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From your (departing) leader ...

Hello Ship Students, Alum and Others,

What an exciting year!! This school year brings many changes to the Department of Social Work and Gerontology. Highlights include:

- ◆ BSW program in Harrisburg offers in a 2-year, cohort, degree completion program. Seventeen students take classes by our faculty on Tuesday and Thursday evenings in Harrisburg. Classes continue throughout the summer.
- ◆ New faculty member hired for Gerontology and MSW program – Professor Dara Bergel joined us in January, 2006.
- ◆ Resignation of Denise Anderson after 13 years of teaching (1993-2006).
- ◆ Dr. Michael Lyman and his wife had another baby, Lydia Jean. She joined our faculty family on April 22, 2006.
- ◆ Dr. Jennifer Clements completed her dissertation on April 26, 2006.
- ◆ Dr. Elizabeth Fisher completed her dissertation on April 28, 2006.



Man, oh man, we will miss that smile!

- ◆ Interviewed and hired Dr. Mari-ta Flagler who is coming to us from University of New York/Tirana, Albania.
- ◆ One-year temporary hire of alum Sam Benbow for full-time replacement of myself.
- ◆ Joint MSW program with Millersville University beginning Fall, 2006.

- ◆ Dr. Deborah Jacobs is the new chair of the department effective August, 2006.



On the phone again?

In all of these changes, we as a faculty have continued to work as a well-oiled machine. It is amazing how much has been accomplished with the Millersville University-Shippensburg University Joint MSW Program.

After 13 years of teaching, my family and I are leaving Shippensburg. I will be the Caribbean Region Coordinator for compassionate ministries with Nazarene World Missions. Some of my duties will involve disaster response, child sponsorship, and other humanitarian needs.

I look forward to reading future newsletters, as I am sure this program will continue to grow, succeed and be a leader in social work education in this region! You should all be proud of your Alma Mater! I know I am.

Sincerely,

Dr. Denise Anderson
Chair, Social Work & Gerontology

A Message from the Director of Gerontology

This was a productive year for the Gerontology Program. We have grown tremendously over the past year and now we have 30 undergraduate minors in the program. I would like to congratulate our three graduating seniors, Lindsay Sechrist, Tim Wallin and Brittany Wimer. Lindsay is a sociology major and she did her gerontology internship at Outlook Pointe in Shippensburg. Brittany and Tim are Communications Journalism majors. Brittany's internship was with Luther Ridge in Chambersburg and Tim's was right here at SU, creating a gerontology newsletter and updating our website. Kathleen Salsman and Juliette Shearer will receive their Master of Science in Applied Gerontology on May 13, 2006. Congratulations to all of our gerontology graduates!

We are looking forward to some exciting events for next year. September 30, 2006 is the Annual Memory Walk for Alzheimer's Disease on City Island in Harrisburg. Last year our SU Memory Walkers team raised over \$1000. I hope we can raise even more money in 2006. All members of the SU community are welcome to join our Memory Walk team.

Our new Shippensburg Gerontology Organization (SGO) is going to be very active next year. They will participate in the Memory Walk, and they also want to bring in a speaker for gerontology during the spring of 2007. This year the Gerontology Program sponsored Hilda Mantelmacher, who spoke to the campus community about her experiences in a concentration camp during World War II. The President of the SGO is Catherine Massey, and the Vice President is Julie Haggerty. Both are social work majors. The Secretary is Lindsay Evitts, an English major and the Treasurer is Derrick Strick, a Biology major.

As always, Project Linus is moving along, thanks to our fantastic campus coordinator, Berkley Laite. We had a crochet workshop in Lehman Library in November that was lead by Mercedes Walton-Mason, a friend of social work major, Kristin Champlain. .

This was my final year as the Interim director of Gerontology. The new Director will be Professor Dara Bergel, Assistant Professor of Social Work. I cannot say goodbye without thanking a few key people who made the past three years so interesting and fun for me. The Department of Social Work and Gerontology was very supportive and helpful to me during the past three years while I directed the program. You are great colleagues! Dr. Robert Bartos and Ms. Vickie Shaak helped me through many puzzling administrative tasks during the past couple of years. If not for their assistance, I would have made many more mistakes in this position. The entire Interdisciplinary Gerontology Council was always there to offer advice and assistance when I needed it. I am thrilled that we have faculty like you on campus who care about older adults and our students who want to learn about them. Of course, Dara Bergel is especially noteworthy as an IGC member because she jumped right in to help with the program as soon as she set foot on campus as a faculty member. Thanks everyone!

