

Callicutt Honored at Annual Night of Excellence

“Jim has been the backbone of the tremendous success the School has experienced.”

Dr. Dennis Saleebey wrote these words commemorating Dr. James Callicutt at the Annual Night of Excellence on April 14th. Dr. Callicutt's retirement, after 39 years of service with the UT Arlington School of Social Work, was celebrated by 125 attendees including family, colleagues, students and alumni.

Dr. Wendell Nedderman, President Emeritus, delivered the opening address. He was President of the University from 1972-1992 and worked closely with Callicutt during those years. His admiration was evident as he described Dr. Callicutt's range of expertise in his varied roles including Professor, Associate Dean and Interim Dean.

Dr. Peter Gaupp, Professor Emeritus spoke about the experiences he and Callicutt had as original School of Social Work Faculty. Leonard Long (MSSW '75) remembered the powerful training and mentorship he received from Dr. Callicutt during his student years and later as the President and CEO for West Dallas Community Center. A State of Texas Senate Proclamation was presented by Joan Holland (MSSW '99) on behalf of Senator Chris Harris. Libby Kay (MSSW '82) presented a NASW-Texas retirement certificate and Joanne Tenery (MSSW '93) presented the NASW Pioneer Award. Assistant

Dean, Larry Watson (MSSW '80) represented students from West Texas who graduated from the distance program established during Dr. Callicutt's administration. He surprised Callicutt with a white, Stetson cowboy hat.

Twelve members of Dr. Callicutt's family attended the event. They traveled from Thailand, Florida and Colorado to share his momentous occasion. The Night of Excellence is held annually to celebrate the successes of the UT Arlington School of Social Work. Proceeds benefit the Alumni Scholarship Fund.



Dr. & Mrs. Wendell Nedderman



L-R Brenda Long, Leonard Long '75, Dr. James Callicutt, Walt Tenery



L-R Dr. Israel Berger, Rosalie Budnoff '70, Karen Muldowney, Eddy Herrera '71



L-R Dean Santos Hernández, Carolyn Hernández and Dean Ira Colby



Dean Santos Hernández and Emcee Donna Darovich



L-R Susan, Ann, Jim and Jack Callicutt

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The UT Arlington School of Social Work thanks all contributors to the Night of Excellence 2007. Special acknowledgement goes to our Diamond Sponsors for helping make it the most financially successful event since it began in 2005.

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Practice Symposium Enjoys Record Attendance

The Judith G. Birmingham Center for Child Welfare hosted the ELEVENTH ANNUAL REGION 03 PRACTICE SYMPOSIUM on May 9th at the UT Arlington School of Social Work. Gary Eagleton presented the all-day workshop entitled "Strategies for Working with Families in Poverty: Overcoming Major Risk Factors Leading to Disproportionality." The event was attended by more than 200 participants.



Eagleton Speaks with Student



Dr. Scannapieco Oversees Registration

NASW Tarrant County Honors UT Arlington SSW Faculty at Awards Dinner

NASW Tarrant County hosted their annual Awards Reception and Dinner on March 31st at the TCU Alumni Center. Libby Kay '82 and Dr. Catheleen Jordan '72 were the keynote speakers. Kay is the outgoing and Jordan the incoming President for NASW-Texas.

Two School of Social Work professors were honored. Dr. Doreen Elliott received the Life-Time Achievement Award and Dr. James Callicutt was given the prestigious Social Work Pioneer Award.



SSW Faculty Enjoy Awards Dinner

Beckwith's Son a Track Star

Claudia Beckwith's son, Eddie, made the news in May. He was instrumental in helping the Mavericks win a track-team championship. The following article is a May 6th reprint from UTAMAVS.com.

NACOGDOCHES, Texas - The UT Arlington men's track team claimed their first conference crown since 1997 on the final race of the night as sophomore transfer Eddie Beckwith passed three runners on the final lap of the 4x400-meter relay to win the event and give the Mavericks a one-point win for the team championship at the 2007 Southland Conference Outdoor track and Field Championship here Sunday night.

Dean Honors Graduates With a Contribution in Their Honor



Dean Santos Hernández recently honored more than 225 graduating students of the School of Social Work with a contribution made in their name. He encouraged the graduates from the fall 2006 and spring 2007 classes to take his example and begin the practice of giving back to their School.

