



School of Social Work Ph.D. Program: 30 Years of Excellence

Dear Friends and Colleagues,



Santos Hernández,
Professor and Dean

I want to take the opportunity to invite each of you to join us for The UTA School of Social Work *Night of Excellence* on March 4, 2005. The theme for this evening will be *Celebrating our Legacy...Shaping our Future*. The evening will be a scholarship recognition dinner, commemorating the thirtieth anniversary of the founding of the School of Social Work's Ph.D. program.

Anniversaries and other benchmark events are special times when we take time to review and appreciate accomplishments as well as take stock of

future aspirations. This is no less true for our individual life events as it is for organizational events. This process of reflecting upon the past and looking toward the future is a significant part of the work we do as academics and social workers. Social work education has a dual responsibility of preparing graduates for the realities of contemporary practice while at the same time instilling skills and perspectives necessary to improve those realities. As such our students and graduates are, in part, our legacy as well as our future.

Throughout our Ph.D. program's thirty years of existence and the School's thirty-eight years, our graduates have distinguished themselves through their human service and academic leadership. Graduates of our programs have made significant contributions to the profession of social work through their research,

scholarship, teaching and service.

Each of our programs builds on the premise that social welfare must be scientifically and theoretically based and continually responsive to changing local and global societal needs.

Our *Night of Excellence* event will be held in conjunction with the University's Academic Excellence Week and National Social Work Month. The evening will feature accomplishments of several Ph.D., MSSW and BSW graduates.

Please watch the mail for your invitation to this special celebration. Read also in this issue of the newsletter for further details on the event and ways you can help support the good work of our students, graduates and faculty.

I look forward to seeing you on March 4th.

Night of Excellence

CELEBRATING OUR LEGACY...SHAPING OUR FUTURE

March 4, 2005

Please join us in celebration as we:

- ★ Commemorate the 30th Anniversary of our Ph.D. Program
- ★ Recognize BSW, MSSW and Ph.D. Scholarship recipients
- ★ Acknowledge the generous support of our donors and friends

Reception at 6:00 p.m.
followed by a dinner program

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A Night of Excellence, a scholarship recognition dinner, commemorating the thirtieth anniversary of the founding of the School of Social Work's Ph.D. program will be hosted by Dean Santos Hernández and emceed by Donna Darovich. The event will be held in conjunction with Academic Excellence Week on March 4, 2005. The evening's theme; Celebrating Our Legacy, Shaping Our Future will feature accomplishments of several Ph.D. graduates. The UTA Ph.D. program

builds on the premise that social welfare must be scientifically and theoretically based and continually responsive to changing local and global societal needs. Graduates of the program are expected to make a significant contribution to the profession of social work through continued research, scholarship, teaching and service.

School of Social Work Ph.D. Students: Global Representation

Fall 2004 found sixty-one students enrolled in the UTA School of Social Work Ph.D. program. Eight countries were represented including four students from Mexico involved in our Universidad Autonoma Nuevo Laredo (UANL) program. Additionally, students from Sri Lanka, Taiwan, South Korea, Viet Nam, Romania, Puerto Rico and India were also representing their homelands.

Out-of-State students were here from New York, Washington, Louisiana, California, Pennsylvania and Michigan.



Ph.D. Students

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Scholarship Thank You Notes 2004

Gene Hintz – Since this award and its privileges are allocated over the course of the school year, the impact on my education is long lived. It acts as an additional incentive to work hard and strive for success in my graduate studies. The mindset can only enhance my future career plans, as I continue to strive for excellence and success. (Masters Fellowship)

Patricia M. Lux – As a 54-year-old, non traditional student, I am about to begin a new chapter in my life and being a recipient of the Masters Degree Fellowship opens the book on a very positive note.

Tiffany R. Grace – As far as my career is concerned, I believe this award is very beneficial. Earning this achievement shows me that my years of intense work have not been in vain, and it encourages me to keep going. I plan to continue to serve my community as a social worker long after my time at UTA hopefully giving back as much as I have been blessed to receive. Thank you again.

Stephanie L. Staggs – I take pride in receiving this fellowship and will in return strive always to do my very best to represent UTA School of Social Work in the highest regard. Upon receiving my masters, I will have an ample understanding and education to begin a successful career in the field of Social Work.

Elizabeth S. Bowers – This fellowship will help me in my education and career. I will be able to study fulltime as a result of the receipt of the fellowship. This is important to me, because I will be able to graduate in two years allowing to explore, while I am still young, the possibility of further licensures as well as a Ph.D. in social work.