Dr. Cynthia Drenovsky
Interim Director of Gerontology

Department Directory

For your information and reference, below are the department faculty members and the university extensions where they can be reached. Access from off campus can be made using the prefix 477. All department faculty have "phone mail," so please leave a message.

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Shippensburg & Millersville Begin a New MSW Program

Beginning in the fall of 2006 we are launching the long awaited MSW program that has been jointly developed with Millersville University. It has been a goal of both University Social Work departments to be able to provide quality graduate social work education in South Central Pennsylvania at a state university tuition rate, and now our goal is being realized.

This spring we submitted documents to begin the CSWE accreditation process, and, once received, accreditation will be retroactive to cover students who enter this fall. We are starting small our first year. We have faculty resources to admit 12-18 students from each University. The second year we will add more faculty and admit advanced standing students.

Each university is adding a total of three new faculty to our departments to provide quality education for graduate students. All faculty will have the option to teach in both the MSW and BSW programs. Elsewhere in this newsletter you can read about some of the great new social work educators who have joined us.

The program is being co-directed by Dr. Deborah Jacobs at Shippensburg University and Dr. Kathy Gregoire at Millersville University. The Field Coordinator at Shippensburg University will be Dr. Michael Lyman and Dr. Richard Fulmer will have that role at Millersville University.

We will be providing both full time and part time programs and all classes will be nights and/or weekends to accommodate work and family schedules.

Classes are held year round and there are some courses which utilize teleconferencing and/or online components. We have carefully reviewed each course and determined which ones needed to be primarily campus based face-to-face, such as the practice courses, and which could benefit from a combination of technologies. With the expertise of the combined faculties being made available through newly installed state-of-the art teleconferencing equipment we will be able to provide a broad range of experiences and resources to the students in the program.

Needless to say, there is much more detail to the program. Please check us out online at <http://www.ship.edu/msw> and contact Dr. Deborah Jacobs if you have specific questions about the program.

Many people have been involved in this process of developing the MSW, and we want to thank everyone who has helped to get "the ball rolling". Many of you responded to our needs assessment several years ago, and others of you have shown support in a myriad of ways. The members of our Advisory Council have been enormously helpful as we undertake this effort, offering suggestions, identifying important elements of successful programs, and reviewing syllabi.

We look forward to seeing some of you back with us as students, and we hope that some of you who have earned your MSWs from other schools will be interested in serving as field instructors for us. Stayed tuned for updates in the coming year's newsletter. This is just the beginning. ■



F A C U L T Y K U D O S

Denise Anderson

- ▶ Presented International Social Work: Rounding Up Resources for BSW Students at Baccalaureate Program Directors National Conference, November, 2005, Austin, TX.
- ▶ Dissertation Chair and Committee Work for Duquesne University, Pittsburgh, PA.
- ▶ Coordinator for Ship @ HACC – BSW Program (The Department of Social Work and Gerontology began a degree completion program in Harrisburg, Fall, 2005).

Dara Bergel

- ▶ Had paper, “Baccalaureate Social Work Education and Aging Courses: The Disconnect,” accepted for publication in the *Journal of Baccalaureate Social Work*.
- ▶ Member of the Advisory Committees of Green Ridge Village in Newville, PA, and Forest Park Health Center in Carlisle, PA.
- ▶ Appointed as the new Director of Gerontology Minor Program at Shippensburg University beginning Fall 2006.

Jennifer Clements

- ▶ On April 26, 2006, successfully defended dissertation titled, “The impact of classroom and field learning on student understanding of social work practice with groups.”
- ▶ Developed Assessing Individuals in the Social Environment (SWK 250) to be offered on-line this summer.
- ▶ Co-authored an article with students from a Practice with Organizations and Communities class entitled; “Macro Practice: Learning Through Planning a Community Event” in the Association for Community Organization and Social Administration Update.

Liz Fisher

- ▶ Graduated from University of Maryland, Baltimore, with a Ph.D. in Social Work after successfully defending dissertation entitled, “The relationship of transformational leadership and organizational change: An exploratory study of grassroots social service agencies” on Friday, April 28, 2006.
- ▶ Joined YWCA Carlisle board for a three-year term and began to volunteer with some of their programming for women who have low incomes.

- ▶ Developing Assessing Organizations & Communities (SWK 340) to be offered on-line this summer.

