

SEPTEMBER GRADUATES – CONGRATULATIONS!

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MSW STUDENT ASSOCIATION

The next Student Association meeting is scheduled for
Thursday, October 8th, 5-6:00 pm in Bohannon 112.
Additional Fall Semester Meetings: November 12th & December 3rd.

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MSW Student Handbook

The [MSW Student Handbook](#) is available on the [Department of Social Work](#) web site. Hard copies of the handbook will not be distributed. Students are responsible for reading the information contained in the handbook regarding policies and procedures, and it is also a resource for obtaining forms as well as other useful information. A hard copy of the MSW Student Handbook is available in the student lounge, BohH 240, for reference. It is located in front of the student mail-slots. Additional handbooks are also located on the SW web site, <http://www.d.umn.edu/sw/>, click on “Student Handbooks” in the left menu under Resources. Handbooks on the web include the Child Welfare Manual, Field Manual, Masters Research Project Handbook and the PPM Manual

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INTRODUCTION TO GRAD LEARNING – WRITING SKILLS WORKSHOP ON APA STYLE AND AVOIDING PLAGIARISM

The writing skills workshop will provide students with valuable information on APA style and will discuss what plagiarism is and how to avoid it. **Attendance is mandatory.** Students can choose the session that works best in their schedules. Workshop will be offered on:

Tuesday, Oct. 20 from 6-7:30 p.m. in BohH 112
Thursday, Oct. 22 from Noon-1:30 p.m. in BohH 343
Thursday, Oct. 22 from 6-7:00 p.m. in BohH 108

If you have questions about the Writing Skills Workshop, please contact Mike Raschick at 726-7642 or mraschic@d.umn.edu.

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PLAGIARISM

Resources are available to assist students on understanding what is plagiarism and how to avoid it. Check out the following websites:

UMD's [Student Academic Integrity Policy](http://www.d.umn.edu/conduct/integrity//) (<http://www.d.umn.edu/conduct/integrity//>),
[The Learning Center](http://www.plagiarism.org) (<http://www.plagiarism.org>)
[The Owl At Purdue](http://owl.english.purdue.edu/owl/) (<http://owl.english.purdue.edu/owl/>).

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WRITING TUTOR

Kate Regan is the department writing tutor and is available to help students with improving their writing skills related to assigned course papers and/or Master's Projects. Kate's services will be available through referrals from either one of your instructors or the Primary Reader of your Master's Project.

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The [UMD Tutoring Center](#) (726-6256) is also available to assist students with improving their writing skills. The Tutoring Center's writing teachers are undergrads; however, they have expertise in composition and work with graduate as well as undergraduate students. The UMD Tutoring Center services are designed to help students with skill development and not proofreading of papers.

WRITING/ENGLISH HANDBOOKS

The Department of Social Work has the following books for students to check out. The books are located in the student lounge with check out cards located in the index box with the Master Project cards. Please write your name on the checkout card, the date you checked out the book, and check-in date you return the book. Because we only have a few books, please do not keep a book out for longer than a couple of days.

Handbook for Writers, 6th Edition by Lynn Quitman Troyka
The Scott Foresman Handbook for Writers, 7th Edition by Hairton, Ruszkiewicz, and Friend
The St. Martin's Handbook, 5th Edition by Andrea A. Lansford

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[ST. LOUIS COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICE CONFERENCE](#), will be held **October 5-6, 2009** at the DECC in Duluth, Minnesota. The conference theme is: “**Building Health: Unnatural Causes, Natural Solutions**”. The keynote speaker is Llewellyn Smith, Peabody and DuPont award winner. **MSW students are expected to attend the SLCPHHS Conference, and classes will not be held on Tuesday, October 6.** Questions regarding hosting a conference workshop/session can be directed to [Jackie Heytens](#) or [Muskadee Montano](#)

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SAVE THE DATE, OCTOBER 15, 2009

Student/Faculty Forum

[225 AB Anderson Hall](#) (enter from Humanities Building - across from Tweed Museum)
5:00-5:50 p.m.

Potluck provided by the students. Contact [Priscilla Ross](#) if you would like to contribute.
Beverages provided by the Social Work Dept.

Contact your advisor, instructor, [Dennis Falk](#) - DGS, or [Rita Ohman](#) - Student Support Assistant, if you have questions or topics for discussion.

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SAVE THE DATE, October 22, 2009

Informational Meeting Regarding Degree Program Forms and Master Project Options
Bohannon Hall, room 112
5:00-5:50 p.m.

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OPEN HOUSE

The Department of Social Work will be hosting an “Open House” on Monday, November 16, 2009. If you know anyone interested in our program or interested in pursuing an MSW, please invite them to stop by from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. and speak with faculty and staff about the Masters of Social Work program. The “Open House” will be held in the Department of Social Work, BohH 220. Refreshments will be served.

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CLINICAL LICENSURE

New standards for social work clinical licensure in the state of Minnesota that will go into effect in August of 2011 will require specific clinical content in MSW programs. Please go to the “Resources” section of the Department of Social Work webpage to find the clinical content documentation forms under ["forms"](#) to assist you in keeping track of these hours should you want to pursue a career in clinical social work in the future. We recommend you keep a copy of this form and give another copy to Rita Ohman, Student Support Assistant, for your file. More information about the requirements is also available on our web page under [Resources for MSW Students](#) and from the Minnesota Board of Social Work. A Licensure Informational meeting will be this fall semester with a representative from the Minnesota Board of Social Work. More information to follow.

