Research Holding the Torch of Knowledge
Bronze icon at the main entrance of the Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.
Greetings from the School of Social Work!

Our 2012 Spring Forum on Cultural Diversity and Social Work and 2012 Fall Conference on Social Work Ethics and Economic Justice provided stimulating, if not controversial, dialogue and continuing education for our alumni and field instructors. These forums are wonderful opportunities to keep our alumni up-to-date on big topics for our profession.

I recently had the privilege of traveling to Michigan to attend the 99th birthday party of Mable Meites, BA ‘42, MSW! Mable has been featured previously in Social Work Notes for her charitable gift annuity that she has made to endow a scholarship.

Dianne Orton has retired from her faculty position but continues to assist us with development efforts. She is working on a new development campaign entitled I Give Because that will be featured on our website soon. The campaign focuses on planned giving in an effort to make it easy for our alumni and friends to make gifts to the School. (See page 17).

We mourn the loss of our dear friend Jane Bierdeman-Fike, who generously endowed a scholarship for our doctoral program. She will live on through our students.

In December we launched our new Facebook page. Please go to www.Facebook.com/MizzouSocialWork and “like” us! We will be providing updates on our activities and links to pages of interest.

We are always happy to hear from you! Please write, call, or e-mail and tell us what you are doing. We’ll put your news in the next issue and in the Alumni Updates section of our website, ssw.missouri.edu.

Wishing you the best for a happy and healthy 2013!
The School’s Facebook page went ‘live’ in December. We are now able to communicate faster and reach more people as we post information about School events, workshops, etc. Take a look, and we hope you ‘like’ what you see!

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BSW students travel to Ghana for study abroad

BSW students Antaniece Sills (summer 2011) and Aaron Earley (summer 2012) helped teach school in Ghana as part of the MU Study Abroad program.

Senior Antaniece Sills participated in the Global Service in Cape Coast, Ghana. The service project was overseen by Proworld, a non-governmental organization (NGO). The service group consisted of Mizzou students from public health, education and social science fields. She was given the option to pursue education or public health during the course of the program. She chose education and worked directly with Korye Dance Theatre, a non-profit, NGO cultural group based in Cape Coast, Ghana.

In addition, twice a week Antaniece was responsible for teaching English and mathematics in a nearby village classroom. This one classroom consisted of youth ages 3-12. On occasion, she participated in recreational activities with the students. The program designed weekend excursions for their service group. They visited historic slave castles, create building bricks, and relax on a nearby resort!

Antaniece used this experience in her undergraduate field practicum at the Juvenile Justice Center. She and her field colleagues put together an “all around the world day” and introduced the youth to Ghanaian and Indian cultures that they may never have had the chance to explore. Overall, this opportunity allowed her to learn that it is possible to strengthen a community in a limited amount of time and that we should never take for granted the luxuries that we have in the U.S.

Aaron Earley, BSW ’12, taught basic math and English at a school in Cape Coast. The study abroad program donated a bookshelf, books and other materials to the school as a part of a sustainability project.

While in Ghana, Aaron worked for a non-profit called Hoops Care. “We implemented P.E. classes into a variety of schools, taught at underprivileged schools, coached the Hoops Care basketball team, organized a 6K AIDS Race to raise awareness and provided free HIV/Aids testing,” said Aaron.

SSW student helps increase grant funding for Columbia agency

As part of her Learning Plan last semester, Kathleen “Katie” Lappe was tasked with rewriting and requesting a significant increase in funding for the second year of the Supportive Services for Veterans Families Program at Welcome Home, Inc., in Columbia, Mo.

The organization’s executive director, Aneisa L. Sherrill-Mattox, MSW ’06, LCSW, says, “I would like to extend my sincerest congratulations to the School of Social Work and Ms. Lappe. Due to her diligent research and attention, we were awarded $89,000 to provide homeless prevention and rapid rehousing to veterans and their families.”

Aneisa concluded, “This amount is a substantial increase (more than double) from the previous year’s funding of $42,000! On behalf of our homeless veterans and their families, my staff, and our Veteran Board of Directors – I extend our sincerest and most heartfelt gratitude for a job well done! Thank you for your service to our veterans and our community.”
The SSWAO awards for 2012 were presented on April 20, 2012, at the School of Social Work Spring Conference by Danica Wolf, president of the SSWAO, and Terri Marty, Awards Committee.