Robert Hewitt

- ▶ Provided diversity training workshop to the SU Alumni Association Board at their annual retreat. The workshop was entitled “As a Board Member What is Your Commitment to Reconnect with the Human Diversity Issues?”
- ▶ Presenter workshop “Race: The Power of an Illusion (The House We Live In)” at 10th Annual Martin Luther King Jr. Day Celebration.
- ▶ Lay speaker for St. James AME Church morning service. Sermon theme: “You Can’t Change the Wind, BUT You Can Change Your Sails.”
- ▶ Co-taught with Nicole Hewitt a two day training entitled “Training of Trainers in the Use of the Trainer’s Diversity Manual”. Sponsored by the PA Coalition Against Rape (PCAR).
- ▶ Selected to be in Who’s Who Among National College and University Educators.

Deborah Jacobs

- ▶ Re-elected vice president of the faculty union, Association of Pennsylvania State College and University Faculty (APSCUF), Shippensburg Chapter.
- ▶ Elected as one of two faculty to serve on the Shippensburg University Presidential Search Committee.
- ▶ Elected to serve as the MU-SU MSW Program co-director.
- ▶ Elected to serve as the Department of Social Work and Gerontology chairperson beginning summer 2006.

Michael Lyman

- ▶ Conducted a presentation at the 23rd Annual Conference of the Association of Baccalaureate Social Work Program Directors entitled “Teaching Documentation of Child Welfare Practice to Baccalaureate Students Using Problem-Based Learning” on 4 November, 2005.
- ▶ Elected chair of the research committee for the Pennsylvania Association of Undergraduate Social Work Educators and facilitated the first annual PAUSWE Poster Presentation at the Fall 2005 PAUSWE Conference October 21-22, 2005 in State College, PA.
- ▶ Became a father to his sixth child, Lydia Jean Lyman, on April 22, 2006.

A l u m n i D o i n g s

Our alumni continue to be productive members of the social services community across Pennsylvania and beyond. Here are a few of the bits of information we have received about their efforts. Please send in your “doings” and we will publish them next time.

Amy Rudy, 1998, graduated from Temple University with an MSW in May 2005. Currently employed as an Intensive Case Manager and Addictions Counselor at Holy Spirit Hospital in Camp Hill, PA.

Marial Delgado (Torres), 1995, graduated from Widener University’s MSW program in July 2003.

Jen Jugan, a 1999 graduate, is currently working at Burlington County CMO doing Wraparound and got married on Oct. 15, 2005.

Barbara Walker (Diller), 1997, was married to Kevin Diller on September 22, 2001 and had a baby girl, Micaela, on June 26, 2005. She also graduated from Widener University’s MSW program in May 2005 and is currently working as a residential social worker in NJ.

Bryan S. Mader, 2002, graduated with his MSW degree from Temple in January 2005 and had a son, Carter Wesley Mader, on July 21, 2005.

Michelle Reed, 2001, graduated from Temple University’s MSW program in 2004 and works with Hospice of Central PA.

Sheila Dietrich, 1996, is currently working on her education degree in Educational Leadership at Nova Southeastern. She is also serving as a College & Career Counselor for juniors and seniors at Milton Hershey School.

Randa Weikel (Beiber) graduated from Ship in 2001 and went on to receive her masters in Administration of Community Organization and Social Work at the University of Pittsburgh in Dec. 2004. She got married to Steven Bieber III in June of 2003. Randa has been working at Rejoice Inc. Foster Care and Adoption Agency in Harrisburg, PA as a Program Manager since February of 2004. Randa and Steven had their first child, daughter Kambriana Ann Bieber, on June 15, 2005.

What’s Doing?

Cut this section out and mail to: Department of Social Work & Gerontology, Shippen Hall, Shippensburg University, Shippensburg, PA 17257-2299.

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Address _____

Phone Number _____

Year of Graduation _____

Recent news for newsletter _____



The Field Practicum: Notes From This Corner of The Field

Our field education program is the action arm of our department's social work and gerontology curriculum. I am very proud to inform you readers that the Department of Social Work and Gerontology's Field Practicum program had another exciting and successful academic school year. This was truly a year where the academic "knowing" and the practical "doing" merged to yield social work graduates with new and useful "social work understanding".

Both our August and January Field Instructor's Trainings were well attended and participation in the sessions was highly interactive. Senior Social Work Oral Presentations for both Fall and Spring were among the most informative and interesting in recent years. The professional and personal growth and development demonstrated at Orals by our seniors continues to amaze and gratify both department faculty and staff members.

The department has continued to refine and enhance the usefulness of the Preparation for Field Practicum course as a preparation "springboard to the Senior Seminar and The Field Practicum". Our field practicum sites continue to expand in number and to grow in both macro and non-traditional sites. The following are the students and field practicum site information for the 2005-2006 academic school year.

