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New MU-SU MSW Program Off & Running — CSWE Accreditation Candidacy Received

The joint MSW program developed with Millersville University has had an exciting and successful first year and has moved into its second year of operation. This year we have been busy dealing with many of the details of faculty hiring, curriculum development, coordination across universities, and CSWE accreditation. Our biggest success was being granted candidacy by CSWE, the accrediting body for all bachelors and masters level social work programs. Our site visit, by Commissioner Miah went exceptionally well. His recommendation to the Commission on Accreditation was accepted and the **January 2007** meeting was the time when our program was formally accepted into candidacy. This is a vital step in the process of accreditation and perhaps one of the biggest ones.

Our next step is to submit another document called the Benchmark II report which will go in late this summer. That will be followed by another site visit, another recommendation to the Commission and at next year's (2008) February meeting we should be approved to move into the final stage of accreditation, which is the formal self-study. We then have one more year to complete our self-study, have a final site visit with a team of CSWE site visitors, and in **February of 2009** we anticipate approval of initial accreditation, which usually extends for 8 years. Since CSWE accreditation is retroactive to the date the program began the accreditation process, all students who have entered the program from the first class in 2006 will be able to say they have graduated from an accredited program.

The first year of the program has brought enormous rewards. The student body is an excellent group of people with a wide range of work and educational experience and a strong commitment to social work practice. We have students in aging, mental health, schools, substance abuse, child welfare, and more. We have a range of experiences from people fresh

out of undergraduate school to people with more than 10 years of experience in the field. All in all, the students are what make the program worthwhile. They all have a strong desire to increase their knowledge and skills in social work so that they can better serve their clients.

Our program is unique in many ways. The collaborative nature of the program between two universities makes it one of fewer than 20 or 30 in the country. This collaboration allows us to share the expertise of faculty at both institutions. The use of technology is also a unique facet of our program. We employ both videoconferencing and substantial online educational activities to increase access to quality faculty and reduce time in the traditional classroom for some courses. Many of the courses are broadcast interactively between the two campuses. Faculty have made the commitment to travel between the two campuses so students get the benefit of having classes at their home campus while being able to develop student-teacher relationships with a wide range of faculty.

The program is also a cohort program meaning that students enter with a group and stay with that group for their entire educational experience. Entry into the program is in June of each year with applications beginning in the fall and extending until the class is full. With classes year round and held in the evenings and weekends we have created a program that is designed for working people who want to advanced their social work knowledge and skills. Part time and full time programs are available with only one or two nights of class meeting time required per week.

For more details on how the program operates or to explore the application process, feel free to check out our website at <http://www.ship.edu/msw> or contact Dr. Jacobs, *MU-SU MSW Program Co-director*, at dfjaco@ship.edu. ■

A Message from the Chair

Greetings Alums, Students and Friends,

Since the departure of Denise Anderson, this time last year, I have been serving as the department chairperson. Denise and her family are performing missionary work in the Dominican Republic. What a busy year it has been! Besides all the other news you will be reading in this edition of the newsletter, I wanted to fill you in on some of the changes that have occurred to our wonderful department.

In the Social Work and Gerontology Department we celebrate professional and personal accomplishments whenever we can. In addition to our regular birthday and holiday parties, this year we had baby showers and graduation celebrations galore. Drs. Elizabeth Fisher and Jennifer Clements had beautiful baby boys within 6 weeks of each other in February and March. Both moms and their families are doing great. It is wonderful to have so many children as part of our social work community. Last count we have 15+ children under 13 and that doesn't count grandchildren!

We were also able to celebrate two doctoral graduations with Dr. Dara Bergel Bourassa graduating from University of Maryland and Dr. Samuel Benbow graduating from Indiana University of Pennsylvania (read more about Dr. Benbow below). This spring truly was a time of happy occasions for our department.

We had two positions open this year due to the MU-SU MSW program need and the departure of Dr. Anderson. Fortunately, we were able to fill those positions with two wonderful people who add richness to the social work and gerontology faculty. Dr. Sam Benbow, who has been with us on a temporary basis in 2006-07, has become a permanent member of our department. Dr. Benbow brings a wealth of experience with him to our department. Dr. Benbow is an alum of our BSW program and has worked at Ship for over 11 years in the Academic Success Program before transferring to our department. His teaching style brings peals of laughter from the classroom almost daily as he shows students that learning can be fun.

