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Caitlyn Lisk, BSW '10, MSW '11, enjoys some "chalk time" with younger children at the Village of Hope orphanage in Ghana during her recent practicum for the MSW program. See related story on pg. 12-13. Submitted photo.

2011 has been a great year for the School of Social Work! We completed our self-study for the re-affirmation of accreditation from the Council of Social Work Education in March, and site visit was in October. The self-study consisted of six volumes, one of which is pictured below. The site visit went extremely well, and we hope to receive our letter in February 2012. The self-study procedure, though arduous, was a good process in which we



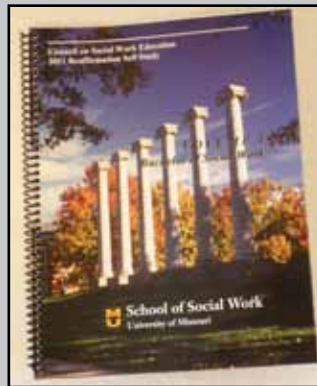
Director Marjorie Sable.
Photo by Yolanda Ciolli.

film and had a Q&A with the film's director, as well as a panel discussion featuring the director of the Columbia Housing Authority. I lived in St. Louis when Pruitt-Igoe was demolished and found the film and panel to be quite thought provoking.

We have two new graduate certificate programs—Military Social Work and Gerontological Social Work. See pg. 8.

Three new scholarships were created this year. The family of Marilyn Maddux, former SSW faculty member, endowed a scholarship in her memory, and the family of Helen Burnham, BSW '76, endowed a scholarship in her memory. Mable Meites, BA '42, MSW, gave a charitable gift annuity to the School. I had the honor and pleasure of attending Mable's 98th birthday party in November! Please consider a charitable gift annuity as a way of helping the School and

earning interest for yourself during your lifetime. Or consider designating the School as a beneficiary in your will, as alum Joanne Fulton, MSW '76, has done. We are grateful to our donors and have seen that even a scholarship of a few hundred dollars can mean a lot to a student in need.



In this issue of *Social Work Notes*, we spotlight our faculty and students and their many accomplishments. Several students did their block placements in international settings, and we spotlight one of those, Caitlyn Lisk, on the cover and p. 12-13. Our students worked with the Alumni

Organization to obtain an Alumni Association Diversity Grant and brought 12 residents from Girls Town to campus for a visit (p. 15). BSW student Kam Phillips won a prestigious Truman Scholarship in the spring and was crowned MU Homecoming Queen in the fall, and we are very proud of her accomplishments.

We are always happy to hear from you! Please write, call, or e-mail us and tell us what you are doing. We'll put your news in the next issue of *Social Work Notes*. Please visit our website, ssw.missouri.edu. Thanks for your support, and best wishes for a happy and healthy new year!

Marjorie Sable



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James E. "Hillel" Rosenfeld, MSW '67, PhD, wrote to say, "Upon retirement after working in the field in many capacities, my wife and I moved in 2004 from Michigan to Israel where we assumed the status of 'retired.' However, she quickly restarted her career as an expert yoga teacher, and in September 2011, I came out of 'hibernation' as I received my official Israel Social Worker License. My goals are to again start a small private practice and continue work on a book relative to the field."

Rosenfeld continued, "I still have fond memories of Claire Louise Myers, Mr. Fulton, Dr. Gochros, Dr. Bill Morrow and my faculty field instructor, Arthur Choate, all of whom helped me to develop a satisfying career where I hope that I made a helpful difference in the lives of others. To this day, I am very grateful that I chose Mizzou for graduate school over others. My educational experience was top quality. I'm sure the School of Social Work still represents the highest of quality in the field."

James is married to another Mizzou alum, Susie Raphael Rosenfeld, who received her B.A. in Education in '67.

Below: James "Hillel" Rosenfeld with his new Israel Social Work License. Submitted photo.



In April 2011, **J. Karren King Crouch**, BSW '75, MSW '76, received the Robert W. Whitlock Lifetime Achievement Award from the national Council of Nephrology Social Workers at its annual meeting in Las Vegas. The award was named after another SSW alum, **Robert Whitlock**, MSW '80 (deceased).

Deanna Harper, MSW '76, a social worker in University of Missouri Health Care's Multiple Sclerosis Institute, was recognized recently for her efforts as a mentor in the Rockin' Against Multiple Sclerosis (RAMS) program at MU. Harper was acknowledged by Jaimie Borislow, a student at MU, who received the Mizzou '39 Award in February 2011.

"Deanna has that rare kind of compassion that enables people to push themselves because she doesn't take any nonsense from anyone, but cares about all of her clients so fiercely that they want to succeed not just for themselves, but for her as well," Borislow said in her application for the Mizzou '39 Award, which honors students for their academic achievement, leadership and community service.

"Working with these students gives me so much energy because they have so much enthusiasm," Harper said. "The thing that makes me happiest, having been a social worker for 35 years, is knowing I can still make a difference."

Anne Marie Rose, MSW '81, writes from Christchurch, New Zealand, that she is doing "OK" after living through three major earthquakes and many, many aftershocks. Despite damage to her home and the loss of her sister's home, she is grateful that her family and friends are all doing alright and appreciates the love, support and prayers coming from around the world.

She writes, "I continue to think of places like Haiti where they do not have the resources we have here to deal with disaster. Rescue teams from around



Above: Aharon Sykes, BSW '10, MSW '11, came by Clark Hall recently for a visit. He is employed as a medical social worker at BJC Palliative Care Program in St. Louis.. Photo by Marjorie Sable.

the world, civil defence support from Australia and other places, medical support, volunteers mobilised to shovel silt from the liquefaction on roads and properties, and on and on the list goes."

Kirsten Havig, PhD '10, MSW, began her new position as assistant professor in August 2011 at the University of Oklahoma's Anne and Henry Zarrow School of Social Work, Tulsa campus. She plans to engage in research centered on the commercial sexual exploitation and trafficking of children, particularly focused on child welfare systems and services as well as exploratory research into the experiences of survivors. Kirsten is also dealing with the transition from Tiger to Sooner—perhaps her biggest challenge as she settles into life in Oklahoma!

While at MU, Kirsten was a clinical instructor for the School. Dr. Mike Kelly says, "Kirsten was a vital part of the School's child welfare program, providing research and teaching support to Children's Division staff working on their MSW degrees, as well as extending the

evidence-based practices for children with sexualized behavior issues."

Kirsten extends her gratitude to the faculty of the MU School of Social Work, especially Drs. Kelly, Anderson, Sable and Snively for their mentorship and support in launching her forward in her career.

Alumni Spotlight: Tom & Sara Lezon

Tom Lezon, MSW '81, and **Sara Lezon**, MSSW '67, entered the social work profession from different career paths. Sara grew up enjoying art and theater in an education-oriented family. She followed this career path and earned her speech pathology degree at Northwest Missouri State University in Maryville and became a speech pathologist for the St. Joseph public schools.

It was during this time that Sara developed an interest in helping students with social issues and other problems with which she was not trained to handle. In 1965, shortly after arriving at MU, Sara changed her master's major to Social Work after meeting Jane Bierdeman-Fike, who was able to obtain a stipend for Sara to attend the MSSW program. Sara's practicum assignments were with Randolph County Division of Family Services and Western Missouri Mental Health Center in Kansas City.

Tom Lezon grew up in a blue-collar family in Chicago and was the first family member to graduate from both high school and college. After graduating from Loyola University with a degree in psychology, Tom moved to Columbia to pursue a master's degree in clinical psychology at MU. Tom took coursework and worked as a psychology tech at Fulton State Hospital (FSH) for a total of 10 years. He received a draft notice in 1968 but was able

Scott Perkins, MSW '03, notified us in November that he was awarded the Excellence in Government Award from the National Alliance on Mental Illness of Southwest Missouri. From Columbia, Mo., Perkins is the project director of the Missouri Suicide Prevention Project, which is a joint project of UMSL's Mis-

to obtain an occupational deferment from the Army because of his work at FSH.

