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Main Photo: Jenna Hinkel, Shanta Harrington, Daniel Stribling.
Top right: Aaron Thompson, Alpine Tower Instructor Alexis Privette;
Bottom right: Farah Dabbagh

Inside Cover (to right)
Daniel Stribling
Greetings from the Mizzou School of Social Work!

This issue of Social Work Notes reflects our activities during 2013. Our cover shows BSW students at the MU Alpine Tower where they participated in a high ropes course as part of their class on Theory and Practice of Social Group Work. Professor Aaron Thompson took each of his two class sections to participate in a group experiential learning activity and discusses its impact (pp. 10-11).

We celebrate the accomplishments of our wonderful students (p. 4), alumni (pp. 5-6) and faculty (pp. 9-13). We are proud of Stanley Remer, MSW ’68, for winning the Ida Cannon Award from the Society for Social Work and Leadership in Health Care—the most prestigious award given by the society (p. 5). Professor Dale Fitch was honored at the Council on Social Work Education (CSWE) where he received the 2013 Innovative Teaching in Social Work Education Award from Sage Publications/CSWE (p. 11). Colleen Galambos was elected as a Fellow of the Gerontology Association of America. Our faculty members have been busy publishing and presenting their research and writing grants to fund future research endeavors.

We bid farewell to Karen Woodbury, who retired after 13 years as the Off-Campus Coordinator for North Missouri, and we welcome Andrea Aderton as the new coordinator (p. 7). Other program additions include the approval of the MSW/MPH dual degree in social work and public health (p. 6). The School underwent a visioning process as a first step in the examination of our curriculum. We sought input from faculty and field instructors across the state and are using their input as we revise our curriculum to ensure that our students are prepared to meet the demands of the changing marketplace. To address the emerging practice of integrated health we added two new classes—one on Integrated Health Practice and another on Integrated Health Policy.

Our 2013 Spring Forum on Social Work and the Affordable Care Act focused on the Affordable Care Act and new roles for social workers, including integrated health. The 2013 School of Social Work Alumni Organization Awards were presented at the event (p. 8). Our 2013 Fall Conference focused on Ethical Issues in Mental Health and also on Emerging Trends in Public Mental Health Systems, and featured presentations from representatives from the Missouri Department of Mental Health. These continuing education events are wonderful opportunities to keep in touch with our alumni and field instructors while providing continuing education for licensure.

We have been honored to receive several gifts from our alumni and have launched our I Give Because—Passport to Giving campaign (pp. 16-17). Please see our website for more on our Passport donors. We would love to include YOU among these! We spotlight Elizabeth Engeler Hiestand, MSW ’73, who recently endowed a new scholarship for the School. We have begun a campaign for planned giving to make it easy for our alumni and friends to make gifts to the School and hope that you will consider supporting the School in this way. We are also seeking donations to renovate a classroom on the 5th floor so that we can hold larger classes in a state-of-the art classroom in Clark Hall.

We mourn the loss of alumnae Jill Johnson and Meliny Stasya and MSW student Danielle “Dani” Jones (p. 6). Dani’s classmates have been fundraising to honor her memory with a gift.

We are always happy to hear from you! Please write, call, or email us and tell us what you are doing. We’ll put your news in the next issue of Social Work Notes and in the Alumni Updates section of our website, www.ssw.missouri.edu. Please visit our School’s website and go to our Facebook and LinkedIn pages! We will be providing updates on our activities and links to pages of interest.

Wishing you the best for a happy, healthy and peaceful 2014!

Director’s Message

Greetings from the Mizzou School of Social Work!

Help us and your former classmates keep track of where you are and what you’ve been up to since graduation. Please send any updates (i.e. work, family, honors) you’d like to share with fellow alumni to ssw@missouri.edu. Be sure to include your name (including maiden name), and graduation year. See an example of an alumnus posting to the right. And, don’t forget to “like” us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/MizzouSocialWork and join our group, “University of Missouri School of Social Work Community”, on LinkedIn.
In Chincha, Peru where **Mayra G. Canales Sebastian, MSW ’13** grew up, she had expectations of a career in engineering. When she decided to study in the U.S., it was to enhance her English speaking skills in order to pursue that career. But—as the saying goes—life had other things in store for her. Her intrepid spirit led her to relocate to Columbia, Mo. from Atlanta, Ga. It was here in Columbia that she discovered an avocation for helping others that has led her to pursue her MSW in Social Work. She graduated in May 2013.

