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Dear Social Work Alumni and Friends,

I am very pleased to share with you our newly renamed magazine, *Mizzou SW*. There are many exciting developments at the School which are reported on within its pages.

Our updated MSW curriculum should be in place by Fall 2015. This effort goes hand-in-hand with the kick-off of our online MSW program, funded through a University grant. The hard work and leadership of Dr. Carol Snively, MSW Director and Dr. Dale Fitch, Director of the online MSW program resulted in our inaugural cohort exceeding enrollment goals and we anticipate that our online program will play a key role in our future. One additional and wonderful item that impacts the MSW program is the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) training grant we received, which will fund 44 MSW students in integrated behavioral health services for adolescents and young adults.

Outside the classroom, our presence in the community continues to grow. It is not possible to iterate every instance of faculty and student positive impact but there is one of which I am particularly proud. The Integrative Behavioral Health Clinic, under the leadership of Dr. Kelli Canada and Clinical Instructor Rebekah Freese is providing free mental health services to uninsured members of our community. It is not astonishing but nevertheless impressive that 100% of their students participated by volunteering to staff the clinic while receiving clinical supervision. These future social work practitioners are building their professional skill set while making an important contribution to some of Columbia’s neediest residents.

Other community projects include Dr. Kim Anderson’s work with Cherokee Nation in Oklahoma conducting in-depth interviews with adult survivors of domestic violence, Dr. Colleen Galambos’ work with the Sinclair School of Nursing on a CMS-funded initiative to reduce avoidable hospitalization among nursing facility residents, and Dr. Aaron Thompson’s intervention research on mental health in the local public schools. These are just a few examples of how our faculty are successfully impacting our community at the individual and policy levels.

Another exciting development was bringing in a full-time grant writer. Joann Messbarger and Research Director Dr. Leigh Tenku-Lepper are working to establish a robust research infrastructure. This means an improved ability to identify and successfully pursue external funding opportunities.

Finally, I am most pleased to report that our scholarship funds have grown by 21% in the last year. Our students benefit from this, your generosity. We are very grateful to our donors and encourage you to think of us when planning your charitable contributions.

I hope you enjoy reading this issue of *Mizzou SW*!

Director and Professor

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**Keep in Touch**

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. 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.
SSW Students pose for the 2015 VAC Calendar

Left to right: Riley Dean, Ariel Spires, Miles Beauparlant, Melissa Stone, Paulette Chavez, posing for the 2015 Voluntary Action Center (VAC) Calendar. The photo is the February photo. The VAC students were in a friendly competition with 11 other Columbia organizations to raise money for VAC, a non-profit social services agency funded by the Columbia Area United Way, The City of Columbia, Boone County, the Interfaith Council of Churches FISH Fund, FEMA, Boone Electric Trust and many other Columbia area businesses and individuals. VAC works to help stabilize low-income families and individuals in Boone County by providing connections and resources related to health, employment, education and housing.

In order to raise money for VAC, the students organized several events in 2014, which raised over $1,000.

Jennifer Shearin with Dr. Kim Anderson, who has been her mentor throughout her research conducted for the McNair Scholar program.

Jennifer Shearin BSW ’15 was accepted into the MU McNair Scholars Program in the Fall of 2013 under the mentorship of Associate Professor, Kim Anderson, PhD. Her study titled, “iRest®Integrative Restoration, A Meditative Approach to Healing: Bringing Calm and Ease to Survivors of Intimate Partner Violence and/or Stalking” highlights the importance of survivors reconnecting with their inner self after trauma. Preliminary quantitative analysis revealed a clinically significant decrease in PTSD and trauma-related symptoms, and an increase in resiliency and mindfulness. The core category to emerge through qualitative analysis was reconnecting with one’s inner self as highlighted in the following participant’s quote, “I feel like my brain is more connected to my heart now.” Using iRest as a trauma intervention provides a cost effective (brief, group modality) and efficacious alternative for survivors of intimate partner violence/stalking in their recovery. Jennifer presented her research poster at the MU McNair Scholars Conference & Luncheon on April 19, 2014. She presented her findings, along with Dr. Anderson and doctoral candidate Abby Rolbiecki, at the 2015 Annual Society for Social Work and Research (SSWR) Research Conference in a roundtable discussion titled, Challenges and Opportunities of Evaluating Multi-Sensory Approaches for Trauma Recovery in Survivors of Sexual Assault/Domestic Violence. Her findings will also be included in Dr. Richard C. Miller’s, iRest founder, website: www.irest.us/research. Additionally, under the guidance of Terry Wilson, M.Ed, R.N., MU Director of Health Promotion, Jennifer is teaching a 1-credit hour iRest class per Fall 2014 and Spring 2015 semester.
Heather Klemp travelled to Jefferson City, Mo. to speak to representatives in the House and Senate to advocate for legislation reform that would require insurance companies to provide complete treatment for eating disorders in Missouri. It was a great outcome: The Missouri General Assembly voted into law a Joint Commission on Eating Disorders composed of Governor-appointed representatives to study the issues surrounding eating disorders insurance coverage, access to treatment, and support systems. The goal is to get eating disorders insurance reform passed in 2015.

