Homes Community Services, Inc in Memphis.
The Council on Social Work Education recently held its Annual Program Meeting. The following presentations were given by the U of M faculty, MSW graduates, and current MSW students:

Dr. Neely-Barnes:
(1) *How to Succeed in Reaffirmation or Candidacy: Tips and Strategies*

(2) *Improving Parent and Professional Knowledge of Special Education Law: An Evaluation Study*

(3) *Race, Class, and Disability: Implications for Families*

Drs. Delavega, Elswick, and Soifer, and student Jeanine Claiborne: *Non-traditional field placements in the field of social work: What you need to know to make it work*

Dr. Simmons:
(1) *Strength-based social work: A meta-theory to guide social work research and practice*

(2) *From boots to books: Promoting the success of students who are veterans*

MSW students Mallory Williams and Wendi Albert (pictured at right): *Application of motivational interviewing with trauma informed care for women and children*

Dr. Elswick: *The Behavior Change Project: A Field Assignment in Empathy Building, Self-Awareness, and Direct Clinical Practice*

**Guest Speaker, Gretchen Dickerson**

On October 21, the Student Social Work Organization (SSWO) invited licensed Clinical Social Worker Gretchen Dickerson to speak to social work students about her professional experiences in the field of medical social work. Dickerson is an Early Intervention Manager at Methodist LeBonheur Healthcare. The students in attendance gained knowledge of social work in medical settings, and learned how social policy influences the work done by medical social work professionals.
Don’t be a stranger!

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