Two important stepping stones to her MSW was meeting Roxana Meneses, Social Worker at Columbia/Boone County Public Health and Human Services, who through her work with Latino families inspired Mayra to become a Social Worker, and Eduardo Crespi, Director of Centro Latino, who encouraged her to volunteer at his organization. He knew how valuable it would be for his clients to work with a native speaker who could help them navigate the world of social services. In addition to volunteering while an undergraduate student, in Summer 2012, Mayra spent 400 practicum hours at Centro Latino as a MSW student. During this time she was able to work with clients to build an understanding of what social services are available to them as well as educating them in health literacy and the importance of healthy nutrition. She has been inspired by their strength and resilience while still recognizing their need for professional counseling to process often traumatic experiences and cope with high-stress living and work conditions.

Mayra is now working full-time with Love, INC and ultimately wants to return to Chincha and establish a NGO to provide services to her community there.
Stanley Remer, MSW ’68, is the recipient of the 2013 Ida Cannon Award from the Society for Social Work for Leadership in Health Care. This is the most prestigious award given by the Society. Reemer worked at the Veterans Administration Medical Center in Kansas City from 1984-2003, moving up the ranks from Chief, Social Work Service to Spinal Cord Injury Coordinator to Transition Team Supervisor. Remer’s leadership in the profession was recognized by our School of Social Work in 1991, when he received the Agency Administrator of the Year Award. He also served as a field instructor for MU students. Stan now lives in Virginia and is a retired colonel with the U.S. Army Reserves.

Patrick Kane, BS ’70, MSW ’74, currently a Psychotherapist and Counselor at Heartland Center for Men and Women in Columbia, was awarded the 2013 Outstanding Volunteer in Community Protection award at the Columbia Daily Tribune’s annual Hero Awards ceremony.

Leanne Peace, MSW ’90, LCSW, MHA, is Director of the Missouri Kidney Program (MoKP). She is the National Chair of the Council of Nephrology Social Work, and served on the Interim Committee of Citizens and Legislators Work Group on Medicaid Eligibility and Reform. Under her leadership the MoKP recently received two grants: Human Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) Sub-Awardee of the Social and Behavioral Interventions to Increase Solid Organ Donation Grant, entitled “Improving Low-Income ESRD Patients’ Transplant Knowledge: A Case Management Trial”, 2013 to 2016 as well as the Federal Navigator Grant Sub-Awardee, to educate uninsured kidney patients in Mo. about the new insurance opportunities under American Counseling Association.

Julie Dorn, BSW ’91, joined the MU Sinclair School of Nursing as their Director of Development in January 2013.

Christina Moore, BSW ’95, received the 2012-2013 Chapel Hill-Carrboro City School District’s Exceptional Children and Student Services Staff Member of the Year Award. Moore is a social worker at Smith Middle School in Carrboro, NC. She lives in Chapel Hill, NC, with her husband, Joe Kinder, and their two sons. She received her MSW from the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill.

Christina Penn, MSW ’06, and Kyle Lestina, BSW ’10, married in September 2013. She is a social worker at Ellis Fischel Cancer Center, while he is working in the Columbia Public School System.

Carmen Washington, BSW ’06, MPH, MSW, is Research Program Manager at the Institute for Global Tobacco Control, Bloomberg School of Public Health, at Johns Hopkins University. She is leading the development of a surveillance system for tobacco product packaging in fourteen countries. In this capacity she is responsible for the development, implementation, and management of all data collection and maintenance, and collaborative communication with country partners. Washington previously worked as an Evaluation Specialist at the University of Illinois at Chicago, for the Centers for Disease Control’s “Communities Putting Prevention to Work” grant, evaluating the City of Chicago’s tobacco policies. She also has experience working in Rwanda and South Africa conducting community-based evaluation and research. Washington holds both Master of Public Health and Master of Social Work degrees from the University of Washington.

