



100+ UTA-SSW Students Attend Student Day at The Legislature



SSW students and Deans Hernández and Rycraft arrive at the Capitol



UTA SSW students advocate for adoptees

February 15, 2005 was a day of tremendous visibility and action for social work students, faculty, and professionals

at the State Capitol in Austin, 1,000 participants from across the state representing 24 schools, gathered to “Stand Up For Others” to learn and share their contagious energy. Many students prepared for weeks in advance researching policy issues, and many traveled for hours on the day of the event to join in the festivities in Austin.

Students gathered at the Frank Erwin Center at The University of Texas at Austin for the 8th Biennial Student Day at the Legislature, sponsored by the Texas Association of Social Work Deans and Directors of Social Work Programs and NASW-Texas. One

thousand students rallied at the South Steps of the Capitol, and the energy spontaneously morphed into an impromptu “shout-out” by students on key issues about which they felt impassioned. NASW-Texas Executive Director, Vicki Hansen, nurtured the creative and expansive energy challenging students to participate.

Notable NASW-Texas attendees were: President-Elect **Libby Kay**, TPACE Board of Trustees Secretary/Treasurer Rebecca Waguespack, and Undergraduate Student Representative to the Board of Directors Monika Logan.

UTA SSW was represented by a record setting 100+ students accompanied by 6 faculty and 3 deans (Hernandez, Rycraft and Watson). Students gathered on campus at 5am and boarded a chartered bus for Austin.

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UTA SSW students advocate for children's health care



UTA SSW students advocate for prison reform

Night of Excellence

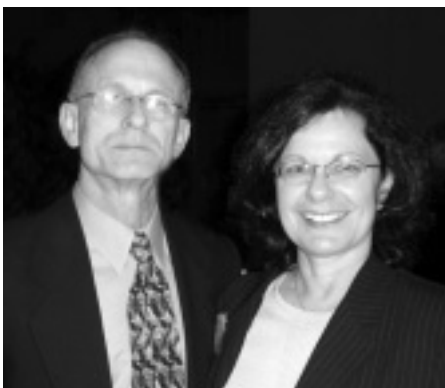
Attendees to Night of Excellence • see page 10 for story



Provost Dana Dunn, Associate Dean Joan Rycraft, & Nathan Keller, Ph.D. Candidate



David & Karen Yarbrough, Van Nguyen, Norman & Brenda Cobb and Wu-Der Peng



SSW Advisory Council Member Gerald Zenick and wife Ilene



Mistress of Ceremonies Donna Darovich

Jeannette Coburn Scholarship Fund Established

Jeannette Coburn '75, generously established a new scholarship fund for the School of Social Work last December. The Jeanette Coburn Scholarship is a permanent endowment to be used to provide scholarships to Masers level Social Work students, either incoming or continuing, who are in need of financial assistance in order to attend UTA on a full-time basis. Applicants need not meet the state or federal tests for proving financial need.

The fund is named for Jeannette Coburn and recognizes her commitment to The University of Texas at Arlington. Jeannette received her undergraduate degree in Psychology in 1972 and her Masters in Social Work from UTA in 1975. She and her late husband, Tom McMahon, met on the UTA campus and married in 1971. Tom received his undergraduate degree in Business Administration from UTA in 1968, served as an officer in the Navy during the Vietnam conflict, then returned to UTA and received his MBA in 1972. Throughout their successful careers, Tom and Jeannette maintained contact with an interest in UTA.

Council on Social Work Education Annual Program Meeting



Sixteen UTA SSW Faculty and Staff traveled to New York City in February to attend the Annual Program Meeting of the Council on Social Work Education.

Sally Spaniolo Visits SSW



Sally Spaniolo and Dean Santos Hernández

Sally Spaniolo (wife of UTA President, James Spaniolo) launched her half-day tours of the UTA colleges, schools and programs at the School of Social Work on February 23rd. Her quest to learn more about the University through these “hands-on” visits will help her as she performs her duties in the community.

