



### **CLASSES WILL BE HELD ON ELECTION NIGHT**

Tuesday, November 3, 2009 is General Election Day. All day and evening classes will be held on this date as scheduled. Students who require an accommodation or who will be late to or absent from class in order to vote must speak with their instructors in advance of that date. Go out and exercise your right to vote!

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**DEADLINE NOVEMBER 4, 2009:** A total of \$8,700 in scholarship money is available for Spring semester, 2010. Criteria and application information for the [Social Work Block Grants](#), the [Will Dodge Memorial Fund](#), and the [Peggy Scheller Memorial Scholarship](#) are available online on the Social Work website – [Resources for MSW Students](#). Submit your application by email or on hard copy to [Denny Falk](#), Director of Graduate Studies by Wednesday, November 4, 2009.

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### **SAVE THE DATE, NOVEMBER 12, 2009**

Social Work Licensure In Minnesota Presentation  
Michelle Kramer-Prevost, LGSW from the Minnesota Board of Social Work  
Thursday, November 19, 2009 - 5:00 p.m.  
Bohannon Hall, room 112  
Pizza and sodas will be provided.

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### **MSW CLINICAL SOCIAL WORK CONTENT**

Students who wish to pursue a LICSW in the future should carefully select their optional/elective coursework. Forms have been developed for both the Advanced Standing and Standard Programs that list the clinical content hours available in each Social Work course. Students can use the form to track the number of hours they have completed in each clinical knowledge area and to help plan which courses they should take. Students should keep a record of this form with the UMD Department of Social Work and for themselves. These forms are available at:  
<http://www.d.umn.edu/sw/FORMS/index.htm>

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**STUDY GUIDES** are available to prepare for social work licensure exams. Both the “Guide for Employment Examinations with the Minnesota Merit System” and “The Complete Guide to Social Work: independent study for the ASWB masters examination” are on reserve at the [UMD library](#). Click on “Reserve” in left menu. In the “Search for:” prompt type in “raschick” and at the “Field to search” highlight “Instructor Name begins....” Click “Submit”. Click on “Raschick, RM – Department of Social Work” with the number 3 preceding it for the list of reserved materials.

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**SPRING REGISTRATION** begins November 19th. Schedule a time to meet with your advisor to discuss your courses for spring 2010. All students must complete a Course Approval Form and have their advisor sign it. These forms are located in the front of the student mailboxes in the student lounge (BohH 240), from the Student Support Assistant in BohH 214, on the [Social Work website](#), or attached to the end of this newsletter.

**Grad 0999:** If you have completed your required coursework you will still need to register spring semester 2010 to maintain your active status. Register for GRAD 0999 and use course number 48800. The cost for this zero credit course is under \$6.

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## **STUDENT ASSOCIATION**

The next scheduled Student Association meeting is December 3, 5:00 pm in Bohannon 112.

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### **Visiting Social Workers from Petrozavodsk, Russia**

A visiting delegation of three social workers and two physicians from Petrozavodsk will be on campus to visit with MSW students, staff and faculty.

Thursday, November 19, 5-5:50 pm

112 Bohannon Hall.

Faculty and Staff will provide potluck dinner.

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## **MASTERS OF SOCIAL WORK OPEN HOUSE**

The Department of Social Work will host an Open House from 4-6:00 p.m. Monday, November 16 in 220 Bohannon Hall. Anyone interested in our MSW program or interested in pursuing an MSW is invited to attend and visit with the faculty and staff. Refreshments will be served. If you know of someone who might be interested in the MSW Program, please encourage her or him to attend. Interested persons unable to attend the Open House can contact [Rita Ohman](#) at 726-8497 to learn more about our MSW program. Flyer located on the [Social Work](#) home page.

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**UNIVERSAL DEGREE PROGRAM FORMS** must be turned into the Student Support Assistant, Rita Ohman, by January 15, 2010 in order for students to participate in Spring Commencement on May 13, 2010. **The Graduate School does not make exceptions for forms submitted late.** Students must complete the Degree Program form when they have completed half of the credits required for the MSW degree. The Graduate School may place registration holds when students reach 25 or more credits and have not yet submitted the Degree Program form. Degree Program instructions and a sample form can be found on pages 55-58 in the [MSW Student Handbook](#). You can access the Program Degree form online from the [Graduate School website](#), or from the [Social Work Website](#), and hard copies are in the front of the student mail slots in the student lounge.

