

Retiring Faculty Honored at the 2006 Annual Night of Excellence

How do we honor the work of two of our most distinguished professors after more than thirty years of service to the University of Texas at Arlington's School of Social Work?

That was a key question last Fall as we faced the reality that Dr. Nazneen Mayadas and Dr. Charles Mindel were retiring. Colleagues, friends, students, former students and family asked how they could help make this a celebration worthy of the two honorees. On April 22, 2006, 150 of those people gathered to share their collective and personal respect, admiration and appreciation at the Annual Night of Excellence.

Alumni were involved in every aspect of the event with proceeds going toward the endowment of the Alumni Scholarship Fund. Seven of the eleven members of the planning committee were alumni. Rosalie Budnoff, from the first MSSW class to graduate in 1970, spoke to the audience about the value of her experience and how it has afforded her and others to excel in the Social Work Profession. She emphasized the increasing need for alumni support of the school. Thomas Chapmond, from the class of '79, honored Dr. Mindel by making a presentation about the important role he has played in his professional life and in the lives of countless students, through his diligent influence.

Current Ph.D students, Mioara Diaconu and Candy Madrigal coordinated and assembled a memory book for each professor. It included



Guests of honor Dr. Nazneen Mayadas and Dr. Charles Mindel



L-R: Jean Smith, Shirley Ward, Gail Meeks, JoAnn Stevenson

pictures and letters from colleagues, students and alumni. Ms. Diaconu also produced a power point presentation depicting the work and lives of each professor and Ms. Madrigal made introductory remarks for Dr. Mayadas. Gene Hintz, MSSW student, presented a personal testimonial about the importance of student scholarships.

Colleagues from the School of Social Work also giving introductory remarks were Dr. Wayne Duehn for Dr. Mayadas and Dr. Richard Dangel for Dr. Mindel. Each presenter evoked laughter and tears as they remembered personal experiences with the honorees.



Dean Hernández presents gift to Dr. Mindel



Dean Hernández presents gift to Dr. Mayadas



L-R: Dr. Randy Basham, Sharon Basham, and Sharon Schoech



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The evening ended with gifts of bronze sculptures of western art for each honoree and remarks of appreciation from each.



Professors Moon and Watts enjoy the party

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Anita Marcus Receives Trailblazer of Youth Award



L-R: Watson, Kay, Marcus, McKenzie

Assistant Dean **Larry Watson '80** and Adjunct Faculty **Libby Kay '82** and Cynthia McKenzie congratulate Anita Marcus at the 2006 recipient of the Trailblazer for Youth award from the Texas Network of Youth Services. Mrs. Marcus was the founding Executive Director of the Texas Coalition for Juvenile Justice (TCJJ) and was honored for her lifelong advocacy for children and youth. Watson, Kay and McKenzie were active in the work of TCJJ. The Western theme gala event, celebrating the 25th Anniversary of the Texas Network of Youth Services (TNOYS) was held in Austin at the TDS Exotic Game Ranch and Pavilion.

Faculty and Alumni Present at First Annual Conference



Keynote Speaker Michael Faenza '82

The Changing World of Social Work: How Will You Survive?, the first annual conference hosted by the UTA School of Social Work was held on April 28th. More than 100 social workers attended this event. Presenters were either Faculty or Alumni from the School with **Michael Faenza '82** providing the keynote address titled National Social Policy Trends: Serious Challenges to the Social Work Mission. Topics included issues related to aging, child welfare, technology, ethics mental health and trends in changing social service structures.

Presenters included:
 Michael Feanza, '82
 Dr. Alan Detlaff '99 & '04
 Delissa Nuno
 Dr. Richard Schoech '73 & '78
 Cynthia McKenzie
 Molly Bogan '78
 Katie Dickinson '78
 Dr. Richard Hoefer
 Dr. Jane Phillips '00 & '04
 Dr. Norman Cobb '79
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 Libby Kay '82



L-R: Katie Dickinson, Molly Bogan, Cynthia McKenzic, Norman Cobb, Richard Hoeffer, Libby Kay, Michael Feanza

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The Judith Granger Birmingham Center for Child Welfare Hosts Events

Spring '06 was an extremely active semester for the Judith Granger Birmingham Center for Child Welfare. In addition to the normally busy schedule, the Center hosted several additional events.