After a brief meeting with Dean Santos Hernández, Mrs. Spaniolo began her visit by attending Dr. Don Granvold’s Seminar In Cognitive-Behavioral Intervention Strategies class. When introduced, she spoke to the students about her visits and what she wants to accomplish. She explained her goal of integrating herself in the life of

UTA as an advocate for students, UTA, the UT System, and higher education in Texas and nationwide. After a tour of the Social Work complex and meeting faculty and staff, she accompanied **Ellen Murphy ‘89**, Executive Director of Field Instruction, **Larry Watson ‘80** and **Donna Pope ‘92** to Venture School, one of the SSW’s 300 field placement sites. **Connie ‘88** and **Gary ‘92 Grossman**, gave a tour of the school and coordinated a meeting with two UTA SSW field placement students, **Elizabeth Dirk** and **Veronica Carrizales**. The students described their duties at the school and discussed the value of these experiences as they prepare to enter the profession.

The visit ended with a luncheon attended by Deans Santos Hernández, Joan Rycraft and Larry Watson. Mrs. Spaniolo described her visit to them as enlightening and exactly what she needed as she prepares for her duties as an ambassador for UTA and for the School of Social Work.

SSW Professional Development Program Continues Expansion Plans



Lisa Barnard and Joanne Fein

Joanne Fein completed her first year as the Director of the Professional Development Program (PDP) in March but she is not a newcomer to the program. Joanne has played an active role in PDP since 1997 so when long-time Director, Donna Turner retired in January, 2004, Joanne was the obvious choice to carry out the important work of the program. Joanne describes expansion plans that include a growth in the number of workshops offered on campus as well as on-line and an increased variety of topics. She also explained that approved providership of CEU’s recently expanded to include not only Texas but also Oklahoma. The Professional Development Program provides continuing professional education for social work practitioners and other human service professionals.

Topics include ethics, mental health, child welfare, administration, supervision, licensing, and more! Offered are more than 70 on-site classroom seminars each year and many on-line Internet courses, all taught by experts in their respective fields. The UTA Professional Development Program is a CEU provider for the following licenses. LMSW (Licensed Master Social Worker) LMSW-AP (Licensed Master Social Worker-Advanced Practitioners) LCSW (Licensed Clinical Social Worker-previously LMSW-ACP) LBSW (Licensed

Baccalaureate Social Workers-previously LSW and SWA) LPC (Licensed Professional Counselors) LMFT (Licensed Marriage and Family Therapists) The office is located in the Social Work Complex, Building A, (the three-story building), Room 104, 211 South Cooper Street, Arlington, TX. Review the website at www2.uta.edu/ssw/pd/ for a complete and current listing and schedule of workshops.

For more information, call Lisa Barnard at (817)272-3921, e-mail profdev@uta.edu, or visit <http://www2.uta.edu/ssw/pd/> for a complete and current listing of scheduled seminars.

Summer 2005 Schedule

June

- 03 Panic and Anxiety Disorders
- 04 Disability and Post Traumatic Stress Disorder
- 10 The Role of the Unconscious Mind in Mental and Physical Health
- 11 Chronic Sorrow: Dream and Reality
- 17 Ethical and Legal Issues in Nursing Home and Hospice Care
- 24 Understanding the Criminal Justice System

July

- 08 Ethical Issues in Spiritually-Sensitive Social Work Practice
- 14-16 Effective Supervision for Clinical Practice I
- 15 Passion That Lasts: Revitalizing Sexual Intimacy in Long Term Relationships

- 22-23 Preparation for the LMSW, LCSW, and AP Exams 29
Preparation for the LBSW Exam
- 30 Using Art Therapy to Assist Victims and Survivors of Disaster

August

- 05 Building Resilience to Burnout and Compassion Fatigue
- 12 Managing Violent and Aggressive Client Behaviors
- 18 Field Instructor Training
- 19 Facilitating Marital Enrichment Retreats
- 26 Ethical Issues in Mental Health Assessment
- 09 Ethics: Reporting, Recording and Reconciling the Options

Visit our website at <http://www2.uta.edu/ssw/pd/> for other listings.

facultynotes

FACULTY NOTES



Dr. Nazneen Mayadas – was presented with the Lifetime Achievement Award by the Tarrant County Texas Chapter of the NASW in April 2005

Dr. Doreen Elliott –

appointed to the Advisory Committee for the newly formed Katherine A. Kendall International Institute for International Social Work Education, an initiative of the Council on Social Work Education, the accrediting body for all Social Work Programs in the United States.

Dr. Peter Lehmann – nominated by students for the 2004-2005 Outstanding Academic Advisor award.

Dr. Sun Seek Moon – awarded a Research Enhancement Award of \$7,443 for his research project entitled: "Multicultural-Multimodal/Multisystems Approach for Immigrant Children's School Achievement: A Pilot Study".