“I told Dina I was coming down to the Capitol, and that afternoon after I finished speaking to representatives in the House and Senate, Dina and Katie -- interns for Planned Parenthood -- showed me around the Capitol, and introduced me to Rep. Montecillo. I then had the opportunity to talk with her about why I was there and about supporting insurance reform. She was very appreciative and receptive, and then she said that she wanted to take a picture with the three of us.”

Stan Remer, MSW ’68 has retired from the Reserves Officers Association national staff and has accepted a position as Department Chair of Behavioral Sciences at the University of Valley Forge, Virginia Campus.

Sam Conant MSSW LICSW, ’72 has recently opened private mental health offices in Colchester and St. Albans, Vermont, and currently serves as VP and public interest program producer/host for Lake Champlain Access Television, Inc.

Ed Patterson, MSW ’72 has retired from a 30 year career as executive director in nonprofit management for primarily youth and family services in Riverside, Santa Barbara and Santa Rosa, CA. He is now playing golf almost daily and volunteering in between those golf games. Mr. Patterson wants to give a special shout out to Dr. Paul Sundet.

Deborah L. Word, MSW ’90, PhD ’90 is now an Associate Professor at Lincoln University, and happily announces that LU’s BSW program received CSWE accreditation in June of 2014.

Victoria McVicker, BSW/MSW ’82, is currently the CEO of SafeHouse Denver, a domestic violence intervention agency in Denver. They recently hosted Vice President Joe Biden at a celebration of the 20th anniversary of the passage of the Violence Against Women Act.

Judy M. Hamm, MSW ’92, is now a published author of a children’s book titled “IT IS TRUE!” about a young child who tries to imagine what she could do if she were different animals. The book is available via Barnes and Noble and Amazon.com

Brooke Dawson, MSW ’92, is celebrating 21 years with MO Department of Mental Health 2015 will mark 10 years of managing the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) PATH grant (Projects to Assist in Transitions from Homelessness).

Terry Shaw, MSW ’97, was recently promoted to Associate Professor with Tenure at the University of Maryland, School of Social Work. He was also named the Director of the Ruth H. Young Center for Families and Children at the at the University of Maryland School of Social Work.

Lisa Rothstein Goldberg, BSW ’02, and husband, Matt, welcomed Rachel Erica Goldberg on January 5, 2014. Lisa is now the Assistant Director of Disability Services at Ivy Tech Community College in Sellersburg, IN where she is also teaching sociology and psychology courses.

Kelly (Vansell) Moore, MSW ’06, obtained her LCSW in September 2011 and married Daniel Moore in September 2013. After 6 years she was promoted to Director of Clinical Services at Perspectives Behavioral Health Management in Fort Smith, AR.

Nan Chamberlain, MSW ’07, is now based in Douglasville, Ga. and working for AWS/Benchmark Human Services as a mental health mobile crisis response team leader and works on-call. The team is available 24/7 and assesses and deescalates crisis situations, evaluates the individual in need and makes appropriate referrals, substantially decreasing law enforcement involvement, ER visits, and hospitalizations.

Emily Arth, BSW ’08, became a Licensed Clinical Social Worker in 2014.

Kara Wekenborg Ready, MSW ’09, earned her case management certification in December 2014.

Kam Philips, BSW ’09, founder and director of Dream Outside the Box (DOTB), announced they have grown to 6 chapters and held their inaugural leadership training summit in Dallas, TX and have published a handbook for students who are interested in running a DOTB chapter. www.dreamoutsidethebox.org

Jennifer Anstead, MSW ’10, married Charles Hostetler September 6, 2014. They reside in Columbia, SC and Jennifer recently took a job at The University of South Carolina as a Quality Assurance Reviewer of DSS cases.

Alicia Falter-Paddock, MSW ’11, is employed with Catholic Charities of Northeast Kansas and is the Director of Emergency Assistance-Johnson County.

Alex Bouse, MSW ’12 is currently employed with Burrell Behavioral Health as a Community Support Specialist and has begun her LCSW supervision and is planning a June 2015 wedding.

Jane Cook, MSW ’13, passed the Association of Social Work Board exam and became a LMSW on July, 2014. She has been employed as a school social worker for the Kennett Public Schools since 1996.

Merris A. Ross, MSW ’14, is currently working for the Department of Social Services in Kansas City, MO. She reports that it is a stressful job but very rewarding. Ms. Ross has also just passed the LMSW exam, and has begun the process for LCSW credentials.

