Happy fall!

Welcome to the beginning of a new school year! And a special welcome to all new University of Memphis social work students. I am excited to be the new newsletter manager and to bring you the Department of Social Work newsletter each month. 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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Community Events

Check out these upcoming activities for social workers in our community

Celebrate the fact that **All People Matter**

By walking in the 2014 Mid-South Pride Festival and Parade

Come walk with the University of Memphis’ Department of Social Work, the Graduate Organization of Social Work, and the West branch of NASW Tennessee

**Saturday, September 27**

4:30pm

Robert Church Park, Memphis TN
(Corner of Beale and Fourth)

**Social Work networking event**

**September 24**

5:30pm - 7:30pm

2115 Madison Ave. Memphis, TN 38104
(901) 274-0100

To RSVP contact Desiree at pric0178@gmail.com

*Please bring business cards. This event is not affiliated with any specific group or organization, it is open to all Memphis social workers

**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

**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
2014 NASW conference

Frannie Harper Mion, a Concentration Extended-Study student, Dr. Robin Lennon-Dearing, and Dr. Elena Delavega (pictured below) attended the National Conference of the National Association of Social Workers this July in Washington, D.C. The group presented two posters all three days of the conference. The posters were: “Effects of Housing on Health and Wellbeing of HIV Positive Women” and “Social Worker’s Perspective on Proposed Legislation that Discriminates Against LGBT Equality.” Congratulations to our colleagues!

Field Instructor Incentives

Become a field instructor and enjoy these prizes:
- Free access to Careers Tab
- Free marketing for your Access to monthly Dept. Social Work newsletters
- Opportunity to be nominated for field instructor of the year
- Field Luncheon during the spring semester
- Participate in Field Agency Fair in the spring
- Discounted rates for on-campus recreation services
- Ability to check-out and access on-campus University Library materials

Contact Dr. Susan Elswick to apply: selswick@memphis.edu

Donated Field Hours

Field hours donated by BSW and MSW social work students:

- 2012 - 2013: 53,000
- Summer 2013: 6,490
- 2013 - 2014: 60,760
- Summer 2014: 15,140
- Projected 2014 - 2015 hours: 56,100

Total 2012 - 2015: 191,149 hours

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/
Dr. Catherine A. Simmons
Catherine A. Simmons has been appointed to serve a three year-term on the highly prestigious Council on the Role and Status of Women in Social Work Education, which is part of the Council on Social Work Education (CSWE). Referred to as “the Women’s Council,” this national organization works to:
- a.) eliminate all procedures within academia that hinder the full participation of women,
- b.) makes recommendations to the CSWE Board on all matters of policy, and
- c.) initiates and coordinates programs and activities related to women in social work education.

The Women’s Council is also responsible for the development of educational resources relevant to women's issues within social work education. Appointment to the CSWE Women’s Council is highly competitive and a great honor within Social Work community.

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.

Dr. Gary Schneider
Gary Schneider has received the 2014 Dean’s Office Award for Advising Excellence. Dr. Susan Neely-Barnes commented on the recipient, saying, “I can attest to the number of hours that he has put into advising and his commitment to student success. This is a very well deserved honor!”
Student Spotlight

Megan Broadstreet

Megan Broadstreet, second year Master of Social Work student, completed her advanced field placement this summer in Uganda. While in Uganda, Megan was able to fully experience social welfare services in an African context. She worked with young children in a residential care setting and a preschool setting. She worked with a community organization that raises awareness of child abuse and neglect. With this organization, she had the opportunity to work on safety planning and fundraising.

Megan also had the opportunity to visit a local high school and lead group discussions on drugs, HIV, prostitution, peer pressure, and safe sex. Finally, Megan had the opportunity to visit an AIDS clinic. Of her experiences in Uganda, Megan said Uganda is “a place where need is heavy and poverty is visible, a place with a strong sense of community, [and] most of all a place with great hope and perseverance.”

Megan is pictured here with her host mother, Robinah.

Stephanie Lovins

Stephanie Lovins, an MSW student in the accelerated program, is the first social work intern at the Law Offices of the Shelby County Public Defenders. Stephanie is pursuing forensic social work and is currently assigned to the Special Litigations team. She plans to graduate with her masters in May 2015.

Stephanie has served as a BSW representative in the National Association of Social Workers, and currently holds a position as Graduate Assistant for Dr. Susan Neely-Barnes, working with the First Scholars program at the University of Memphis.

Stephanie is pictured in the back row, far right.

Tangie Dotson

Our own MSW student, Tangie Dotson, recently won the Tennessee Association of School Social Workers (TASSW) scholarship. Congratulations, Tangie!
Alumni: sell back your clickers

The University of Memphis Department of Social Work will buy back your clickers for $20 OR you can donate them to the department to use in on-site CEU trainings for the community. Alumna Maggie Landry donated her clicker to the department. Thanks, Maggie!

To donate or sell back your clicker contact Dr. Delavega at mdlavega@memphis.edu or Dr. Elswick at selswick@memphis.edu

Perspective students: information sessions

The University’s MSW program has information sessions twice a month about the MSW program: one face-to-face and one online.

Follow the link and click “get information” to sign up for a session: http://memphis.edu/socialwork/future_students.htm

We hope to see you at a session!

Videos

Special education rights in Memphis, TN: http://wreg.com/2014/08/10/what-you-need-to-know-about-special-education-rights/

Just Care Family Network’s “Fly Away” music video: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=S4Mc1TXGqM

Center for the Advancement of Youth Development (CAYD) May Think Tank: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-7f_X4zBBMQ

Youth Guided Empowerment Evaluation Consortium (YGEEC) summer camp: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4Q8KsIM-tf4

Just Care Asset Utilization Project – drum circle: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AaJ70Qaf0WM

2014 Memphis Poverty Fact Sheet

The Department of Social Work and Dr. Elena Delavega are pleased to announce the release of the 2014 Memphis Poverty Fact Sheet.

Newly released figures show that child poverty in Memphis continues to rise, even as it has fallen in the rest of the country. To access current and past poverty fact sheets, visit: http://www.memphis.edu/socialwork/factsheets.php

2014 Memphis Poverty Fact Sheet
Don’t be a stranger!

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