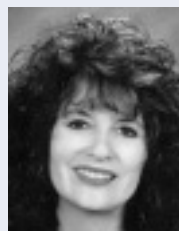
Dr. Santos Hernández – accepted to the Harvard University Institute for Management and Leadership in Education (MLE) for Summer 2005. The Institute will run June 18-30.

Mary Lou Almandarez – adjunct professor, received the Social Worker of the Year award from NASW Texas, Tarrant County Branch.

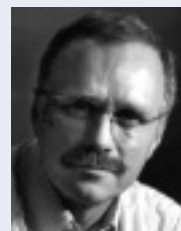
2005 School of Social Work Faculty Service Awards



Dr. Wayne Duehan
35 years



Dr. Cathleen Jordan
20 years



Dr. Peter Lehmann
10 years



Dr. Muriel Yu
15 years

not pictured: Robert L. Neill, adjunct faculty, 35 years

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Maria A. Scannapico
Richard J. and Sharon Schoech
Sheila L. Schonerstedt
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James D. Spaniolo
Emily Spence
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David and Debra Woody
Beth and Woodring Wright
Karen and David Yarbrough

Faculty Publications & Presentations Spring 2005

Dr. Randy Basham – co-authored a text with David Patterson and it was approved for production. The book, titled *Data Analysis with Spreadsheets*, is due to be available later this year.

Drs. Dick Schoech, Joan Rycraft and Randy Basham – cited in a recent publication by the Child Welfare League of America: "Guidebook for Juvenile Justice and Child Welfare System Coordination and Integration: Framework for Improved Outcomes" by Janet K. Wiig and John A. Tuell. Cited for their work on the DFPS grant DEMOS (Data Enhanced On-line Support) and UTA SSW's partnership with TX CFSR through this grant.

Drs. Randy Basham and Hector Diaz – co-authored a chapter entitled "Visualizing need: Using data visualization as a decision-support tool in the formulation of social policy" accepted for publication in de M.R., Ferreira, y R.E.L., Estrada, (editors), Selected topics in social welfare policy, Volume I., Trillas, Monterrey, N.L., Mexico. Will be published in Spanish.

Dr. Dick Schoech – presented the following workshops: "Integrating Technology & Performance Measures" at the Training Institute on The Life Cycle of Leadership for The National Network for Social Work Managers, Chicago, 1 April 2005.

"Emerging Technologies & Practice" to the Council on Social Work Education, Commission on Accreditation, Washington DC, 10 Feb 2005.

Larry Watson, Assistant Dean – published an article titled "Degenerative Policy Design: An Examination of Sealed Adoption Record Policy" in The Social Policy Journal.

Larry Watson, Drs. Joan Rycraft and Santos Hernández – will present "Public Administration and the Role of the Nonprofit Sector" at the prestigious International Conference on Knowledge, Culture and Change in Organisations to be held at the University of the Aegean on the Island of Rhodes, Greece, July 19-22, 2005. Papers presented at this conference will also be published by the International Journal of Knowledge, Culture and Change Management.

Dr. Sun Seek Moon – published "Electronic advocacy and social welfare policy education", *Journal of Teaching in Social Work*, 25, 55-66.

Presented "Multicultural/Multimodal/Multisystems approach for immigrant families: Structural equation modeling of adolescent perception of conflict with parents" at Society for Social Work Research in Miami, January, 2005.

Mioara Diaconu and Dr. Tom Watts – co-authored "Social Welfare in Post-Communist Romania, 1990-2004: An Introduction and Selected Bibliography", *New Global Development: Journal of International and Comparative Social Welfare*, accepted and forthcoming, Vol. XXI, (2). 2005.

Dr. Tom Watts and Mioara Diaconu – co-authored "Islam and Social Welfare: An Introduction and Bibliography", *New Global Development: Journal of International and Comparative Social Welfare*, accepted and forthcoming, Vol. XXI, (1), 2005.

Dr. Tom Watts – "Sayyid Qutb: Prophet of Radical Islam." In Loessin, Jon K., ed. *The Year 2005 Proceedings of the ASSRSW*. Dallas, TX.: Association for the Scientific Study of Religion-Southwest, 2005, pp. 34-40.

