Since our last newsletter many exciting things have been happening in the Department. We hope you will enjoy reading about current student activities and accomplishments as well as how our faculty are spending their time when they are not in the classroom. Each and every one of them demonstrates outstanding dedication to social work through, not only their teaching, but also their service, research, and practice.

Our Department and our programs continue to grow and thrive. We have 2 cohorts of students completing their BSW degree in Harrisburg right now with another one planned to begin in 2016, as well as over 200 campus based BSW students.

The Gerontology minor is strong at between 45 and 50 minors. Additionally, our MSW program is at an all-time high of 64 active students, and a new admissions cycle is about to begin. We are grateful to our alums who continue to recommend our programs to their colleagues and friends.

Speaking of alumni, one thing we are missing in our newsletter these days is alumni news. We had that “back in the old days” of hard copy newsletters, and we would love to renew it in this age of digital technology.

If you would like to share some news from your life please email me at dfjaco@ship.edu, and I will forward it on to our fantastic newsletter editor, Laura Hoffstetter, a current MSW student and one of our graduate assistants.

The department grows and thrives

Dr. Deborah Jacobs
Department Chair

Inclusive Basketball is a program that provides socialization, playing and training opportunities for people of different abilities from the surrounding community and Shippensburg University. All skill levels are welcomed to attend. It is a wonderful opportunity to have fun and interact with others.

There are roughly 30 participant every week that attend Inclusive Basketball.

I observed a tremendous amount of growth within this program. Growth in the volunteers is a major concept within this program. I see the volunteers grow as a whole and become more accepting and understanding of the participants with disabilities.

Another growth I observed is the relationships that occur throughout the program.

Everything about Inclusive Basketball is positive and tremendous. I would like to see the organization keep going strong and keep being a club. I would really love for more volunteers to come and join us for the games.

Even having more participants would be something I want to see because we always love new participants.

Students can get involved by simply by coming out on Saturdays and playing in the games. Students may also get involved by running for office within the club.

Inclusive Basketball continues as success at SU

Angela Pagliaro
BSW Student

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BSW Field Placements, Spring 2015

On April 30 and May 1, graduating Social Work majors presented their final research and shared about their experiences in their field placements.

Students portrayed professionalism while explaining their research and internship opportunities. Many seniors chose to talk about the core values that they felt applied most to their placement opportunities.

This showed a strong understanding of how the curriculum at Shippensburg University prepares the students for their careers in Social Work.

On behalf of the department, congratulations, Class of 2015 in your future endeavors! Your hard work has paid off.
BSW Senior, Christi-
na Qawasmy traveled to
the University of Georgia
to attend and present at
the Food Waste and Hun-
ger Summit Conference co-hosted by the Food Re-
covery Network.

The Food Recovery
Network (FRN) is an orga-
nization Qawasmy started
with other Shippensburg
University Social Work
students on the campus of
Shippensburg University.

The FRN began as
a project for the Social
Work Practice with Or-
ganizations and Com-
munities class that she was a
part of and has continued
growing ever since.

The organization re-
covers unused left over
food from the dining halls
and distributes the food to
community members in
need.

Shippensburg Uni-
versity’s chapter is one small
piece of this helping orga-
nization. There are chap-
ters all over the United
States who helped donate
over 725,223 pounds of
food since 2011.

Qawasmy presented at
the conference on a panel
of student leaders to give
the audience information
about how to further
strengthen relationships
with community partners.

“I was able to share
information about our
practices at Shippensburg
University and also had
the opportunity to learn
so much from other stu-
dents from all over,” said
Qawasmy.

“I am thankful for
the support I received
from the Social Work de-
partment, the College of
Education and Human
Services, and the Food
Recovery Network na-
tional organization. This
was a great learning expe-
rience for me and I am ex-
cited to apply what I have
learned.”

If you are interested in
learning more about the
Food Recovery Network,
please email the new pres-
ident, Marie Robinson at
mr5616@ship.edu or Nick
Iula at Nick.Iula@com-
pass-usa.com.