Tom and Sara met at FSH and married in 1971. Sara's career as a social worker motivated Tom to learn more about career opportunities in the profession. Tom decided to pursue the MSW degree at MU and graduated in 1981. His placements were with Bear Creek Public Housing in Columbia and Department of Mental Health Central Office in Jefferson City.

Both Tom and Sara are ACSWs and LCSWs, and their careers have focused on mental health services for children but also include work with adults.

While at FSH, Tom worked at Biggs Forensic Center, was supervisor for an



Recently retired after careers in social work, Sara (MSSW '67) and Tom (MSW '81) are avid antique collectors. Sarah enjoys collecting metal toys, wooden boxes, dishes and antique game boards (some of which are pictured on the wall behind them). Tom's antique interests include a collection of billy clubs and a variety of books, especially mysteries. Photo and story by Dianne Orton.

souri Institute of Mental Health and the Missouri Department of Mental Health. According to *UMSL Daily* online, "The award is given to an individual who has contributed to the positive advancement of the mentally ill through support of legislation efforts, by developing new programs or improving access to treatment."

adult acute unit, and most recently was with the children's program. Tom transitioned to Mid-Missouri Mental Health Center with the children's unit in 1991 when children's services ended at FSH. Sara worked with the Youth Center at FSH as a unit director, Charter Hospital as the children's services director, was social services director at Riverside Hospital in Jefferson City, and a unit social worker at Mid-Missouri Mental Health Center. Both Tom and Sara were employed during the privatization of Mid-Missouri Mental Health and current University ownership.

The Lezons have a son, Christopher, who lives in Sacramento, Calif., with his wife and two small children. Christopher attended the Art Institute at Memphis, Tenn., and eventually transferred to MU, where he earned a dual degree in psychology and fine arts. Christopher followed his parent's career path and has an MSW from Sacramento State University. He works as an LCSW outpatient therapist for Sutter Hospital.

Recently retired, Sara and Tom are avid antique collectors. Sarah enjoys collecting antique game boards, metal toys, wooden boxes and dishes. Tom's antique interests include a collection of billy clubs and a variety of books, especially mysteries. Their house is filled with original artwork by relatives and by Sara, who enjoys painting furniture.

Achievements recognized by Social Work Alumni Association

2011 Outstanding BSW Student: Anna Hoskins, BSW '11

Anna plans to continue her education by pursuing a master's degree in social work. From August to December 2010, she completed an internship at the Voluntary Action Center in Columbia. During her placement, she assisted Social Services specialists in assessing client needs, making referrals and providing services to low-income clients in the community. As an intern, she clearly demonstrated a professional work ethic and strong knowledge of social work theories.



Anna Hoskins, Outstanding BSW Student

Anna is a member of the Phi Alpha Honor Society and has a 3.97 GPA. She has made the Dean's list every semester that she has been at MU. Also, she is a member of the Council of Student Social Workers, a group that promotes collaboration between students and faculty, educating youth about the social work profession and enhancing the profession by providing resources for students.

2011 Outstanding MSW Student: Melissa Fritts, MSW '11

Melissa received her Bachelor of Fine Arts in Psychology and Linguistics from the University of Missouri in May 2010 and her MSW in May 2011.



Melissa Fritts, Outstanding MSW Student

She has maintained a 4.0 GPA while working for various social services agencies. From

January to May 2010, Melissa was a student intern at the Voluntary Action Center, where she worked in the areas of family assistance and emergency services. She worked alongside Social Services specialists in conducting assessments, making referrals and providing services to low-income clients in the community. She also shadowed the executive director to learn about writing grant proposals and how to perform administrative duties.

When working with clients, Melissa always maintained a professional, positive and upbeat demeanor. She has exceptional people skills and is able to make people feel positive and relaxed. Melissa continues to volunteer at VAC. Previously, she volunteered at Harbor House and the local Salvation Army.

Melissa currently works as a social work intern at Love, INC (Love In the Name of Christ). She assists with policy development and grant proposal writing. She is also a graduate teaching assistant at the University. In addition to her social work experience, Melissa illustrates her leadership skills through her position as the producer/hospitality coordinator at The Rock Church.

2011 Outstanding PhD Student: Amber Moodie-Dyer, PhD '11

Amber was selected by her fellow doctoral students to serve as president of the School of Social Work Doctoral Student Organization. She has consistently been a leader in the classroom and in peer settings. Her accomplishments are a result of her extraordinary level of competency, integrity, motivation and drive.

Amber came into the program with a clear idea of what she wanted to learn and where she wished to focus her career. She quickly established herself



Amber Moodie-Dyer, Outstanding PhD Student, with Danica Wolf, MSW '10, president of the School of Social Work Alumni Association. Photos by Diane Davis.

by securing a coveted research assistantship with the Office of Social and Economic Data Analysis (OSED), where she has worked on several projects.

Amber has three sole-authored publications in peer-reviewed journals—two articles and a book review. In spring 2011, she acquired a grant from the Administration of Children and Families, Child Care Division, to fund her dissertation work.

As testament to her ability, Amber secured a position as a tenure track faculty member at The Ohio State University's School of Social Work, starting in fall 2011.

2011 Outstanding Faculty Member: Dale Fitch, PhD

Dr. Fitch is committed to helping each of his students reach his or her full potential as a social worker. In doing so, he ensures that clients receive the highest quality services by instilling in students the importance of developing the highest degree of professional competence.



Dr. Dale Fitch, Outstanding Faculty Member.

He sets the bar high for his students through challenging assignments that ensure students work hard and achieve a high degree of proficiency in the subject matter. He also provides the tools necessary to help students meet their goals.

Dr. Fitch makes himself available to students and works to integrate learning experiences that are gained outside of the classroom. He is committed to developing best-practice techniques in teaching future social workers, and he prepares students to effectively provide cutting-edge services utilizing emerging technology advances.

2011 Outstanding Social Service Agency: Fulton State Hospital

Fulton State Hospital admitted its first patient in 1851 and is the oldest public mental health facility west of the Mississippi River. While the hospital has grown and adapted as mental health care has



Peggy Reed-Lohmeyer from Fulton State Hospital, Outstanding Social Service Agency.

evolved, the hospital's philosophy has remained constant—to provide quality care to Missourians in a manner that respects the dignity of the individual with the goal of returning the individual to a full and active role in the community.

Fulton State Hospital has been an amazing supporter of the University of Missouri's School of Social Work. Social work is highly valued at this facility, as is reflected in the number of social

workers employed at Fulton State Hospital. Many are MSWs and are in direct practice or administrative roles.

Social workers at the facility have served as field instructors for students, providing a high-quality experience and on-site training. Staff members are extremely knowledgeable regarding the newest therapeutic techniques and evidence-based practices. They are willing to share their knowledge with students and spend countless hours teaching, as well as performing administrative duties.

2011 Outstanding Alumna: Jayne Bury Leet, BSW '68

Jayne is a 1968 graduate of the University of Missouri's School of Social Work. Her original degree pursuit was in nursing, but she transferred to the School of Social Work to pursue her ideals of assisting a person to become the best person possible.

Jayne began her career as a social worker with the Visiting Nurses Association (VNA) of St. Louis and was picked by the St. Louis University of School of Nursing as the social worker to help train student nurses assigned to the VNA. Jayne spent 11 years at the Consolidated Neighborhood Services, Inc., the first community health center in the nation to develop a Medicare-certified Home Health Agency.

Jayne's career includes an impressive array of accomplishments. She was chosen to debate Phyllis Schlafly for Title 10 federal funds for family planning. The debate appeared on the McNeil/Lehrer Report television program. She also hosted Desmond Tutu at the Grace Hill Neighborhood Health Center to highlight primary health care programs for low-income and underserved populations.



Jayne Bury Leet, Outstanding Alumna, with Danica Wolf, MSW '10, president of the School of Social Work Alumni Association.

After obtaining her master's degree in Health Care Management, Jayne became executive director of the Northwest Regional Primary Care Association, which represented community health center programs in Alaska, Idaho, Oregon and Washington. Her position developed into the organization's legislative liaison and, through her work, she was able to increase federal, state and local funding for community health services by 25%.