Professor Dorlisa Minnick is the other new faculty person who was hired into a tenure track position and will begin in August. Some of you may remember Prof. Minnick from her time here as a temporary faculty member in 2003-04. Since that time she has been attending Catholic University in Washington, D.C. where she has been completing coursework for her Ph.D. in Social Work. She has begun work on her dissertation and will be quite busy teaching full time and completing her research in the next two years. Prof. Minnick brings her own impressive share of experience and expertise in macro practice and international social work to our department. Also a graduate of

our program and a native of South Central PA, she is glad to be back "home", and we are glad to have her.

These two new faculty members bring our faculty complement up to nine people, the number needed to meet CSWE accreditation standards for both the BSW and the joint MU-SU MSW, which brings me to the other great news in our department this year. The MU-SU MSW program actually began in the fall of 2006 with 13 students on the Shippensburg campus and 19 on the Millersville campus. And, we admitted the first Advanced Standing group and second regular program group just this past month (June). We now have 80+ full and part time students between the two campuses. Most importantly, **CSWE granted us candidacy status** in February. (See the article on the MU-SU MSW program for more detail.) Much hard work on the part of many people has made this program possible. We look forward to its growth and development as we continue to provide quality social work education to the South Central region of Pennsylvania.

Another major event in our department this year is the graduation of the first Harrisburg BSW cohort. Senior Orals for 14 students, who began the program 2 years ago, was held in early August. This program permitted students who live and/or work in the Harrisburg area and who have completed at least 45 credits (including three prerequisite courses) at HACC or another college to enroll in our degree completion program. Social work major courses have been offered in Harrisburg at the Dixon Center by department faculty every semester. This first group of graduates makes us glad to have developed this program to meet an unmet need for quality undergraduate social work education in Harrisburg. They are already making a difference in their agencies and the lives of their clients. Several have indicated they are ready to apply to the MU-SU MSW program in the coming years.

A new Harrisburg BSW cohort begins in September and will continue for the next 2½ years. The program is nearly full as we go to press. For more information contact Dr. Liz Fisher, Harrisburg Program Coordinator, at efish@ship.edu or 717-477-1365.

These are just a few of the highlights of change in the department this year. We hope you see these changes as positively as we do. I have often heard it said that nothing is certain except for change. This year's changes made us stronger as a social work education program and more able to be part of the difference we want to see in the world.

Sincerely,

Deborah Jacobs, Department Chairperson

Greetings from the Gerontology Program!

We have had a wonderful year this year. At the end of the Spring 2007 semester, the Gerontology Minor had 48 minors. This is one of the largest minors in the University. Our students come from many diverse disciplines including business, criminal justice, psychology, communications and political science in addition to a larger number of social workers. New courses were added to the minor offering including courses from Exercise Science, one of the new majors in our college.

While admissions to the Gerontology Masters program are in moratorium, the continuing students are proceeding well, and we plan to have graduates in August and December 2007.

The Shippensburg Gerontological Organization (SGO) and the Gerontology Program were particularly busy this year, arranging and participating in many activities involving the Shippensburg area Senior Citizens. The three most notable events this past year included:

- the Alzheimer's Memory Walk, along the Susquehanna River in Harrisburg, where we took 2nd place for the Harrisburg-area Community Team,
- the Junior/Senior Ball, which had Shippensburg University students working collaboratively with Shippensburg Senior Citizens. The ball was held in the CUB MPR and was well attended and enjoyed by all who participated. This event was coordinated with the Shippensburg Senior Center.
- a four-session volunteer training program with Hospice of the Good Shepherd. This event trained 4 additional volunteers from the student body for volunteer work with the Hospice.

Dara Bergel Bourassa, Ph.D.

Spring Semester Informational Workshop for CWEB Summer Volunteer Hours

Since the Spring Semester 2004 the field education component of our department has offered a Spring informational workshop for CWEB students concerning the nature of the CWEB experience and important aspects of professionalism as it relates CWEB volunteer opportunities.