Jill Evans – I am highly motivated to achieve the best education from an accredited and nationally ranked school such as the University of Texas at Arlington School of Social Work, and I am also committed to working hard to make this a reality. This fellowship will allow me to enroll in the classes on a full-time basis and let me dedicate more time to my coursework to ensure that I receive the best education.

Shakita M. Golden – Thank you for the time and consideration that led to your decision to grant me the Fellowship. Because of this scholarship I will be able to complete the MSSW program and pursue greater leadership within the social work profession. It is truly an honor to be a fellowship recipient from such a prestigious university.

Chelsea Y. Boss – I am honored to receive this fellowship and know that it will aid in my pursuit of becoming an effective social worker in an ever changing society. As a result of this fellowship, I will be able to achieve the goal of “promoting social and economic justice for human well-being in a global community.”



Fall 2004 Scholarship Recipients

Annette Cummings – I plan on using the fund to help offset the cost of graduate school tuition. A master’s degree will give me a better opportunity to serve my community. I hope to open a community center for teenagers. The fellowship will help set the foundation that will ultimately allow me to help hundred of teenagers.

Max Ramos – Participating in the school of Social Work’s International Comparative Social Welfare Policy Ph.D. program has been one of the most enriching experiences in my professional and academic life. As I foresee the conclusion of this academic journey and the beginning of new responsibilities, I have no greater words to say than thanks. Thanks to the excellent scholars that, in many ways, contributed to the scholarship awarded. Have no doubts that the Dean’s scholarship will be used in the making of a scholarly study that aims to contribute to the field of social work and disability studies.

Maria Luisa Martinez Sanchez – I am grateful because I just have received the notification that I have been awarded the Ph.D. Dean’s Excellence Scholarship. I will use this funding for housing and insurance for me and my two sons. There are many benefits that I have received and will continue to receive from this type of Ph.D. program. As a professional, this program will help me to create a wider panorama of knowledge so that I can better teach my students and also enhance my researching abilities.

Szu-Yu-Chen – I thank you for your kindness in providing me this scholarship to help me continue my advanced study in social work. Whenever difficulty encounters my life, I will think of this recognition. I believe this encouragement will assist

me in overcoming future obstacles in my advanced training. Thank you very much for this opportunity. I hope I am able to transmit my sincere gratitude via this tiny piece of paper.

Dheeshanna Sugandhi Jayasundara – I am interested in bringing about socio cultural reforms by targeting social institutions that promote socialization to bring about larger social changes that effect the position of women in general in Sri Lanka. I believe graduate studies in Social Work are essential to accomplish this end. I am grateful and honored to accept the funds to continue my studies.

Kerista Cowan – I gratefully accept the Reba Wadel Council of Jewish Women Scholarship. Upon graduation, I plan to pursue my passion: to educate and counsel pregnant teens, or be involved in the adoption process. I aspire to always give of myself by utilizing the knowledge I have gained from the UTA School of Social Work Master’s Program, and by being ever mindful of the generosity that others have shown me. Once again, thank you for enabling me to continue my education in social work.

Jennifer Thompson – Thank you for selecting me as a recipient of the Lila B. Hagins Award. It is an honor to be chosen for this award a second time. I am more excited than ever to be embarking on a career in the field of social work. I am certain that this is where I belong and I am grateful for the University and community support in the form of this and other scholarships.

Lorisa Norton – It is with great excitement and pride that I accept the Glen W. and Miriam S. Rollins award. It is truly an honor to have been given this opportunity. It is a joyful day when you get recognized for all the time and hard work you have

put into your education. I know that experience is very vital in gaining employment but I also realize that a good foundation of knowledge will allow me to do more and go further as I help others. Thank you for this opportunity and the faith you have placed in me and my abilities to effect positive change.

Jennifer Graham – Thank you so much for awarding me the Peter S. Gaupp Scholarship. I am so excited and honored. This will certainly benefit my husband and me as we pay for the full semester as he is also in school. I cannot wait to begin my career as a CAP social worker and this will certainly help with that goal.

Melissa Lynn Lee – I appreciate your support of my education and career goal in awarding me the Roy and Betty Dulak Scholarship Award. One of my goals is to work with inner city homeless shelters to improve services homeless clients receive. At my internship at the Community Services Center, I am working on the Homeless Collaboration Project and will continue work on the project this semester. The Dulak Scholarship Award will allow me to complete my MSW in the Fall.