Jayne has been a participant at the White House Commission on Complimentary and Alternative Medicine Policy forum, and in 1998 she was awarded the prestigious John Gilbert Award by the National Association of Community Health Centers in Washington, D.C.

Although Jayne officially retired in 1999, she used her "spare time" to open and operate an adult family home in Washington state for five years. She continues to do consulting work while dividing her time between Seattle and South America.

Graduate certificate updates: Gerontological Social Work and Military Social Work

In response to practitioner and student requests, the School of Social Work has developed a graduate certificate in **Gerontological Social Work**, with coursework beginning in **spring 2012**. Completion of this certificate will build awareness and expertise for work in settings that serve older adults and their families by learning practice strategies known to be effective with these populations.

Because a large component of elder care is the coordination and management of services provided by various disciplines, an interdisciplinary, multi-level emphasis will be provided in the program. The graduate certificate in Gerontological Social Work consists of **12 credit hours**, including an interdisciplinary course and an elective chosen from an approved list. A complete listing of the required content is available on our website at ssw.missouri.edu/msw_certificates.

Additionally, in fall 2011, the School began offering coursework for our graduate certificate in **Military Social Work**. This certificate is designed to expand the

pool of professionals who are qualified to work in settings with military personnel, veterans and their families, focusing on clinical practice strategies of social work intervention to improve the mental health and general health of this population.

The certificate's coursework starts with Military Culture: Issues for Helping Professionals, taught by Dr. Stephen J. Brannen, MSW, PhD, who worked as a social worker in the Army for many years. More recently, he served as the interim director of the Behavioral Health Unit at Ft. Leonard Wood.

Both graduate certificates are available to students enrolled in the MU Masters of Social Work (MSW) program as part of their graduate training, as well as a stand-alone entity to graduate level social work practitioners who wish to augment their knowledge and skills in these areas. While the Military Social

Work graduate certificate is limited to clinical MSWs, the Gerontological Social Work graduate certificate is available to both clinical and policy, planning and administrative MSWs. For students enrolled in the certificate program, the advanced field experience is coordinated



From left, class guest speaker Veronica Ramnarine and Military Culture instructor, Dr. Steve Brannen. Off-site students from St. Joseph are on screen in the background. Photo by Marjorie Sable.

to reflect the specialized area of interest.

The School continues to seek funding for scholarships, curriculum development and research in critical areas related to both graduate certificates. Applications for the graduate certificate programs are available on the School's website at: ssw.missouri.edu/msw_certificates.

NOTE: The School appreciate Dr. Brannen's generosity for donating his teaching compensation from this class to the Military Social Work Scholarship.

Faculty Publications

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Giger, J., & **Markward, Martha.** (2011). The need to know caregiver perspectives toward using Smart Home Technology. *Social Work in Disability & Rehabilitation*, 10(2), 96-114.

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Presentations

Anderson, Kim (March 2011). *Spirituality: Finding Meaning and Purpose in the Midst of Suffering*. Belfast, Northern Ireland: Journey Towards Healing International Conference.

Anderson, Kim M., and Markward, Martha (April 2011). *Trauma and Mental Health Among Low-income Women: Implications for Social Work Practice*. Columbia, MO: Spring Forum, University of Missouri School of Social Work.

Markward, Martha (Sept. 2011). *Ethics and Confidentiality Among Service Providers in Schools*. Columbia, MO: Support personnel in the Columbia School District.

Osborne, Victoria A., Benner, Kalea, Snively, Carol, Horwitz, Bruce, Vinson, Dan (Sept. 2011). *Teaching Screening, Brief Intervention, Referral and Treatment to Social Work Students* (poster). Boston: International Network on Brief Interventions for Alcohol Problems.

Osborne, Victoria A., Riebeling, Shari L. (June 2011). *Asking About Alcohol Misuse in the Primary Medical Encounter: What Female Patients Have to Say* (poster). Atlanta, GA: Research Society on Alcoholism.

Osborne, Victoria A., Riebeling, Shari L. (June 2011). *Asking About Alcohol Misuse in the Primary Medical Encounter: What Female Patients Have to Say* (poster). Seattle: Academy Health.

Osborne, Victoria A., Sher, Kenneth J., Winograd, Rachel P. (March 2011). *Disordered Eating Patterns and Alcohol Misuse in College Students: Evidence for "Drunkorexia"?* (poster). New York: American Psychopathological Association.

Osborne, Victoria A., Sher, Kenneth J., Winograd, Rachel P. (June 2011). *Disordered Eating Patterns and Alcohol Misuse in College Students: Evidence for "Drunkorexia"?* (poster). Atlanta, GA: Research Society on Alcoholism.

Peters, Clark M. (January 2011). *Finding Voice in Legal Settings for Young Adults in Foster Care: The Roles for Social Workers, Attorneys and Other Professionals* (poster). Tampa, FL: 2011 Annual Conference of the Society for Social Work and Research.

Peters, Clark M. (June 2011). *Addressing the Needs of Foster Youth in Care Beyond Age 18*. Columbia, MO: Attorneys in Missouri's 13th Judicial Circuit.

Sable, Marjorie R., Libbus, M. K., Kelly, P. J. (January 2011). *Perceived Health Care Status and Health Care Needs of Women Aged 50-65 in Rural Missouri: A Qualitative Assessment*. Tampa, FL: Society for Social Work and Research Annual Meeting.

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News

Colleen Galambos was reappointed to the Missouri State Board of Nursing Home Administrators.

Martha Markward received a 2011-12 Mangel Research Catalyst Award for \$1,352 for her research study titled *Explanation of Psychogenic Non-epileptic Seizure Activity Among Five Women: Is Childhood Sexual Abuse a Common Thread?* This study will be conducted in conjunction with the University of Missouri Neurology Clinic.

At the 2011 HES Week poster session, **Victoria Osborne** received honorable mention in the faculty category for her poster, "Disordered Eating Patterns and Alcohol Misuse in College Students: Evidence for 'Drunkorexia'?" She coauthored the poster with Kenneth Sher and Rachel Winograd.

Clark Peters coordinated a recent display of photographs called "Through My Eyes" from Columbia's Rainbow House. Rainbow House teamed residents with a local photographer, Jon Cook. Cook worked

Faculty news (continued)

with the young people at Rainbow House to teach them photographic skills and how to tell their stories of dealing with homelessness. The result is a powerful set of nine photographs, which has been on display in School of Social Work conference rooms this year. For more information, visit rainbowhousecolumbia.org.

Clark Peters was elected to the Missouri Court Appointed Special Advocate (MO CASA) board of directors. Clark is also co-principal investigator on a \$64,000 grant from the Jim Casey Youth Opportunities Initiative to examine implementation of a national program to increase savings and build assets for former foster youth.

Margie Sable was reelected to the Governing Council of the American Public Health Association. Also, she has also been accepted into the 2011-2012 New York Academy of Medicine Leadership Academy in Aging.

Mansoo Yu was appointed to the editorial board of the *Journal of the Society for Social Work and Research (JSSWR)*. The journal is an official publication of the Society for Social Work and Research.



Faculty profiles



Kim Anderson, PhD, MSSW, LCSW
Anderson teaches in the MSW program and recently published

Enhancing Resilience in Survivors of Family Violence through Springer Publishing Co. An associate professor, she is co-investigator on the Healthy Relationship and Marriage Education Training Project (HRMET).



Kalea Benner, PhD, MSW, LCSW

Benner is an assistant teaching professor and has been with the School since 2001. In 2010, she was named associate director of the School and is also the director of undergraduate studies.



Suzanne Cary, MSW
Cary is a clinical assistant professor and has been the director of field education since 2007. During 2010-11, 130 students completed practicums

in the field education program.



Angela Curl, PhD, MSW
Curl has been an assistant professor in the School and a fellow in the Interdisciplinary Center on Aging since 2007. She is also a reviewer for the

Journal of Gerontological Social Work and the *Journal of Social Work Education* and was a Hartford Faculty Scholar, 2008-2010.

Left: Suzanne Cary, director of field education, with Kristi Turner, MSW, LCSW, the 2011 BSW Instructor of the Year. The award was made in December 2011 at the BSW Field Education Breakfast in Columbia.