Dr. Robert L. Hewitt
Field Practicum Coordinator

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SWO

The Social Work Organization (SWO) contributed to the departmental activities this year in a variety of ways. They enhanced social work students' year through their volunteer, fundraising, and educational activities.

Two major volunteer projects were accomplished this year. In the fall, SWO members assisted students from Dr. Clements' Practice with Organizations and Communities as they carried out an event to raise money for Hurricane Katrina survivors. Throughout the winter, they distributed handmade blankets from Project Linus to human service organizations. They delivered blankets to domestic violence shelters, hospitals, and homeless shelters. With students from all over the central Pennsylvania area, they were able to reach many agencies. Please contact the social work department if you know of an agency that could use blankets.

This year's fundraisers included selling candy bars in the fall and T-shirts in the spring. SWO also started selling sodas in the student lounge. All fundraisers helped to raise money so that

SWO can present flowers and certificates to graduating seniors and buy doughnuts for the senior oral presentations. The organization is starting to build its "nest egg" to use for future endeavors such as field trips and speakers. Please let the department know if you would like to guest speak or host students at your agency for a field trip.

This spring, SWO planned sponsored several educational and social activities. They coordinated with the Learning Center to conduct a workshop about how to use American Psychological Association (APA) style for citing references in their papers and creating reference lists. They also sponsored two speakers for Social Work Month in March. The first speaker was Dr. Sheila Rodriguez, who spoke about her experiences with bilingual social work services. The second event included speakers from the American Red Cross who spoke about disaster relief and social work. They wrapped up Social Work Month with pizza social for all social work majors.

The newly elected officers for the 2006-2007 school year are looking forward to embarking on new projects and carrying on the traditions of the past! The new officers include Jamie Lawyer, Melissa Hrinko, Lauren Patterson, Jodie LaRue, and Mary Cooksey. ■

PHI ALPHA

Phi Alpha continued its varied activities in the 2005/2006 academic year. These included inductions in the fall for our newer members. Also, in what has become somewhat of a tradition, Phi Alpha worked with the Practice with Families class to provide some holiday gifts to a family at the close of the fall semester. The Phi Alpha/SWO t-shirt came out in the spring semester. Also new officers were elected for the 2006/2007 academic year. Most importantly, congratulations to all of the Phi Alpha 2006 graduates.

**Michael J. Lyman, MSW,
Ph.D., Dept. of Social Work
& Gerontology**

Field Practicum Information

FALL 2005

Name	Agency	Field Instructor
Laurie Anderson	Mountain Valley Center, Chambersburg	Kelly Walters
Mary Berzansky	Bedford Co. Children Services	Bonnie Clark
Jennifer Clemens	NASWPA, Harrisburg	Rebecca Myers
Tammi Cook	Women In Need Victim Services Franklin Co., Chambersburg	Karen Johnston
Johnanna Cordell	United Cerebral Palsy of Central PA, Camp Hill	Robyn Godfrey-Hileg
Alison Corneilus	Cumberland Co. Children and Youth, Carlisle	Ed Rouse
Julie Henshaw	Shippensburg Head Start	Jeff Hafer
Susan Hughart	Lutheran Social Services of South Central PA, Gettysburg	Jody Pritt
Amanda McIntyre	Scotland School for Veteran Children	Lindsay Leonard
Ellen Monismith	Church of God Home, Carlisle	Erin Naylor
Heather Mutzabaugh	Perry Cty. Children & Youth, New Bloomfield	Julie Martzall
Jim Ogden	Mountain Valley Ctr., Chambersburg	Kelly Walters
Nicole Rice	York Cty. Children & Youth	Cheryl Hughes
Amber Shafer	South Mountain Restoration Ctr.	
Jamie Walter	Adams Hanover Counseling Center	George Brown