Megan Mooney, MSW ’09, hosted a Death Café in St. Joseph in June, 2013, as cited in the NYT, providing a comfortable zone for 19 participants to discuss their concepts, fears, anxieties, expectations of death.

Kecia Nelson, MSW ’01 (left), Allison Finn, MSW ’12 (center), and Ashley Gage, MSW ’09 (right), presented a poster entitled “Beads for Breath: Impact of an Art in Health Program on Coping and Adherence in Children Living With Cystic Fibrosis” at the National Cystic Fibrosis Conference in Tampa, Florida in October, 2012. Nelson and Finn are social workers at the MU Children’s Hospital. Gage is a PhD student in the School and also works as a Senior Research Specialist on the Hospice Caregiver Research Study grant with principal investigator Debra Oliver, PhD, MSW ’85, in the Department of Family and Community Medicine.
Kam Phillips, BSW '11, continues to serve as CEO of Dream Outside the Box (DOTB), an agency she created while at MU. DOTB mobilizes college students to engage children in innovative experiences, and to create memorable opportunities to propel little dreamers toward higher education. Phillips also works as an outreach coordinator for Texas State Senator Wendy Davis. She returned to MU to give the keynote address at the Griffiths Society meeting on November 15, 2013.

Jessica Back, MSW '11, and husband Ryan Back, had a son, Gavin Edward Back born March 11, 2013. Jessie is a social worker at Tiger Place in Columbia where she also serves as a research team member with the Sinclair School of Nursing.

Sara Zuccarello, BSW '12, MSW '13, has achieved her Provisional Clinical Social Worker status and started at the Peak Wellness Center for Your and Family in Wyoming, where she is an Intensive Community Based Family Therapist.

Michelle L. Kaiser, PhD '11, MSW, MPH '11, is an Assistant Professor at the Ohio State University. She is pictured hosting a screening of the film, “A Place at the Table,” and a panel discussion at OSU. There were representatives from urban agriculture programs, child nutrition and gardening programs, food banks, and food pantries discussing a number of social, environmental, and public health issues associated with food. Kaiser is a PI on several interdisciplinary community-university food-related projects and serves on the board of Franklinton Gardens, where she and her students conduct research.

In Memoriam


Danielle Renee “Dani” Jones, died on October 29, 2013. Jones was just beginning her MSW program. Her classmates have begun collecting funds to establish a scholarship in her honor. If you would like to make a donation, please contact the School.

Meliny Staysa, MSW '02, died on December 10, 2013. Staysa was the Director of Quality Assurance for the Children’s Division, Missouri Department of Social Services and was the liaison between the Children’s Division and the School of Social Work for the Title IV-E training grant.

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Karen Woodbury, BSW ’78, MSW ’81, retired in July after serving for 13 years as Coordinator of the Off-Campus MSW program in North Missouri. In addition to coordinating the program, Woodbury taught graduate classes in person, via ITV and on-line. She also served as advisor and practicum coordinator for the program’s MSW students. This program included students from St. Joseph, Kansas City, and the surrounding area and from Illinois to Kansas and Iowa. The program originally served Northwest Missouri, but was expanded to include all of north Missouri. While we are saddened by her departure, we wish her the best in her retirement. Woodbury will continue to serve on the School’s Development Council.

Andrea Aderton, MSW ’09, LMSW, joined the faculty in July, 2013 as the new North Missouri Off-Campus Program Coordinator. A 2009 graduate of the Off-Campus Program herself, she brings over 30 years of experience in social service practice and administration. Her background includes experience in child welfare, program and policy development, and mental health with a primary focus on children and family interventions. Through her work experience, she recognizes the current shortage of social workers in rural areas and across the state as well as an increasing demand for social work professionals in coming years. Aderton’s first priority is recruiting prospective students into the MSW off-campus program to enhance professional development and respond to work-force needs. As Karen Woodbury did, Aderton is simultaneously serving as advisor and faculty liaison to the program’s students who have regular and advanced standing. Aderton reports that she is finding the work with her students to be a tremendously positive experience as she watches them increase their knowledge and skills, which ultimately improves the quality of service provided to the communities of the northern region of our state.