Theresa McDonald, MSW ’14, passed her LMSW exam and is now working full-time as a medical social worker at University of Missouri Healthcare.

Geni Harms, MSW ’14, and husband welcomed their first child, Brycen Gunnar Harms, on September 21, 2014. Geri works as a Behavioral Health Consultant at Fitzgibbon Hospital in Marshall, MO.

Katja Bressette, MSW ’14, is working at Wakonda Family Institute, a free mental health clinic in Columbia, MO run by Dr. John Small and Jeanette Parker (seen in photo). Bressette provided almost 1,800 hours as an unpaid resident in 2014 and is seeing about 30 clients and runs three intensive, one-year long childhood trauma groups. Working at Wakonda allows her to help people with multiple, complex childhood trauma. The groups are intense, tough, and challenging for both client and therapist and they are making a difference.

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There is a new tradition on campus!

As part of MU’s 175th anniversary, the Mizzou Alumni Association made possible MU’s newest campus landmark, Traditions Plaza located in the heart of campus on the Carnahan Quadrangle.

Under the glow of Jesse Hall, Traditions Plaza includes the largest outdoor programming stage in central campus and is a perfect spot for concerts, outdoor movies, spirit rallies, outdoor classes as well as a gathering place for Mizzou family and friends.

Etched into the granite tiles on the main stage and other locations around the plaza are markers paying tribute to current and past MU traditions, notable alumni and historical happenings.

A time capsule buried center stage contains mementos from MU’s 175th anniversary and campus life in 2014. Traditions Plaza serves as a symbol of MU’s pride of place and passion the Mizzou family has for Missouri’s flagship university.

Learn more at mizzou.com/traditionsplaza

In Memoriam

Catherine Smith, MSSW ’67, passed away on April 30, 2014 at her home in Pacifica, CA. She taught at San Francisco State U. and was Professor Emeritus. She had a great affection for SSW professor, Virginia Turner. She is survived by a brother, Herbert.

Roland “Duke” Meinert, passed away on February 18, 2014 at the age of 84. Dr. Meinert twice served as Director of the MU School of Social Work from 1975 - 1977 and again 1983 - 1989. He received a bachelor’s degree from Saint Joseph’s College in Indiana, master’s degree from Loyola University-Chicago and a doctorate degree from Saint Louis University – all in Social Work. His long career included teaching at several universities and he was the director of the Schools of Social Work at Michigan State University and Missouri State University. He also served in the U.S. Army with the Berlin Brigade in the military intelligence unit and while in the service, he starred as a lineman on the Army’s semi-pro team. He co-founded the Inter-University Consortium on International Social Development, which is now known as International Consortium for Social Development.

James “Jim” Viggers, MSSW ’74, passed away on January 15, 2015. Viggers worked as a social worker at Fulton State Hospital and also served as a priest in the Episcopal Church for more than 20 years.
School of Social Work Alumni Association 2014 Alumni Awards

Outstanding BSW Student
Daniel Stribling
Stribling is actively making a difference within the MU community: co-facilitating a much-needed panel presentation on the intersection of sexual orientation, military service, and higher education at the Social Justice Symposium, staffing the MU LGBTQ Resource Center, volunteering at the Batavia Interfaith Food Pantry, A Way with Words and Numbers, the Walking School Bus and Head Start. Daniel is also a student leader in the political arena, serving as a National Committeeman of the Young Democrats of Missouri, and as South Regional Director of the Young Democrats of America LGBTQA Caucus for which he coordinates political activities in 15 states and territories. He was the 2012 Outreach Director of the Mizzou College Democrats.

Outstanding MSW Student
Betsy Smith
Smith’s nominator wishes she could “bottle and prescribe her attitude towards learning for all adult learners who are returning for their MSW – she is best of the best.” Smith brings a wealth of knowledge and experience to her classes where she is an engaged learner, taking responsibility for her own learning process and encouraging her peers to do likewise – even taking homemade dinner to peers, who are running between work and class. At her first field placement at Welcome Home, a transitional living facility for homeless veterans in Columbia, Smith excelled, with no background in mental health or veterans issues.

Outstanding PhD Student
Ashley Gage
Gage began work as a research assistant on an NIH funded intervention study and was promoted within a year to Senior Research Specialist. She has coordinated the implementation of one of the largest hospice clinical trials every done in the US. She has assisted in writing research protocols, conducted fidelity checks, written implementation manuals and supervised protocol implementation in three separate hospice programs. Ashely taught herself video editing in order to secure video recorded data and also led numerous data analysis leading to publication. She has been described as an “outstanding critical thinker,” “problem solver” and is an “outstanding example of what a PhD student should be – an excellent scholar and mentor.”