These special offerings began with a half-day workshop on March 3rd entitled *Legal Liability and Ethics in Child Protective Services*. The workshop presenter was our own Dr. Rebecca Hegar.

April was Child Abuse Prevention Month and the Center set up an extensive display, on the first floor in building A during the week of April 3-7. The display included ribbons, posters, educational materials and video clips. A bulletin board on the third floor, with similar information, was displayed the entire month.

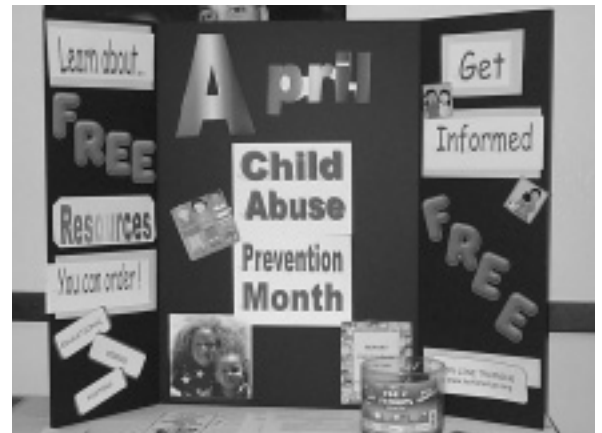
The semester ended with the Tenth Annual Region 03 Practice Symposium: *Casework with Dignity: Tools for Engaging Families*, on May 10th. The symposium was designed to provide "cutting edge" child welfare training to employees and students involved in child welfare practice. Mac Bledsoe, founder and chief spokesperson for Parenting With Dignity, was the speaker for this well-attended symposium.



Checking in and networking



Mac Bledsoe and Dean Hernández



April display

School Co-Sponsors LGBT Symposium



L-R: Ken Ehrke, Julie Adkens, Todd Freeman, Stephen Spinkle



L-R: David Jenkins, Shawna Stuart, Randy Martin, Derwin Hall, Jamie Page, Shannon Collier-Tension

Dr. Jamie Page led an all-day symposium on Lesbian, Gay, Bi-Sexual, Transgender (LGBT) issues on April 6th. The event was co-sponsored by the School of Social Work and Millwood Hospital's PRIDE Institute. The location for the event was the School of Social Work auditorium and attendees were SSW students and faculty. The topics included NASW ethics and policy issues, spirituality, preparing for disclosure and venues for support.

Presenters and panelists included:

Pastor Ken Ehrke
Reverend Todd Freeman
Dr. Stephen Spinkle

Dr. Julie Adkens
Dr. Ski Hunter
Dr. Shannon Collier-Tension
Dr. Emily Spence
Nathan Day
Adam King
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Moon, Sung Seek

Moon, Sung Seek. "Needs of Family Caregivers for Stroke Patients: Based on the Rehabilitation Treatment", accepted for publication by the journal Social Work in Health Care.

New Faculty

The following professors have accepted appointments with our school effective Fall 2006:

Philip Richard Popple

Ph.D. in Social Work, Graduate School of Arts and Sciences, Washington University (St. Louis)

M.S.W., George Warren Brown School of Social Work, Washington University (St. Louis)

B.S. in Psychology, University of North Texas

Dr. Popple comes to us from the University of North Carolina at Charlotte, where he has been a Professor in the Department of Social Work since 1999. He will assume the position as the BSW Program Director.

Alexa Smith-Osborne

Ph.D. 2006 (expected), University of Maryland Baltimore, School of Social Work

M.S.W., University of Maryland Baltimore, School of Social Work

B.A., University of Virginia

Regina Trudy Praetorius

Ph.D. 2006 (expected), Louisiana State University

M.S.S.W., University of Texas-Austin

Bachelor of Arts in Spanish Literature (BA), Special Honors, UT-Austin

Bachelor of Social Work (BSW), UT-Austin

Diane Barker Mitschke

Ph.D. 2006 (expected), University of Hawaii at Manoa School of Social Work

M.S.W., University of Michigan School of Social Work

B.S.W., University of Texas School of Social Work, Austin

Faculty Departures



Dr. Shannon Collier-Tenison has accepted a professorship at the University of Arkansas at Little Rock beginning- Fall 2006.