- F I E L D I N S T R U C T O R A W A R D S -

Top: Susan Schopflin, MSW ’95, received the 2013 MSW Field Instructor Award (clinical track) on May 3, 2013. Schopflin is the Director of Quality Care-Health Care Home at Compass Health/Pathways/Family Counseling Center of Missouri. She is pictured with her student nominators, Rebekah Hartsock, MSW ’13 (left), and Katia Bressette, MSW ’13 (right). Hartsock now works at the agency and Bressette is in private practice.

Bottom left: BSW Field Coordinator Christine Woods, MSW ’02, presents the 2013 BSW Field Instructor Award to Claire Slama, BSW ’06, MSW ’10, on December 6, 2013. Slama is the Director of the emergency teen shelter at Rainbow House in Columbia, Mo.

Bottom right: Michelle Trupiano (left) received the 2013 MSW Field Instructor Award (policy, planning and administration track) on May 3, 2013. Trupiano was previously the Statewide Manager of Government Affairs for Planned Parenthood of Kansas and Mid-Missouri (PPKM) and is now the Director of the Missouri Medicaid Coalition. She is pictured with her student nominator, Martha Stevens, MSW ’13. Stevens is now a Community Organizer for PPKM.
Outstanding BSW Student
The Outstanding BSW Student for 2013 went to Antaniece Sills, BSW ’13, who throughout her career at MU School of Social Work was known for her great work ethic and the way in which she provided service and leadership to her academic community. The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) also awarded Sills for her service to the organization in 2013. She gained additional skills and knowledge in the MU McNair Scholars program, conducting research into the influence of parenting on academic success. Her efforts in this research project earned her an assistantship last summer at the University of Michigan. Antaniece is teaching in St. Louis with “Teach for America” prior to going to graduate school.

Outstanding Teacher
Adjunct Professor Jennifer Carter Dochler, MSW ’02, teaches “Contemporary Issues in Domestic Violence”. She also works as an advocate at the Missouri Coalition against Domestic and Sexual Violence. Carter Dochler is described by her students as a “master, not only in the craft of instruction and management, but also in inspiring students to come to their own respect and motivation towards the cause”. She was recognized for her ability to help her students gain both broad and deep understanding of the historical and cultural contexts of interpersonal violence on many levels and present in many different populations.

Outstanding PhD Student
Mustapha Alhassan, MSW, PhD ’13, served for three years as a Graduate Teaching Assistant and Graduate Instructor. Alhassan’s dissertation, “Providing for the Needs of Victims of Human Trafficking under the Trafficking Victims Protection Act (TVPA) of 2000: The experiences of service providers in Missouri and Kansas,” will provide important information for improving services to victims of human trafficking. Alhassan is undertaking a very important endeavor in seeking to understand more about the unmet need for services to this population and to affect public policy regarding service provision for human trafficking victims.

Outstanding MSW Student
Dan Lester, MSW ’13, is known to be thoughtful, sharp, and creative. He supported Clark Peters as a research assistant, demonstrating skill in both qualitative and quantitative analyses and co-authored with Peters a paper examining Medicaid access for foster youths. According to Peters, “Dan impresses me with his knowledge, skill, and dedication to his work. I’m confident that his talents will only shine brighter in the future”.

Outstanding Alumni Award
The accomplished careers of Teresa Titus-Howard, MSW ’93, and Don Howard, MSW ’94, illustrate just how boundless an MSW degree truly is, with varied and distinguished careers in the field of Social Work. Titus-Howard is currently working at the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Innovation Center as a senior leader and as deputy group director for the Learning and Diffusion Group. Her responsibilities include initiating and leading a broad set of national health care reforms. Howard is currently working in the Center for Clinical Standards and Quality where he is a health insurance specialist responsible for the national implementation of the Hospital Value-based Purchasing Program at CMS.