Outstanding Faculty Member
David Albright
Albright is quite outstanding in the field of Military Social Work and brings his past military service and professional experiences with him to the classroom, providing unique insight into the needs of military veterans and their families. According to his nomination, he “exemplifies National Association of Social Workers’ core values by stimulating the social work field and student learning and interests, contributing to student relationships within learning and other communities and encouraging exploration and respect for diversity.” The MU School of Social Work and all its students are truly appreciative of his hard work and dedication to advancing the learning of future social workers.

Outstanding Social Service Agency
First Chance For Children (FCFC)
FCFC has been a placement option for only 2 semesters, making quite the impression on students who were placed within their agency. FCFC works to support and promote early childhood education and development within Columbia and statewide. They offer a wide variety of resources and programs such as Baby Bags, Safe CRIBS, Lend & Learn Toy Lending Library, Baby U and Parents As Teachers Plus. Additionally they advocate for early childhood programs and policies on local and state levels. Their programs address societal, financial and crisis situations for families throughout Columbia to help restore and enhance a family’s capacity for social functioning and development. Nominators state “FCFC challenges interns to draw from every aspect of their social work education to succeed.” for at-risk children and families.

Outstanding Alumni
Becky Beck
Since obtaining her MSW in 2001 Beck has advocated for both the GBLTQ and Deaf communities. She is the Clinical Coordinator at The LEAD Institute, and became fluent in American Sign Language in order to competently serve her clients. Beck is also involved in creating, governing, and volunteering at The Center Project in Columbia. She volunteers at the Crisis Response Team for the Deaf and at Teen Institute as a Behavior Management Specialist. Her nomination stated, “Becky is the consummate social worker. She serves with passion and devotion...that others may enjoy life to the fullest. She demonstrates the best of what social work has to offer on a daily basis. She has a tremendous work ethic and a true desire to enrich the lives of others. Most importantly, Becky does not leave her social work ethics at the office; she lives those values and principles every day.”
What Students are Saying

From time to time, The School reaches out to students for statements about their experiences for use in our recruiting materials. Here are some of the most recent:

Alexandria Bagby BSW ’14
“Social work has interested me since I was 16 and adopted out of the foster care system. I wanted to be a pediatrician to save children’s lives. However, I recently realized that I could do more good and help more children as a social worker than as a doctor. My adoptive mother instilled in me that I am more than what I have always been told. She was right — I am no longer a statistic. I’m an exception, and now I want to help others.”

Jackie Hodson MSW ’15
“I have an undergraduate degree in education, but I realized I needed to further my education in order to more effectively help children and families. My decision to pursue a master’s degree in social work while balancing work and family responsibilities was difficult. However, the skills and knowledge gained have benefitted my current occupation as a foster care case worker and helped me pursue my goals. The MU School of Social Work’s part-time program has been a great fit for accommodating the multiple life roles that non-traditional students face.”

Abigail Rolbieckl MSW ’14, PhD ’15
“Working for Yellow Ribbon, a military reintegration program, I became aware of a deeper problem service members face: sexual assault. As a graduate assistant at the MU Relationship, Sexual Violence and Prevention Center, I provide counseling for survivors of sexual assault to students, staff and faculty of MU and the civilian and military sectors. The lack of treatment literature designed to promote post-traumatic healing in survivors of sexual assault informs my dissertation research. I hope to develop an intervention that treats the underlying symptoms of post-traumatic stress disorder in sexual assault survivors and helps enhance growth and resiliency.”

2014 Recipients of the Field Instructor of the Year Awards

There were two recipients of the MSW Field Instructor of the Year Award

Mary Killday of Women’s & Children’s Hospital with BSW student Harley Moore

Jane Piester of Rockbridge High School (center) with MSW students Lindsay Oetker (on her right) and Alexa Bouse (on her left)

Sarah Froese of Truman VA with MSW student Mary Davis
Assistant Professor Kelli Canada joined the MU SSW faculty in the summer of 2012. By that fall she was already immersed in the community, collaborating with various agencies and learning about Columbia’s resources like MedZou, the University’s student-run free medical clinic located at 105 East Ash Street in Columbia. Clinical instructor Rebekah Freese has been providing mental health services in Columbia since 1997. Both women were deeply aware of the need for improved access to mental health services in the Columbia community for people who are uninsured or underinsured.

In the fall of 2012, the School’s Director, Dr. Marjorie Sable, proposed to the faculty that the School consider starting a “mental health night” at the MedZou clinic. Sable had been serving as the faculty mentor at MedZou for the social work student volunteers and realized that there were no places to refer patients who could not provide a co-pay. Canada and Freese, realizing that this was a compelling opportunity, joined forces and began to work on establishing a new resource for Columbia’s neediest community members. While providing Columbia with a much needed service sounds like a good opportunity, simultaneously providing MU SSW students with crucial experiential learning transformed it into a great opportunity – and thus was born the Integrative Behavioral Health Clinic – a place where learning and service combine to promote a healthy community.