For more information,
please visit the FRN Face-
book page: www.face-
book.com/shipfrn.
Students educate community on human trafficking

Jennifer Braun  
BSW Student

Our group, consisting of Jennifer Braun, Amari Barber, Kimberly Horchler and Sarah Neff, chose to raise awareness for human trafficking victims, while working alongside with the Shippensburg University Criminal Justice department.

In order to create awareness about the event, we publicized the dinner and event on social media as well as in the Social Work and Gerontology Department.

The even began with the showing of a film, A Path Appears, and invited all SU students to come and learn more about human trafficking.

This film is directed by the Nicholas Kristof and Sheryl WuDunn, who wrote the book Half the Sky: Turning Oppression into Opportunity for Women Worldwide, which is incorporated in the curriculum in the Genders Issue in the Social Work field class taught in the Social Work and Gerontology Department.

The film explores oppression and human rights violations, mainly to women. The goals of watching A Path Appears was to inform viewers about gender-based oppression and discuss how social workers could fight and overcome this oppression.

After the film and discussion, the group sold tickets for our charity dinner sponsored by the Shippensburg University Criminal Justice department and Alpha Phi Sigma, the Criminal Justice honors fraternity.

The charity dinner was a success, with over 120 tickets sold. The Tuscarora Room was filled with a mixture of students, faculty, and adults from the Shippensburg, Carlisle, and Chambersburg areas. The collaboration of minds and ages provided excellent discussion regarding the topic of human trafficking.

Professor and Criminologist from the Virginia Commonwealth University, Dr. Jay S. Albanese, spoke at the charity dinner to inform donors about the efforts against human trafficking. Dr. Albanese is also known as an expert on transnational crime and an author.

Overall, both the film discussion and charity dinner were a complete success, and reached out to many individuals who were not aware of the seriousness of human trafficking.

From working on this project, my fellow peers and I learned the importance of educating individuals on human trafficking, especially in the Social Work field.

LIU students benefit from time at SU

Javonna Wylie  
BSW Student

POC project options are presented each semester for social work student to execute, making it one of the final projects before field placement and graduation.

Our group, consisting of five Social Work students, chose to work with Lincoln Intermediate Unit’s Migrant and ESL students of Chambersburg.

I was excited to have this as my project as I have volunteered to tutor some of the students at the after school program that takes place three days a week here at Shippensburg University! This program helps to create connections with the university and the LIU.

We hosted a college visit for the migrant and ESL students of Chambersburg on Friday, April 10. We chose the name Libre Para Aprender (in Spanish) which translates to Free to Learn, in English.

The group’s goal was to give the students information about college, Shippensburg University specifically, and to ultimately increase their knowledge, interests and hope in continuing in education and the opportunities that come with it.

Another goal was to make the college visit successful and enjoyable, which we excelled in.

There were lots of nerves for the event, even though all of the preparations were successful and complete. It was important to trust that all of the details were worked out and that we were working together as a team in order to accomplish our goal.

The day finally came and the students were just happy to be there. Many of them were eager and had questions for admissions, international studies, ROTC, exercise science and just college life in general. These inquisitive students were ages 13-18.

Our group learned that, as social workers and as professionals, we should always be willing and open to know our client population and understand their wants and needs.

Through interaction and familiarity with the students, I was able to understand that many of them are ESL and know English well but are afraid to speak it for fear of sounding silly.

The students were intelligent and eager to learn, but benefit from the extra encouragement from university students and staff.

Understanding that social workers need to meet their clients where they are at is crucial to being a social worker. Then we must utilize their strengths to continue meeting their goals.
POC Poverty Project, named “What Would You Do”, spent the semester trying to educate those who do not need to worry about poverty.

The intention of the project was to hold a poverty simulation at the Dixon Center in Harrisburg to sensitize people to the realities of poverty.