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## **MSW MASTERS PROJECT INFORMATION**

Students in their concentration year (Advanced Standing Program or the second year of the Standard Program) will need to choose a masters project to complete for their MSW degree requirement. The three options are [ePortfolio, PPM, and Research Project](#). Please consult with your faculty advisor and complete the "[Masters Project Information](#)" form indicating which option you will complete and who will serve as your readers for the project. Submit the form to [Rita](#) by November 24, 2009.

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**RESEARCH PROJECT PROPOSALS:** Students completing the research option for The Masters Project should have a draft research project proposal submitted to their Research Project First Reader by Tuesday, December 15, 2009 and a finished Research Project proposal submitted by Tuesday, January 19, 2010 if they plan to complete the project this spring. A Masters Research Project Schedule is located in the [Masters Research Project Handbook](#) on page 29. If you are undecided about which Masters Project to complete, schedule a time to discuss the different options with your advisor.

## WORKSHOPS – CONFERENCES – EVENTS - ETC

A list of upcoming events is located on the [Resources for MSW Students](#) webpage. Click on Workshops, Conferences, Events.

### SCHOLARSHIPS URL's

<http://www.grad.umn.edu>

University of Minnesota Graduate School  
(click on fellowships)

<http://www.cswe.org>

Council on Social Work Education

<http://www.naswfoundation.org>

National Association of Social Work

<http://www.socialworkers.org>

National Association of Social Work

<http://www.abecsw.org>

American Board of Examiners in Clinical Social Work

<http://www.mnsocialserviceassoc.org/>

Minnesota Social Service Association

<http://www.fulbrightonline.org>

Fulbright Programs

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### JUDD FELLOWSHIPS

The Judd Fellowships are designed to support the continued internationalization of the University of Minnesota by providing critical assistance to students enrolled in masters and professional degree programs, and to increase opportunities for students to study, undertake internships, and conduct research projects abroad. A primary goal of the fellowships is to increase exposure to other cultures. Funding is provided by a generous gift from the Walter H. Judd Fund of The Minneapolis Foundation and additional funds from the Office of International Programs and the Graduate School.

Awards will be given in two categories: (1) Research and (2) Internship/Study. Twenty fellowships are anticipated to be awarded this year. Applications and guidelines are on the web at:

<http://www.international.umn.edu/funding/judd/> The deadline for application is 12:00 noon, February 9, 2010.

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### LOAN FORGIVENESS PROGRAMS

Anyone planning on working as a clinical social worker and is interested in working with underserved populations, check out the loan repayment program with the [National Health Service Corps](#). Refund your educational loans up to \$50,000 once you meet their criteria.

Also check the [National Association of Social Workers website](#) for information on Loan Forgiveness for Social Workers.

### DATES TO REMEMBER

SW Department Scholarships Deadline	Nov. 4, 2009 (submit applications to Denny Falk)
Clinical Social Work Licensure meeting	Nov 12, 5:00 p.m. BohH 112
MSW Open House	Nov 16, 4-6:00 p.m. BohH 220
Potluck w/Delegation from Petrozavodsk, Russia	Nov 19, 5:00-5:50 p.m. BohH 112
Spring 2009 Registration Begins	Nov 19, 2009
Masters Project Information form	Nov 24, 2009 (submit form to Rita)
Student Association Meeting	Dec 3, 5-5:50 p.m. BohH 112
Universal Degree Form Department Deadline	Jan 15, 2010 (submit form to the Student Support Assistant)

# Department of Social Work

Course Approval Form

Semester: \_\_\_\_\_

**This form must be completed and approved by the advisor prior to registration.**

List the courses you plan to register for:

List prerequisites:

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| 1. _____ | _____ |
| 2. _____ | _____ |
| 3. _____ | _____ |
| 4. _____ | _____ |
| 5. _____ | _____ |
| 6. _____ | _____ |
| 7. _____ | _____ |

All necessary prerequisite course work has been completed in order for me to enroll in these courses: (see MSW course descriptions in MSW Student Handbook\*\*\*)

\_\_\_\_\_ **yes**    \_\_\_\_\_ **no**

Print Name \_\_\_\_\_

Student Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Advisor Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Please Return This Form to Rita Ohman, Student Support Assistant,  
mailbox in 220 Bohannon Hall

\*\*\*MSW Student Handbook also on Social Work web site at:

[http://www.d.umn.edu/sw/MANUALS/documents/MSWStudentHandbook\\_013.pdf](http://www.d.umn.edu/sw/MANUALS/documents/MSWStudentHandbook_013.pdf)