The clinic was initially designed as a “Learning Lab” but has been formally named the Integrative Behavioral Health Clinic. Its two-fold mission is to provide access to mental health services where social workers collaborate with physicians to enhance continuity of care to those in need and to provide real-life experiences in clinical social work for MSW students. The clinic would greatly benefit from outside funding to help with expenses for needed equipment, supplies and other expenditures. Creating an environment that is as welcoming to clients as it is professional and efficient in its operation is critical in creating relationships based on respect and confidence. (Please see the clinic’s wish list on page 15.)

The formal name clarifies the manner in which the students are being trained: to identify how personal behaviors, stress and crises can contribute to chronic medical and mental health conditions. Canada and Freese expect that some clients will be referred by MedZou, which reported in a chart audit that 40% of their patients had a primary diagnosis of depression and/or anxiety and were largely going without mental health care. It was this information, which Sable reported to the faculty that motivated Canada and Freese to pursue their vision.

According to the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality, a division of the U.S. Department of Health & Human Services, integrated behavioral health care is an emerging field within the wider practice of high-quality, coordinated health care. In the broadest use of the term, “integrated behavioral health care” can describe any situation in which behavioral health and medical providers work together.

Canada, states that she early on realized “...the community would benefit from a free clinic and that the SSW students would benefit from more hands-on supervised practice experience.” Freese agrees, “As a behavioral health provider in the community prior to my full time position at the University, the issue of behavioral health care for those persons who have no insurance or no ability to pay has been problematic.” Both are enthusiastic about the degree of interest their stu-
WHAT OUR STUDENTS SAY:

“Real, hands-on experience that cannot be replicated in the classroom. Also, the experience enhanced the theories and techniques learned in required courses.”

“Real experience and an opportunity to apply knowledge with supervision in a unique, supportive setting that focuses on therapeutic relationships and using theories was crucial in building confidence, competence and skills.”

“IBHC is such a great learning tool because it is interactive and we are actually able to apply what we have learned. The experience and knowledge I have gained through IBHC could not have been learned in a classroom.”

“Real life clients are much better than peer role-playing; use of assessment tools, evaluations, writing progress notes, applying skills and knowledge from all classes with real clients.”

“Real life experience, putting our knowledge toward real life application! Learning how to do progress notes, treatment plans, evaluations and assessments. It was an awesome experience, with great supervision, too!”

QUICK FACTS

Goal
Improve individuals’ quality of life, mental health and community engagement through clinical intervention, understanding clients’ needs and connecting clients to resources. The clinic anticipates serving approximately 200 clients per year through individual and group sessions.

Need
Approximately 90,000 Missourians are in need of mental health treatment, but do not have access to care. An estimated 780,000 non-elderly Missourians live without medical insurance.

In Boone County, according to a recent Community Needs Assessment:
- approximately 5,700 adults with severe mental illness do not receive appropriate treatment
- approximately 1,800 adults with illicit drug problems do not receive adequate treatment

Target population
Under- and un-insured adult Missourians

Most common mental health diagnoses addressed:
- anxiety and depression

Want to help support the Integrated Behavioral Health Clinic?
See page 15 for a Wish List!
J. Wilson Watt, MSW, PhD, came to the University of Missouri School of Social Work faculty in 1992 after a two-decade career in social services in the Chicago metropolitan area. Watt came to Missouri because of the strong child welfare faculty. His work at the MU SSW included 14 years as Principal Investigator for the MSW Title IVE Child Welfare Training Grant. He also spent several short periods and one longer period as part of an international faculty group that founded the first graduate social work program in post-Soviet Eastern Europe. For this work, Watt received a Teaching Scholar Fellowship from the Fulbright Foundation. Watt’s teaching ranged across all three program levels at the School and focused primarily on social work practice skills, social justice issues, and theory development in social work. Upon retirement he continues to be active with the School and the community.

Martha (Marty) Markward, EdD, MSW joined the School of Social Work faculty in 2000. She had previously been on the faculty at the University of Georgia’s School of Social Work and Missouri State University’s Department of Social Work. She practiced in a variety of settings, including, hospital/clinic, public welfare, and school settings. She used her many practice experiences in the classroom, where she taught across the curriculum in the MSW program, both on-and off-campus, as well as in the doctoral program. Dr. Markward taught Women, Poverty, and Mental Health on a regular basis and wrote a book entitled Evidence-Based Practice with Women: Toward Effective Practice with Low-income Women. As a Fulbright Fellow, she assisted faculty at the University of Sofia in Bulgaria in developing social work curricula.

