

2009 SUMMER GRADUATES – CONGRATULATIONS!

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WELCOME STUDENTS!

This is the first in a series of monthly email newsletters that you will be receiving from the Department of Social Work. **Students, faculty and staff** please send newsletter items to [Rita](#) by the last week of the month for inclusion in the following month's newsletter.

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FACULTY/STAFF NEWS

The faculty and staff extend a warm welcome to our new and returning students. Please come visit us at the second floor of Bohannon Hall. We are looking forward to working with you during this upcoming school year!

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ADVISORS: Not sure who your advisor is? You will find an advisor list located on the cabinet next to the student Bulletin Board in BohH 240. You can also contact Rita at rohman@d.umn.edu or 726-8497.

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STUDENT LOUNGE AREA: The MSW student lounge is located in Bohannon 240. The lounge is where students can hold meetings and informal discussions, check their student mailbox, and get to know fellow students. Three computers, a printer and a copier are available for students to use. Codes for the computers and copier are located in the front of the **student mailboxes (2nd drawer of vertical file cabinet)**. A student computer is also available in Bohannon 206. MSW students can also use the Student Lounge on weekends. A key for Bohannon 240 is available from the Kirby Information Desk on first floor Kirby Student Center for students to check out during the weekends as the Student Lounge is locked during that time.

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LAPTOP COMPUTERS: SW Department student laptops are available for student use. Laptops can be checked out on Tuesdays & Thursdays from 10:30-4:00 pm with [Jackie Heytens](#) in Bohannon Hall 234. For laptop availability Jackie can be reached at 726-7854 or jheydens@d.umn.edu.

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SOCIAL WORK DEPARTMENT WEB SITE: Visit our web site, www.d.umn.edu/sw for copies of our [Student Handbooks](#), obtain [student forms](#), information regarding [Student Resources](#), [Master Project Options](#), [Field](#) and much more.

REGISTRATION POLICIES

[September 21](#) is the last day to add a course or change sections of a course, or cancel a course without a W (indicating withdrawal) appearing on the transcript. **Any class you wish to drop or add following the tenth day of the semester requires a Graduate School Official Petition Form** with your instructor's, your advisor's, and the DGS's signature. Forms can be obtained from Rita in BohH 214 or from the [SW website](#). (On the SW home page, click on "Forms" in the left menu. Deadlines for [refunds of tuition and fees](#) can be viewed at the Financial Aid and Registrar's website.)

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FALL SEMINAR

"Economic Crisis in the United States: Causes, Consequences, Responses" will be taught by Marek Fuller on Monday afternoons at Peace Church in Duluth beginning Monday, September 21. You can participate in the seminar for personal and professional enrichment, or you could receive one credit of graduate credit through SW 5091 Independent Study by adding this course to your fall courses, which would need to be completed by September 21. You will need an override number to register for SW 5091, which you could receive from your advisor or from Denny Falk. More information about this course and contact information for Marek is available on our [website](#) (click on "Workshops, Conferences, Events" under MSW Resources.

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Please be aware that "hard copies" of the MSW student handbooks will not be distributed. All handbooks are on our web site at www.d.umn.edu/sw. Click on "Students Handbooks" under "Resources" in the left side menu. **Students are responsible for reading the information contained in the handbooks regarding policies and procedures.** These handbooks are valuable resources for obtaining forms as well as other useful information. Student Handbooks available are: [MSW Handbook](#), [Child Welfare](#), [Field Manual](#), [Masters Research Project Handbook](#) and [PPM Manual](#).

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UMD Graduate Student Handbook 2009-10 was distributed to all the new Summer/Fall 2009 incoming students' mailboxes. This handbook will also be available from the UMD Graduate School website. The web address will be announced at a later date.

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MSW STUDENT ASSOCIATION OFFICERS FOR THE 2008-09 ACADEMIC YEAR

President: [Priscilla Ross](#)
Vice President: [Melissa Harry](#)
Secretary: [Ellen Johnson](#)
Treasurer: [Danielle Fischer](#)
Cultural Liaison: [Bonnie Hughes](#)
Self-Care Advocate: [Emily Orum](#)
1st Year Representative: TBA
2nd Year Representative: [Ashley Haugen](#)
Advanced Standing Representative – TBA

STUDENT ASSOCIATION MEETING

The MSW Student Association meets monthly on Thursdays from 5-5:50 pm in Bohannon Hall 240. Dates of upcoming meetings will be included in the next newsletter.