Dale Fitch, PhD, MSW
Assistant Professor Fitch is associate editor for the *Journal of Technology in Human Services* and consulting editor with the *Journal of Social Work Education* and *Social Work*. His

research interests include child welfare, information systems, systems theory and systemic research methodologies.



Tammy Freelin, MSW, LCSW

Since 1997, Freelin has been a clinical instructor and student services coordinator for the School's nearly 200 BSW stu-

dents. She serves on a number of campus committees and Columbia's Sol House advisory committees/boards.



Rebekah Freese, MSW, LCSW

Freese has extensive clinical experience in social work and was most recently a clinical staff therapist and DBT team leader for the Family Counseling Center in Columbia for seven years, as well as an adjunct instructor for the School of Social Work for several years. She joined the School full-time in fall 2011 as a clinical instructor, working with Title IV-E graduate students.



Colleen Galambos, PhD, MSW

Galambos is a full professor and director of the Graduate Certificate Program in Gerontological Social Work. She is vice-

president for the Missouri State Board of Nursing Home Administrators and editorial board member for *Affilia, Journal of Gerontological Social Work* and the *Journal of Social Work Values and Ethics*. Her research has been funded by numerous organizations and foundations.



Linda Hillemann, MSW, LCSW

A faculty member since 1998, Hillemann coordinates the Southeast Off-campus MSW Program. She is a member of the Missouri Association of Social Welfare and the MASW Economic Justice Task Force.



Candace Iveson, MSW

Iveson joined the Title IV-E faculty as a clinical instructor in 2009. Her research interests include children and families, state and federal policy, and public funding of social welfare.



Michael Kelly, PhD, MSSW

Kelly is professor and director of doctoral studies. His research and teaching interests are in social issues and child welfare organizations. He currently serves as the principal investigator for the School's largest grant, the Title IV-E graduate education project, funded by the Missouri Department of Social Services.



Martha Markward, PhD, MSW, ACSW

Markward is an associate professor in the School. She recently published *Evidence-based Practice with Women: Toward Effective Practice with Low-income Women* through Sage Publications.



Dianne Orton, DPhil, MSW, LCSW

Orton is a clinical assistant professor in the School and shares her time between teaching and the School's development work.



Victoria Osborne, PhD, MSW

An assistant professor at MU since 2008, Osborne received the 2010 Service Award for Outstanding Faculty Advisor from MU's Office of Greek Life. She is a member of several national associations.



Clark Peters, PhD, JD, AM

Peters, assistant professor since 2009, continues to focus his research on the concerns of youths involved in state care.

He is the primary investigator on a grant funded by the Jim Casey Youth Opportunities Initiative.



Marjorie Sable, DrPH, MSW, MPH

Sable joined the faculty in 1993; she has been professor and director of the School since 2008. Her research focuses on

health disparities and reproductive and sexual health. She has led study abroad trips to South Africa, where she has also conducted research. She was recently co-investigator on two grants for women's health, funded by the Missouri Foundation for Health.



Carol Snively, PhD, MSW, MA

Snively has directed both the on and off-campus MSW programs since 2006, in addition to being an assistant teaching professor for the School. She maintains numerous professional memberships and received the 2008 Chancellor's Diversity Award for Inclusive Excellence.



Wilson Watt, PhD, MSW

Associate Professor Watt is a Fulbright Teaching Scholar awardee, a recognized expert in child welfare and an active participant in the development of social work education nationally. He has had numerous funded projects related to the professionalization of public child welfare services.



Karen Woodbury, MSW, LCSW

Woodbury has been a clinical instructor and the coordinator of the North Missouri MSW Off-campus Program since 1997.



Mansoo Yu, PhD, MSW, MA

Yu, assistant professor since 2008, researches health risk behaviors (including smoking) among underserved populations. He publishes several articles annually and was featured in the June 2011 *Time* magazine.



Dong Yoon, PhD, MSW, MA

Yoon joined the faculty in 2003 and became an associate professor in 2009. He is also a senior fellow at the Center for Religion, the Professions, and the Public (RPP); is active in the Research Council Committee at MU; and presented multiple times with national social work organizations, including CSWE and SSWR.

Human trafficking:

Story by Caitlyn Lisk, BSW '10, MSW '11



Above: One of the slave children on Lake Volta that the team attempted to rescue.

Below, left: Tie-dying fabric with the older children at Village of Life, which is part of the vocational training for the children, as well as a means of profit for the orphanage. Photos by Caitlyn Lisk or were submitted.

Below, right: Caitlyn and George Achibra, the orphanage director and community advocate.

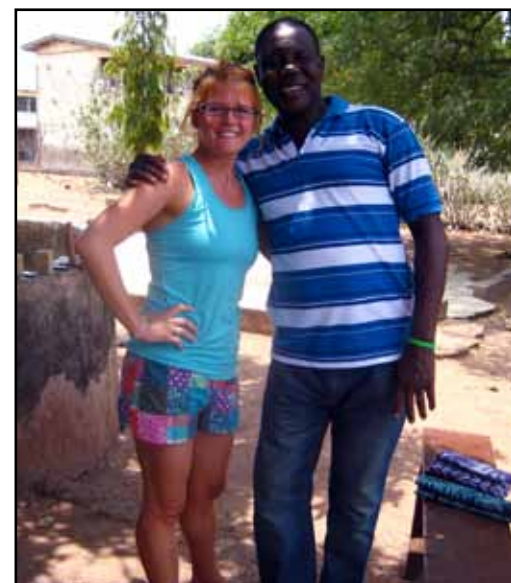
EDITOR'S NOTE: During the spring 2011 semester, second-year MSW student Caitlyn Lisk left the country for her block placement practicum in Ghana, Africa. She relates some of her experiences here.

“Human trafficking influences thousands of lives across the world. Although many of us have heard of it or have seen images of innocent children being sold and traded among the growing human market, the term was put into a much greater perspective when I saw the faces of the children who were made to work 20 hours a day, barely sustaining themselves with one meal consisting of potato crumbs.

Specifically, in Ghana, Africa, this trade frequently occurs on Lake Volta, the largest man-made lake in the world. Children as young as 2 are sold by their parents to fishermen who engage in these illegal practices to make a living in this poverty-stricken country. Sometimes, the parents are told the children will receive an education or vocational training in areas such as fishing or sewing; other times, the parents are too poor to take care of the child and participate in the trade as a means of survival.

Regardless, these children never spend a day in school, but are victims of modern-day slavery. The youngest ones who cannot fish are made to scoop water from the leaking boats; others are forced to dive into the deep water and untangle the nets from the bottom of the lake. Oftentimes, these children cannot swim because they were never taught to do so, or they are so young that swimming should not be expected. This causes many children to drown or develop disabilities such as deformities and deafness. They are beaten for simple mistakes, and many of the young girls are subject to sexual exploitation. The children receive no pay for their work and see these practices as customary and a way of life. In fact, many of the fishermen were once slaves themselves, and this cultural norm seems to be an endless cycle.

A man named George Achibra became aware of such acts eight years ago and has since attempted to put an end to this accepted practice. He and his team have provided successful interventions for more than 350 trafficked children working on Lake Volta.



recovering from a tragic way of life

During my internship, I was fortunate enough to participate in the interventions with George and his team on the lake. Some of the children have been reunited with families, some are now attending school, and the older children are receiving vocational and job skills training for work in the community.

During half of my semester stay, I had the opportunity to work with the younger children in the schools, providing art therapy lessons, assessments and counseling sessions for each child. The other half of my time in Ghana was spent in the Village of Life orphanage with the older children, assisting in vocational training, and providing art therapy and counseling.

The program I was interning with was called Art Feeds. This program partnered with the Village of Life and Village of Hope in a pilot project to provide art therapy for the children. The goal of the Art Feeds program is to provide an outlet for the children

by means of art, and to find a way for them to express themselves through creativity. These children's stories are horrific, and they have experienced things that no human being should ever endure.

It is remarkable—the transformation of the children only a few short hours after their rescue! These children are happy and enthusiastic about their new lives. Their passion and excitement for their future was contagious and provided me with an indescribable feeling that I will keep with me forever. I have grown, not only as a student or a professional social worker, but most importantly, as a person.