SSW hires new Coordinator for BSW Field

Rachel Bailey, MSW ’12, LMSW joined the SSW faculty in August of this year to serve as a Clinical Instructor and BSW Field Coordinator. In her new role, Bailey is responsible for teaching the Senior Seminar and serves as the field liaison for BSW students. In addition, she coordinates BSW field orientations for students and field instructors and the annual field appreciation breakfast.

Bailey continues to maintain a private practice, providing family therapy using strengths-based, client-centered and trauma-informed methods as well as dialectical behavior therapy. This involves being on-call for 24-hour coaching. She also provides services to parents in the 13th Circuit Division for the Department of Social Services. As a parent aide, she assesses and develops implementation plans. Her role as parent educator requires her to present a trauma informed parenting curriculum in a two-hour weekly format for biological and resource parents of traumatized children.

SSW receives funding to train 44 MSW students

The School was a recent recipient of the Behavioral Health Workforce Education and Training Grant from the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA). SSW partnered with the University of Missouri-St. Louis on this grant, which totals $1,265,974 over a period of three years. MU Professor and Director Marjorie Sable is the principal investigator of the MU portion of the grant. Suzanne Cary is the training director and Dale Fitch is the grant evaluator.

The grant will allow for the recruitment of 84 MSW students (44 at MU and 40 at UMSL) who are interested in working in integrated behavioral health services for adolescents and young adults who have been identified with or are at risk of developing mental and behavioral health problems, including suicidal ideation.

The program addresses the need for social workers who are dedicated to working with at-risk youth and young adults. The program will work collaboratively with behavioral health-focused youth agencies, partner with community agencies to provide inter-professional training to increase cultural competence and understanding of integrated behavioral health best practices. The program will also implement a career services component to identify integrated behavioral health career opportunities for student employment following the training program.
MU SSW continues to build its research infrastructure. This year, the School hired a full-time grant writer, Joann Messbarger. In hiring Messbarger, the School is focusing its efforts on supporting faculty in achieving their research and scholarship interests. This effort aligns with the strategic vision put forth by Dr. Hank C. Foley, who was named Senior Vice Chancellor for Research and Graduate Studies in March, 2014. Messbarger’s goals are to 1) find new funding opportunities, 2) take as much burden off of the faculty as possible during the proposal preparation process, and 3) review and edit text to further strengthen already good ideas. In providing support to all SSW faculty in the development and submission of grant proposals for internal as well as external funding, she expects to see an increase in the overall number of grants submitted. SSW has had a good start to this fiscal year: four Principal Investigator proposals, three Co-Principal Investigator proposals, of which five were awarded.

Messbarger says, “It’s exciting and an honor to be part of a growing research program. The process can feel daunting to very busy faculty who have many demands on their time, but I am here to make it possible for them to get more proposals submitted. Together, we will succeed.”

As senior grant writer, Messbarger will also work collaboratively with Dr. Leigh Tenkku Lepper, Director of Research. Their first project was to review the School’s grant proposal process. The two have already posted a process guide and proposal checklist for faculty on the SSW Research website. They will continue to assist faculty with planning their research trajectories, work to open doors to new collaborative possibilities across campus and even outside of MU by widely sharing information about faculty research interests, and help with research project planning, design, and editing, as needed.

SSW receives almost $2.3 million in external funding in Fall 2014!

For the first time in its history, the School of Social Work has received over $2.3 million in external funding in one semester!

**Dr. Michael Kelly** received $204,534 as Principal Investigator for the MSW Title IV-E training grant program through the Missouri Department of Social Services. These monies provide ongoing support for MSW students who pledge to work in the state of Missouri upon program completion.

**Dr. Leigh Tenkku Lepper** received $1,108,393 as Principal Investigator of the *Mental and Reproductive Health Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders Practice Implementation Center (MRPIC)* from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. MR PIC is a national center focused on development and implementation of discipline-specific training in fetal alcohol spectrum disorders in both social work and obstetrics and gynecology. The training will include didactic training and an avatar-based screening and brief intervention program within both disciplines.

**Dr. Aaron Thompson** received $380,000 as co-Principal Investigator of the *Boone County Schools Mental Health Coalition* funded through Boone County, MO. Their team will look at mental health from various levels based on the needs of the individual child. Specific activities include training of school personnel, implementing targeted invention for youth at high risk, collecting data on mental health symptoms and correlating factors and assisting schools in determining prevention/intervention goals and finding appropriate strategies.

**Dr. Marjorie Sable** received $627,779 as Co-Principal Investigator of the *MU/UMSL Collaborative Behavioral Health (BH) Workforce Education and Training Program* from the Health Resources and Services Administration. In collaboration with the UMSL School of Social Work, this project seeks to train MSW students in behavioral health services of youth and young adults at risk of developing mental and behavioral health problems, including suicidal ideation.