The Outstanding BSW Student is Kam Phillips, BSW ‘12, who came to Missouri from Texas to attend the University of Missouri. Kam is one of 60 Truman Scholars nationwide and the only University of Missouri student to receive the Truman Scholarship. In her undergraduate program, she founded the Dream Outside the Box organization with the goal of helping children from low-income families explore career choices. She is a winner of the mtvU competition as a college student who changed her world. She is a founding member of the MU chapter of the American Association of University Women and was the 2011 MU Homecoming Queen. Kam plans to pursue a graduate degree.

For the Outstanding MSW Student, the Association chose Kelly Jackson, MSW ‘12. She spent her semester placement at LOVE INC. Kelly has a nursing and administrative background and has been a foster parent, is active in her church, and is a mother and grandmother. In her internship at LOVE INC, she demonstrated leadership and compassion. She collaborated with her placement agency to develop the Extra Mile, a program that extends mentoring to include personal goal setting, community networking and financial management. She is known for her skills in having those difficult but necessary conversations with clients.

Michelle Kaiser, PhD ‘12, is the Outstanding PhD Student. Michelle has been the student representative to the SSWAO and the School of Social Work Doctoral Committee, where she represented and advocated for doctoral students. The respect and admiration of her peers and school faculty are evident in her multiple nominations. In fall 2012, Michelle began work as an assistant professor at the School of Social Work at Ohio State University.

This year’s Outstanding Faculty Member is Suzanne Cary. Suzanne is the director of field instruction at the School. In this position, she has contact with every practicum student, field instructor and field agency. Coordination of this process is no small feat. She makes sure that the field experience intersects with what has been taught in the classroom, which enables students to begin the process of applying what they have learned. She tirelessly seeks out the best placement for every student to enhance their learning. Suzanne is able to troubleshoot placement problems and find a new placement if needed, often within days of the need arising. She is known to emphasize professionalism and ethics to students, where she leads by example.

LOVE INC is the 2012 Outstanding Social Service Agency. Love In the Name of Christ was established in 2008 by co-founders Jane Williams and Pat McMurry. The agency serves as a local clearinghouse that receives social service requests and uses mostly volunteer efforts to match needs with local church and community resources. The agency provides community life coaching, budget counseling, job search assistance and re-entry support for ex-offenders. In 2011 George Lombardi, director of the Missouri Department of Corrections, presented LOVE INC with a Community Partnership Award for its efforts in helping ex-offenders. LOVE INC also maintains a partnership with the MU Office of Social Learning. LOVE INC offers their Living Large Program twice a year to the community. This 12-week educational program offers skill building in job seeking, life skills, spiritual development and financial skills. LOVE INC is recognized as a force for social justice in the community.

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Alumni Spotlight

The exciting and accomplished careers of Teresa Titus-Howard (MSW ’93) and Don Howard (MSW ’94) illustrate just what is possible with an MSW degree.

In 2011, Don and Teresa moved to the Baltimore, Md., area to work in the public policy arena. As a result of the passing and implementation of President Obama’s Affordable Care Act, both of them took advantage of impacting the transformation of our nation’s health care system by working at the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS).

Teresa is currently working at the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Innovation. As a senior leader at the Innovation Center and the deputy group director for the Learning and Diffusion Group, Teresa’s responsibilities include initiating and leading a broad set of national health care reform quality improvement, learning and diffusion activities aimed at achieving rapid and large-scale adoption of effective payment and care delivery models that are known to improve the delivery of health care, the health of the U.S. population and reduce health care costs for all Americans.

Don is currently working in the Center for Clinical Standards and Quality. As a health insurance specialist, he is responsible for the national implementation of the Hospital Value-based Purchasing Program at CMS. The objectives of this program are to move hospitals in the U.S. from a traditional model of health care based on volume to one of rewarding hospitals that provide high quality patient services.

Prior to becoming national policy leaders, the Howards lived in Kansas City. Teresa was the associate regional administrator at the Office of Clinical Standards and Quality, Division of Quality Improvement of CMS at the Region VII Office from 2007-2011. From 2003 to 2007, she was the bi-state vice president for the Mid-America Coalition on Health Care. She also served as assistant director of quality improvement at Western Missouri Mental Health Center, where she focused on improving the quality of care for severely mentally ill patients.

Later, she became a quality improvement specialist at Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Kansas City (BCBSKC). Teresa was the first social worker hired by BCBSKC, a well-known provider of health insurance. She was asked to focus on improving depression outcomes for health plan members. In these positions, Teresa’s passion as an advocate for patient-centered care and the delivery of high quality of care was realized on a daily basis.

Don, who has always been supportive of Teresa’s highly driven personality, willingly moved back to the Greater Kansas City area and secured a manager of clinical services position at Tri-County Mental Health, Community Mental Health Center. He later worked at New Directions Behavioral Health, LLC in Overland Park, Kan., a managed behavioral health care organization, for 10 years, where he achieved a senior leadership position as the director of clinical services.