Outstanding Social Services Agency
The Family Counseling Center (FCC) received the award for Outstanding Social Services Agency. The School of Social Work routinely places students with the outpatient Pathways Clinics in Jefferson City and is currently planning for placements in the Columbia Pathways Adolescent Drug Treatment facility, with whom FCC merged earlier in the year. Students consistently rave over the quality of work experience and the quality of supervision offered. There are few agencies where students can carry a counseling caseload with some measure of independence, so we rely on the FCC for those students who are ready for this step in their block placements. Howard’s parents, Don and Nancy Howard, started Family Counseling Center in the 1980’s. Susan Schopflin, MSW ’95, accepted the award on behalf of the Family Counseling Center.
Kelli Canada is currently engaged in research that focuses primarily on veterans in corrections and treatment court. She is examining factors that contribute to the criminal justice involvement of the veterans of Missouri. The purpose of the project is to gain an understanding of the unique factors that contribute to veterans’ criminal justice involvement in order to develop preventative strategies to prevent veterans from entering the criminal justice system and a tool to evaluate the effectiveness of existing interventions for veterans. She also works with the Veterans Treatment Court (VTC) to establish a research plan to measure the effectiveness and impact of the VTC on veterans here in Boone County.

Colleen Galambos was elected Fellow of the Gerontological Society of America in 2013. She continues her work as Co-Investigator on a Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services initiative to reduce unnecessary hospitalizations. She is examining the impact of advance directives and advance care planning on transitions, care transitions processes, family and hospital communications, and psychosocial care in skilled nursing facilities. Galambos is also a Co-Investigator on an Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ) grant that is examining the impact of the use of Re-Engineered Discharge (RED) in discharges of residents from skilled nursing facilities to the home. Active in gerontechnology research to assist older adults to age-in-place, she is Co-Investigator on an NIH grant that is developing sensor technology for fall risk detection. She is active in assisting in the development of an I-70 corridor research network to promote education and research in gerontology.

Clark Peters was excited to develop a new course this semester, Law and Social Work Practice, available to undergraduate and graduate students. He has continued his research examining youths involved in the child welfare system, examining participation in court and administrative hearings, and efforts to ease their transition to adulthood.

Aaron Thompson is working on several projects that examine the feasibility of an assessment-driven social-emotional learning intervention system for children ages newborn to eight years old and the effectiveness of a community-wide book distribution program on the effects of parent and child emergent literacy interactions. Thompson also oversees a national survey to examine practice-based strategies and evaluation methods used by social workers engaged in school-based mental health.

Leigh Tenkku, SSW’s Director of Research, is facilitating the CDC-funded Midwest Regional Fetal Alcohol Syndrome Training Centers (MRFASTC) which has been funded since 2002. The MRFASTC program is one of five regional Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder (FASD) training centers and includes 19 states, making it the largest training center in the country. In this program, each state has its own MRFASTC satellite team charged with the education and training of medical and allied health providers, faculty and students, along with a wide range of health and education professionals who may provide services to children and young adults who have either been diagnosed with fetal alcohol exposure or are suspected of having been exposed to alcohol in utero. This study was one of two projects funded by the CDC to design, implement and test youth and young adults diagnosed with FASDs.

Tenkku is also the Private Investigator for the Partners for Success (PFS) Intervention for Youth and Young Adults with FASDs. She is currently working with Dan Vinson and Bruce Horwitz at the MU School of Medicine to evaluate the impact and outcomes of the Alcohol and Drug Education in Prevention and Treatment (ADEPT), a program that trained MU physicians and residents to conduct Screening, Brief Intervention, and Referral Treatment (SBIRT) in primary care clinics. Tenkku is woking with the MU Student Wellness Center to conduct screening and brief intervention for alcohol use among college students using an experimental design.
Assistant Professor Aaron Thompson has literally raised the bar in his Theory and Practice of Social Group Work classes. In addition to self-directed learning and cooperative, problem-based learning strategies interspersed with traditional lectures, Thompson provided unique experiential learning techniques to his BSW students. These included mindfulness meditation techniques, as well as a ropes course at the University’s Alpine Tower.