We have attempted to stage a Poverty Simulation through Tri County Community Action. Unfortunately, due to lack of participation and community resources, we had to cancel.

Rather than giving in to defeat, What Would You Do rallied to find another way to educate people about the effects of poverty. We felt that this was a beneficial way to keep the community of Harrisburg engaged and aware of the seriousness of poverty in the community.

Instead, our group talked with a class of HACC students about poverty and what it is like to live around or below the Federal poverty line.

This informative opportunity was beneficial for our group to become flexible in our programming and for the students who attended the class in which we were able to present on the experiences of those in poverty.

The group allowed SU students the opportunity to volunteer with local organizations who work with people in poverty like Tri County Community Action, Project Homeless Connect, and the Central Pennsylvania Food Bank.

Research Club expands internationally

In the spring semester of 2015, the BSW Undergraduate Research Club worked on a continuation study of the previous work done in the 2013-2014 school year, which focused on Undergraduate Social Work students and faculty and their understanding of the following Social Work models: Institutional, Residual and Social Development.

In July, Kayla attended the International Consortium of Social Development with Dr. Michael Lyman to learn more about research, which was held in Singapore.

As part of the Consortium, Kayla held a poster presentation, titled, “Arrested Development: A Study of United States Social Work Students’ Understanding of Social Work Practice Theories as Compared to United States Social Work Educators.”
Congratulations, MSW Graduates!

A big congratulations goes out to the 24 graduates of the MSW Class of 2015! After all of their hard work, dedication, service, compassion and leadership, they successfully completed their program.

On May 8, 2015, those accomplishments were seen in the spotlight at graduation and the MSW Reception hosted by the Department of Social Work & Gerontology, which was held prior to graduation.

The graduation reception was held at 5:00 p.m. and provided a wonderful opportunity for the Social Work & Gerontology Department to congratulate and acknowledge the accomplishments of the 2015 MSW graduates.

The program began with opening remarks from Dr. Jacobs, the department chair, along with refreshments provided by the Social Work & Gerontology department.

Following the introductions and positive wishes and encouragement from Dr. Jacobs, the class representative was introduced to give her speech. Marva Brown, 2015 MSW graduate, then gave her speech and warm wishes to her fellow graduates on whatever endeavors are upcoming for them.

“The reception was nicely organized. I’m thankful that the department recognizes our achievements as a class and makes the time to celebrate with us,” said Jodi Smith, a graduate who went through the advanced standing program at Shippensburg University immediately after receiving her BSW.

After Marva finished her recalling her time at Shippensburg University and her positive thoughts to the MSW Class of 2015, the Social Work & Gerontology Department recognized each graduate with a small gift to recognize each student individually for his or her accomplishment.

After the MSW Reception, the family, friends and graduates went to the H. Ric Luhrs Performing Arts Center for the Graduate Commencement Ceremony. With flowers, hugs and many congratulations, people from many places gathered to recognize all of the hardworking Masters students who made up the Shippensburg University Class of 2015.

“It’s been a great year full of knowledge, experience and friendships. I’m going to miss Shippensburg University, the Social Work department and everything I’ve learned, but I know that the future holds great things,” said Megan Murphy.

Be proud of your accomplishments, MSW Class of 2015, and know that the department is excited to see where your Social Work education takes you in life.

The department grows and thrives

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Next edition will include a section with alumni news. We are interested in hearing about your professional and personal achievements. I know that I am friends with many of you on Facebook, and I really delight in seeing how many of our graduates have built strong professional lives and/or beautiful families throughout the years.

Speaking of Facebook I hope you have all “liked” our Department page and joined our alumni group. It is a great way to stay connected to old classmates and keep up on what is happening in the Department. We are at 300 likes and shooting for more!

Finally, I want to alert you to a major event we are planning. Next fall, 2016, will be the 10th anniversary of the beginning of the MSW program which is run jointly with Millersville University. The Advisory Council and the faculty are starting to plan a celebration and you are all invited! Stay tuned for more details.
Faculty Kudos

Dr. Bourassa stays involved with research and outreach

An effort to strengthen community connections as well as continue her research, Dr. Bourassa is currently involved in many studies at the university and in the community.