In her spare time, Teresa earned a master’s degree in health administration (1998) and a doctorate in public affairs and administration (2012) from the University of Missouri-Kansas City (UMKC). She also served as a clinical instructor at UMKC’s School of Medicine from 1999-2011, where she taught a course entitled Behavioral Science Topic: The Business Side of Medicine: Dynamics of Healthcare Financing.

Don and Teresa have two sons, Donald “Patrick” Howard III and Jackson Titus Howard; and a daughter, Ashley, whom they adopted at age 15.

Don and Teresa credit much of their inspiration and motivation as social workers to Don’s parents, Don Sr. and Nancy Howard. Don Sr. and Nancy played a vital role in increasing awareness of behavioral health needs, such as mental health and chemical dependency treatment, in Columbia and across the state of Missouri for more than 40 years.

Both Don Sr. and Nancy dedicated their professional lives as advocates for chemical dependency prevention, treatment and recovery services for adult men and women. They authored a book on the impact of alcoholism on a family system entitled The Family Approach to Problem Drinking.

Don Sr. and Nancy were founders of The Family Counseling Center, now known as Compass Health, in the early 1970s and the McCambridge Center, a women’s treatment center in Columbia, in 1978. Don Jr. recalls, “I remember meeting Mercedes McCambridge, an Academy Award-winning actress and chemical dependency prevention and treatment advocate in the late ’70s, when she stayed at my parents’ home while in town for the grand opening of the FCC.”

Although it doesn’t sound like Don and Teresa have much spare time, they make the time for vacations because they are big supporters of keeping an appropriate work-life balance. They really enjoy taking family and friend vacations each year. Some of their adventures have included Estes Park in Colorado, Hawaii, Florida, Texas, the Mid-Atlantic States and Europe, to name a few.
Outstanding Alumna Judy Hillyer, LCSW, ACSW, is a 1987 BSE and 1994 MSW graduate of MU. Judy did her internship at Boys and Girls Town in St. James, Mo., and today she is the director of advancement for the Great Circle, formed in 2009 by the merger of Boys and Girls Town of Missouri and Edgewood Childrens Center. Her recognition of vulnerable girls being unaware of the ability to make choices in their own lives made her determined to develop a program to give them the power to create a future of their own choice based on positive experiences and relationships. With the help and support of staff, board members and the community, Changing Prisms—A Voyage of Self Discovery—was born. Since 2003, this program has served more than 400 young women. Judy Hillyer exemplifies “the social work professional devoted to problem solving in human relationships, and empowerment and liberation of people to enhance their well-being.” (International Federation of Social Workers)

Congratulations to all of our recipients!

Melissa Fritts, MSW ’11, LSW, lives in Pittsburgh, Penn., where she works at Family Services of Western Penn as a care manager for older adults. She is working with a family therapy program through the agency to do reconciliation and co-parenting counseling, and she hopes to have her LCSW within a few years.

Marjie Brady, MSW ’10, LMSW, is a vocational counselor in the Division of Vocational Rehabilitation at the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education.

Jarod Giger, PhD ‘10, and wife, Jaime, welcomed little Jack Giger to the world on Nov. 10, 2012. The baby’s arrival put a damper on Jarod’s plans to attend this year’s CSWE conference. The Gigers reside in Sioux Falls, SD, and Jarod recently entered his third year as an assistant professor at the University of South Dakota (USD). Jarod is the co-director of a joint Social Work and Occupational Therapy smart home teaching and research ADL suite at USD; his research focuses on technology acceptance among at-risk populations and early identification of sleep hygiene problems in adults with Alzheimer’s.

Leslea D. White, MSW ’10, LMSW, MBA, is working as a full-time medical social worker at the University of Missouri Hospital in Columbia.

Adrian Johnson, MSW ’07, is a researcher at NPC Research located in Portland, Ore.

Amy Sonn (Fitzgerald) Sebolt, BSW ’03, of Lee’s Summit, Mo., and her husband, Josh, announced the birth of Joanna Kay on Nov. 29, 2011.

Laura Pingry O’Neill, PhD, BSW ’99, and her husband, Pete, became parents of a baby girl, Teagan, summer 2012. In July 2012 they moved from Buckley Air Force Base to Hill Air Force Base near Salt Lake City, where Pete is stationed. Laura recently published an article with Dr. Markward. (See page 9.) Laura gets her “social work fix” by serving as the philanthropic director of the Officers’ Spouses’ Club and managing service projects for the Fisher House, a “home away from home” for families of patients receiving medical care at major military and VA medical centers.