Review of *The A-Z of Islam*, by Ludwig W. Adamec, in *New Global Development: Journal of International and Comparative Social Welfare*, XXI (2), 2005, (accepted, in press and forthcoming).

Review of *Historical Dictionary of Prophets in Islam and Judaism*, by Scott B. Noegel and Brannon M. Wheeler, in *New Global Development: Journal of International and Comparative Social Welfare*, XXI (2), 2005 (accepted, in press and forthcoming).

Authored the forward in Brij Mohan, *The Other Profession: Toward a New Social Work*. Lewiston, N.Y.: The Edwin Mellen Press, 2005 (accepted, in press, & forthcoming).

Selected to speak at the conference on the US and West Africa held at UTA, April 28-30, 2005.

Dr. Don Granvold – *Coming apart: Overcoming the loss of love*. Poster paper presented at the 32nd Annual Conference of the Texas Association for Marriage and Family Therapy, Plano, Texas, January, 2005.

Drs. Rick Hoefer and Charles Mindel – co-authored paper titled, "An Evaluation of A Family Strengthening Program for Substance Abuse Offenders" accepted for publication by the *Journal of Social Service Research*.

Dr. Rebecca Hegar – "Sibling placement in foster care and adoption: An overview of international research" appeared in *Children and Youth Services Review*, 27 (7): 717-739.

Presentation on supervision in child welfare to the District 3 TDFPS supervisors, April 8, 2005.

Drs. Maria Scannapieco and Kelli Connell-Carrick – co-authored *Understanding Child Maltreatment: An Eco-developmental & Developmental Perspective*. Oxford University Press. January, 2005

Drs. Cathleen Jordan, C. Janzen, O. Harris & C. Franklin – co-authored *Family Treatment; Evidence-based Practice With Populations at Risk*. 4th edition. Brooks-Cole.

Dr. Nazneen Mayadas – presented a paper in collaboration with Uma Segal, University of Missouri, St. Louis, at the Council on Social Work Education Annual Program Meeting in New York, February 2005. The paper was entitled 'Refugees, an untapped workforce resource.'

Dr. Doreen Elliott – As chair of the CSWE Global Social Work Commission, Dr. Elliott co-coordinated a series of presentations at the CSWE Annual program meeting in New York in February on Social Work and Disaster in recognition of the profession's contributions and potential in disaster and recovery work after the Tsunami disaster in December 2004.

Szu Yu Chen and Dr. Maria Scannapieco – received notice their manuscript, *Maltreatment in Early Childhood: Interaction Effect of Family Risk and Intervention Factors on Substantiation*, was accepted in the *Journal Child & Adolescent Social Work*.

Dr. Lon Johnston – authored "Unethical treatment of gay and lesbian people with conversion therapy". *Families in Society: Journal of Contemporary Human Services*, 85(4), 557-561.

Presented the following papers:

The Road Less Traveled: Integrating GLBT Content Throughout the Curriculum of Faith-Based Programs, 22nd annual conference of Baccalaureate Social Work Program Directors, Detroit, Michigan.

Filling Knapsacks with Maps and Tools: Teaching Creativity and Critical Thinking Through a Diversity Class. 22nd annual conference of Baccalaureate Social Work Program Directors, Detroit, Michigan.

Silencing Gay Voices: New Challenges to the World of Social Work Education. 51st Annual Program Meeting of the Council on Social Work Education, New York, New York.

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OUTSTANDING STUDENTS

Student Achievements Celebrated During Academic Excellence Week

The SSW joined other UTA academic units during the week of April 4-8, 2005 to acknowledge students who have exhibited academic excellence during the current school year. The activities for Academic Excellence week began with an awards ceremony attended by School of Social Work honorees, their families and faculty and staff.

University Award recipients from the School of Social Work included Ph.D student, **Cynthia Juby '99** receiving the prestigious Who's Who Among American Universities and Colleges award. Nine students, Rita Coke-McWaters, Dianne Dickerson, Craig Harrington, April Hawkins, Kimberly Hernández, Jeanne Jester, Nathan Keller, Tiffany Powell and James Slaughter, were named University Scholars.