The most recent edition of the workshop was held on April 13, 2007. The workshop was facilitated by Dr. Hewitt and Dr. Lyman. The workshop focused on the following areas:

- The difference in responsibilities between the summer CWEB Volunteer experience and a Field Practicum.
- Time Sheets and directions on how to maintain and track volunteer hours.
- Professional Bearing (dress, attendance, decision making, accountability, and relationship with staff).
- Personal Safety "When Seeing the person in the Environment"
- Information on the County Casework Intern Civil Service classification

MU-SU MSW Students Present Their Research

On April 19, 2007, Amy Shaffer supported by her classmates Fred Anderson and Heather Bell presented at the PASSHE Millersville, Shippensburg, and West Chester Universities Joint Graduate Research Conference held at the Dixon Center in Harrisburg. The presentation, entitled, "The Effects of Socioeconomic Status on the Nutritional Habits of Sixth Grade Students" was based on a class project completed in Dr. Clements' Foundation year Macro Practice Class. The students developed surveys that they distributed to sixth grade students at Greencastle and Shippensburg Middle Schools. The results of the study were written up and will be presented as part of a needs assessment for the Franklin County Healthy Communities Partnership. ■

Social Work Students & Professors Participate in the 24th Annual Social Work Day in the United Nations

By Pam King, Amy Cazalas and Steph King

On Friday March 23rd, 2007, 44 social work students and social work practitioners from the area as well as three professors, Drs. Hewitt, Lyman and Flagler, attended the 24th Annual Social Work Day at the United Nations where the theme was "Women and Development: Best Practices". Social Work Day at the UN is a unique forum for Social Work students, practitioners, and educators to convene at the UN to learn more about the UN, innovative projects and issues related to International Social Work and the critical role social work plays in the international arena. The program was co-presented by the International Association of Schools of Social Work and the International Federation of Social Workers.

The students enjoyed the presentations of Ruth W. Messinger, the president of American Jewish World Service (AJWS), an international development organization providing support to more than 200 grassroots social change projects in Africa, Asia, and the Americas, Sumantra Kumar Guha, Programme Specialist, Asia Pacific and Arab States Section, UNIFEM New York, Jacqueline M. Ogega who prior to joining *Religions for Peace*-International in New York as the Global Director of the Women's Mobilization Program, served as the African Women's Project Director at *Religions for Peace*



in Africa where she established the African Women of Faith Network, a fundamental infrastructure for building inter-faith cooperation for action in Africa. and Dr. Elizabeth Clark, the Executive Director of the National Association of Social Workers, the largest organization of professional social workers in the United States.



Ruth W. Messinger shared her stories of work with women in various countries of the world with a very inspiring message. S. K. Guha, spoke in reference to women migrant workers in Asia. Some of these areas included increasing migration for work under globalization, feminization of migration, protection of women migrant workers, and also the right for women to migrate. During her presentation, Ogega described social work as having "a feminine face" as well as "a faith face". Ogega also discussed some of the actions being taken by the women. Some of these actions include providing child welfare, trauma counseling, and peace education for vulnerable and at risk populations such as women and children. Elizabeth J. Clark, described how social workers must become partners with the United Nations in order to fully promote advancing women's rights and development, as well as use the skills necessary bring about change throughout the world.

The speakers gave a variety of views on the best practices in regards to the work done to ensure women's rights all over the world. We were able to hear first hand about the efforts that are being made and what future objectives still need to be achieved. We realized that issues such as discrimination, prejudice, and stereotypes lead to inequality and injustice and these kinds of problems still exist throughout much of the world. We all felt like the conference was very informative and allowed us to view the world in a different perspective and look more at these situations from a macro perspective at a world level. We also learned that March 27th, 2007, marked the first annual World Social Work Day with the theme "Making a WORLD of Difference."

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SWO

The Social Work Organization was involved in many departmental activities this past year. The students contributed in many ways in both semesters through volunteering, fundraising and participating in community events.

In the fall, SWO organized a bake sale to raise money for students wishing to attend the Pennsylvania Association of Undergraduate Social Work Educators conference in State College. They were able to raise over \$100 through a bake sale held in both the student resource room and outside of Shippensburg Wal-Mart.

This year, our main fundraiser was in the fall. SWO and Phi Alpha collaborated and long sleeve t-shirts and hooded sweat shirts were sold. Proceeds from this fundraiser helped in providing certificates and flowers to seniors at Senior Orals as well as refreshments for the presentations.

In the spring semester, SWO collected cleaning supplies for the Chambersburg Hispanic American Center families. In March, for Social Work month, SWO teamed up with S.U. Habitat for Human-

ity and planned a Spaghetti Dinner on campus. This event also consisted of a local speaker panel that discussed the area's homeless population. About \$200 was raised and all proceeds went to the Cumberland Valley Habitat for Humanity. SWO was also able to donate \$85 towards the Social Work Day at the United Nations in NYC.