Welcome To Our New Faculty and Staff

NEW FACULTY TO BEGIN IN AUGUST

Dr. Beverly Black, Professor and MSSW Program Director

Dr. Suk-Young Kang, Assistant Professor

NEW STAFF



Claudia Beckwith, Grant Budgets Support Specialist, Dean's Office



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Roshanda Marks, Sr. Office Assistant, Second Floor Reception

STAFF CHANGES



Sha'Ron Pickett, Secretary, Admissions



Evenita Crim, Administrative Assistant I, Center for Child Welfare

FAREWELL

Bonny Steinman, Administrative Assistant II in the Dean's Office, for the School of Social Work and UT Arlington employee of 21 years retired in January.

Coming this Fall...

A new School of Social Work Web-site is scheduled to premier this fall. The address for the site will be www.uta.edu/ssw.

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Faculty Publications, Presentations



Dr. Alexa Smith-Osborne

Presentation:

Dr. Smith-Osborne's Presentation on Advances in Neuroscience: Implications for Social Work has been accepted.

Publications:

Dr. Smith-Osborne has two publications that have been accepted. The first is a co-authored article to be published in the Journal on Social Work Education, entitled "Substance Abuse Training and Perceived Knowledge: Predictors of Perceived Preparedness to Work in Substance Abuse".

The second is a book chapter entitled "Use of Meta-Analysis to Study Resilience Factors: An Exemplar" in an edited book, *Researching youth across cultures and contexts* (M. Unger & L. Liebenberg, Eds.) to be published by the University of Toronto Press.



Larry Watson

Publication:

Co-Authored a paper with Donald Granvold entitled *Whose Baby is It? Post-modern Influence in Adoption Practices*.



Dr. Muriel Yu and Dr. Sung Seek Moon

Publication:

Moon, S.S., & Yu, M. (in press). *Acculturation and psychological well-being of international students and implications for educators and counselors*. *The National Social Science*

Journal.

Dr. Sung Seek Moon

Presented:

Lee, J. & Moon, S.S. (April, 2007). *Gender difference of immigrant children's mathematics*. *American Education Research Association (AERA) Annual Conference*. Chicago, IL.

Moon, S.S. (March, 2007). *Bridging religious and secular responses: Pastors' perceptions of and responses to intimate partner violence*. *North American Association of Christians in Social Work (NAACSW) Annual Conference*, Dallas, TX



Dr. Richard Schoech

Publication:

Wong, C. Y., & Schoech, D. (2007). *Lessons learned in chat room teaching internationally*. In Law, C. K., Wong, Y.C., Fung, J.Y.C., (Ed.), *Digital*

Inclusion—Building a digital inclusive society, (pp. 59-83), N. Y.: Haworth.



Dr. Wayne Duehn

Presentations:

BEYOND SEXUAL ABUSE: THE HEALING POWER OF FOSTER FAMILIES

Invited Workshop presented Wednesday, April 18, 2007

at the 3rd "Supporting Attachment in Young People Conference", Children in Scotland in association with Kibble Education and Care Centre, Scotland.

THE TRAUMA OF PLACEMENT, PTSD, AND TRAUMA RESOLUTION

A one day invited workshop presented Thursday, April 19, 2007 for Children in Scotland in association with Kibble Education and Care Centre, Erskine, Scotland

Publication:

Dr. Wayne Duehn's article "Si on faisait autrement: Methodes interactives d'evaluation des familles candidates a l'adoption" was published in a special issue of *PRISME, L'Adoption Etat des lieux (Adoption: State of Practice)*, (2007) 46, 72-85.

PRISME is a leading mental health journal in Quebec, France and the French speaking world. BTW, Dr. Duehn's article is published in French.



Dr. Richard Hoefer

Publication:

Hoefer, R. & Ferguson, K. (2007). *Moving the levers of power: How advocacy organizations affect the regulation-writing process*. *Journal of Sociology and Social Welfare*, 34(1), 83-108.

Presentation:

Hoefer, R. (2007). *Killing the messenger: Tactics for saving your program from evaluators*. *National Social Science Association Conference*. Las Vegas, NV. April.



Dr. Maria Scannapieco

Publications:

Risk Management of Maltreatment for Infant and Toddlers:

A shared case review and decision making model. (Scannapieco & Connell-Carrick).

Illinois Child Welfare Journal, 1,2, 47-56.