Monica Grider – My passion for community and administrative practice is so strong and I firmly believe this area of practice provides for large-scale opportunities of change. The Roy and Betty Dual Scholarship will help me to achieve my goal of becoming an agency director and a community practitioner. Although I know that it will be many years before I reach this level of success, I would like to establish a similar scholarship fund when I reach these goals. Thank you.

Sachi Shimozato – The Glen W. and Miriam S. Rollins Scholarship will help achieve my academic and professional goal to become a knowledgeable and skillful social worker. As an international student experiencing cultural diversities and differences I will dedicate myself to the social work profession to improve the wellbeing of individuals, and national and international societies. I am indeed honored with this accomplishment and deeply appreciative of your thoughtful consideration.

Veronica Carrizales – The Federico Souflée Jr. Memorial Scholarship will have a positive affect on my education. Your consideration in helping me financially will help guide me devotedly through my career pathways to help promote social change while empowering people in need. I plan to work with the Mexican American community, which makes up the majority of Nueces County.

Kristina Gutierrez – The Coleen Shannon Award will help with my goal to one day own and operate my own homeless resource center and shelter. With the rising cost of tuition this goal is becoming harder and harder to reach. However, I believe that my goal is obtainable. I believe that there are people and organizations that promote and support the dreams of those individuals that want to truly make a difference in the lives of others. I am committed to excellence and receiving this award will increase my chances to reach my goal.

Carolyn S. McDaniel – It is with gratitude and pride that I accept the Roy and Betty Dulak Scholarship. As I look forward to completing my graduate work and entering the field of Social Work, this award is a great encouragement. As I am now the sole caregiver of my aged mother and funds are short, it is especially appreciated.

Elizabeth A. Yarbrough – I want to thank you for awarding me with the Judith Birmingham Memorial Scholarship. I feel honored and privileged to receive this Scholarship. I will take pride in using these funds to help me in my future endeavor at UTA and as I pursue my career in the field of social work.

Afi Akpe Abalo – I am really grateful for the financial help you have provided for me over the years. I am honored to be one of the few students selected to receive the Colleen Shannon Scholarship. The assistance I have received from the School of Social Work has made my life and education easier in the United States. I am also grateful to the kind-hearted people who make these funds available.

Jacqueline C. Harvey – As the founder and program director of the Coalition for Advocacy and Resource for the Elderly (C.A.R.E.) the Peter G. Gaupp Scholarship funds will go toward classes that better equip me to be both an effective administrator and a community practitioner. Thank you for awarding me with this scholarship. I will continue to work hard to assure you that I will be a good and faithful steward of your trust in granting me this honor.

Joan Rycraft, Ph.D. Receives Grant for Systems of Care Practice with Hispanic Children and Families Project

On September 9, 2004, the University of Texas at Arlington's School of Social Work was informed their application entitled "Culturally Competent Systems of Care Practice with Hispanic Children and Families" had been approved for funding. This federal award is administered by the Department of Health & Human Services, Administration on Children, Youth and Families. This is a three-year grant funded at \$200,000 per year.

It is a collaborative effort between The University of Texas at Arlington School of Social Work and University of North Texas Department of Social Work in partnership with the Texas

Department of Family and Protective Services. UTA will be the liaison with those elements of the state system that manage and organize state training.

Joan R. Rycraft, Ph.D., UTA School of Social Work Associate Dean and Director Ph.D. Program is named as the Principal Investigator and Santos Hernández, Ph.D., Dean of the UTA School of Social Work will chair the Community and University Panel of Experts to provide consultation to curriculum development and delivery.

The intent of this project is to provide comprehensive and interactive training to help child welfare workers and supervisors increase their

knowledge and skills to address these areas of concern for Hispanic children and families. The project will develop and implement a training curriculum that will build upon existing knowledge and skills of child welfare supervisors and caseworkers to provide effective services to Hispanic children and families engaged with the child welfare system. The outcomes of this research-based project will provide the state child welfare agency the information and support needed to guide new policies in the provision of services to Hispanic children and families.

UTA Graduate Student Completes Social Work Internship at Aledo ISD

Aledo Independent School District received some extra help this semester via a new internship program with the University of Texas at Arlington.

Beth Rasmussen, a graduate student in the school of social work at UTA, began an internship at Aledo ISD this fall.

Rasmussen's responsibilities included the development of a drug and alcohol prevention program for Aledo schools, providing additional social services to families who seek resources from the AdvoCats and providing educational groups to the community through Hicks and Associates.

She received a stipend provided by the AdvoCats.