The School of Social Work made the following scholarship and fellowship awards:

Scholarship Recipients

Federico Souflee Scholarship

Veronica Carrizales Maria Luisa Martinez-Sanchez
Jennifer Deveraux

Lila B. Hagins Scholarship

Adrianna Harpole Jenny Thompson
John Hobgood

Peter G. Gaupp Scholarship

Jennifer Graham Gene Hintz
Jacqueline Harvey

Reba Wadel Scholarship

Kerista Cowan

Colleen Shannon Scholarship

Jennifer Andrews Kristina Gutierrez

Glen W. & Miriam S. Rollins Scholarship

Van Nguyen Sachi Shimozaoto
Lorisa Norton

Judith Granger Birmingham Scholarship

Afri Abalo Elizabeth Yarbrough
Crystal Blanco

Roy & Betty Dulak Scholarship

Erin Doyland Melissa Lee
Monica Grider Carolyn McDaniel

Korean Student Scholarship

Mi Young Yoo

Dean's Excellence Award

Daryl-Kyu Leem Tiffany Powell
Lorisa Norton Sachi Shimozaoto

Graduate Dean's Fellowship

Kwame Afriyie Jill Evans
David Baker Shakita Golden
Chelsea Boss Tiffany Grace
Elizabeth Bowers Eun Jung Jun
Denise Coover Patricia Lux
Annette Cummings Katherine Moore
Joke Dekeersschietter Stephanie Staggs
Diane Erlenborn Sarah Stephens



UTA SSW students at Academic Excellence Award Ceremony



Dr. Rycraft with Hermanns Doctoral Fellowship and Dean's Scholarship recipients

Hermanns Doctoral Fellowship

Mioara Diaconu Maritza Rivera-Moret
Dheeshana Jayasundara

Dean's Scholarship

Szu-Yu Chen Wu-Der Peng
Kristen Guillory Maximino Ramos
Cynthia Juby Maritza Rivera-Moret
Candida Madrigal Emmett Roberts
Maria Luisa Martinez-Sanchez Kyungsoo Sim
Makiyo Murata Danny Vandergriff

The award ceremony concluded with forty-seven Baccalaureate students being acknowledged for maintaining a 3.75 (or higher) grade point average while completing at least 12 hours. One-hundred twenty-eight Master's and four Doctoral students were acknowledged for completing at least 18 hours of coursework and being currently enrolled in a minimum of 6 hours with a grade point average of 3.85 or higher.

OUTSTANDING STUDENTS

Iota Omega Chapter of Phi Alpha Inducts New Members

Dr. Joan Rycraft and Dr. Peggy Quinn formed the Iota Omega Chapter of Phi Alpha on the campus of The University of Texas at Arlington in Spring 2001 to foster high standards of education in social work and to invite into membership those individuals who have attained excellence of scholarship and distinction of achievement as students of social work.

Sixty-two members of this chapter were acknowledged at the Academic Excellence awards ceremony on April 8th and a formal induction ceremony was held on Friday, April 29, 2005 for nine new members.

Phi Alpha Honor Society

Carolina Antonio-Hidalgo
Neely Berner
Krystale Bezio
Robert Bonacquisti
Sharina Branum
Donald Capps
Cynthia Castillo
Jessica Clearfield
Jennifer Cohen
Rita Coke-McWaters
Jeana Culbert
Jenny Didier
Elaine Duvall-Service
Nora Eades
Dawn Engeldinger
Felecia Faggett
Lisa Farmer
Amber Faulkner
Kimberly Foster
Jill Fuller
Selam Gebrechristos
Stephanie Harris
Meredith Harvey
Karman Hendricks
Lisa Hobon
Josefina Houchins
Patricia Hyland
Lisa Jaccar
Jennifer Jefferson
Jeanne Jester
Nathan Keller

Christina Kemp
Melissa Lee
Jeannette Leong
Mary Lochridge
Mirchelle Louis
Pamela Lowe
Michelle Macdonald
Pennie Maples
Cheryl McFaddin
Elizabeth Moore
Tammy Moore
Ashley Owen
Claudia Perkins
Katy Perkins
Judy Perry
Jessica Puryear
Elizabeth Rasmussen
Courtney Ratliff
Sarah Robertson
Tristen Seal
Lauren Sheets
Sachi Shimozato
Katherine Simmons
Karen Stone
Nancy Strittmatter
Christy Sumrow
Vicky Tankersley
Chontel Turley
Dustin Webb
Dana White
Elizabeth Yarbrough



Dr. Randy Basham with new inductees to Phi Alpha



*Top row: Faculty – Dr. Santos Hernández, Dr. Randy Basham, Dr. Rebecca Hegar, Dr. Peggy Quinn
Bottom row: Officers – Secretary & Treasurer Elizabeth Moore, President Michelle MacDonald, Vice President Katy Perkins*