Human trafficking will no longer register as a textbook term, but of the faces of the children I saw who were not rescued and continue to believe that slavery is a natural life event.”

Below: School children at Village of Life enjoy a painting project. As part of community advocacy and involvement, George and his team have built a school on the orphanage grounds to include the community children. Some of the older kids who are rescued from the lake are asked if they would like to attend school. They have to begin in the 1st or 2nd grade because they have received little to no schooling prior to the rescue.



What is human trafficking?

Human trafficking has been described as a form of modern-day slavery. It can be expressed as commercial sexual exploitation or forced labor situations such as domestic servants, nannies, sweatshop and other workers, or even beggars. Although largely hidden, the United States is one of the highest destinations for human trafficking victims in the world. According to the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime, approximately 18,000-20,000 people are trafficked into and through the U.S. annually. Worldwide, an estimated 2.5 million people fall victim to the human trafficking trade.

The Central Missouri Stop Human Trafficking Coalition is a local example of a community partnership that works on this issue, and it includes MU social work students. The group's members come from various parts of the community, including law enforcement, religious groups, social service and health care providers, educators, etc.

Utilizing the multidisciplinary members' strengths, the coalition has assembled a network of providers and agencies to offer services for victims. Increasing community awareness of the problem of human trafficking is another of the coalition's goals. It also offers training for community members and professionals such as social workers, medical providers, and law enforcement members seeking to increase their knowledge about this issue. Identification of victims and provision of after-care services such as rehabilitation and reintegration are among the roles that social workers can play. Prevention efforts include educating potential victims, training communities and professionals, and advocating for victims.

The School of Social Work held a continuing education event on human trafficking, sponsored by the Coalition, as the Spring Forum in 2010. The Central Missouri Stop Human Trafficking Coalition can be contacted at 903 Danforth Drive, Columbia, MO 65201.

Donors ease students' financial needs



Above: Photo by Kalea Benner.
Right: Photo by Dan Benner.



BSW student John McNail received this year's Helen Smith Burnham Memorial Scholarship. He is pictured here with Helen's mother, Mary Dunlap Smith, at the 2011 College of Human Environmental Sciences scholarship convocation. Helen's twin daughters, Katie Burnham Wilkins, MSW '08, and Emily Burnham, a current MSW student, also attended the event.

The scholarship was established by Mary Smith and by Helen's husband, Bill Burnham, after Helen's untimely death in December 2010. Helen Burnham, BSW '76, worked in a variety of practice settings, most recently as a bereavement counselor for Missouri River Hospice in Columbia.

In expressing his gratitude for the scholarship, John said, "I can honestly say that I have spent my entire high school and college career helping my family, my peers and my community. I'm two semesters away from graduating with a degree that will allow me to change the world, and that is my passion—to make huge contributions at the macro level. I appreciate and need these funds to become a first-generation (college) graduate and a professional social worker."

At the 2011 Spring Forum, SSW Director Margie Sable recognized two relatives of Marilyn Maddux, nephew Paul Bell and sister Priscilla Maddux, for their work in establishing a Mizzou fund in Marilyn's name. The fund will be used for scholarships, lectureships and other School needs.

Those wishing to remember Marilyn Maddux with a gift may send a check payable to the University of Missouri, noting "Marilyn Maddux Enhancement Fund" on the memo line.

Why she chose a Charitable Gift Annuity

Mrs. Mable Emilie (Rumburg) Meites, BA '42, MSW, says she and her late husband, Dr. Joseph Meites, strongly supported education and research.

"When we retired, our financial planner urged us to build our portfolio. Sometime later, we learned about the Charitable Gift Annuity. We found that, at our age, we would receive better income and provide gifts for our alma mater."

Mable said that when she came to MU she found there was more to life than laboratory technology. "I was a people person. That is when I found myself in social work. I got into courses that taught me a different side of life. Combining the medical experience and the social work experience was my way to go. So many kids don't know what they want to be, even in college. I want students to see that they can find their course of life in college. That is what I am trying to do."

"It's amazing what you can do in life with a college education!"



Above: Joseph and Mable Meites, BSW '42, at their 50th anniversary. Submitted photo. Learn more about the Meites' life of significance on the School of Social Work website: ssw.missouri.edu/spot_meites

For more information about a Charitable Gift Annuity benefitting the School of Social Work, contact the MU Office of Gift Planning and Endowments, 1-800-970-9977, or e-mail giftplanning@missouri.edu.

Ann Baker, MSW, social worker at Gentry Middle School in Columbia, was named the 2010 BSW Field Instructor of the Year. Ann is pictured here (right) with the student who nominated her for the award, Lindsay DeGonia.



Lindsay DeGonia, BSW '10, and Ann Baker. Photo by Diane Davis.

Social work students **Caitlin Campbell** and **Annelise Carr** volunteered recently with United Way to help with the Joplin tornado clean-up efforts. Annelise says, "We were taken on school buses to our job site, where we worked at a house with 30 others, moving debris and separating it into different piles. Even after almost four weeks, the devastation was still evident. I'm glad we went and hope to go back."

Theresa Clifton, an advanced standing MSW student in southeast Missouri, was recently named Employee of the Year at her workplace, Missouri Delta Medical Center in Sikeston, where she is part of the social work staff. Sandra Robinson, LCSW, is her supervisor.

Christina Montgomery, BSW (right), social worker at the Voluntary Action Center, was chosen as the 2011 MSW Field Instructor of the year. Christina was nominated by her student, Eun Young Jang.



Eun Young Jang and Christina Montgomery. Photo by Kalea Benner.

Kam Phillips, a BSW student from Texas, has been named a Truman Scholar, one of only 60 nationwide and the only student in Missouri to receive the Truman Scholarship. Kam, who plans to eventually pursue a master's in public policy or law, will receive up to \$30,000 from the scholarship for her graduate work.

Her list of volunteer involvement is long. Highlights include being the founder/executive director of Dream Outside The Box, a non-profit for minority and underprivileged children that emphasizes a sense of community, and being a founding member of MU's chapter of the American Association of University Women (AAUW).

Additionally, Kam is MU's 2011 Homecoming Queen and received the \$5,000 Top of the Class award from mtvU.



Kam Phillips. Photo by Jonathan Butler.

Girls Town Day on Campus: Inspiring today's youth to be tomorrow's leaders

On Wed., Jan. 26, 2011, the MU Social Work Alumni Organization, with support from a Mizzou Alumni Association Diversity Grant, hosted Missouri Girls Town Day on Campus. The University of Missouri welcomed 12 junior and senior residents from Missouri Girls Town with a campus tour. Then, to give the girls a feel of campus transportation, everyone hopped on a bus from the University Bookstore to the Hearnes Center and walked up to Mizzou Arena, where they were greeted by an energetic Gary Link. Mr. Link guided the girls through the arena, including coaches' offices, men's team practice from the overlooking balcony, locker room, weight room, media room, main court and Providence Bank Suite.

Shakespeare's Pizza. During this time, the girls were able to socialize with several MU students, faculty and alumni. Following lunch, everyone headed over to the women's basketball game against the rival Kansas Jayhawks. The highlight for some of the girls was their opportunity to participate in the halftime entertainment, where they competed in musical layups. The day came to an end with a Lady Tiger victory over the Jayhawks.

Not only was the day memorable, but it provided the girls with a positive experience and opportunities they may not have received otherwise. As one resident exclaimed, "I want to come to Mizzou every day!"

students, alumni or guests—were diverse in backgrounds, ages, ethnicities and education levels, but all found a common ground through a day on campus at Mizzou. The students and alumni had much to learn from the enthusiasm and imagination of the Girls Town residents. They heard about the girls' goals, their dreams and their world view. The Girls Town residents were also able to learn about the unique educational and professional experiences of the students and alumni. The Social Work students and alumni who participated in this event were not necessarily familiar with the traumatic past of the Girls Town residents, but they were eager to be part of a very positive experience for these young women.