Dr. Hector Diaz has accepted a professorship at the University of Texas Pan American beginning Fall 2006.



Dr. Charles Mindel retired after 30 years service for the SSW.



Dr. Nazneen Mayadas retired after 34 years service for the SSW.

Faculty Awards, Grants and Promotions

Dr. Jaimie Page – Her proposal entitled Mental Health/Health Disparities and Barriers to Traditional Community Treatment was funded in the amount of \$9,925 by the University's Research Enhancement Program. She was recognized at the President's Convocation for Academic Excellence on Thursday, April 13, 2006.

Dr. Page was also selected to receive an Honorable Mention for the 2005-2006 Outstanding Academic Advisor award.

Dr. Joan Rycraft – Accepted to participate in this summer's Management Development Program (MDP) at Harvard University. The program is one of the world renowned Institutes in Higher Education of the Harvard Graduate School of Education that brings together higher education administrators from throughout the world. The program encourages participants to think beyond the confines of their own discipline and area of administrative responsibility. MDP prepares participants to become better leaders of their unit, department, or school and to provide forward-thinking leadership.

Dr. Maria Scannapieco and Kirstin Painter – Selected by DFPS for a grant to deliver the Foster Youth Conference this year. The grant total for the year is \$103,817.

Dr. Shannon Collier-Tenison – Chosen as the UTA Outstanding Graduate Advisor. With this distinction, she was eligible to compete in the national competition of Outstanding Academic Advisors.

Drs. Catheleen Jordan, Tom Watts, Ski Hunter and Kristen Guillory – Nominated for the 2005-2006 Outstanding Academic Advisor award.



Drs. Randy Basham and Marjie Barrett – Voted as co-recipients of the BSW Teaching Award by graduating BSW students.



Dr. Norman Cobb – Voted recipient of the Fernando Torgeson Teaching Award by graduating MSSW students.



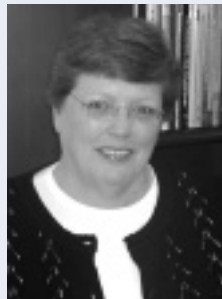
Dr. Richard Hoefer – Promoted to Full Professor effective September, 2006.



Dr. Vijayan Pillai – Appointed Ph.D. Director effective January 1, 2007.

Rycraft Stepping Down as Director of PhD Program

Dr. Joan Rycraft will be stepping down as Director of the PhD Program effective the end of the Fall 06 semester. She will have served five years as Doctoral Program director, the last two and a half while concurrently serving as Associate Dean.



The PhD Program has accomplished a great deal during her tenure, among them: a revised curriculum, an external program review, an increase in annual graduations, increased diversity of the student body, and a successful celebration of the program's 30th anniversary.

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Dean Santos Hernández enjoyed lunching with Chicago Alumna, Caryn Brauweiler ('90) while attending the CSWE Annual Program Meeting in February. Caryn works for the Children's Advocacy Center in Chicago as a Program Director.



Dean Hernández with Alumna, Rosalie Budhoff and friend Israel Berger. Mrs. Budhoff is a member of the first graduating class of 1970.



Serena Connelly '95, was profiled in Robert Miller's Dallas Morning News column in May for her work in co-founding the Human Rights Initiative.

Our PhD Graduates: Where Have They Gone?

Since Spring 2002 we have graduated 33 Ph.D. students. They are representing UTA in universities across the nation and in Mexico. A few highlights of our alumni:

Kelli Connell-Carrick (Spring 2002) began her academic career as an assistant professor at University of Texas-El Paso and is currently on faculty at the University of Houston.