Lisa Dobkin-Deutsch, BSW ’93, lives in St. Louis where she facilitates classes to build confidence, self-esteem and empowerment in teenage girls. She and her husband, Jim Deutsch, MU ’94, have four children: Ryan (14), Max (12), Sam (8) and Molly (5).

Joe Bock, MSW ’82, PhD, recently wrote a book, The Technology of Nonviolence: Social Media and Violence Prevention (2012), MIT Press. He is the director of global health training at the Eck Institute for Global Health, University of Notre Dame.

Stan Remer, MSW ’68, was selected the 2012 Faculty Member of the Year for Valley Forge Christian College – Woodbridge campus (Va.). He teaches social work and sociology on both the main campus and Woodbridge campus. Remer is currently serving on the National Board on the Society of Social Work Leaders in Health Care, Virginia State Board of the NASW, and is on the national planning committee for the 2014 Convention of the North American Association of Christian Social Workers.

John W. Carton, MSW ’67, served as executive director of Butterfield Youth Services, Marshall, Mo., from 1976 to retirement in 2008. He currently enjoys outdoor activities including gardening, hunting and fishing, and he continues to serve on several boards in the Marshall community.
There was a record turnout for the annual MSW Field Instructor Luncheon held at the Columbia Country Club on May 4, 2012. Aneisa Sherrill-Mattox, the winner of the 2012 MSW Field Instructor of the Year Award, was honored during the luncheon by her students and School of Social Work faculty.

In her welcoming comments to luncheon attendees, Dr. Carol Snively said, “We started the 2011-2012 academic year with 209 MSW students in our on- and off-campus programs. This is a 22% increase in enrollment from fall 2010 and is the highest fall semester MSW enrollment in the history of the School.”

Snively continued, “This semester we also have the largest number ever of on-campus MSW students graduating. In the past five years, our spring graduation has ranged from 42 to 53 students, but this spring” we had 62 on-campus students who walked across the stage. “This is in addition to the 36 off-campus students who graduated in December 2011.”

At the BSW Field Instructor Breakfast at Jack’s Gourmet Restaurant on Dec. 7, 2012. Karen Souza, MSW ’92, LCSW, was recognized as the BSW Field Instructor of the Year. She is pictured here with Christine Woods, BSW field coordinator. Karen works as the Licensed Clinical Social Work supervisor at Fulton State Hospital and was nominated by BSW student Kayla Spector. Christine is a new faculty member in the School. (See page 11 for profile.)

Off-campus MSW program expands to south central Missouri

Beginning with the fall 2012 semester, the School of Social Work expanded the off-campus program to south central Missouri with a cohort of seven regular standing MSW students. The south central region includes 16 counties (Camden, Crawford, Dent, Douglas, Howell, Laclede, Maries, Miller, Morgan, Oregon, Ozark, Phelps, Pulaski, Shannon, Texas and Wright). Following the off-campus MSW program model in southeast and northern Missouri, students take two classes (6 credits) each semester. Classes are delivered in-person, online and through interactive television (ITV). Students attend in-person classes at Missouri S & T in Rolla and ITV classes at one of our partner sites in Salem, Lebanon or West Plains.

Many off-campus MSW students are working adults with families for whom a graduate education has been inaccessible. As Corie McKibben, new south central MSW student stated, “Having the ability to take classes closer to home is the reason I can continue my education at this time. In fact, if this had been available a year ago, I would have started then. I purposely delayed going back to school to accommodate my family’s needs. My youngest child is still in high school, very busy with academics and activities. If I had to drive to Columbia twice a week to class, I would miss being involved with her activities.”

Applications are now being accepted for an off-campus advanced standing cohort in south central, southeast and north Missouri. This new advanced standing cohort will begin coursework in fall 2013. For more information, please visit our website: ssu.missouri.edu/msw.
**Faculty Publications**


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**Peters, Clark M.** (February 2012). *Where Do We Go from Here? The State of the Evidence of Fiscal Returns on Im-

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Welcome, new faculty members

David Albright, PhD
At 6’4”, when Dr. Albright stands up for what he believes in, it is no small matter. All joking aside, however, he brings quiet determination and seriousness of purpose to his role as assistant professor and to his responsibilities as director of the School’s Center for Education and Research for Veterans and Military Families (CERV).

His initial course load includes Military Culture, an area of ever-increasing importance to the field of social work. He also conducts several research projects, such as attitudes towards veterans and mental health, effectiveness in interventions for combat veterans who are victims of Post-traumatic Stress Disorder, homelessness among veterans, the criminal justice system and vets, and communication processes among military families.