After working up an appetite, the girls were treated to the always popular

All the attendees at the Girls Day on Campus event—whether they were

--Jordan Petrek, BSW '10, MSW student



Dr. Carol Snively, MSW program director; Dr. Margie Sable, director of the School; Dr. Kalea Benner, associate director. Photo by Crystal Null.



Above: Candace Iveson, clinical instructor, and Erica Dismang, MSW '11. Photos by Kalea Benner.

Below left: Amber Moodie-Dyer, PhD '11, and Dr. Colleen Galambos, professor.

Below right: May 2011 MSW graduates, from left: Venice Wood, Emily Arth, Jon Lawson and Ashleigh Mix. Photo by James Arth.



BSW graduates

In the following list of BSW graduates, the outstanding seniors are indicated in **bold** text, and honors students (3.5 GPA and higher) are shown with an asterisk (*).

- Anderson, Megan
- Andrews, Rhianna
- Belgeri, Carolyn
- Bell, Brittany Lee*
- Bonnick, Alysha**
- Bulejski, Emily Rebecca
- Esser, Kelsey Christine
- Fernandez, Mary*
- Green, Addison Renee
- Griffith, Julia***
- Griffin, Cleona
- Handly, Tallie Elizabeth
- Hartsock, Rebekah E.
- Hawkins, Emma Jane
- Heller, Theresa
- Heuvelman, Kelsey
- Hoernig, Jennifer Leann***
- Hoskins, Anna*
- Hoeflicker, Heather M.*
- Howe, Geni Allison
- Jennemann, Joshua**
- Keller, Madeline*
- Laurel, Arica Neala
- Lawrence, Rachel*



- Lever, Elizabeth
- Lowe, Gabrielle
- Maners, Jane Clare
- Mejia, Amanda Ruth*
- Miller, Katherine Lynn***
- Mueller, Caitlin M.
- Nanney, Erica***
- Pohle, Claire Elizabeth*
- Powell, Clare J.*
- Sayers, Mary
- Schmitz, Kristen M.*
- Schweitzer, Jill
- Seboldt, Bryon J.
- Showalter, Seth Brian
- Stratman, Stacia
- Swanson, Shannon Elizabeth
- Weedin, Jennifer Alyse
- Wiig, Lauren Kathleen
- Williamson, Amanda

MSW graduates

- Aggers, Keegan
- Arth, Emily
- Aufdenberg, Jessica Michelle
- Baerga, April Renee'
- Baker, Shanna Nicole
- Bailey, Sarah Nicole
- Bathen, Sherri Dianne Fitts
- Blakey, Ashley Paige
- Boyd, Denise Lynn
- Bunch, Lindsay
- Cagle, Elyse



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| Clark, Tammy | Greenwell, Michael | O'Malley, Patricia |
| Clifton, Theresa Kay | Hanover, Holly | Ostercamp, Daniel |
| Crabb, Carissa Janel | Hintz, Stephanie Louise | Parton, Lindsey Ann |
| Crowley, Monique Denise | Holt, Jennifer | Rogers, Alyssa Meredith |
| Crutchfield, Corey Craig | Houts, Katherine | Petrek, Jordan |
| Dannenmueller, Keeley R. | Khan, Aisha | Pickett, Katie |
| Davis, Jessica | Kuda, Kelly | Primmer, Kellie |
| Dismang, Erica | Lemmons, Stephanie N. | Ross, Jami Lyn |
| Dohrman, Martha | Lisk, Caitlyn | Ryan, Sara Elizabeth |
| Downey, Megan Dionne | Livell, Nicole | Rye, Erin |
| Dugan, Kelly Malena | Louder, Amy | Scates, Kimberly |
| Falter, Alicia | Mann, Megan Rachelle | Schultz, Mary Jean |
| Flachs, Shelly Arlene | Martin, Savannah A. | Seibel, Debbi |
| Fritts, Melissa | Maxwell, Dana Rae | Smyser, Melissa |
| Foote, Kellee Marie | Miller, Rona Ellen | Swisher, Linzi |
| Furey, Ann | Mix, Ashleigh | Sykes, Aharon |
| Gilligan, Molly | Murphy, Candace | Tarter, Maya |
| Graves, Terra Renee | Nickolaus, Christy | Thurman, Janessa |

May 2011 BSW graduates. FRONT row from left: Rhianna Andrews, Mary Kate Sayers, Amanda Williamson, Carolyn Belgeri, Kelsey Heuvelman. BACK row from left: Stacia Stratman, Cleona Griffin, Anna Hoskins, Madeline Keller.



May 2011 MSW graduates. FRONT row from left: Ashleigh Mix, Candace Murphy, Aharon Sykes, Debbi Seibel, Michael Greenwell. MIDDLE two: Martha Dohrman, Maya Tarter. BACK row: Erica Dismang, Emily Arth, Erin Rye.



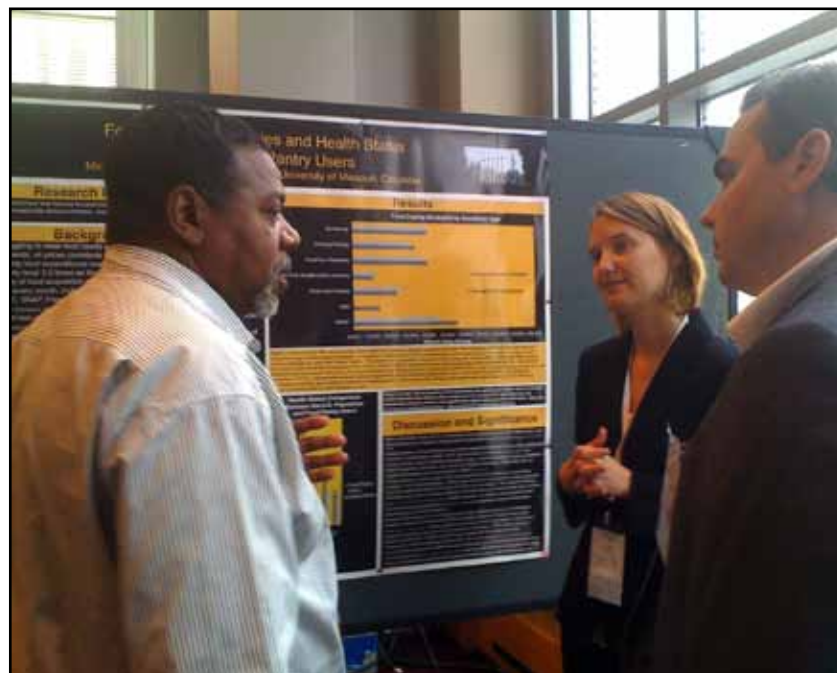
Left: December 2011 MSW graduates. FRONT row from left: Laura Voss, Karen Woodbury (N. Mo. program director), Megan Mann, April Baerga, Rona Miller, Carissa Crabb. BACK row: Shelly Flachs, Megan Downey, Shana Baker. Photos by Kalea Benner.

- Twenter, Nicole
- Walker, Michele
- Washington, Danielle
- West, Cathleen Ann
- Weston, Laticia Marie
- Wheelehon, Angela Marie
- Williams, Keisha
- Willibey, Jessica
- Wisdom, Tasha Lynn
- Wood, Venice
- Wooley, Nakole
- Zellhoefer, Anne M.

PhD graduates

Paul Foreman, "The Impact of Eligibility Guideline Changes in the Missouri's State Children Insurance Program (SCHIP) on Poor Working Families With Children With Asthma"

Amber Moodie-Dyer, "Falling Through the Cracks: Child Care Decision-making Among the Working Poor"



Michelle Kaiser, PhD student, presented at the Council on Social Work Education's conference in October 2011. Photo by Marjorie Sable.

SSW research awards received in FY2011

The School of Social Work received a total of \$1,702,212 in grant awards in fiscal year 2011.

Projects awarded, along with the SSW primary investigators and funding agencies, are:

- Safety System to Facilitate Reviewing Prior History (Dale Fitch), Mo. Dept. of Social Svcs.
- Falling Through the Cracks: Child Care Decision-making Among the Working Poor (Colleen Galambos), Admn. for Children and Families
- AHRQ Health Services Research Projects (Colleen Galambos), Agency for Healthcare Research & Quality
- Contract for Pre-service Training for Public Child Welfare (Michael Kelly), Mo. Dept. of Social Svc.
- Asset Building for Youth Aging Out of Foster Care (Clark Peters), Jim Casey Youth Opp. Initiative

In the same fiscal year, Social Work submitted a total of \$1,865,770 in proposals for research and service activities.