ALUMNI NOTES

Christine A. Cook – MSSW (2001), Working in private practice in Woodbridge, VA.
Nancy Schneider – MSSW (1988), Working in private practice in Arlington, TX.
Suzanne Sims – MSSW (1992), Working in private practice in Arlington, TX.
Helen Ramsbottom – MSSW (1993), Working in private practice in Arlington, TX.
Linda Loveless – MSSW (1993), Working in private practice in Arlington, TX.
Cindy Bethany – MSSW (1993), Working in private practice in Arlington, TX.
Charles Yates – MSSW (1993), Working in private practice in Arlington, TX.

Sandra Lydick – MSSW (2001), Working as a pastoral counselor at Saginaw United Methodist Church in Fort Worth, TX. She recently published a chapter in *Walking In Two Worlds: the relational self in theory, practice and community*.
Ronald M. Patterson – BSW (1990), MSSW (1992), In private practice as the owner of Oak Cliff Counseling Center in Dallas, TX.
Mae J. Jackson – Ph.D. (1985), Died Feb. 11, 2005 in Waco, TX. At the time of her death, Dr. Jackson was mayor of the City of Waco. She was a life-long advocate for social work education and issues related to children and families.

Alumni Scholarship Fund is Launched

The UTA School of Social Work has identified increasing Alumni participation as a priority. The current year's *U.S. News & World Report* rankings of "America's Best Graduate Schools" rated our School among the top 19% of all graduate social work programs in the country. It is our ability to attract quality students and provide them excellence in teaching as well as enriching, value-added experiences that makes the difference in achieving and being noted for excellence. Our ability to do so is due in no small measure to the generous support of our alumni. This is how you can help. Make a contribution to our new Alumni Scholarship Fund and help launch a new generation of the best educated and highly prepared social workers in the country.

SSW Alumni Update Form Now On-Line

If you are a SSW Alum, please take a few moments to update your information on our new alumni update form found at www.uta.edu/ssw/alumni. While you are there, go to the main webpage for current pictures and notices of upcoming events.

Melissa Stanford Oden – MSSW (2001), The President/CEO of Health Education Resources in Fort Worth, TX. She is currently pursuing a master's degree in Public Health with a concentration in Health Education from the UNT Health Science Center.

Phil Porter – MSSW (1990), After retiring from a dairy industry magazine, where he worked for 30 years, he went back to college and obtained his MSSW at age 65. He has worked at Venture High School in Arlington as a full time, volunteer social worker for the last 15 years. Past honors include being selected to carry the Olympic torch in 1996 and 2002 by his colleagues and friends and being named by Governor George Bush as the State Volunteer of the Year.

ssw students & alums:

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Current student name _____

Year planning to graduate _____

Name at graduation, if now changed _____

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Title or position _____

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Glen W. Rollins Mental Health Scholarship

Jeanne P. Deschner Award

Federico Souflée Memorial Fund

Dean's Excellence Fund

Coleen Shannon Scholarship Fund

Jeannette Coburn Scholarship Fund

Alumni Scholarship Fund

NASW-Ft. Worth Awards

The Tarrant County Branch of the National Association of Social Workers (NASW) hosted 60 members at their *Social Work Awards Banquet* on Saturday, April 16th on the campus of TCU. Members took advantage of the gathering to collect donated items for The Women's Shelter. Dr. Alan Dettlaff '04 and Angie Johnson, members of the steering committee and the TCU student NASW unit made the outstanding decorations.

Janet Brown presented **Mary Lou Almendarez '79** with the Social Worker of the Year award. Ms. Almendarez is an alumna of the UTA School of Social Work and a long-time adjunct professor for the school.



Francine Pratt and Mary Lou & Frank Almendarez

The Student of the Year award was given to **Patricia McArdle** by **Francine Pratt '90**. Ms. McArdle is a graduate student in the UTA School of Social Work.

Angie Johnson presented Tillie Burgin with the Public Citizen of the Year Award and Dr. Rick Hoefer, professor at the UTA School of Social Work, gave State Representative Lon Burnam the Public Official of the Year award.

The final and most prestigious award of the evening, The Lifetime Achievement Award, was presented to Dr. Nazneen Mayadas by Dr. Joan Rycraft. Both are professors at the UTA School of Social Work.