Throughout the year, we continued the distribution of blankets from Project Linus to many human service organizations, including hospitals and shelters. SWO also continued selling sodas in the student resource room and in the month of February was able to donate the proceeds to the department's Student Emergency Fund. About \$126 was collected and donated to the fund.

The newly elected officers for the 2007-2008 school year include Sarah Graver, Devon Sizemore, Erin Dreisbach and Theresa Daurora. They are all anticipating the new year and have many ideas for new projects and ideas! ■

Fall 2006 & Spring 2007 Senior Oral Presenters Raised The Bar of Excellence

We have had some outstanding Senior Orals presentations during the many years of this wonderful and unique tradition of simultaneously saying "good bye to our social work students and hello to our new professional social work colleagues". The recently completed 2006 - 2007 Oral Presentations were some of the best that we have ever had. The preparation, the passion, the actual oral presentations, and the research poster presentations were truly a credit to both the presenters and our program.

The attendance of so many, field instructors, agency colleagues, faculty, family members and friends, and the professional and caring manner in which the seniors acknowledged them was a beautiful sight and sound to behold. The senior oral presentation bar continues to be raised, and it is set very high for the 2007-2008 academic school year social work seniors. ■

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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Vision for Excellence

The Vision for Excellence is a scholarship awarded annually, by the Social Work Advisory Committee to a senior student who will be in their field experience in either Fall or Spring of the academic year. 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.

This year the Social Work Advisory Council Scholarship — “Vision for Excellence” — award went to **Jeremiah (Jeremy) Hicks**. Below is an excerpt from his personal statement (used with his permission) that helped win him the scholarship.

“Vision of Excellence”

by *Jeremy Hicks*

The phrase “excellence in social work” is a broad phase that encompasses many facets of professionalism and consistency. It would be possible to spend days debating what the term excellence means. In social work, excellence should be defined by the impact a worker has on the lives of his or her consumers. The impact should pertain to the extent that consumers are motivated to make changes in their own lives. The idea is not to fix people. Such terms imply superiority of the workers over the consumers. Ideally, social workers are excellent if they are able to consistently apply methods and theories to practical situations which allow people to identify areas of needed change in their lives. Social work is unique from other helping professions since it seeks to work with consumers from a perspective of strength and resilience...

Tangible successes and rewards for the worker should not be the sole focus of social work but they are still important. While social work is a career, I feel that the values of social work transcend office hours. Those values are not something that I can forget at the end of a work day. They are important to society as a whole, and are both learned and intrinsic to a social worker. Calling social work a career seems

to be an understatement at best. During my time as a social worker I would like to accomplish a great deal. As stated previously, the impact that consumers are able to have in their lives as a result of my influence and compassion are the true litmus tests, but I also have career goals as a future social worker.

Upon graduating from Shippensburg University, I plan to work in the field while attending graduate school to obtain my Master of Social Work Degree. Although I have thoroughly enjoyed each challenge up to this point, the exact focus of my future is unclear. I will likely start my professional social work experience in the substance abuse treatment and prevention field. That field is a passion of mine, but I have many other goals to attempt as well. Social justice advocacy as well as anti-discrimination issues are other areas I feel strongly about. I would love to work for a community based advocacy program or an agency such as the Human Relations Commission. One goal I have is to work for the Department of Defense as a social worker for veterans and their families. Much needs to be done to improve the quality of life for service members and their families. I do not want to stop at my MSW though. Is it my long-term ambition to obtain my Ph.D. in Social Work and perhaps teach, research, or work as a clinician in the field. Regardless of the path I take, I want to maintain the focus that this career is not about me. It is about the people who walk into the office ten minutes before it closes because their heat and lights are off and they have nowhere to turn. It is acute need of humanity which does not stop at the changing of the clock that drives my passion for life as a social worker.

“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.

All gifts to the social work scholarship fund are gifts to the Shippensburg University Foundation and as such are tax exempt to the extent permitted by law. Gifts to this fund should be made payable to the Shippensburg University Foundation, 1871 Old Main Drive, Shippensburg, PA 17257-2299.