Faculty member researches “drunkorexia”

Assistant professor Victoria Osborne is researching the relationship between alcohol misuse and disordered eating, including calorie restriction in college students. Osborne and researchers in psychological studies at MU found that 16 percent of those surveyed reported restricting calories to “save them” for drinking. Of the respondents, compared to men, about three times as many women reported engaging in the behavior. Motivations for “drunkorexia” include preventing weight gain, getting intoxicated faster and saving money that would be spent on food to buy alcohol.

binge drinking because they metabolize alcohol differently than men and can get sick faster and suffer damage to vital organs sooner than men might.

The MU researchers have found that when college students combine these two unhealthy habits—disordered eating and binge drinking—their long-term health may be affected.



Victoria Osborne. Submitted photo.

It is well known that eating disorders are common among teens and college students. Heavy alcohol consumption is another well-known unhealthy habit of this age group.

“Drunkorexia” is a term coined by the media to describe the combination of disordered eating and heavy alcohol consumption.

According to Osborne, “drunkorexia” can have dangerous cognitive, behavioral and physical consequences. It also puts

people at risk for developing more serious eating disorders or addiction problems.

“Apart from each other, depriving the brain of adequate nutrition and consuming large amounts of alcohol (binge drinking) can be dangerous,” Osborne said. “Together, they can cause short- and long-term cognitive problems including difficulty concentrating, studying and making decisions.

“It is important that young people understand the risks of this behavior,” Osborne said. “We teach college students about the dangers of binge drinking, but most of them do not consider the long-term health consequences of disordered eating and heavy drinking, either alone or combined,” Osborne continued.

She presented her research at several conferences in 2011. Future plans include studying other variables and submitting articles for publication.

Story credit: Samantha Craven, MU News Bureau

LGBTQ campus activities

In late October, 11 BSW and MSW students attended the on-campus discussion with Nate Phelps, son of notorious Westboro Baptist Church pastor, Fred Phelps. Dr. Carol Snively, director of MSW and Off-campus Programs, said, “Nate shared childhood experiences with his infamous family, which included participation in public demonstrations of hatred for many categories of people, including veterans and LGBTQ persons (lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and queer).

Nate is pictured below (back row, third from left) with a group of Social Work students, faculty and staff. “Nate left home at midnight on his 18th birthday and began a new life for himself,” Snively said. “Today, he speaks about religion, child abuse, and is a LGBTQ advocate. Documentary films have covered various aspects of his journey. “Nate spoke with students and community members in various forums in Columbia. This was a very unique opportunity to hear from ‘the other side’ of the Fred Phelps family controversies, as well as from a person who has done much to determine his own belief system. It was a really interesting discussion,” said Snively. Submitted photo.



Below: For the 16th consecutive year, MU students, faculty, alumni and staff gathered near the north steps of Jesse Hall to show their support for those in the MU LGBTQ community by participating in the National Coming Out Day photo. To celebrate Mizzou’s 100th Homecoming, the photo was published in the campus newspaper, *The Maneater*, on the back of a sign that students took to the football game. This was an effort to show our extended Mizzou family how welcoming Mizzou is to every tiger on our campus. Prior to the Coming Out Day photo, School of Social Work faculty and students who participated in the photo gathered with Truman the Tiger. Founded in 1988, National Coming Out Day is observed annually to raise awareness of the LGBTQ community and civil rights movement. The date of October 11th was chosen because it is the anniversary of the 1987 National March on Washington for Lesbian and Gay Rights. Photo by Struby Struble.



Off-campus program spotlight:

North Region MSW Program

The off-campus MSW program allows individuals in northern and southeast Missouri to obtain an advanced degree in social work while continuing to work full-time. For the past 11 years, the north region program has been coordinated by Karen Woodbury, LCSW, MSW. Students attend classes that are offered in-person, online and through interactive television located in Kirksville, Palmyra, St. Joseph and Blue Springs. As of December 2011, 113 north region students have graduated with their MSW. An additional 35 north region students are expected to graduate in 2013. Students live across northern Missouri and close to the Missouri border in surrounding states from White Cloud, Kan., to Quincy, Ill.

Many graduates of the program have been promoted within their agencies, becoming the manager or director of local nonprofit organizations and social service agencies, team leaders in health organizations and successful private practitioners. Kristina Hannon, MSW '03, said, “**This program has given me the skills and knowledge that enabled me to become the vice-president of my agency. I could not have achieved this without the availability and accessibility of the off-campus MSW program.**”

Students have brought to rural areas an awareness of how professional social workers can impact their community through advocacy, program development, and social justice awareness. For example, six St. Joseph students recently participated in the YWCA’s “Stand Against Racism” and helped to organize others to make a commitment to eliminate racism. Megan Downey, MSW '11, stated, “This program allowed me to stay actively involved in my own community while continuing my education.”

In Memorium

Richard “Dick” Dunn, MSW ‘61, ACSW, LCSW, died March 7, 2011, at age 74 from cancer. He spent his lifetime championing the cause of underprivileged, at-risk children and seniors.

He retired as director of Boys & Girls Town of Missouri after 29 years, but according to his family, retirement was too slow for him, so at the governor’s request, he undertook the job as director of the Missouri Department of Social Services for three years. Politically, his tireless work to improve the lives of children and seniors earned him the respect of both Democrats and Republicans.

In Springfield, he was chairman of the board of directors for The Arc of the Ozarks; was president of The Foundation, Council of Churches of the Ozarks, Inc.; and was chair of the Children’s Trust Fund board. Dick also served Mizzou as a member of the School of Social Work’s Director’s Development Council.

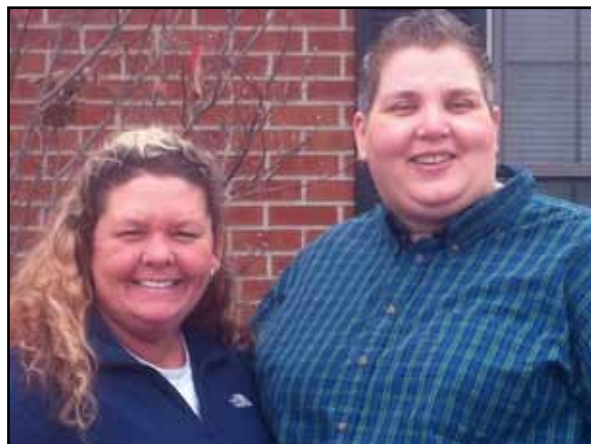
Funeral services were held on March 19, 2011, at the O’Reilly Family Event Center at Drury University, Springfield.

Arthur “Art” Robins, PhD, former director of the MU School of Social Work from 1965 to 1970, died Sept. 2, 2010, at age 89. He had also been a faculty member in the MU Honors College until spring 2010. Memorials can be sent to the Columbia Art League, which he and his wife, Betty, helped establish.

Richard H. Snooks, MSW ‘88, LCSW, passed away July 31, 2011, at age 69. Originally from St. Joseph, Mo., Richard was a licensed, certified clinical social worker in Columbia for more than 20 years.

Alumna team-teaches Deaf Culture class in SSW

From left: Bethany Peterson and Becky Beck, MSW ‘01, teachers of the SSW’s Deaf Culture class, SW 7350. Photo by Lisa King.



Through years of working within the deaf community, Becky Beck, MSW ‘01, recognized the need for social workers and other helping professionals to be educated about the deaf community. She realized that many hearing people do not recognize that a deaf culture exists and that there are vast differences in language, education, behaviors, and cultural norms between the hearing and non-hearing worlds. It is important that social workers recognize and understand these cultural differences so that they can provide improved services and advocacy for deaf clients. The deaf world is considered a cultural linguistic minority and one that is often marginalized. Therefore, in 2006 Becky created an elective course for the School entitled Deaf Culture: A Social Work Perspective, SW 7350.