The internship came from collaboration between Aledo ISD Aledo Children's AdvoCats, Hicks and Associates Professional Counseling Services and the UTA School of Social Work.

The groups plan for the internship program to become a permanent opportunity for UTA social work students.

Reprinted from the August 12-18, 2004 edition of The Community News



University of Texas at Arlington representative Dr. Debra Woody (left) stands next to Beth Rasmussen, a UTA graduate student who began an internship with Aledo ISD this fall. Also pictured are Aledo ISD Superintendent Don Daniel, Janice Hicks of Hicks and Associates and Assistant Superintendent Lynn McKinney.
Jonathan Sampson/The Community News

Social Work Class at Salesmanship Club Offers Real-Life View of Family Therapy

Ann Reese, a Salesmanship Club family therapist and clinical coordinator, is teaching a seminar in family therapy for the University of Texas at Arlington's School of Social Work.

This semester-long, graduate level course meets every Tuesday evening at the Salesmanship Club's family center. Several other Salesmanship Club therapists are stepping in as guest speakers, including Dr. Ken Graves, Michelle Kinder, Dr.

Delane Kinney, Stella Rodriguez, Michael Spain and Dr. Phil Torti. Students are receiving a very practical, hands-on experience that includes, with client permission, observing actual sessions with families.

"This is the first time that I've been able to see the practical application of theories that I'm learning about in my course work," said Bryan Baldoza, a student who will finish his Masters in

social work next semester. "Ann and the guest speakers each week give practical examples of how you can apply different theories out in the field. It's been invaluable."

Reprinted from: The Center Point, News of the Salesmanship Club Youth and Family Centers, Fall 2004 edition

UTA-Fort Worth MSSW Cohort Scheduled For Fall 2005

A program designed to meet the needs of residents of Fort Worth is scheduled to begin Fall 2005. The first cohort-based program for students who want to get an MSSW degree with a concentration in Children and Families will be held at the UTA Fort Worth Campus.

This first cohort is expected to have 15-20 students. Classes will be scheduled two nights each week at the Fort Worth UTA Campus, with two courses offered each semester. Details will be announced in the Spring. For further program details, please contact: Ski Hunter, Director of the

MSSW Program, E-mail: ski@uta.edu, Phone: 817.272.3951.

For admissions materials contact: Admissions Office, Phone: 817.272.3613

New Professional Development Seminar Held at the UTA Fort Worth Campus

"Advocate or Friend? The Ethical Challenges of Working with Victimized Clients", will be held on Friday, May 6, 2005 at the UTA Fort Worth Campus from 9:00 A.M.-4:00 P.M. The instructor will be Ellen Elliston, Ph.D., LCSW. Dr. Elliston is a Clinical

Research Associate in the Victim Intervention Program at Parkland Health and Hospital System.

For further information about this dynamic, professional development seminar and others, including online courses contact: Joanne Fein,

Director of Professional Development or Lisa Barnard, Phone: (817) 272-5356 or (817) 272-2296, Online: <http://www2.uta.edu/ssw/pd/>

Faculty With 15 Collective Years of Dedicated Administrative Service Honored at Annual Fall Reception

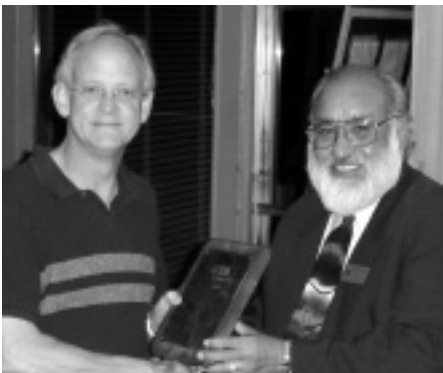
The School of Social Work Fall Reception was held at the Shady Valley Country Club, September 18th. This year, in addition to kicking off the new academic year the reception afforded the opportunity to honor Drs. Don Granvold, Peter Lehmann, and Norman Cobb in appreciation for their service and dedication to the SSW. Dr. Granvold was recognized for his service as MSSW Program Director (AY1999-AY2002) and Associate Dean (AY2003-AY2004). Dr. Peter Lehmann for his service as BSW Director from AY2002-2004 and Dr. Norman Cobb for his seven years as Clinic Director. Collectively, they represent 15 years of dedicated administrative service to the school. New faculty members Alicia Ayala-Quillen and Jamie Page were welcomed.