Dr. Albright is a former Army infantry officer whose family has a tradition of service going back to the American Revolutionary War. This personal history gives him a special empathy for military servicemen and women and the unique challenges they face in order to serve their country. In the classroom, he transmits this empathy to his students so that as social workers in the field, they too will be prepared to help veterans, their families and friends successfully cope with these unique challenges.

Dr. Albright earned his PhD at Florida State University’s College of Social Work, as well as an M.S. in measurement and statistics. His dissertation, Utilization and Costs of Outpatient Social Work Services Among Patients With Combat-related Polytrauma at the James A. Haley Hospital between 2007 and 2011, was funded by the Department of Veterans Affairs. During this period of his academic career, he served on several editorial boards and reviewed for several journals. He continues to be the managing editor for Research on Social Work Practice and is on the editorial boards of the Journal of Military Behavioral Health, Journal of the Society for Social Work and Research, Social Issues and Policy Review, and the Campbell Collaboration’s Social Welfare Group.

Before beginning his post-graduate work, Dr. Albright worked at the Florida Department of Children and Families as an abuse registry supervisor. He holds a B.A. from Centre College in anthropology, and the MSW and Certificate in Aging Studies from the Florida State University.

Kelli Canada, PhD
Dr. Canada began her masters program at Columbia University in September 2001 and experienced first-hand the deep need for the unique role social workers play in understanding individuals in a wide embracing context, from the historical to the immediate, from the micro family-centric to the macro socio-economic.

During her years in Chicago, Dr. Canada worked in the field as she pursued her PhD. Much of her time was spent helping older adults navigate the health care system, coordinating community resources, and assisting in the management of daily stressors. Dr. Canada also worked as an assistant director in a community-based psychiatric rehabilitation center and as a hospital social worker on the west side of Chicago prior to pursuing her doctorate.

Dr. Canada received her B.A. in psychology in 2001 from Depauw University, went on to earn her MSW in 2003 from Columbia University and her PhD. from the University of Chicago in 2012. Her dissertation is entitled Serious Mental Illness & Treatment: Perspectives from Mental Health Court Participants.

Her teaching here will focus on evidence-based clinical social work practice with individuals and groups. Her research interests include serious mental illness, especially among the elderly, and the intersection of mental illness and the criminal justice system.

It was in Democracy and Social Ethics (1902) that Addams wrote: “You must live the life of those you would serve, for action is indeed the sole medium for ethics.” Such a statement highlights Dr. Canada’s concern with developing skills of empathy as rigorously as those of quantitative analysis, so necessary in our modern world, so that one’s work as a social worker is truly successful.

Leigh Tenkku, PhD
Dr. Tenkku’s research interests include Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders, women’s access to mental health services, the social and cultural context of health and health behavior changes in community-based programs and in the general health care delivery system, community-based programs, health program design and planning.

Dr. Tenkku graduated from Kent State with a B.S. in elementary education; she received her master’s in public health from St. Louis University in 1999 and her PhD in public health in 2007. Her doctoral dissertation was entitled Investigation of the Relationship Between Psychiatric Disorders and Unintended Pregnancy.

Current funded research includes a two-year Midwest Regional Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders Training Grant, funded by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. This is the 10th
year of the grant, which serves 15 states and Puerto Rico. The training center is now the largest regional training center in the country. The Regional Training Centers provide education and training to health care providers in their states on Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders (FASD), as well as providing education and awareness on prevention of FASD to the general community.

Another of Dr. Tenkku’s research projects funded by the CDC is the Midwest Partners for Success Intervention for Youth and Young Adults with Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders. It runs from Oct. 1, 2009, through Sep. 30, 2013, and was one of only two in the country funded to design an intervention for youth and young adults with FASD. Dr. Tenkku focuses on youth ages 12-28, looking at reducing maladaptive behaviors of the youth with FASD. The research uses a social work model in which family therapy is provided in the home twice a month, a mentor is provided once a week for young adults, and the third component is a family support group. The intervention is for six months with a three-month follow up period.

Aaron Thompson, PhD
Dr. Thompson is an enthusiast of learning, teaching and mentoring. He has an inspired resolve to impact the real world by educating future social workers on the fundamental importance of empathy, creative problem-solving and nurturing healthy ambition. As he begins his career at MU’s SSW, he strives to provide as much as he requires of his students, giving thoughtful, student-centered feedback, introducing the skills necessary to achieve rigorous research, and harnessing his own efforts to the motivated learning of his students eager to become leaders in their profession.