Becky co-teaches the class with Bethany Peterson, a proud deaf woman who earned a bachelor’s in 1995 and a master’s in 2007. Currently, Bethany is the director of student life at the Missouri School for the Deaf in Fulton. Bethany believes that “the deaf culture is considered a silent minority, and as a result, it is common for deaf individuals to fall through the cracks of the school system and mental health system.”

Co-teaching provides students with a unique learning experience from both hearing and deaf instructors, who teach from a cultural model rather than from a disability framework. Students learn

about the deaf culture and deaf community by learning to recognize audism (oppression experienced by deaf persons), use interpreting services, identify social service resources for the deaf, identify discrimination experienced by the deaf, and examine disability legislation and its impact on the deaf community. Students also participate in role-playing exercises and interactive activities within the deaf community where they learn first-hand what it is like to have a hearing loss. Additionally, students are also introduced to deaf community members, who participate in panel discussions and share a wealth of experiences.

Becky is the clinical coordinator at The LEAD Institute in Columbia, Mo., a non-profit providing social, mental health and advocacy services to deaf and hard-of-hearing individuals in Missouri.

Becky’s career started after high school when she enrolled in a sign language class that ultimately helped her obtain a job at the Missouri School for the Deaf (MSD). While working at MSD, she obtained an associate’s degree in American Sign Language Studies. Since graduating in 2001, Becky has worked at The LEAD Institute, providing services, education and awareness of deaf culture to shelters and other social service agencies across the state. Becky is one of only a handful of professionals who are fluent enough in sign language to provide direct services to the deaf community without the need of an interpreter.

Domestic violence prevention in the classroom and in athletics

Adjunct Instructor Jennifer Carter, MSW ‘02, had some non-typical guest speakers this semester in her Domestic Violence class. Mike Alden, athletic director for Mizzou, and two of his staff, Sarah Reesman, executive associate athletic director, and Kim Lambert, associate athletic director, spoke about their work in domestic violence prevention throughout the MU athletic community. Alden explained that these efforts began in 2003 when one of his athletes was arrested for domestic assault. Not knowing anything about it, Alden set out to educate himself.

Working with Reesman (sister of Ellen Reesman, MSW ‘82, and Phyllis Reesman, MSW ‘81), and Lambert, Alden and athletics staff developed training for all athletes across all sports to promote self-respect and domestic violence prevention.

Danica Wolf, MSW ‘10, has worked closely with the athletic department in developing the training this past year. Mizzou is one of a handful of institutions to have such training, and it is hoped that this will become a new standard in athletic departments across the country.



From left, Kim Lambert; Jennifer Carter, MSW ‘02; Sarah Reesman and Mike Alden. Photo by Marjorie Sable.

Fall Conference: The Pruitt-Igoe Myth

This year’s Fall Conference continuing education event was entitled *The Intersection of Social Welfare Policy, Practice and Ethics in Subsidized Housing* and was held on Sept. 16. The morning session began with a viewing of the documentary, *The Pruitt-Igoe Myth*, and ended with an enlightening Q&A with the director, Chad Friedrichs. The documentary includes historical footage and tells the story of the Pruitt-Igoe Housing Development Project from the perspective of former residents. It addresses criticisms of subsidized housing in which policies maintain poverty, segregation and facilitation of an underground economy based on drugs. The creation and subsequent demolition of Pruitt-Igoe in urban St. Louis provides an historical perspective on the influence of public policy on poverty.

The afternoon session focused on the ethical dilemmas in social work practice, particularly on conflicts between policies and practice related to public housing. Policies originate with the hope of

helping those in need but often conflict with agency goals in implementation. Ethical dilemmas are often viewed from the micro perspective in social work practice.

The forum allowed participants to understand the systemic influence of value conflict, particularly at the macro level. Dr. Marjorie Sable, director of the School of Social Work, facilitated the afternoon session with an overview of social work values and ethics related to housing. She was joined by Phil Steinhaus, CEO for the Columbia Housing Authority, who provided a synopsis of local resources related to public housing. The day concluded with a panel comprised of Steinhaus; Cornelia Williams, the public housing family self-sufficiency coordinator; Katie Howard, public housing intake coordinator; and Cynthia Baker, LCSW.

BSW student Elizabeth Doyle attended the conference and had the following reaction:

“Although I am from St. Louis, I was completely unaware of the history that has plagued public housing in the last century and did not know anything about the Pruitt-Igoe housing development. During my upbringing, I lived in a segregated world without knowing it. Throughout

the latter half of my high school years, I began to realize that everyone around me was middle or upper-middle class and white. I began to see other parts of St. Louis that were predominately black, I began to wonder why there was such a distinct racial separation between the various St. Louis neighborhoods, and I noticed how most people in my social groups associated the ‘black neighborhoods’ with ‘bad neighborhoods.’



Director Chad Friedrichs. Photo by Kalea Benner.

“Because this association was promoted, either explicitly or implicitly, by important people in my life like family and teachers, I did not doubt its truth. In the last four years, I have been forced to reexamine these unquestioned norms, and it has been a difficult task.

While watching *The Pruitt-Igoe Myth*, I confronted not only the myths surrounding that particular housing development; I also looked at the myths surrounding my own perception of housing, race relations, power and privilege in my own upbringing. Realizing my own privileged and insulated upbringing has been an uncomfortable process, and viewing this film forced me to face and understand this truth yet again. Throughout much of the film my feelings oscillated between, shock, anger and pain.”



Destruction of one of the Pruitt-Igoe buildings. Photo courtesy of the St. Louis Post-Dispatch.



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This year has been a very exciting year for the School of Social Work Alumni Organization (SSWAO)! With a new leadership team transitioned into place and all-new student representatives, our focus is centered on connecting current Social Work students and SSW alumni while continuing to honor professional achievements and promote the numerous benefits of membership.

The SSWAO was honored to recognize the outstanding achievements of all of our award recipients at the 2011 Spring Forum. Although nominations will probably have officially closed for the 2012 SSWAO Awards by the time you read this, you can e-mail WolfDS@missouri.edu if you know a student, faculty, alumni or agency who should be recognized for exemplary work. Nominations not only pay tribute to the specific contributions of the individual, but also bring validation and recognition to the profession, and we hope to recognize these achievements in various ways throughout the upcoming year.

In addition to the distinguished awardees, the Board of Directors would also like to acknowledge the entire SSWAO membership who contributed to an amazing year for the organization. The Mizzou Alumni Association (MAA) honored our membership-building efforts with a prize of \$250. The SSWAO board determined the best investment of those funds would be to award them to a social work student member of MAA. The SSWAO will draw the name of one lucky student member to receive the \$250 award this semester. We are already well on our way to an **outstanding year in membership** for 2011-12!

If you would like to join us in our efforts to honor, encourage and connect with alumni and students, please consider a membership in the SSWAO. A membership application is available at Mizzou.com/joinsocialworkalumni. This

exclusive link not only ensures that a portion of your dues goes to the SSWAO, but you'll also be included on our list of contacts for future events and outreach. For one price, you will be a member of the Mizzou Alumni Association, the SSWAO and your local chapter. Membership also provides you with numerous special discounts, school updates and notices, the annual wall calendar and connection with more than 40,000 other Mizzou graduates.

Finally, this coming year, we will be launching a mentorship program to connect alumni and SSW students in mutually beneficial ways. At this point, we are beginning to gauge interest in the mentorship program and hope to begin matching mentor-mentee pairs in the coming months. Please let us know if you are interested in participating in this exciting new program!

If you have any questions about the SSWAO or how you can be involved, please contact Deborah Simmons, SSW executive staff assistant, at 573-882-4447 or simmons@missouri.edu.

With pride and gratitude,

Danica Wolf, MSW '10,
SSWAO President



Above: Danica Wolf, MSW '10, SSWAO president. Photo by Diane Davis.



SSWAO Board of Directors, 2011: Front, from left: Robert Dieckhoff, Danica Wolf, Stephen Hick. Back, from left: Dianne Orton, Terri Marty, Ashley Hall, Andrea Shaw, Amy Voiles.

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