Social Work Advisory Council Actively Supports the Department of Social Work & Gerontology

The Social Work Advisory Council comprised of alumni, allied professionals and student representatives continues to support the Department of Social Work & Gerontology in a variety of ways. The Council meets with representatives from the Department a minimum of two times per year to hold official meetings in which Council members are kept apprised of student and faculty activities and informed of ways Council members can play both supportive and lead roles. Some of the primary activities performed by the Council include:

- **Professional Status Review.** A Council representative assists Department faculty in reviewing the applications that students submit to request consideration for professional standing. Students must achieve this standing to remain in the Social Work & Gerontology Program.
- **Scholarship Selection.** Council representatives review student requests to be the recipient of the scholarship award designated for a senior Social Work & Gerontology student. The Council is currently engaged in a renewed scholarship drive.
- **Exit Interviews.** Council representatives interview randomly selected students graduating from the Social Work & Gerontology Program to solicit feedback from the students regarding both the theoretical and experiential components of the Social Work & Gerontology Program.
- **Adjunct Teaching.** Qualified Council representatives have provided support to the Department by serving as adjunct faculty for various Social Work & Gerontology undergraduate courses.

These Council activities as well as other ad hoc functions serve to support a crucial relationship

between theory and field practice and more specifically the relationship between faculty, students, and field practitioners. If you are interested in learning more about the Council's activities or are interested in becoming involved, contact Gail Witwer, Council Coordinator, at gwitwer@cahwf.org or (717) 960-9009. ■

Advisory Council Members:

Dorothy Andrews, MSW, SU alumni, West Perry School District
Dara Bourassa, LSW, Ph.D., Social Work/Gerontology Dept., SU
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Dianne Elsom, LCSW, Center Point Counseling & Consulting, Chambersburg
Robert Hewitt, MSW, Ph.D., Social Work/Gerontology Dept., SU
Wendy Hoverter, LCSW, SU alumni, Cumberland County Children & Youth
Deborah Jacobs, MSW, Ph.D., Social Work/Gerontology Dept., SU
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Bob Rosenberger, MSW, SU alumni, Harrisburg
Cheryl Sheedy, MSW, SU alumni, Hospice of Central PA, Enola
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Julie Williams, MSW, SU alumni, Milton Hershey School
Val Williams, MSW, SU alumni, Catholic Charities Adoptions & Foster Care, Harrisburg
Gail Witwer, BA, SU alumni, Carlisle Area Health & Wellness Foundation, Council Chairperson

Social Work Day in the U.N.

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The participants ended the day by spending a few hours venturing around the city. This added to our educational experience due to the diversity of New York City. Overall, it was a great learning experience that everyone will take with them into their careers. The students at Shippensburg

University were inspired to not only reach out to those in need within the United States, but also throughout the world in order to make a progressive change for the future of women. ■



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

Samuel Benbow

- Successfully defended his dissertation in May 2007 at Indiana University of Pennsylvania
- With Dr. Robert Hewitt, presented one-half day training to 75 members of the Franklin County Head Start. The workshop was entitled Professional and Personal Ethics: Working with Families and Fellow Staff. February, 16, 2007.
- Appointed trainer for Center for Juvenile Justice Training

Dara Bourassa

- Successfully defended her dissertation titled "Compassion Fatigue among Adult Protective Services Social Workers" in March 2007.
- Began position of the Director of the Gerontology Program.
- Co-presented at the Council of Social Work Education (CSWE) Gero-Ed Conference in Charleston, SC. The title of the presentation was "Infusing Aging Presented at the Association of Gerontology in Higher Education (AGHE) annual conference in Portland, OR. The title of the presentation was "Fast-track Versus Traditional Intergenerational Service Learning: A Preliminary Study".

Jennifer Clements

- Was nominated for Who's Who Among America's Teachers for the 2007 year.
- Developed Introduction to Art Therapy as an elective to be offered in the MSW program this summer.
- Published an article in the *Journal of Gay and Lesbian Social Services* entitled: "Foster Parents' Perspective on LGB Youth in the Child Welfare System".
- Presented at the International Association for the Advancement of Social Work with Groups Conference in San Diego (October 2006) and the Baccalaureate Program Directors conference in Los Angeles (October 2006).

Elizabeth Fisher

- Worked with students to give a presentation titled, "Homeless and no place to go: Assessing and understanding rural homelessness" at the Building Strong Families Conference.
- Taught the introductory MSW course, Principles and Philosophies of Social Work, to the incoming MSW class.
- Served as camp director for the GEAR UP Youth Leadership Academy. Eighteen high school students lived on campus for a week in August and

visited three times during the school year to develop their leadership abilities and readiness for college.