Dr. Peter Lehmann



Dr. Don Granvold



Dr. Norman Cobb

New Faculty

Dr. Alicia Ayala-Quillen

joined the School of Social Work at UTA this fall as a Visiting Assistant Professor. She received her Ph.D. in Social Work from the University of Denver. She completed her MSW degree at the University of Denver and her B. A. in Psychology and Sociology at the University of Colorado, Boulder. She is also currently pursuing a Certificate in Public Health from the Department of Preventive Medicine & Biometrics at the University of Colorado Health Sciences Center. She has been a licensed clinical social worker (LCSW) in the state of Colorado since 1995. Her area of interest is in health specifically Latino health, diabetes, breast cancer, and HIV/AIDS. Her professional experience includes experience in the areas of health, mental health, and child welfare.



Jaimie Page, new visiting assistant professor, earned her bachelor's degree in social work at San Diego State University in 1989 and her M.S.W. at the University of Hawaii in 1991. She successfully defended her dissertation in October, 2004 and graduated with her Ph.D. from Stony Brook University in New York in December, 2004. Jaimie has worked extensively in the field of homeless health and mental health in clinical, administrative, and research capacities. She has experience and interest in harm reduction approaches to care, drug policy reform, non-traditional mental health practices, and oppression of marginalized groups.



"Everybody at this school has been so nice and supportive, and I went to a couple of the faculty meetings, and everyone welcomed me," she said. "I love that Southern hospitality."

Dr. Debra Woody Receives Grant from the National Institute of Health



Debra Woody, Ph.D.

Dr. Woody has received notice of grant approval from the National Institute of Health. Her research project titled, "Ethnicity, Alcohol, and Spousal Violence", has been

funded for \$61,547 over the next two year period.

The project will be conducted in partnership with Dr. Raul Caetano at UT Southwestern Medical Center. This research is an extension of previous work Dr. Woody did through her National Institute of Alcohol Use, Abuse, and Alcoholism (NIAAA) Career Development Award.

Under the guidance of Dr. Caetano, Dr. Woody plans to develop an application for an RO1 award based on this work.

Donna Pope joined the School of Social Work at UTA this fall as the Coordinator of Advancement. She received her M.S.S.W degree at UTA and her BSW at Texas Woman's University. She has been a licensed social worker (LMSW) in the state of Texas since 1992. Her areas of interest are nonprofit management, domestic violence and mental health. Her professional experience includes management of nonprofit organizations in Texas and teaching in and managing Arizona State University's Nonprofit Management Institute.

Dr. Elliott Inducted to UTA Academy of Distinguished Teachers

Dr. Doreen Elliott was honored at the Spring meeting of the University Faculty and Associates where President James D. Spaniolo presided. She was admitted to the UTA Academy of Distinguished Teachers with the title Distinguished Teaching Professor. Academy inductees receive a \$2,500 salary increase, a medallion and a plaque.



Dr. Elliott was also selected by the students to receive the Fernando G. Torgerson award for 2004. She is a four time winner of the honor. *The Torgerson Award* was established in 1977 by the graduating students to honor a professor for teaching excellence. Dr. Torgerson was the first dean of the School of Social Work.

Dr. Scoech Inducted to UTA Academy of Distinguished Scholars

Dr. Schoech was honored at the Spring meeting of the University Faculty and Associates where President James D. Spaniolo presided. He was admitted to the UTA Academy of Distinguished Scholars. Academy inductees receive a \$2,500 salary increase, a medallion and a plaque.



Dr. Quinn Receives Award

Dr. Peggy Quinn was recognized at the May graduation ceremony for receiving the BSW Teaching Excellence Award. This award is for teaching excellence for a tenured or tenure-track professor in the BSW Program. The award is selected by Bachelor graduates.



Dr. Quinn is a Faculty Co-Sponsor of Phi Alpha Social Work Honor Society and a Member of the Academy of Distinguished Teachers. Members of the Academy are involved in efforts to maintain the

highest teaching standards at UT Arlington. In addition she is a Member of the Board of Directors of Catholic Charities.

Dr. Quinn is an Associate Professor of Social Work (1990). B.A., The University of Texas at Arlington, 1978, M.S.S.W., 1980; Ph.D., Texas Woman's University, 1986.

Previous BSW Teaching Excellence Awards have been presented to Thomas D. Watts in 1998; Cassandra Simon, 1999; Peggy Quinn, 2000; David Woody, 2001; Peggy Quinn and David Woody, 2002 and David Woody in 2003.