According to Thompson, “The ropes course was a crucial tool in demonstrating how adventure therapy can be a mode of treatment for individuals and groups.” He successfully accomplished this goal with his students as documented in self-reported increased student awareness, perceived competencies, and knowledge of using adventure therapy approaches for group process, assessed in pre- and post-course surveys.

When it came time to harness up, about one quarter of the students expressed a real reluctance in starting the climb, yet this was overcome by youthful exuberance buoyed by Thompson’s willingness to scale the heights himself – one time blindfolded, to provide the experienced climbing assistant professor with his own challenge. When asked why he used the alpine tower in his class, Thompson stated, “Providing structured experiences that target course objectives through an active learning approach results in a deeper understanding of concepts, beyond what can be provided in a classroom setting. Using such pedagogical approach makes it more likely that we can successfully achieve course objectives.”

Thompson’s vision of what it means to teach and educate at the University level is informed by the practical experience he gained in the public education system as a teacher and principal. In addition to teaching, he also conducts research that is focused on effective, implementable and sustainable policy changes intended to impact the children and families of communities state-wide. In this weave of pedagogy and research, Thompson is providing our students with the thrill of learning in such a way that the lessons our students take into the field with them will remain with them as they grow into their profession. Thompson plans to continue using mindfulness meditation techniques and the ropes courses in his classes.
On September 6, 2013 SAGE Publications and Council on Social Work Education (CSWE) proudly announced that our own Dale Fitch was one of two recipients of the 2013 SAGE/CSWE Award for Innovative Teaching in Social Work Education. Fitch was presented with the award at the Annual Planning Meeting in Dallas on November 2, 2013. His evaluation of ePortfolios, which led to a curriculum assessment as well as student demonstration of integrative and reflective learning, earned him this honor. This award was established in 2012 to honor and recognize innovative teaching in social work education.

“This high ropes course opened up my eyes to how building relationships and trust can be achieved by working together in a physically challenging setting... Being able to get out of the classroom and experience this activity has completely changed my views of experiential therapy.”

-Justin Grubb
Selected Faculty Publications & Presentations

**Publications**


Presentations


External Awards

In 2013, SSW faculty brought in $4.33 million in funding for 12 grants across 8 state, federal and private agencies. Highlights include:

Colleen Galambos is currently working as Co-Investigator on three grants, funded by the National Institute for Health, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services and the US Department of Health & Human Services Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality. The studies focus on improving nursing home care for the elderly. Funding totals $1.8 million.

Leigh Tenkku is Principal Investigator on four CDC studies addressing fetal alcohol spectrum disorders. Funding totals $1.5 million.

Michael Kelly, along with Clark Peters and Dale Fitch, continue to administer the MSW Title IV-E child welfare training program. Funding totals $1.07 million.

Clark Peters has received $5,000 in funding from America’s Promise Alliance to map representation of young people in the Juvenile Court system.
Graduation 2013

BSW Graduates
Eryn Christine Alexander**
Katie Megan Bartek**
Katrina S. Beebe
Thomas Henry Chase IV
Christine Blair Dooley
Taylor Kelly Dukes**
Cynthia Marie Erwin**
Byron S. Fagan
Kelly Elizabeth Gross
Ricki Blair Grossman
Justin Dean Grubb**
Courtney Marie Hall
Abby Elizabeth Harper
Shanta Monique Harrington
Tessa Kei Lok Heung
Jenna Nicole Hinkel**
Rachel Marie Holland**
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Maggie Teresa Kube
Cassady Cristine Lesniak
Kayli Lanet Lovell
Chelsea Monroe Meldrum
Kimberly Marie Mueckl
Lindsey Ann Mueller
Katherine D. Obermark
Heidi Lynn Pfeifer*
Kelsey Ledell Palmquist*
Amy Elizabeth Ricker
Merris Asha Ross
Megan Elizabeth Scanlon**
Antaniece Patrice Sills
Amanda Rachel Sullivan
Jennifer Lynn Tunink
Joshua Caleb Van Zweden
Lily Maureen Dickmann Westrich
Brittani Nicole Williams