Marita Flagler

- Was a member of the Residential Task Force, a group made up of parents and professionals from the Cumberland-Perry County area, that is working on providing inclusive solutions for the residential needs of the adults with developmental disabilities in the county; and she was consultant to the Albanian Foundation for the Rights of People with Disabilities.
- Was the main author in the six-part study: "Brain Gain in the Albanian Public Administration, a Qualitative-Quantitative Study of the Factors That Affect the Motivation of Albanian Graduates of Western Universities to Work for the Albanian Public Administration," prepared for the Albanian Open Society Foundation and the Government of Albania.
- Was also co-author the national study: "National Report and Strategic Framework for the Elimination of Child Labor in Albania," prepared for the International Labor Organization and editor of The National Report on the Status of People with Developmental Disabilities in Albania, prepared by the Albanian Foundation for the Rights of People with Disabilities.
- Her textbook for high school seniors, *English 4*, was reprinted and used nationally as the main course book for the teaching of English in Albania.

Robert Hewitt

- Was one of 5% of the country's premier educators selected for inclusion in the 11th Edition of *Who's Who Among American Teachers & Educator*, for 2006-2007. This was the 3rd time that Dr. Hewitt has been nominated and selected.
- With Nicole Hewitt, MSW, Ph.D. Candidate, presented a workshop entitled "The Integrated Helping Assessment Model: The Eye of the Eagle (A Spiritually Perspective)" March 10, 2007 at the 57th Convention and Training Conference of the North American Association of 2007 Christians in Social Work, Dallas Marriott Quorum Dallas, Texas, March 8-11.
- With Dr. Samuel R. Benbow, presented one-half day training to 75 members of the Franklin County Head Start. The workshop was entitled "Professional and Personal Ethics: Working with Families and Fellow Staff," February, 16, 2007.

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

Our alumni continue to grow in numbers and achievements. Here are a few of the bits of information about their professional and personal accomplishments we have received about them recently. Please send in your “doings” and we will publish them next time.

Anne Donnelly O’Connor, 1995, gave birth to a son, Peyton Daniel, born August 8, 2006. He joins big brother Nathan, 20 months.

Robin Koskey, 1995, graduated from the University of Pittsburg’s MSW program in April 2006.

Crystal Deitch (Tussing), 2003, was hired as the Forensic Interviewer for the Adams County Children’s Advocacy Center inb May 2006. She married Brandon Deitch, 2003 Ship graduate, on June 17, 2006. Crystal is pursuing a M.S. from Ship in Administration of Justice.

Matt Clouser, 1996, has been a houseparent at the Masonic Children’s Home in Elizabethtown for 10 years! Matt works with elementary age boys. His wife Janel recently had a little girl, Maggie Rae, who is sister to 2 year old Jackson.

Kendra Fiorentino Wiley, 1996, had a son, Owen Bane, on July 12, 2006. He joined brother Parker, 3 and sister Francesca, 21 months.

Ilyasha Michael, 1996, received a promotion within the County of Lancaster and on June 12, 2006 became the Case Manager Supervisor at the Lancaster County Drug and Alcohol Commission.

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 _____

Faculty Kudos *(cont. from pg. 8)*

- Presented a 90 minute seminar to 55 members of the Institute for Retired Persons of Franklin County. Title of the seminar was “Senior Leadership Promoting Hope & Peace (The Call To Use Your “O.R.R.s” and Lead By Example),” Wilson College, Chambersburg, April 3, 2007.

Deborah Jacobs

- Was elected to the Board of Directors of Planned Parenthood of Central Pennsylvania serving York, Adams, Franklin and Fulton Counties.
- Was elected as a faculty representative to the Presidential Selection Committee of Shippensburg University.
- Continued to serve as the Vice President for the Shippensburg University chapter of the faculty union, SU/APSCUF.

Michael Lyman

- Presented a paper entitled “Teaching Child Welfare Practice Online Using Experiential and Problem-Based Learning” at the 24th Annual Conference of the Association of Baccalaureate Social Work Program Directors in Los Angeles, CA.
- Presented a paper entitled “A Long Term Mixed-Methods Evaluation of a Program For At-Risk Youth: Lessons Learned” at the 19th Annual Conference on Ethnographic and Qualitative Research in Education in Cedarville, OH.
- Was elected as President Elect of the Pennsylvania Association of Undergraduate Social Work Educators at their annual conference in November, 2006 in State College.