Patricia McArdle and Francine Pratt



Candy Madrigal, Nazneen Mayadas, Miora Diaconu



James Callicutt, Peter Lehmann, Daley Lehmann, Ann Callicutt, Nazneen Mayadas

NASW-Dallas Awards Three UTA SSW Graduates

The Dallas Branch of the National Association of Social Workers (NASW) hosted 140 members at their event, *A Social Work Reunion*, on March 29th with a dinner and awards ceremony. The event celebrated Social Work Month, 50 years of operations for NASW and honored four recipients for their outstanding contributions to the field of social work.

Three of the four awardees were UTA School of Social Work graduates. **Judy Earley Kline, LCSW '74**, received the *Lifetime Achievement in Social Work* award for her accomplishments as a direct practitio-

ner working with children and families and for her supervision and teaching of countless social workers. **Cindy Alexander, LCSW '78**, was named the 2005 Social Worker of the Year for the extensive work she has done on behalf of abused children. During the last 27 years, she held positions as a caseworker with Texas Department of Human Services, the Director of Case Management at Dallas Child Guidance and the Clinical Director for the Dallas Children's Advocacy Center. **Pam Kaus**, UTA-MSSW student, received the Social Work Student of the Year award. Her

commitment to the profession spans many years. She has worked diligently for Catholic Charities, and as a legislative advocate. She is currently the director for the Office of Peace and Justice. Dr. Rick Hodes was honored as the Public Citizen of the Year for the work he has done to provide medical care to Ethiopian Jews being evacuated to Israel and to refugees fleeing Zaire, Tanzania and Burundi. His work as a volunteer doctor at Mother Teresa Mission where he treats the sickest and most destitute patients in Ethiopia was highlighted in a moving video.



Judy Earley Kline, '74



Cindy Alexander, '78



Pam Kaus



Rick Hodes

A Night of Excellence Generates \$20,000 For Student Scholarships



President James Spaniolo and Dean Santos Hernández

Dean Santos Hernández hosted a reception and dinner program, **A Night of Excellence**, on March 4th for SSW students, alumni, friends and contributors. The evening commemorated the thirtieth anniversary of the School of Social Work Ph.D. program. The dinner program began with President James Spaniolo and Dean Santos Hernández cutting the birthday cake and delivering the University remarks.

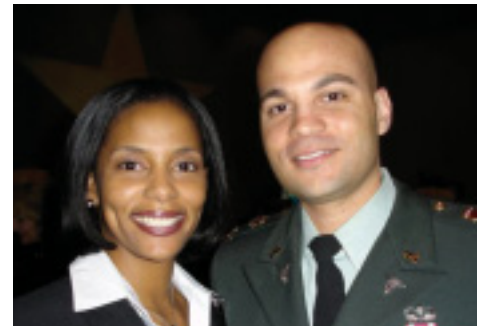
Dr. Mae Jackson '85, who died suddenly in February, was remembered in comments from Drs. Charles Mindel and Debra Woody. Comments, written by Darlene Santee '99 about her personal feelings of loss and admiration for Dr. Jackson were

read by Dr. Woody. Dr. Jackson was the mayor of the City of Waco and a UTA SSW Ph.D. graduate.

Dr. Julia Watkins, Executive Director of the Council on Social Work Education, traveled from Washington D.C. to give a report on the current state of Social Work Education.

A congratulatory letter written by Dr. Gene Tunnell '78, the first student to receive a Ph.D. degree from the SSW, was read by Dr. James Callicutt. Dr. Joan Rycraft, Associate Dean and Ph.D. Program Director gave the history of the Ph.D. program and acknowledged the Ph.D. alumni in attendance. She introduced Major Nathan Keller, Ph.D. Candidate who gave a student testimonial. Major Keller's comments were the highlight of the evening, as he compared his time as a Ph.D. student to his time in military boot camp. He will receive his degree in May.

The evening culminated with a champagne toast and celebratory remarks made by Dean Hernández. The event generated \$20,000 for student scholarships and was attended by 126 students, alumni, faculty and friends. Corporate sponsors included Kindred Hospital Arlington, Millwood Hospital, Medical Center of Arlington, NASW-Texas, Fort Worth Star Telegram, Wyndham Arlington, Hilton Arlington, Glen Oaks Hospital and Presbyterian Hospital Dallas.



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