STUDY GUIDES

To prepare for social work licensure exams, 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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SELF CARE RESOURCES

Self-care strengthens a person's resiliency. One resource for students is attending the Student Association meetings where a self-care activity will be discussed and/or demonstrated at each meeting. [UMD Health Services](#) has free, confidential counseling available at 726-8155. Your advisor is also available to discuss your schedule and the options available to you. [Rec Sports](#) located in the Sports and Health Center offers a variety of activities, as well as facilities.

Self Care Technique #1: TO RELAX. Throughout the day, take "mini-breaks". Sit down and get comfortable. Slowly take in a deep breath; hold it; and then exhale very slowly. At the same time, let your shoulder muscles droop, smile, and say something positive like, "I am r-e-l-a-x-e-d." (From "Stress Management: Ten self-care techniques" website: <http://www.state.sc.us/dmh/bryan/webstres.htm>)

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MSW STUDENT CALENDAR ON THE WEB

New tool for checking deadlines, special events, etc is now on the [Social Work](#) website. Click on "[Resources for MSW Students](#)" in the left menu. Click on "[Calendar of MSW Student Deadlines, etc.](#)" Contact [Rita](#) to add an event, deadline, or other useful information to the calendar.

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JOB ANNOUNCEMENTS: Job announcements are posted on the [Social Work](#) website. Click on "[Resources for MSW Students](#)" in the left menu. Click on "[Job Postings](#)" under "Career Information."

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WORKSHOPS – CONFERENCES – EVENTS

A listing of workshops, conferences, events, etc are also on the [Social Work website](#) – "Resources for MSW Students." Click on "[Workshops/Conferences/events](#)" under "MSW Resources". The monthly Cultural Competence calendar also has a link at the top of the page.

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CSWE 2009 ANNUAL PROGRAM MEETING

November 6-9, 2009
Grand Hyatt San Antonio
San Antonio, Texas

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SCHOLARSHIPS: You will shortly receive an email notice about the **Will Dodge Memorial Fund Award and the Peggy L. Scheller Memorial Scholarship and other scholarships**. Application deadlines are **October 30, 2009**. Please contact Denny Falk, dfalk@d.umn.edu or by phone 726-8862 or Rita Ohman, rohman@d.umn.edu or by phone 726-8497 for additional information.

WELLSTONE FELLOWSHIP FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE

The Wellstone Fellowship provides a unique opportunity to foster the advancement of social justice through participation in health care advocacy work that focuses on the unique challenges facing many communities of color. The Fellowship is a yearlong, full-time, salaried position (\$38,000) in the Minority Health Initiatives department at Families USA in Washington D.C., beginning August 2010 through July 2011. **Application deadline February 5, 2010.** For further details about the Fellowship, visit <http://www.familiesusa.org/about/wellstone-fellowship.html>

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THE VILLERS FELLOWSHIP FOR HEALTH CARE JUSTICE

The Villers Fellowship for Health Care Justice was created in 2005 by Phillippe Villers, Founder and President of Families USA. Villers Fellows will work on a variety of health care justice issues and develop an understanding of the federal legislation process. They will also be exposed to different advocacy strategies, including producing analytic reports, disseminating effective messages through the media, successful coalition building, and e-advocacy techniques. **Application Deadline is January 15, 2010.** The fellowship is from August 2010 – July 2011. Annual salary of \$38,000 with health care benefits. For more information go to: <http://www.familiesusa.org/fellowships/the-villers-fellowship.html>

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| 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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MANUAL ON CHILDREN EXPERIENCING COMPLEX TRAUMA IS FREE

Dr. Anne Gearity is a clinical social worker in independent practice and an adjunct faculty at the University of Minnesota School of Social Work. She has provided information on this manual developed as the final product from a five-year Bush Foundation grant to the Washburn Center for Children. The title is "DEVELOPMENTAL REPAIR: An Intensive Treatment Model for Working with Young Children Who Have Experienced Complex Trauma and Present with Aggressive and Disruptive Symptoms." While it specifically describes a day treatment model, much of the material is applicable to work with individual children, in schools and agencies and as a theoretical frame for child welfare. These young children are at great risk and they need everyone who works with them to understand how interventions can be protective. The manual is now available at no cost at the Washburn site- <http://www.washburn.org> The manual and model continue as a work in progress, so please send Anne your comments and reactions to this manual at geari002@umn.edu

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HOMELESSNESS AND HOUSING SURVEY Since 1991 The Wilder Foundation has conducted a statewide homelessness survey every three years to better understand the causes, circumstances and effects of homelessness. The 2009 survey will take place on October 22. More than 800 volunteer interviewers will survey people staying at more than 300 shelter locations across Minnesota. If you are interested in serving as a volunteer interviewer, and would like to learn more, please contact [Karen Ulstad](#). Initial study results will be available spring, 2010.

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| <i>DATES TO REMEMBER</i> |
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| Writing Skills Workshop (3 options) | Oct 20, 6-7:30 p.m. BohH 112 |
| Mandatory Attendance | Oct 22, Noon-1:30 p.m. BohH 343 |
| SLCPHHS Conference | Oct 22, 6-7:00 p.m. BohH 108 |
| MSW Student Association | Oct 5-6, DECC |
| Student/Faculty Forum | Oct 8, 5-5:50 pm, BohH 112 |
| Master's Project Options & Program forms meeting | Oct 15, 5-6:00 p.m AB Anderson Hall |
| Will Dodge Memorial Fund deadline | Oct 22, 5-6:00 p.m. BohH 112, |
| Peggy L. Scheller Memorial Scholarship deadline | Oct 30, 2009 |
| Spring 2009 Registration Begins | Oct 30, 2009 |
| MSW Open House | Nov 14, 2009 |
| | Nov 16, 4-6:00 p.m. BohH 220 |