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Mayra Gabriela Canales Sebastian
Grace Marie Carder
Stephanie Lynn Carlson
Annelise Elizabeth Carr
Michael R. Cerame
Shea Mallory Colley
Sonya Daylene Colvin
Jane Elizabeth Cook
Jennifer (Jaay) Cosby
Michelle Lynne Curry
Ashley E. Daniels
Robin E. Dieken
Victoria Olivia Dormeyer
Alicia Christine Dotzler
Katherine R. Drobina
Addison Eckles
Sarah Elizabeth Ehrhard
Kathleen Courtney Engler
Kelsey Esser
Rachel Jean Evans
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Jena Fouraker
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In the above list, outstanding seniors are indicated by bold type and honors students are indicated by italic type.
*Magna Cum Laude (3.7-3.89 GPA)
**Cum Laude (3.5-3.69 GPA)

MSW Graduates
Alicia A. Adams
Megan Carleen Allsup
Devin Marie Bain
Shelley Eileen Beckley
Katja Elke Bressette
Carmen Nicole Buis
Scott Wayne Buis
Emily Rebecca Bulejski

Lauren Susan Masterson
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PASSPORT TO GIVING

The School has launched a new advancement campaign, entitled I Give Because… Stories of alumni and friends who have supported the School are featured in our Passport to Giving. Each story is unique and heartfelt, representing the many ways to give that are meaningful and convenient to donors.

We hope you will consider the School in your gift giving plans. All gifts make a difference and will have a positive impact by supporting the areas of greatest need at the School. As social workers we know that making a difference matters, no matter how big or small. We hope to share more stories from our generous donors.

For additional information about the passport campaign and ways to give, visit our web-site at ssw.missouri.edu/whygive.html.

NANCY GRIGGS, MSW ‘76 & DAVE GRIGGS

“I knew since childhood that I would be a Mizzou Tiger — everyone in my family had been. Dave loved MU from growing up in Columbia. What we didn’t know is that I would be encouraged by a friend to get my MSW and that it would open exciting career opportunities for me. When we included the School of Social Work in our estate planning, it became easy to give back. In addition to giving generally to the university and the Mizzou Alumni Association, we specifically donate to the School of Social Work for the influence it had on our lives.”

FREDDIE AVANT, MSW ‘82

“I give to the School of Social Work because of the significant impact MU had on my life and those I have touched throughout my career. I have been a social work educator and practitioner for 31 years. While pursuing my MSW, I grew to love the social work profession — and as a bonus, I learned much about myself. I discovered a career that will last a lifetime and a joy that I continue to share with future social workers. As a result, I give to the annual fund so those who come after me can experience the thrill of the academic experience and join a profession that truly changes people's lives.”

PAULA RICHARDS, MSW ‘82

“Working in hospice and as a bereavement counselor has been my passion for 24 years. My MSW has helped me walk alongside people who are grieving and relying on support from hospice professionals. I am humbled to be in their homes at such a poignant time of life. Throughout the years, I have not only given financially, but have also mentored students in field placement and served on the alumni board and the Professional Advisory Committee.”

SALLY SILVERS

“Having friends in the field of social work, I never thought I would need their services. When my husband died, a hospice bereavement counselor came knocking at my door. Thank goodness I accepted (her) services. I give back by endowing a scholarship in the school so that others will benefit as I did.”
Elizabeth Engeler Hiestand, MSSW, ’73, LCSW acknowledges that her decision for a career in professional social work came when she was working as a unit secretary at the University of Missouri Medical Center. She was impressed with and inspired by how a hospital social worker addressed patient coping and resource needs. At that time she was completing an undergraduate degree in psychology and intrigued with healthcare. To meet both her interests, she applied to the MU graduate school of social work with the hope of becoming a medical social worker.