SPRING 2006

Name	Agency	Field Instructor
Brandon Barnhart	Franklin Co. Career & Tech. Center, Chambersburg	Kaye Ringer
Jenna Barron	Somerset Co. Children & Youth	Andrea Palgutta
Heidi Bell	Frederick Community Action Agency, Frederick, MD	Mike Campbell
Saudra Bowen	Cumberland Co. Children & Youth	Sandy Gibson
Martina Carolina	Shippensburg Head Start	Jeff Hafer
Nicole Cassel	Dauphin County Children & Youth, Harrisburg	Josh Berra
Laura Crider	Franklin Co. Head Start	Linda Butts
Elizabeth Crum	Manito, Inc., Chambersburg	Suzi Delarnoux
Bethany Culbertson	Bethany Village, Mechanicsburg	John Bowen
Corinne Daly	Cumberland County Children & Youth	Christina Roland
Andrea Dippner	Scotland School for Veteran's Children	Lindsay Leonard
Rachel Fontaine	Carlisle Regional Medical Center	Michelle Fonseca
Jennalee Freeman	Mountain Valley Ctr. For Human Services	Kelly Walters
Michael Griffie	Cumberland/Perry MH/MR, Carlisle	Susan Carbaugh
Becky Hoffman	Washington Co. Dept. of Social Services	Tamara Puffenberger
Jacqueline Jurado	YWCA of Carlisle	Jen Boyle
Matthew Kichline	Manito, Gettysburg	Rhonda Robinson
Heather Lebo	Hershey Medical Center & Carlisle Regional Medical Center	Tom Edmunds
Leah Martorano	West Perry School District, Elliottsburg	Jan Keefer
David Mattern	Cumberland County Children & Youth	Dorothy Andrews
Michelle Nair	Waynesboro Area School District & Franklin Co. Career & Tech. Ctr.	Sandy Gibson
John Nguyen	Multicultural Student Affairs, Shippensburg	Rogina Polato
Alicia Pfitzenmeyer	Network Ministries, Chambersburg	Kaye Ringer
Lisa Pilstiz	Dauphin Co. Social Services for Children	Diane L. Jefferson
Rachel Shupp	Pennsylvania Coalition Against Rape, Enola	Becca Mumma
Megan Stratton	Adams County Children & Youth, Gettysburg	Jennifer Barnes
Lindsay Synan	West Perry School District	Barbara Sheaffer
Kathleen Taylor	Montgomery County Children & Youth, Willow Grove, PA	Jerry Sullivan
Amanda Vastardis	Cumberland County Children & Youth	Dorothy Andrews
Kathryn Wine	West Perry School District	Amy Purchase
Doris Young	Shippensburg Head Start	Sharon McGinty
		Dorothy Andrews
		Jeff Hafer

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Vision for Excellence

The Vision for Excellence is a \$500 scholarship awarded annually, by the Social Work Advisory Committee to a senior student who will be in their field experience in either Fall 2004 or Spring of 2005. Criteria for selection, which is made by two advisory group members and one faculty, is made based on their evaluation of the applicants' potential of leadership in their social work career. Applications are due in September (see Joyce Walters, Department Secretary) for the application form and the date.

The 2006-2006 Social Work Advisory Council Scholarship award goes to **Andrea Dippner**. Below is an excerpt from her essay in her application.

"What Excellence in Social Work Means to Me"

by Andrea Dippner

Excellence in social work is hard to define. To me, it means being able to give hope to those who need it most as well as helping people who feel that there is no where else to turn. Excellence is not about the quantity of services provided, or "success stories," but rather about improving the quality of life for just one person. It is about working hard and being dedicated to a cause, becoming an advocate for someone who needs a voice, and standing up for social justice—no matter what the cost. I want to be a great social worker, and feel that I need to put all of my efforts into learning how to best help those in need to so that I can achieve this goal. Excellence in social work is truly about always giving your best for those you depend on you for help...

"What Do I Hope to Accomplish Through My Career as a Social Worker?"

I feel very strongly that I am supposed to use my skills as a social worker in secondary schools. I hope to make a difference in a troubled teenager's life, or help a teacher understand why a student

behaves poorly in the classroom. I have always wanted to work with students, not by teaching them specific subjects, but rather by helping them learn about themselves and how they can get through the problems that life hands them. There are never enough social workers available to help the number of students who need help, and I feel that by getting a greater number of people involved in this helping profession, we can affect a positive change for the future...

"My Vision for the Future of Social Work as a Profession"

Social work began as a way to help poor families manage their lives as well as gain access to the basic necessities for survival. The focus of social work has shifted slightly in later years, but the core of the profession remains the same—helping. I believe that each one of us can do just that by advocating for and giving a voice to those who have none. Sometimes, the only thing we can offer is our ability to stand up for others, especially when it seems that no one else is helping. Social work once held this as the main aim, but has since slipped into other things. We need to get that focus back, and put the core social work values back in the forefront. We cannot not lose momentum about what we stand for—upholding social justice. We also must remember that we are the people who help those deemed as "less than valuable" members of society, and not be worried about how it makes us look as individuals.

"VISION FOR EXCELLENCE IN SOCIAL WORK" SCHOLARSHIP

Contribution Form

This scholarship honors an outstanding senior majoring in social work who demonstrates professional commitment, leadership ability and financial need.

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Street: _____ Town/State/Zip: _____

Amount of contribution enclosed: _____

If you are interested in making a pledge to the scholarship that may extend over several years please contact the Shippensburg University Foundation at 477-1377 for further information.

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