One research study that she is involved with include a 10,000 steps research study that works with senior citizens at Branch Creek Neighbors, formerly known as the Shippensburg Senior Center. She began working on this project in April and hopes to work through January 2016.

As a part of this project, she is collaborating with faculty and students from the Exercise Science department as well as a graduate student from Geoenvironmental Sciences. Dr. Bourassa is also working on a research paper with Drs. Galarza, Lane, and Shupp.

Although she is involved with several research projects this semester, she serves as a member on the Cumberland County Aging & Community Services Advisory Board and co-facilitates a Caregivers Support Group at Branch Creek Neighbors.

Dr. Lane travels overseas to present recent research

After finishing up research on older adults in the prison system during the Spring 2015 semester, Dr. Charlene Lane traveled to Grenada to present at The International Conference of Caribbean Social Workers in July.

Dr. Lane finds great passion working with older adults and providing them the best services that will meet their needs. She appreciated traveling to Grenada to create a stronger awareness of older adults in the prison systems.

In addition to presenting her research, she found time to enjoy the warm weather and beauty of the towns she visited while in the beautiful country of Grenada.
Adventures to Singapore

Dr. Michael Lyman and Research Club president, Kayla Fyfe, traveled to Singapore this past July to attend the International Consortium on Social Development’s 19th International Symposium.

Kayla presented a poster titled: Arrested Development: A Study of United States Social Work Students’ Understanding of Social Work Practice Theories as Compared to United States Social Work Educators. The poster reported on a two-year project conducted by the Research Club in which students investigated student and faculty understanding and perceptions of the residual, institutional, and social development models that inform social work practice and policies.

Dr. Lyman and Kayla heard speakers from around the world talk about new and emerging issues in social development and international social work practice. They also took a tour of a local community center and experienced firsthand what life in a large Singaporean community housing complex involves.

When they were not at the conference, they explored Chinatown, Little India, the Botanic Gardens and even had time for a henna tattoo and a fish spa.

Creating Change Conference

In February 2015, Dr. Jayleen Galarza co-presented with Elicia Gonzales, Executive Director of GALAEI (Philadelphia), at the annual Creating Change Conference in Denver, CO.

Creating Change is sponsored by the National LGBTQ Taskforce, a national organization committed to advocating on behalf of LGBTQ communities. Dr. Galarza presented on the importance of self-care in activist, and advocacy work.

She and her co-presenter were also invited to present this workshop during Creating Change’s all day Latino Institute.

Self-care is the focus of continuous conversation in social work, and Dr. Galarza believes in the words once shared by Audre Lorde, “caring for myself is not self-indulgence, it is self-preservation and that is an act of political warfare.”

Sharing this experience with the participants and attendees at Creating Change was certainly a memorable experience that Dr. Galarza cherishes tremendously.

Social Assistance Modernization Project

In 2014 and 2015, Dr. Marita Flagler was hired by the World Bank to consult the Albanian government on designing a new program for the evaluation and determination of disability that follows the principles of the bio-psycho-social assessment of the International Classification of Functioning, Health and Disability, issued by the World Health Organization.

As a consultant to the Ministry of Social Welfare and Youth, Dr. Flagler designed the criteria for the development of bio-psycho-social benchmarks and she worked together with a team of medical experts to develop the specific guidelines.

The collaboration lead to the preparation of manuals for which she was the editor: Guides for the Bio-Psycho-Social Evaluation of Adults with a Disability and Guides for the Bio-Psycho-Social Evaluation of Children and Youth with a Disability.

She also designed a new national program for the bio-psycho-social evaluation of people with disabilities that will involve the creation of a disability evaluation system in the State Social Services administration.

