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 M.S.W. 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 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, M.S.W 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.

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

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Professors Moon and Watts enjoy the party
Anita Marcus Receives Trailblazer of Youth Award

Assistant Dean Larry Watson ’80 and Adjunct Faculty Libby Kay ’82 and Cynthia McKen zie 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

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
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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.

School Co-Sponsors LGBT Symposium

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 Sprinkle

Dr. Julie Adkins
Dr. Ski Hunter
Dr. Shannon Collier-tenison
Dr. Emily Spence
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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 School of Social Work

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

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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.


**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.
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.

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.

Deborah Budnoff with Alumna, Rosalie Budnoff and friend Israel Berger. Mrs. Budnoff is a member of the first graduating class of 1970.
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 the University of Texas at Dallas and is currently on faculty at the University of Houston.

**Brenda Moore** (Fall 2003) is the BSW Director at TAMU-U-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 Detlaff** (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.

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UT Arlington alumni Derelynn 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
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Hintz and Robb Win NASW Awards

UT Arlington student **Gene Hintz** was named Social Work Student of the Year for the National Association of Social Workers Tarrant County Branch at their annual awards banquet on 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.

**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.

**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**