The Field Practicum: Notes From The BSW Corner of Field Education

The Department of Social Work and Gerontology's BSW Field Practicum program had another successful field education school year. Our theme for field education during the 2006-2007 was "**Great Expectations in Social Work Education and Practice**". The Department of Social Work & Gerontology and its field education component have much to celebrate, and much to be thankful for over the past school year. The BSW field education program continues to grow and evolve as we to train and develop quality entry level social workers for the field of practice in professional human services. During this past Spring Semester we had one of largest number of students in a variety of field practicum settings (Spring Semester 2008 will host a record number of BSW field students).

One of the highlights for the year was our bi-annual Field Recognition Banquet, which was held on Tuesday, March 27, 2007. At this event we celebrated, we formally acknowledged the important role that our advisory committee members, field instructors and their agencies/organizations and other field contributors played in our department's effort to educate and develop both effective entry level BSW and MSW level professional social workers. It was our way of formally saying that we truly appreciate all that they, "our partners in social work education", have done for our students, our department, and the profession of social work. In attendance along with field instructors and advisory committee members, Shippensburg University (SU) Department of Social Work and Gerontology faculty members was SU President, Dr. William Ruud, Provost Rick Ruth, Dr. Bartos, Dean of College of Education and Human Services and a host of other SU administrators. Also in attendance were members of the Millersville University department of Social Work faculty. The event was an evening of celebration, fellowship, dinner, music and a special awards ceremony for our Field Instructors and Advisory Council members. The attendees were treated to an excellent, inspiring presentation from our keynote speaker, 1993 (SU) social work graduate, Isiah Anderson, President, Three Cord Youth Services of York, PA.

Field Instructors Training

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". We have continued to provide two separate Field Instructor's Training sessions for both the fall and spring field practicums.

Our Field Instructor's Training (F.I.T) for the Fall Semester 2006 Field Practicum focused on Using Field Instruction to Enhance Effective Student Knowing and Doing in The Field of Social Work Practice" and was held on Tuesday, August 22, 2006 from 8:30a - 2:00 at Shippensburg University.

In our aim to continue to improve and stay current to the needs of our Field Instructors, whom we refer to as our "teachers in the field" the Field Instructor's Training for the Spring Semester 2007 Field Practicum focused on The Use and Nature of Field Instruction for BSW Students. This edition of the F.I.T. training consisted of two parts. The first half of the training (9:30 – 11:45) was for new field instructors and those who have not served as Field Instructors for our department in the last three years, the second part (12:00 – 3:45) had more of a theme focus on developing tools for effective "teaching in the field" and was geared for all Field Instructors. This training was held on Tuesday, January 9, 2007 at Shippensburg University.

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Field Practicum Rosters for School Year Fall 2006-Spring 2007

Field Practicum Information

Fall 2006

Name	Agency	Field Instructor
Abraham Anyieth	Impact Systems Inc., Harrisburg	Shawn Urbanavage
Margaux Barbush	Cumberland County Children & Youth, Carlisle	Nicole Crisp
Carly Bear	Carlisle Regional Medical Center, Carlisle	Emily Fenner
Michelle Bradshaw	YWCA, Carlisle	Jen Boyle
Stephanie Branch	Fulton Co. Services for Children & Families, McConnellsburg	Kelly Ford
Donna Collins	Children's Resource Ctr. For Pinnacle, Harrisburg	Teresa M. Smith
Joelleen Cunningham	Crossings, Chambersburg	Ann Spottswood
Melissa Guldin	Ephrata Community Hospital, Ephrata	Jeanne Hoffman
Jeremiah Hicks	Schaffner Youth Center, Steelton	Laura Kempton
Jessica Leech	Dauphin County Children & Youth, Harrisburg	Josh Berra
Lindsay Manges Hess	Lancaster Co. Children & Youth, Lancaster	Sue Murray
Ana Marquez	Adams Co. Children & Youth, Gettysburg	Kathy McConaghay
Kerri Ramming	"W" House, Hagerstown	Christy Trenton
Randi Ritchey	Mental Health & Mental Retardation, Bedford	Leah Winegardner
Amanda Sherman	Perry Co. Children & Youth, New Bloomfield	Julie Martzall
Laura Shockey	Green Ridge Village, Newville	Robin Moore
Linda Stone	Church of God Retirement Community, Carlisle	Erin Naylor
Cherie Torresi	Lutheran Services in Iowa, Ames	Jana Olson
Todd Updegraff	Loysville Youth Development Center, Loysville	Sam Lowe
Iris White	Scotland School for Veterans' Children, Scotland	Lindsay Leonard