George Bernard Shaw, a towering figure in 20th century theatre, whose passionate commitment to forward-thinking ideas such as women’s rights and economic equality, captures the spirit of Dr. Thompson’s enthusiasm in his famous epistle dedicatory to Arthur Bingham Walkley for Man and Superman:

“This is the true joy in life, being used for a purpose recognized by yourself as a mighty one... I am of the opinion that my life belongs to the whole community and as long as I live, it is my privilege to do for it what I can. I want to be thoroughly used up when I die, for the harder I work, the more I live. I rejoice in life for its own sake. Life is no brief candle to me. It is a sort of splendid torch which I have got hold of for the moment and I want to make it burn as brightly as possible before handing it on to future generations.”

Wonderful words for a teacher of social work!

Dr. Thompson’s research interests focus on the education system in the U.S. and how it can help break cycles of poverty and dependence when mental and behavioral health services are provided to students in a full-service delivery model. Before entering academia, Dr. Thompson was a youth counselor, school social worker, assistant principal and ultimately a full principal at a school for troubled children; his personal interests include wilderness leadership skills.

Dr. Thompson received his B.S. in Legal & Paralegal Studies in 1996 and his MSW in 2001 from the University of Southern Illinois. He earned his PhD in 2012 from the University of North Carolina - Illinois. His dissertation is entitled A Feasibility Trial of the Self-Management Training and Regulation Strategy. His initial teaching responsibility at SSW includes Evaluative Research in Clinical Social Work Practice.

Christine Woods, MSW
Mrs. Woods is a two-time MU grad, having completed her BS in Human Development and Family Studies in 1997 and her MSW in 2002. After a successful 12-year career in community-centered social work, Ms. Woods was very excited for the opportunity to return to MU for a third time and share the lessons of her experience.

She began her career as many BSWs do—accepting a position with Missouri Alliance for Children and Families—but quickly moved up to supervisor and ultimately program director. She also served as a crisis counselor in the Columbia Public School system for a short while before joining the MU SSW faculty. During her years of professional experience, she came to understand first-hand the importance of setting aside the unrealistic goal of helping every client who walked into her office. In setting this aside, she gained capacity for a more robust and effective approach of identifying clients who are ready to help themselves and clients who need help in getting there. This pragmatic approach of developing the skills necessary to quickly discern where clients are on the readiness scale allowed for greater success: more positive outcomes for her clients and a deeply rewarding career.

As coordinator for the BSW Field Education and instructor for the BSW Senior Seminar, she hopes to pass along these essential skills to the next generation of MU social workers.

Mrs. Woods’ extensive certifications range from counseling victims of sexual abuse to evidence-based prevention in rural African-American churches. Her professional interests include family and children issues, crisis intervention and community services coordination.
Colleen Galambos, PhD, ACSW, LCSW-C, LCSW, professor and director of the Graduate Certificate in Gerontological Social Work Program, is a co-investigator in a four-year, $14.8 million study funded by Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services Center (CMS) for Innovations. The study has four primary goals:

- to reduce the frequency of avoidable hospital admissions and readmissions,
- to improve resident health outcomes,
- to improve the process of transitioning between inpatient hospitals and nursing facilities and
- to reduce overall healthcare spending without restricting access to care or choice of providers.

As the lead coach, Dr. Galambos’ role will be to manage the Care Transitions Coach (CTC) portion of the grant. Requirements for that position are a licensed MSW with hospital/long-term care experience. The University of Missouri grant is the only one of the seven that so prominently features social work in the intervention model.

“It was gratifying to be at the table with colleagues from other disciplines who truly understood and appreciated the unique role social workers play in the care transitions process,” said Dr. Galambos. Principal Investigator Dr. Marilyn Rantz, professor in the Sinclair School of Nursing, “and other School of Nursing faculty were supportive when we were crafting the proposal and ensured that the role of care transition coach would be filled with a trained professional social worker.”

The Care Transition Coach (CTC) will work with participating nursing homes in the initiative to facilitate and enhance the working relationships among staff, residents and families. The CTC will work closely with social services/social service designees, the primary care providers and nursing staff, especially as communication systems are put into place to assure consistent communication of each resident’s (or proxy’s) decisions about advanced care directives (including code status, hospitalization and specific treatments such as antibiotics) while residing in the home and during transitions of care. The investigators believe that this enhancement will contribute to the meaningful reduction of rehospitalizations and their related costs.

The other team members are faculty from MU’s Sinclair School of Nursing, School of Medicine and School of Social Work; Tiger Institute and Connect Missouri affiliates; the Quality Improvement Program for Missouri Nursing Homes (QIPMO); Primaris (the Quality Improvement Organization for Missouri); LeadingAge Missouri (a continuum of senior care provider organizations); Missouri Health Care Association; Missouri Health Connection (MHC, the state-authorized health information network); and industry representatives from technology and electronic health records.