“I am grateful that my MU graduate education was forward-thinking, provided excellent knowledge and skills, emphasized values and gave me the strong foundation to follow my career dreams. Over 38 years I worked at 6 large private and public hospitals in 4 states (Missouri, Alaska, Colorado and California), including 15 years as a medical social worker and 23 years in managerial positions. Whether I was working as a clinical social worker, developing new programs or managing diverse departments, I drew from my rich experience at MU. Each step along my career path provided meaning and satisfaction by seeing how people and systems come together, manage challenges and change and celebrate accomplishments.”

Hiestand cited her block placement as a highlight of her social work education, stating that “the block placement invites students to be more engaged, accountable and assimilate into the workplace.” She also credits the School with a “systems approach curriculum that prepared me for appreciating the complexities of organizations and team relationships. This proved invaluable in all aspects of my career.” She further states that “the unique field of social work transcends into all work and personal interactions. The core principles, values and scope enable social workers to function successfully in many roles within or outside social work.”

Hiestand understands the importance of social workers and the services they provide. Wanting to honor the social work profession and help students, she established the Elizabeth M. Hiestand Scholarship in Social Work to help graduate students pursue their social work careers.

Hiestand retired in 2012 from a medical center in Southern California where she held the position of executive director, behavioral health and clinical social work, and now enjoys volunteering, gardening, cooking, travel and enjoying leisure time to do what feels good and exciting.

DONOR SPOTLIGHT: ELIZABETH ENGELER HIESTAND

Clark 5th Floor Renovation

We hope to hear the sound of hammers and saws in 2014 as the School begins plans to refurbish a portion of 5th floor Clark Hall that will feature a new state of the art classroom and student lounge. Preliminary planning has been completed and construction will begin after the School raises the necessary funds for the project. We will announce the kickoff of the campaign on our website and through email blasts. We hope our alumni and friends will embrace our efforts in creating a space that is inviting and promotes a sense of community that our students deserve.
Donors & Social Justice Society

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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To All School of Social Work Alumni – Greetings!

What an exciting time to be a social worker: our profession is being impacted by many changes, among them the Affordable Care Act and the final version of the DSM IV. No doubt each of us have been affected in some way, professionally and personally, by these new developments.

The School of Social Work Alumni Board (SSWAB) is also experiencing some changes. After serving for two years as President of the Board, I will be stepping aside as the new year begins. The Board will maintain its focus on connecting students and alumni, honoring professional achievements, and promoting membership by electing someone who will continue leadership on these fronts.

In the Spring 2013, the Board held a successful networking event at The Heidelberg in Columbia after the School’s annual Spring Forum. Our goal was to create an opportunity for current students to interact and make connections with Alumni that will serve them throughout their careers. In the same vein, the fall conference was a speed networking event with current students and Alumni. The evening included making and eating caramel apples which created an opportunity for the School’s students to spend time with those already working in the areas of health, mental health, school social work, and adoption. The relaxed environment was conducive to the students to ask detailed questions about the field. Be sure to check your e-mail regarding information for another event being planned for Spring 2014!

As in the past, the SSWAB was proud to recognize the achievements of our award recipients at the 2013 Spring Forum. We depend on our alumni to alert us to the activities and accomplishments of students, faculty, agency or other alumni, which merit the honor of public recognition through an important or outstanding contribution to our profession. Please consider submitting a nomination for an alumni award. See ssw.missouri.edu/awards for more information or contact Patricia Fisher, e-mail fisherpm@missouri.edu or 573-882-4447.

The Board would also like to acknowledge the entire SSWAO membership for continuing to grow! If you would like to join us in honoring, supporting and connecting students and alumni, please consider membership in the SSWAO or SSWAB. Membership applications are available at Mizzou.com/joinsocialworkalumni. Using this link ensures that a portion of your dues goes direction to the SWWAO and that you will 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, SSWAO, and your local chapter. Membership provides you with special discounts, school updates, the annual wall calendar, and connections to Mizzou graduates.

If you have any questions about the SSWAO or how to become involved, please contact Patricia Fisher, SSW executive staff assistant, at the information listed above.

Go Social Work Tigers!

Andrea Reynolds, BSW ’06
SSWAO President
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MU School of Social Work
Spring Forum

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1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

April 4, 2014
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