**Dr. Clark Peters,** received $24,948 as Principal Investigator of the *Survey Administration and Analysis on Asset Development Literature for Young Adults Aging out of Foster Care* project funded through the Jim Casey Youth Opportunities Initiative. This project proposes to gain understanding on the experiences that young adults in foster care have with those who supervise their state-administered services. This work will also inform the Opportunity Passport™ program of the Jim Casey Youth Opportunities Initiative, which is an innovative asset-building program for developing financial capabilities for youth aging out of foster care.

*Congratulations to all. This is a great move forward in building the external funding program here at SSW!*
May 2014 BSW
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Kali Rae Thomas
Taylor Kinsey Yeagle

December 2014 BSW
Summa Cum Laude Honors
Certificate-Social Work Honors
Darby Ruth Provance

Summa Cum Laude - Social Work Honors
Megan Alexis Davis

Summa Cum Laude
Megan Jane Tipton

Magna Cum Laude - Social Work Honors
Melissa Deana Stone

Magna Cum Laude
Verene Anthony
Katherine Jude Hanson
Brooke Nicole Smith

Cum Laude
Bethany Christian Osborn
Logan Thomas Park
Heidi Lynn Pfeifer
Abigail Jordan Rolbiecki
Jenna Katherine Ross
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Kristen Elizabeth Schmauder
Margaret Shea Siebert
Byron J. Seboldt
Millicent Ann Silver
Sara Charleah Skubal
Adam Benjamin Speak
Kayla Melissa Spector
Christopher J. Talley
Christina Marie Taylor
Amanda Frances Turner
Stephanie M. Wolken
Christine Marie Wynn
Margaret Erin Griffith
Ricki Blair Grossman
Craig Edward Jaworski
Jonathan Kirby Jedlow
Abbey Renne Lukefahr
Chelsea Monroe Meldrum
Lindsay Marie Oetker
Bethany Christian Osborn
Abigail Jordan Rolbiecki
Kristen Elizabeth Schmauder
Millicent Ann Silver
Kayla Melissa Spector
Christina Marie Taylor
Amanda Frances Turner

December 2014 MSW
Emily Case
Tara E. Goins
Geni Allison Harms
Kimberly M. Kirkin
Kimberly Lynn Nolte
Angela Kim Perez
Samantha Leanne Shaul
Elizabeth C. Smith
Abby Christian Guinn Underwood
Margaret Irene Wessner
Kelly Anne Williams
Marissa Lynn Wood

May 2014 PHD
Lauren Ashley Gage
Pregnancy Intention Among Women with Cystic Fibrosis: A Theory of Planned Behavior Model
David Albright, PhD, MSW, Family Caregiving; Health Promotion and Behavioral Change; Military and Veterans; palliative and Hospice Care; Social Determinants of Health


Kim Anderson, PhD, MSSW, LCSW, Assessment of Risk and Resiliency Factors in Trauma Populations; Enhancing Strengths Based Mental Health Practice; Adverse Consequences of Domestic Violence, Rape and Poverty Experienced by Women


Kalea Benner, PhD, MSW, LCSW, BSW Program Director, Direct Practice and Skills, particularly with Children, Adolescents and Families


Kelli Canada, PhD, MSW, Servicing the Mental Health Needs of Vulnerable Populations


Dale Fitch, PhD, Analyzing and Manipulating Information Storage System Components to Improve Human Services Decision Making


Colleen Galambos, PhD, MSW, Long Term Care: Processes and Technology to Improve Care and Quality of Life for the Elderly


Michael J. Kelly, PhD, MSSW, Employee Empowerment and Involvement; Organizational Development in Social Work Administration and Planning; Research & Program Evaluation; Computers in Social Work


Clark Peters, PhD, JD, AM, Helping vulnerable youth transition successfully to adulthood


Leigh Tenkku Lepper, PhD, MPH, Mental and Reproductive Health; Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder, Practice Implementation Center


Aaron Thompson, PhD, MSW, School-based Tiered Prevention and Interventions for Mental Health in Central Missouri


Dong Pil Yoon, PhD, MSW, Religiousness/Spirituality; Human Diversity; Gerontology; Rural Social Work; Welfare Reform

Mansoo Yu, PhD, MSW, MA, Health Disparities and Interconnections of mental health, physical health and health risk behavior.


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Donors, Students, Alumni, and Faculty Come Together at Tiger Place

Chanda Neal, a 2014 MSW graduate, did her practicum at Tiger Place, a facility in Columbia where people can Age in Place independently in the comfort of their own apartment for the remainder of their life. Tiger Place is also licensed and equipped to provide for intermediate care needs. Without scholarship assistance, Neal would not have been able to pursue her career goals to work in the practice area of gerontology. Completing the School of Social Work’s new Graduate Certificate in Gerontology in conjunction with her other coursework prepared her to be an effective advocate for seniors. Neal is now Director of Social Services at Villa Marie, a skilled nursing facility in Jefferson City.