Spring 2007

Name	Agency	Field Instructor
Tiffany Allen	Shippensburg Head Start, Shippensburg	Jeff Hafer
Brandi Bolton	Franklin Co. Head Start, Chambersburg	Jeff Hafer
Dawn Conklin	Milton Hershey School, Hershey	Cindy Kelly
Lauren Conley	Luther Ridge Retirement Community	Rachel Herrington
Nimisha David	Adoptions from the Heart, Harrisburg	Marilyn S. Rich
Meghan Dingle	Head Start of Washington County, Hagerstown	Vicki Robinson
Megan Garner	Roxbury Treatment Center, Shippensburg	Vicki Robinson
Lauren Geesaman	Dauphin County Area Agency on Aging, Harrisburg	Leslie Kibathi
Taneisha Gibbs	Sanctuary House of Chambersburg, Inc., Chambersburg	Paula Clements
Rebecca Grimes	Shippensburg Head Start, Shippensburg	Jeff Hafer
Julie Haggerty	Manor Care Health Services, Chambersburg	Tracy Sharpe
Aitiya Hall	Mountain Valley Human Services, Chambersburg	Laurie Anderson
Wendy Harrison	Dauphin County Prison, Harrisburg	John Addison
Nicole Hayes	Franklin County Head Start, Chambersburg	Linda Butts
Amanda Hurt	Franklin County Children & Youth, Chambersburg	Tammie Lay
Sarah Ibach	YWCA, Carlisle	Kristen Trout-Roeuck
Heather Irvan	Shippensburg Head Start, Shippensburg	Jeff Hafer
Melissa Kollman	Stone Bridge Transitional Care Home, Hagerstown	Jen Marshal
Beth Louey	Carlisle Regional Medical Center, Carlisle	Emily Fenner

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Spring 2007 (cont.)

Name	Agency	Field Instructor
Charles Martin	Dauphin Co. Children & Youth, Harrisburg	Joseph Dougher & Currin Haines
Catherine Massey	Hospice of the Good Shepard, Chambersburg	Trina Grove
Scarlett Neville	Bedford County Children & Youth, Bedford	Bonnie Clark
Katherine Otto	Perry County Children & Youth, New Bloomfield	Kristy Carl
Ashley Pokrywa	Cornell Abraxas, South Mountain	Jerome James
Frank Pursell	Cumberland with Perry MH/MR, Carlisle	Susan Carbaugh
Nicole Reed	Victim Witness Services, Carlisle	Jennifer Boyle
Bethany Saul	Shippensburg Head Start, Shippensburg	Jeff Hafer
Kristen Seneko	Schaffner Youth Center, Steelton	Laura Kempton
Amanda Simmers	Quincy United Methodist Home, Quincy	Sue Rosenberry
Ted Smith	Brook Lane Mental Health Services	Dan Reeser
Karen Sheriff	Dauphin Co. Area Agency of Aging	Leslie Kibathi
Loran Stough	York's Helping Hand, York	Collette Walker
Matthew Tracey	Elderday Adult Day Service of Menno Haven Retirement Communities	Vicki Krenitsky
Stacy Wilcher	Menno Haven–Penn Hall Campus, Chambersburg	Victor Rice
Katie Wilkes	Cross Keys Village Brethren Home, Chambersburg	Nicole Hummel

Summer 2007

Name	Agency	Field Instructor
JoAnne Browne	Dauphin Co. Children & Youth, Harrisburg	Becca Tweet
Joni Fulkerson	Roxbury Treatment Center, Shippensburg	Tina Dunn & Jeremy Hicks
Leila Garcia	Case Management Unit of Dauphin County, Harrisburg	Hallie Rosen
Staci Hair	Carlisle YWCA-Rape Crisis	Anne Brown-Ebert
Heather Kearns	Keystone Community Mental Health Services	Laura Kutcha
Stephanie King	American Red Cross of the Susquehanna Valley	Jessica Wigley
Laura McKenna	Jewish Family Services	Donna Popky
Roshun Mitchell	Dauphin Co. Children & Youth	Currin Haines
Shanna Oaddams	Roxbury Treatment Center	Tina Dunn & Jeremy Hicks
Wanda Rodriquez	Case Management Unit of Dauphin County	Hallie Rosen
Dawn Slusser	Messiah Village	Jessica Wigley
Jaclyn Smith	Lebanon County Children & Youth Services	Rick Showers
Alexis Wevodau	State Correctional Institution at Camp Hill	John Horner



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