This system will collaborate closely with the healthcare, educational, employment and local government social services networks. Also, as part of this program, for the first time in Albania, the information received through the multidisciplinary evaluation teams with be processed, stored and exchanged digitally.

The new disability evaluation will be piloted in the largest region of the country (Tirana) in June 2016 and preparations are underway following the detailed action plan prepared by Dr. Flagler.

The last part of her consultancy involved the preparation of the bill “Disability Evaluation and Disability Payments in the Social Protection System” and its respective by laws. She followed the model of participatory decision making which involved collaboration with the Albanian experts and the representatives of the Albanian disability advocacy organizations.
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Group Work Camp provides experiential learning

Originally started by the International Association for Social Work with Groups (IASWG), Group Work Camp has provided experiential training for students, professionals and practitioners for four summers. This camp is held every two years and takes place from Thursday until Sunday at George Williams College of Aurora University on Geneva Lake in Williams Bay, Wisconsin, being one day longer than the original training held in 2009.

This training was originally called summer institute, but then named Group Work Camp because of the appealing “camp” feel. The campfires, hands-on learning and bonding that takes place outdoors is appealing to many professionals, but also to many more students.

Dr. Jen Clements is one of the camp coordinators who volunteers her time to facilitate Group Work Camp. In addition to the camp coordinators, there are volunteers who oversee the event, help with registration, recruitment and fundraising for scholarships. Scholarships are a big aspect of Group Work Camp. The team raised $10,000 this year for student scholarships, which helped undergraduate and graduate students to be able to attend.

The three-day camp is filled with group-building activities and down time to rest, walk, swim in the lake, or connect with others at Group Work Camp. On Saturday, there is a “Skill Swap,” where participants share and brainstorm group work strategies that they’ve found to be effective. There are also two sets of workshops on different group work topics. All of these workshops are created in an environment where hands-on learning occurs.

The primary goal of Group Work Camp was to train students and new professionals, as well as re-energize practitioners and educators. This goal was accomplished through many different forms of learning, such as dance, music, movement, art and yoga, as pictured above and below.

A BSW student who attended Group Work Camp said, “The people were great and welcoming and we all bonded like a family by the end, and this made it a great way to gain knowledge and learn new skills.”
Opportunities working with SCRC

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The Shippensburg Community Resource Coalition (SCRC) is an organization that strives to provide quality social services and youth programs that are accessible and safe and that recognize the dignity and worth of each person.

The SCRC is a collaborative partnership between Shippensburg University and community partners, whose goal is to help community members reach their full potential.

As a student intern with the SCRC this semester, I have had many valuable experiences that have taught me so much about the field and further trained me for my career.

The SCRC hosted a luncheon to present the results of a community assessment completed by the organization.

Part of the field experience includes completing a research project. For my research, I will analyze the data results from the community assessment survey.

The goal of the research is to learn if there is a variation of satisfaction rates among different demographic groups.

I also have had the opportunity to work with Shippensburg Produce and Outreach (SPO) once a week throughout the semester.

Since SPO does not have a social worker to supervise my work there and the SCRC does, the agency has made it possible for me to branch out and work with other organizations.

Other projects I have been part of include planning for the Summer Lunch Program and Teen Leadership Camp.

Funding is a continued project for the Summer Lunch Program, but through grants, fundraisers, and donations that goal has successfully been met.

As part of my internship with the SCRC, I also helped to update the webpage to reflect the most up to date information about the organization.

Visiting and learning about different community resources offered in the area has allowed my knowledge of what Shippensburg has to offer to expand immensely.

For example, I have learned about the church community and they support the offer, as well as the fact that there is a great need for more programming targeting youth.

The SCRC helps to connect people with services available by distributing a resource guide that lists all the services available in the area.

I have been able to gain experience on the micro, mezzo, and macro levels of social work as part of my internship, which is very beneficial to my learning experience.

It has been a worthwhile journey and I feel more adequately prepared for my future career because of my work with the SCRC.

I am thankful for this internship experience with the SCRC through Shippensburg University.