Brenda Moore (Fall 2003) is the BSW Director at TAMU-Commerce

Kristen Ferguson (Spring 2003) with dual degree from UTA and UANL is currently an assistant professor at the University of Southern California

Jeanette Harder (Spring 2004) is currently an assistant professor at the University of Nebraska at Omaha

Alan Dettlaff (Fall 2004) is an assistant professor and Field Director at TCU; he has accepted an assistant professor position beginning Fall 2006 at the University of Illinois at Chicago

Jill Fuller (Spring 2005) is the BSW Director at Lubbock Christian University

Leticia Cabello (Spring 2005) with a dual degree from UTA and UANL is a doctoral faculty member in the School of Social Work at UANL

Cindy Juby (Summer 2005) will be joining the faculty of University of North Iowa in Fall 2006.

Catherine Simmons (Spring 2006) will be joining the faculty of University of Tennessee in Fall 2006



Dean Hernández at APM with Ph.D. alums Jo Ann Coe '99 and Sherry Fairchild '99 & '01

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UT Arlington alumni **Derrelynn Perryman** and **Art Lozano** were named Social Workers of the Year by the National Association of Social Workers Tarrant County Branch at the organization's awards banquet Friday, March 31. The award recognizes two members of NASW/ Tarrant County who best exemplify the organization's values and achievement by making a difference in such areas as advocacy for clients, social policy, social work practice, program development, administration and research.

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Annual Student Recognition Ceremony

The School of Social Work recognized Outstanding Social Work Students on April 10th during Academic Excellence Week. Awards included BSW, MSSW and Doctoral students for outstanding achievement. Acknowledgement was also given to scholarship recipients.

Outstanding Social Work Students

UNIVERSITY AWARDS

Who's Who Among American Universities and Colleges

Kan'dace Council

University Scholars

Maria Bailey	Gene Hintz
Yvonne-da Copeland	Bruce Josephson
Amy Crowder	Jennie Mendoza
Annette Cummings	Delissa Nuno
Miyen Fong	Catherine Simmons

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Dean's Outstanding Ph.D.

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Alatera Reason

McNair Scholarship

Jessica Flores

Coleen Shannon Scholarship

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 Delissa Nuno
 Waleska Rivera-Oquendo
 Catherine Simmons



Dr. Rycraft with Ph.D. students



Dr. Hernández with award recipients

Hintz and Robb Win NASW Awards



L-R: Shelby & Gene Hintz and Leanne & Aaron Robb

UT Arlington student **Gene Hintz** was named Social Work Student of the Year by the National Association of Social Workers Tarrant County Branch at the organization's awards banquet Friday, March 31st. Hintz coordinated food and clothing drives throughout the School of Social Work to provide assistance for more than 1,000 people affected by Hurricane Katrina. He also worked with the Mental Health Association of North Texas to provide mental health support for evacuees and the City of Arlington Disaster Relief Team.

School of Social Work Ph.D. student, **Aaron Robb** received the Social Work Student of the Year award from the National Association of Social Workers Dallas Branch at their annual award banquet in March. Robb was recognized for his commitment to social work and community service. He serves as a Forensic Counselor aide in the courts, provides therapy for children who are wards of the State of Texas and is active in Child Protective Services and Baylor Harris Methodist Hospital. Robb will complete his Doctoral studies in 2007.

Student Wins March Primary

Janet Thomas, Ph.D./MSSW student, and a kindergarten teacher at Keene Elementary School, won the Democratic race for Johnson County commissioner of Precinct 4 in the March primary elections.

Congratulations To Doctoral Students, Joy Patton and Sherry Sheffield

Joy Patton published an article, "Criminal Court Jurisdiction and Juveniles: Who Really Suffers the Punishment?", and **Sherry Sheffield** published a book review, "Berns, Nancy (2004), Framing the Victim: Domestic Violence, Media and Social Problems". Both appeared in the Spring 2006 Inaugural Issue of Perspectives on Social Work, The Journal of Doctoral Students of the Graduate School of Social Work at the University of Houston.

Students Present at ACES

Three UT Arlington School of Social Work Students presented at the Annual Celebration of Excellence by Students (ACES) on March 24, 2006. Doctoral student **Ebony Hall** received the top honor overall, earning the President's Award for first place. Doctoral student **Delissa Nuno** received the Dean of Social Work Graduate Oral Presentation Award, and McNair Scholar **Kan'Dance** Council received the Dean of Social Work Undergraduate Oral Presentation Award. Presentation of awards took place at the President's Convocation for Academic Excellence on April 13, 2006.

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