The study will be conducted in St. Louis, which according to CMS has the highest rate of rehospitalizations in the country for key diagnoses of acute myocardial infarction, congestive heart failure, pneumonia and readmissions within 30 days of discharge for all medical or surgical conditions. Sixteen nursing homes within the St. Louis area have been recruited for the projects. Ms. Susan Pekios has been hired as the CTC for the project. Ms. Pekios has extensive experience working in hospital and hospice settings.
BSW student Antaniece Sills and her research mentor, Dr. Lorraine Gutierrez of the University of Michigan, presented a poster in August 2012 at the University of Michigan Summer Research Opportunity Program Symposium. The poster’s title was “Addressing the Needs of the Community through the New St. Paul Head Start Program: A Qualitative Approach.” Antaniece also won two NAACP awards in 2012—the Barbara Jordan Student of the Year and the Charles Hamilton Houston Collegiate Achievement Award.

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proved Representation of Children in Dependency Court (presentation). Ft. Lauderdale, FL: Nova Southeastern University Law Center, Improving Outcomes for Children Symposium.


Sherraden, Margaret, Peters, Clark, Wagner, Kristen, & Guo, Baorong (March 29, 2012). Contributions of Qualitative Research to Understanding Saving Theory for Children and Youth. Lawrence, KS: Assets and Education Symposium.


Kudos to Dale Fitch, PhD, Social Work assistant professor, who received a 2012 Provost’s Outstanding Junior Faculty Teaching Award. He says, “I was totally humbled simply to be nominated by my students and colleagues, but to actually win has left me kind of speechless.”

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BSW graduates
In the following list of BSW graduates, the outstanding seniors are indicated by italic type, honors certificate students are in bold type, and honors students are indicated with an asterisk (*) or pound sign (#).

**=Summa cum laude (3.9-4.0 GPA)
#=Magna cum laude (3.7-3.89 GPA)
*=Cum laude (3.5-3.69 GPA)

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Three generations of social workers: Bonnie McManus, MSW; Mary Beth Fernandez, BSW ‘11, MSW ‘12; Brigid McManus Fernandez, BSW ‘85, MSW ‘86. Photo by John Fernandez (brother of Mary Beth Fernandez).
Russell, Brittany
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PhD graduates, spring 2012
Laura Parker-Barua, Poverty and Affordable Housing: Comparing the Attitudes and Beliefs of Social Work Students in the U.S. to Those of Social Work Students in the Netherlands
Michelle Kaiser, Cultivating a Landscape for Food Justice: An Exploratory Study of Community Food Security Measurement to Inform Community-based Intervention Strategies


By endowing a social work scholarship, I seek to honor the memories of two very special, dear people while giving to others the opportunity to combine academic excellence with an ambition to help others in need,” said Joanne Fulton, MSW ’76.

“My husband, Jerry Barrier, cared a great deal about the welfare of others – especially when he saw injustice, such as those with the advantages of money and power ignoring or discriminating against those without,” said Joanne. “He had an unwavering confidence in the importance of what I did as a social worker, which inspired me to accomplish more than I ever imagined possible in what I can only describe as a wonderful and wonderfully rewarding career. Jerry often remarked to me that he ‘could not do what I do.’ It would not have been possible without his love and support. I must also speak of my husband’s Aunt Cat, who mentored Jerry from the time he was a very small child. She encouraged him in his intellectual pursuits, and they shared an abiding curiosity about their world that led them both to travel widely and experience cultures other than their own.

“What we all shared was a desire to contribute what we could to make the world a better place. I did this through my career as a social worker and they as teachers. They each took special pride in mentoring students throughout their careers and lives. Through a planned gift, I am able to create a Mizzou legacy that the School of Social Work will receive as part of my estate,” said Joanne.

“I give because my social work colleagues and the veterans I serve inspired my passion for learning and love for the profession,” says Aneisa Sherrill-Mattox.

“I give because so many who have dedicated their lives on the front lines in defense of our mission, values and freedoms deserve to be supported in their endeavors to achieve success in their life of public service. I give because I am a first-generation social worker, a first-generation college graduate and an eight-generation veteran.

“I give because I am passionately committed to a life in public service and supporting the mission of the School of Social Work. I give because I believe that students entering a career in public service should be supported in their endeavors to achieve quality and social justice. I give because my social work education freed me from the bonds of poverty, ignorance and inequality. I give to honor the profession who inspired and challenged me to self-discovery and to honor all the amazing social work colleagues I am honored to serve with in public service. I give because I am a social worker.”