Jessie Back, MSW ’11, was Neal’s field instructor at Tiger Place. After her own successful placement at Tiger Place, Back was hired to become the first full time social worker at the site. Care coordination on site has proven to help reduce adverse health events, improve care outcomes, and reduces nursing home utilization. Back believes her social work career has given her the ability to have meaningful interactions, build relationships and advocate for clients at a micro and macro level. Tiger Place is a true learning laboratory for BSW, MSW and doctoral social work students.

Mary Smith is a resident of Tiger Place and has benefited from the valuable services social workers provide to residents and families. Smith is a MU SSW scholarship donor and understands the need to support students so they can realize their career goals. Mary’s daughter and two of her grandchildren have degrees in social work from MU.

Dr. Colleen Galambos, MU School of Social Work professor, is actively involved in an interdisciplinary academic team at Tiger Place. Social work, nursing, engineering, computer science, health informatics and medicine come together at Tiger Place to develop creative ideas and practices that help older adults age successfully in one location.

Students, alumni, donors and faculty coming together at Tiger Place provides for dynamic interactions, development of personal and professional relationships and timely research. We hope you will consider making a gift to our gerontology program as we continue to prepare students interested in working in this practice area.

To make a gift to the School of Social Work, contact Nancy Schultz at schultzn@missouri.edu 573-882-5142
Deuser, being over 90 years of age, found out that he could receive 9% interest on the money he would contribute to the University.

Deuser attended MU on the G.I. bill following World War II and decided after consulting with his financial advisor that he had the capacity and desire to make a contribution benefiting the School of Social Work. Deuser enjoyed his career working as a school social worker in St. Louis area for many years. He believes his contribution will help train social workers so they too can have successful careers helping others.

Deuser has also donated his vintage Mizzou Tiger to the School for display as well as original ink and watercolor depiction of Jesse Hall and the Columns done by his late wife, Ruthie, in 1977. While Truman’s image has changed through the years, he still has his distinctive stripes.

Integrative Behavioral Health Clinic Wish List

- Rent - $3,200/year
- 9-month Graduate Assistant/$11,000
- 12-month Graduate Assistant/$15,000
- Start Up Technology and Equipment – $15,000
- Community Closet Supplies - $5,000/year (for families and individuals in dire need)
- General Office Supplies - $1,000/year

Contact Nancy Schultz, Senior Director for Development, to make your donation.
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Annual Ethics Fall Forum

Friday, September 18, 2015
Columbia Country Club
Social Justice Society and Donors

The School of Social Work honors its alumni and friends who have made substantial commitment of philanthropy to the School by awarding them membership in the Social Justice Society.

For more information, please contact Nancy Schultz (schultzn@missouri.edu).

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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 School of Social Work alumni while honoring professional achievements and promoting new membership.

The SSWAO was privileged to recognize the exceptional accomplishments of all of our award recipients at the 2014 Spring Forum. We realize that there are many professionals, students, and agencies who deserve recognition for all they do to contribute to the field of Social Work. However, we rely on our alumni to make us aware of the activities and achievements of these individuals and agencies.

Throughout the year, please let us know of anyone who may merit this worthy recognition. You can send any nomination to the School’s Alumni Association liaison, Patricia Fisher at fisherpm@missouri.edu.

Award nominations are for Outstanding Alumni; Outstanding Faculty; Outstanding Social Service Agency; and Outstanding BSW, MSW and PhD students. In addition to recognizing the achievements and accomplishments of our colleagues, the SSWAO hosts various events throughout the year to connect Social Work students and alumni. These events create an opportunity for current students to interact and make connections with alumni that will serve them throughout their careers. This past spring the SSWAO held an event following the Spring Forum in which students, alumni and other professionals in the community were able to network while enjoying delicious appetizers. Be on the lookout for the date and details regarding a networking event being planned for the Spring 2015 semester.

The SSWAO is always excited to gain new members who would like to join our efforts to honor, encourage, and connect with alumni and students. To aid in this mission, the SSWAO hosted a breakfast before the SSW Fall Conference in order to inform attendees more about what the SSWAO does and the benefits one receives from being a part of the SSWAO. Even if you were not at this event, we would love to have you join 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 being a part of planning future events, contact Cynthia Erwin at Cynthia.erwin11@gmail.com about serving on the SSWAO Board.

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.

With Pride and Gratitude,

Kristi Sveum, MSW ’06
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July 16, 2015 - 6PM TO 8PM

Reception
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