A Structural Concept of Workload Management in Child Protection Agencies. (Juby & Scannapieco). *Administration in Social Work*, 31.

Foster Care Homes: Ecological Correlates Related to Safety and Permanency for Foster Care Children. (Henderson & Scannapieco) *Journal of Family Social Work*, 10 (1), 43 – 60.

United States Drug Treatment Courts: Implications for Drug control Policy in Viet Nam (Nguyen & Scannapieco) *International Journal of Environmental, Cultural, Economic and Social Sustainability*, 2(4), 53-61.

Presentations:

September 2007 - *Preparation for Adult Living – Training and Empowerment Program Training*. *National Independent Living Conference*. Denver, Colorado

September 2007 - *Working with Families who have Adolescents Transitioning to Adulthood: Four Principles to Guide your Practice*. *Family Preservation Institute Conference*. San Antonio, Texas

July 2007 - *Cognitive Behavioral Therapy: Effectiveness with Juvenile Justice and Child Welfare Populations*. *International Conference on Cognitive Behavioral Therapy*. Barcelona, Spain.

May 2007 *Preparation for Adult Living: Supervisor Training and Empowerment Program (PAL-STEP)*. *Southwest Regional Title IVE Roundtable*. New Braunfels, Texas



Dr. Randall Basham

Publications:

Pillai, V., Basham, R., & Jayasundera, D. (In Press). *A multivariate analysis of the working poor in Texas: Implications for policy*. *Journal of Social Service*

Research.

Buchanan, F., Kim., K., & Basham, R., (In Press). *Career orientations of Business Master's students as compared to Social Work students: Further inquiry into the value of graduate education*. *Career Development International*.

Presentations:

Basham, R. (2007). Rushing in: A social work educational opportunity to enhance disaster management and response. In, Katherine A. Kendall Institute for International Social Work Education (Ed.), Seminar Proceedings on Disaster Planning, Management, and Relief: New Responsibilities for Social Work Education (pp. 77-81). Alexandria: Council on Social Work Education.

Basham, R. E. (2007, January). Rushing in: A social work educational opportunity to enhance disaster management and response. Presentation for Disaster Planning, Management and Response: New Responsibilities for Social Work Education, international seminar hosted by the Katherine A. Kendall Institute for International Social Work Education of the Council on Social Work Education (CSWE), USA, the International Association of Schools of Social Work (IASSW), and the North American and Caribbean Association of Schools of Social Work (NACASSW): Bridgetown, Barbados.



Dr. Cathleen Jordan

Presentation:

Dr. Cathleen Jordan and David Corey will co-present Is Child Welfare Policy Ready to Jump on the Evidence-Based Practice Bandwagon? at the

National Social Science Association Summer Seminar in Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada this summer.



Dr. Vijayan Pillai

Publications:

Journal Articles.

"Effectiveness of Secondary Pregnancy Prevention Programs: A Meta-Analysis" 2007. Corcoran, Jacqueline

and Vijayan K. Pillai. *Research on Social Work Practice*. 17(1): 5-8.

"Community Participation and Tourism Attitudes in Belize." Key, Carol and Vijayan K. Pillai. *Interamerican Journal of Environment and Tourism*. 2006, 2(2):8-16.

"Investigating the Determinants of Eating Habits Managerial and Public Policy Implications." Bandyopadhyaya, Subir and Vijayan K. Pillai. 2006. *Journal of the Academy of Business and Economics*. 6(2):54-64.

"Tourism And Ethnicity in Belize: A Qualitative Study." Key, Carol and Vijayan K. Pillai. *International Review of Modern Sociology*. 33(1): 129-149

"Toward Smaller Family Size in Yemen: A Demographic Analysis". Pillai, Vijayan and T S Sunil. *Asian Population Studies*. 2(3):257-269.

"An Analysis of Reproductive Health Components in Yemen." Sunil, T.S. and Vijayan K. Pillai. *International Social Science Review*. 2006. 81(1&2):29-43.

Book:

Designing A Teenage Pregnancy Prevention Program. 2006. Thomas Crow and Vijayan K. Pillai. Lewiston: The Edwin Mellen press.



Dr. Donald Granvold

Presentations:

Granvold, D.K. & Watson, L.D. (2007, July). Whose Baby is It? Post-modern Influence in Adoption Practices. Paper to be presented at the Seven-

teenth International Congress on Personal Construct Psychology, Brisbane, Australia.