Dr. Lon Johnston Named BSW Program Director

Dr. Johnston has assumed the responsibilities as BSW Program Director effective Fall 2004. Dr. Johnston has been actively involved in the BSW program throughout the time he has been on the faculty. Prior to joining the UTA faculty, Dr. Johnston was Director of the BSW program at Mary Hardin Baylor University for some ten years. Throughout this time Dr. Johnston has been actively engaged with the Association of Baccalaureate Program Directors (BPD) a national organization for faculty and directors in BSW programs. Dean Hernández said "I am appreciative of Dr. Johnston's willingness to serve the school in this capacity."



Johnston has been an Assistant Professor of Social Work (1999), B.A., Baylor University, 1970; M.S.S.W., University of Louisville, 1982; Ph.D., Southern University, 1987.

Dr. Peter Lehmann Assumes Faculty Director Role

Dr. Lahmann has been named Faculty Director of the UTA Community Services Center. Dr. Lehmann has been at the University of Texas since 1995. He has served as the Director of the BSW Program since 2001. He presently serves as a Trainer for Child Protective Services



Training Institute and is a therapist at the Community Service Clinic, SSW, UTA. Lehmann is a member of the American Orthopsychiatric Association, the International Association for Traumatic Stress Studies

and the National Association of Social Workers.

Lehmann has been a Board Member of Women's Haven of Tarrant County, Ft. Worth TX since 1995, and Board President from 1999-2000. Women's Haven of Tarrant County, Ft. Worth, TX

Associate Professor of Social Work (1995). B.A., University of Windsor, 1978; B.S.W., 1979; M.S.W., Wilfrid Laurier University, 1982; Ph.D., 1995.

Dr. Joan Rycraft Assumes Associate Dean Role

Dr. Joan Rycraft has been named Associate Dean for the School of Social Work beginning September 1, 2004. Rycraft is the Director of the Ph.D. program and will continue in that role as well. Dr. Rycraft teaches in all three degree programs (BSW, MSW, PhD) in the areas of research, administrative and community practices, and child and youth policy. Her research and publications focus on child welfare policy and administration. She is a co-author on a forthcoming book on Child Welfare Policy and Practice to be published by Peacock.



Rycraft is an active member of several national social work organizations and is active in the university and community. She has represented the School of Social Work on the Faculty Senate for the past four years and has served on several university special committees. She currently provides consultation to community based agencies on program and evaluation and administrative issues.

Joan Rycraft, Associate Professor of Social Work (1995). B.A., California State University, 1968; M.S.W., 1973; Ph.D., University of Denver, 1990.

Faculty Publications & Presentations Fall 2004

Dr. Lon Johnston (UTA) and Dr. Sanna Thompson (UT Austin) – article published in the volume of the *Journal of Human Behavior in the Social Environment*, 8 (2/3). The title is “Risk factors of gay, lesbian and bisexual adolescents: Review of empirical literature and practice implications.” This journal is being simultaneously published in book form as *Sexual Minorities: Discrimination, Challenges, and Development in America*, edited by Michael K. Sullivan and published by the Haworth Press.

Dr. Cathleen Jordan – recently cited by *Reader’s Digest Books* regarding tips on anger management.

Dr. Peter Lehman – quoted in the Dallas Morning News regarding anger in modern society.

Larry Watson, Assistant Dean – quoted on the World Vision Report (national radio program), regarding story on adoption of Chinese children.

Dr. Richard Hoefler – manuscript entitled “One Size Does NOT Fit All: Testing a Conceptual Model of State Human Services Interest Group Effectiveness” has been accepted for publication by Social Work.

Dr. Lon Johnston – two proposals accepted for presentation at BPD in Detroit this fall: 1) Filling knapsacks with maps and tools: Teaching creativity and critical thinking through a diversity class. 2) The road less traveled: Integrating GLBT content through the curriculum of faith-based social work programs (co-presenting with Dr. David Jenkins.)

Dr. Peter Lehmann – cross-disciplinary collaboration. A cross discipline summer elective offered on family violence. Two UTA professors teamed up to offer a course about a subject so often in the news – family violence. Offered this past summer by the School of Nursing and the School of Social Work, the class provided an opportunity to learn more about the victims, survivors and perpetrators of violence through the clinical perspectives of two disciplines. Assistant Professor of Nursing Dr. Cheryl Anderson and Associate Professor of Social Work Dr. Peter Lehmann have developed the course as an elective for all students who want to gain a multidisciplinary awareness of both assessment and intervention issues with violent families. (Laura Hanna)

Dr. Lon Johnston and Dr. David Jenkins (TCU) – co-authored an article “Unethical Treatment of Gay and Lesbian People with Conversion Therapy” has been accepted for publication in *Families in Society*.