“I give to the School of Social Work because I must,” said Morty Lebedun, MSW ’69. “My experience in graduate school helped shape my world view and gave me direction toward a career that has lasted 45 years. Very importantly, my education helped me create a personal identity that has been rewarding because it directs me toward helping others. My social work career in mental health has given me a lifetime of satisfaction. I can hardly imagine another profession that could be so empowering and humbling at the same time. Of course I give!

“I have included the School in my annual giving and estate plan. I hope my gifts will help others succeed as they work to improve society,” said Morty.
The School is pleased to report that our webpage has been updated and now includes a section where alums can give an update on their career/personal lives and post a photograph. The screen shot (middle right) is an example of an alumni posting. We hope new alums and former graduates will participate.

There are several ways to create a planned gift, and it only takes a simple will to make a bequest. Donors can designate distributions in living trusts that act just like bequests from a will. Like bequests, beneficiary designations can be quite powerful ways to make gifts. Any asset that requires that a beneficiary be named can be given to a charity like MU. Remember – you can split beneficiary gifts just like you can a bequest.

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Contact the MU Office of Gift Planning and Endowments for assistance with creating a planned gift for the MU School of Social Work. Learn how bequests can become a powerful part of your estate planning. For more information, contact the MU Office of Gift Planning and Endowments at (800) 970-9977, e-mail giftplanning@missouri.edu or go online at www.formizzou.missouri.edu/giftplanning.

Dr. Dianne Orton has retired after a long career with the School. She was the director of Field Education for 16 years (1991-2007) and was BSW program director from 1993-1995 and again from 2007-2008. Beginning in 2007, she split her time between teaching and assisting the director with development and alumni relations. She received her D.Phil. from the University of Stellenbosch (South Africa) in 2007, completing a dissertation entitled, Photo-Perceptions – A Look At Visual Imagery and Reflective Writing of South African Social Work Students During Their Final Field Work Experience.

As field director, Dianne got to know all of our students, field instructors, and field agencies. She worked tirelessly to ensure that our students received a quality education in their field practicum. She was the lead author on two workbooks, one entitled Building Professionals: Designing a Professional Portfolio. (Prentice Hall, 2003) and another entitled Helping Professionals Critical Thinking and Reflection Journal (Allyn & Bacon 2003).

Dianne also spearheaded many creative projects with the School, including the Social Work Shoes project, the Helmet Heroes fundraising event, and the designs on many of the covers of Social Work Notes. Her efforts in development have helped to secure many gifts to the School, including several scholarships. A donor herself, Dianne is creating an endowed gift to the School for field education.

Fortunately for us, Dianne is remaining with the School part-time to continue her work in development and alumni relations.

Keep in touch with online tools

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The Social Justice Society recognizes alumni and friends who have made a substantial commitment of philanthropy in support of the School.

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In Memorium

Jane Bierdeman-Fike, 89, passed away on March 13, 2012. Jane was director of psychiatric social work at Fulton State Hospital for 38 years and a good friend of the School of Social Work.

She endowed the Jane Bierdeman-Fike Doctoral Fellowship Fund in Social Work and was featured in Social Work Notes, fall 2008.

Jane was the recipient of many awards and honors including the NASW Social Worker for the Year Award, Missouri Chapter.

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Greetings from the School of Social Work Alumni Organization (SSWAO)!

Our focus continues to be centered on connecting current Social Work students and SSW alumni while honoring professional achievements and promote new membership.

The SSWAO was honored to recognize the outstanding achievements of all of our award recipients at the 2012 Spring Forum. (See page 5.) Nominations not only pay tribute to the specific contributions of the individual, but also bring validation and recognition to the profession. Nominations for 2013 awards will be accepted until Feb. 28, 2013. Award nominations are for Outstanding Agency; Outstanding Alumni; Outstanding Faculty; Outstanding Social Service Agency; and Outstanding BSW, MSW and PhD. See ssw.missouri.edu/awards for more information or contact Patricia Fisher, e-mail fisherpm@missouri.edu or 573/882-4447.

A big thank you is in order for 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 this in form of a scholarship to a Social Work student member of MAA.

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. If you are interested in serving on the SSWAO Board, we would love to have you! Please contact Ashley Visco at asbsbu@hotmail.com.

There will be upcoming events and opportunities to connect with others in your field, so be sure to keep an eye on your e-mail for these! We look forward to seeing many of you at these events!

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

With pride and gratitude,

Andrea Reynolds, BSW ’06
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