STUDENT/FACULTY FORUMS- Each semester a student/faculty forum is held to facilitate discussion between students and faculty about issues of mutual concern. **The forum for fall semester will be from 5:00 to 6:00 p.m. on October 15, 2009**, location to be announced. Food will be provided. If there are particular issues you would like to have addressed at the Forum, you can contact [Mike Raschick](#), Department Head, [Denny Falk](#), Director of Graduate Studies (DGS) or [Priscilla Ross](#), MSW Student Association President.

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SAVE THE DATE, October 22, 2009

Informational Meeting Regarding Master's Project Options
and Completing the Degree Program Transmittal Form.

Bohannon Hall, room 112

5:00-5:50 p.m.

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SELF-CARE RESOURCES: The first few weeks of Graduate school can be stressful. It can take time to adjust to the pace of the semester.

- [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 the fitness center. Check it out!
- Emily Orum is the Student Association Self-Care Advocate and will be sharing information on self-care with you throughout the year.
- Students are also a great support for each other. Don't be afraid to ask for support!

UPCOMING CONFERENCES

ST. LOUIS COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICE CONFERENCE, will be held Monday & Tuesday, **October 5 & 6** 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. Llewellyn began his television career in Minneapolis, MN in 1978. Since that time, he has contributed to a number of award-winning PBS series. From 1988 to 1995 Smith was series editor for PBS's American Experience, where he played an editorial role in originating, developing and acquiring more than 70 programs on American history. **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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AAC* & Inclusive Education for Students with Severe Disabilities

September 26, 2009, 8:30 am-4:00 pm

Bohannon Hall 90

Full-time UMD student - \$10 (includes lunch)

Keynote Speaker: Stephen Calculator

For more information contact: [Michelle Tessier](#) or [Danielle Visina](#)

*AAC – Augmentative & Alternative Communication

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

SAFE HAVEN FAMILY SHELTER

Even though [Safe Haven Family Shelter](#) has been around for a number of years, many people are still unaware of the organization and the volunteer opportunities available. If you or someone you know is interested in serving, please call 218-728-6481.

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MIND 2 MIND:

[Mind 2 Mind](#) is an after-school program for children ages 6-14 who live in the East Hillside neighborhood. As well as assisting kids with their homework, the program incorporates the arts, nature, and the importance of contributing back to the community through structured educational programming.

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UMD VOLUNTEER FAIR

Wednesday, September 23

9 a.m. - 2 p.m.

UMD Kirby Ballroom

Check out over 30 community sites!

Opportunities in Education, Environment, Social Justice,
Animal Welfare, Health Care, Art and Culture

Please contact Dylan Savall with questions at 726-8645 or sava0089@d.umn.edu

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SCHOLARSHIPS

[Christine Smith \\$15,000 Graduate Studies Scholarship](#) Each year, the program will award a scholarship to an individual to undertake a masters or doctoral degree specializing in children and family studies at a notable university. The objective of this scholarship is to enable the participant to conduct critical inquiry and evaluation, and to become a highly trained professional working in the field of social intervention that will impact the disadvantaged and underserved. **This scholarship is limited to applicants who have had at least 2 years of full-time professional experience in the field of social work.** To obtain an application email: rkbabb1@bellsouth.net. Title the subject of email requests "Smith Scholarship". Application forms will be available from September through January.

SCHOLARSHIPS URL's

www.grad.umn.edu	University of Minnesota Graduate School (click on fellowships)
www.cswe.org	Council on Social Work Education
www.naswfoundation.org	National Association of Social Work
www.socialworkers.org	National Association of Social Work
www.abecsw.org	American Board of Examiners in Clinical Social Work
mnsocialserviceassoc.org	Minnesota Social Service Association
www.fulbrightonline.org	Fulbright Programs

DATES TO REMEMBER

2007 SLCPHHS Conference	October 5 & 6, DECC
Student/Faculty Forum	October 15, 5-6 pm, location TBA
Master's Project Options & Degree Program Forms	October 22, 5-5:50 pm, BohH 112
Spring Registration Begins	Thursday, November 19, 2009