Dr. Randy Basham – Presented a paper entitled, “Data Visualization Methods in the Evaluation of Multilevel Change Over Time” at the Society for Social Work Research (SSWR) Conference, New Orleans, Louisiana (2004).

Presented a workshop entitled, “Medicare Social Policy Changes in an Era of Conflict and Uncertainty” at the TAGS (Tarrant Area Gerontological Society) Summer Forum (Aging Well, Living Well) Conference, Fort Worth, Texas (2004).

Co-presented with Dr. David Patterson of the University of Tennessee, a paper entitled, “Spreadsheets: Robust and Flexible Tools for Data Analysis in Social Work Research” presented at the Society for Social Work Research (SSWR) Conference, New Orleans, Louisiana (2004).

Co-presented with Dr. David Patterson of the University of Tennessee, a workshop entitled, “Using Spreadsheets to Teach Research Skills for Social Work Practice” at the 7th Annual Technology Conference of The University of South Carolina, in conjunction with the 50th Annual Program Meeting (APM) of the Council on Social Work Education (CSWE) Anaheim, California (2004)

Was invited to serve as a consulting editor/manuscript reviewer for *Families in Society: The Journal of Contemporary Social Services*, which is the oldest professional Social Work Journal in the United States.

Was an invited digital media reviewer for McGraw-Hill/College Division, Psychology and Social Work Publications (2004)

Was an invited book prospectus reviewer for John Wiley and Sons, Inc. (2004)

Was invited to present a workshop entitled: “Medicare: Origins and Changes, Emerging Needs, Program Expansions and Cost Containment Efforts” for the Social Work Interest Group of the Tarrant Area Geriatric Society, Fort Worth, Texas (2004)

Dr. Ski Hunter – presented: “Gay and lesbian parents: How do they measure up?” at Family Preservation Conference, San Antonio, September 10, 2004.

Dr. Wayne Duehn – “Child Sexual Abuse: Dealing with the Traumatic Aftermath,” Invited keynote and workshop presented April 14, 2004, for the North Dakota State Family Based Services Association, Fargo, ND.

Program consultation and invited workshop, “Child Sexual Abuse: Dealing with the Traumatic Aftermath (An Advanced Workshop),” presented April 21 & 22, 2004, for the Children’s Justice Center of West Hawaii, Kailua-Kona, HI.

“Child Sexual Abuse: Investigative, Assessment and Intervention Considerations,” Invited keynote presented April 28, 2004, at the Montana State Child Abuse and Neglect Conference, Helena, MT.

“Child Sexual Abuse: Dealing with the Traumatic Aftermath,” Invited workshop presented June 6, 2004, at the 23rd Annual National CASA Conference, Washington, DC.

“Challenges and Triumphs in Youth Services: Let’s Get It Right!” Keynote address given July 19, 2004, at the 5th Annual Governor’s Conference on Juvenile Justice, Topeka, KS.

“Creating Sexual Safety for Adopted Children and Their Families,” with S. Anderson & K. L. Adkins, invited workshop presented, July 29 2004, at the 30th Annual Anniversary Conference of the North American Council on Adoptable Children, Minneapolis, MN.

“Reunification of Sexually Abusive Families “and” Sexual Abuse Through the Eyes of a Child,” Invited workshops presented September 9, 2004, at the CASA of Laramie County Child Abuse & Neglect Conference, Cheyenne, WY.

“Creating Sexual Safety for Adopted Children and Their Families,” Invited workshop presented, October 6, 2004, at the 28th Annual Governor’s Conference for the Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect, Wichita, KS.

Dr. Rebecca L. Hegar and Larry D. Watson, Assistant Dean – secured a 2-year contract with the Texas Department of Family and Protective Services to create a WEB-based examination for candidates seeking to become Licensed Child Care Administrators. The project runs through December 2005.

Dr. Rebecca L. Hegar – will present a paper in San Antonio in September at the Family Preservation Institute Conference entitled: “Supervising the New Generation of Staff in Family Preservation and Child Protective Services.” She will also present a paper in Austin at the October NASW-TX Conference on “Assessing Sibling Relationships.”

Dr. Maria Scannapieco – Families in Poverty: Those Who Maltreat Their Infants and Toddlers and Those Who Do Not. (Scannapieco & Connel-Carrick). *Journal of Family Social Work* 7, 3, 49-70.

Invited Presentation. Keeping Children Safe at Home: Maltreatment Assessment Across the Lifespan. (With Connell-Carrick). Family Preservation Institute: San Antonio, TX. September, 2004.

Protective Services Training Institute renewal grant for 400,000. Title IV Professional Education Grant for Child Welfare Workers, renewal for 1,455,280.

Dr. Dick Schoech – was quoted in an article titled “Technology is Focus of New Initiative” in the NASW (National Association of Social Workers) News. He was also quoted in a related NASW News article titled, “Social Work Awakening to Technology.” Schoech is a member of NASW’S Social Work Practice and Technology Work Group and is editor of the *Journal of Technology in Human Services*.

Larry Watson, Assistant Dean – presented “Public Administration and the Role of the Non-profit Sector” at the annual UTA School of Urban and Public Affairs Conference.

School of Social Work Honors Madeline McClure with the Distinguished Alumni Award



The 2004 Distinguished Alumni Gala was held October 16th in the UTA University Center. This annual gala recognizes outstanding alumni for their individual achievements, contributions to their industries or professions, and service to

The University of Texas at Arlington. It is the highest honor given by the University and Alumni Association to a graduate.

Madeline McClure accepted the award from the School of Social Work. A 1997 MSSW graduate, Ms.

McClure is the founder and director of TexProtects, an advocacy division of Prevent Child Abuse Texas. TexProtects, a leading Texas voice of professionals, volunteers and survivors of abuse, works to raise awareness of child abuse. TexProtects grew out of the Child Abuse Prevention Advocacy Committee where McClure serves as chair and founding member. She earned her bachelor's degree from Rutgers University in 1985. After nine years as an equity adviser in New York, she came to UTA and completed her master's degree in social work in 1997. She has received many honors for her dedication to children and was awarded the 2004 Social Worker of the Year award from the National Association of Social Workers in Dallas.

SSW Students and Alums

April Dansby – BSW (93), Working at Heritage Oaks West in Corsicana, TX as a social worker. Responsible for assessments, social histories, and advocate for N.H. Residents. She loves working with the elderly.

Betsy Stell – MSSW (95), director, family life center for Salvation Army of Arlington. Supervising UTA interns in field placements and enjoying it. Also enjoys her grandson Jake who was one year old in August.

Libby Kay—MSSW (82), President-Elect of the Texas Chapter of the National Association of Social Workers. Serves as an adjunct assistant professor with the UTA School of Social Work and is on faculty in the Department of Psychiatry at the University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas.

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UTA School of Social Work Represented In China

Dean Santos Hernández, Dr. Dick Schoech, Dr. Joan Rycraft, Dr. Randy Basham and Eric Youn traveled to Hong Kong, China in September to present at the 7th Human Services Information Technology Applications (HUSITA7), International Technology Conference (2004). As Chairman of the HUSITA Board, Dr. Schoech promised participants “another memorable experience you do not want to miss.”

Dr. Schoech and Dr. Rycraft, along with Dr. Randy Basham, presented a training workshop and computing demonstration entitled Visualizing Data Using OLAP (Online Analytical Processing) Software: Training Workshop/Demonstration.

Additionally, Dr. Schoech presented “Substance Abuse Prevention.org: A Web-Based Substance Abuse Prevention Community for Teens” and “Lessons Learned in Chat Room Teaching Internationally”, with Yu Cheung Wong from the University of Hong Kong. Dr. Schoech also presented the summary keynote titled “Connecting the Dots”.

Dr. Basham co-presented with Dr. David Patterson of the University of Tennessee, a paper and workshop entitled “Spreadsheets: Readily Available Tools for Multiple ITC (Information technology and communications)”.

Eric Youn, a UTA School of Social Work doctoral student, presented his research titled “The Relationship Between Technology Content in a Masters of Social Work Curriculum and Technology Use in Social Work Practice: A Qualitative Research Study”.



L-R: Dr. Joan Rycraft, John Fung, Dean Hernández, Carolyn Hernández, and Dr. Randy Basham



Dr. Schoech



Dean Hernández at The Great Wall

UTA and MCC Honor Graduates

A joint UTA and McClennan Community College (MCC) reception to honor the December 2004 graduates of our MCC BSW program was held on the MCC campus in Waco on November 18th. The seven graduates are from the first cohort of UTA and MCC students. The speaker for the event was the honorable Dr. Mae Jackson, Mayor of Waco and a UTA Alumna. The SSW currently has seven BSW students enrolled in the second MCC cohort.



Alejandro Caudillo Ventura, Darlene Walker-Childs, Zachary Byrd, and Ayda Torres.

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