Granvold, D.K. (2007, July). Intimate Connections: Constructivist Couple Therapy. Paper to be presented at the Seventeenth International Congress on Personal Construct Psychology, Brisbane, Australia.

Publication:

Book Chapter:

Granvold, D. K. (2007). Working with couples. In T. Ronen & A. Freeman (Eds.), *Cognitive behavior therapy in clinical social work practice* (pp. 303-326). New York: Springer.



Dr. Thomas D. Watts

Publications:

ARTICLES

"Iniciar al Educador De la Salud: A Long Journey," Hispanic Care International,

(accepted, forthcoming,) 2007.

"The For-Profit Social Welfare Policy Sector and End-of-Life Issues: A Troublesome Ethical Mixture," *Catholic Social Science Review*. (accepted, forthcoming, October, 2007).

CHAPTERS – IN MONOGRAPHS OR PROCEEDINGS

"The Eight Degrees of Tzedakah in Maimonides: Some Current Implications" In Loessin, Jon K., ed. *The Year 2006 Proceedings of the ASSR-SW*. Dallas, TX.: Association for the Scientific Study of Religion-Southwest, 2006, pp. 49-52.

"Social Welfare Policies and Native Americans: Future Challenges," by Thomas D. Watts and Joseph P. Bohanon. In Spencer, Mark B., & Tudor, Robert, eds. *Native Women in the Arts,*

Education, and Leadership: Proceedings of the Sixth Native American Symposium. Durant, OK: Southeastern Oklahoma State University, 2006, pp. 81-91.

BOOK REVIEWS/BOOK REVIEW ESSAYS

Review of *Globalization, Uncertainty and Men's Careers: An International Comparison*, ed. by Hans-Peter Blossfeld, Melinda Mills and Fabrizio Bernardi, in the *Journal of Comparative Social Welfare*, forthcoming, 2007.

Review of *Globalization, Uncertainty and Women's Careers: An International Comparison*, ed. by Hans-Peter Blossfeld and Heather Hofmeister, in the *Journal of Comparative Social Welfare*, forthcoming, 2007.

Review of *American Social Welfare Policy: A Pluralist Approach*, 5th ed., by Howard J. Karger and David Stoesz, in *Social Work & Christianity: An International Journal* 34(1), Spring, 2007, pp. 106-108.

Presentation:

"Faith-based Organizations, Social Thought, and Social Welfare," delivered at the Association for the Scientific Study of Religion – Southwest, 2007 meeting, March 03, 2007, Irving, TX.

Faculty Awards and Honors



Dr. James W. Callicutt

CALLICUTT NAMED NASW SOCIAL WORK PIONEER

Dr. James W. Callicutt was formally inducted as an NASW Social Work Pioneer in February.

The Social Work Pioneer Program was created to honor members of the social work profession who have contributed to the evolution and enrichment of the profession. The Pioneer Program identifies and recognizes individuals whose unique dedication, commitment and determination have improved social and human conditions.

Pioneers are role models for future generations of social workers. Their contributions are reflected in every aspect of the profession, as well as in the establishment of social policies and human services programs. They have accomplished this through practice, teaching, writing, research, program development, administration, advocacy, legislation, and election to public office."

Nominees for this distinction have demonstrated a contribution to the betterment of human condition and evidence a sustained record of achievement over a period of twenty-five (25) years.

As an inductee to this society Dr. Callicutt joins the ranks of such historic Social Work notables and scholars as Mary Richmond, Jane Adams, Ann Abbott, Mark Battle, Grace Coyle, Richard Cloward, Carel Germain, Ann Hartman, Nancy Humphreys, M.C. "Terry" Hokenstad, Alfred Kahn, Katherine Kendall, Gisela Konopka, Anne L. Minahan, Carol Meyer, Helen Perlman, Bertha Reynolds, Charlotte Towle, Whitney Young, Jr. and others.



Dr. Alexa Smith-Osborne

Dr. Alexa Smith-Osborne has been awarded a \$10,000 Research Enhancement Program Award for her study entitled "Examining the Impact of a Supported Education Intervention on Student-Veterans' Educational Attainment and Resilience". She was recognized as a REP Grant recipient during the spring meeting of the Faculty and Associates on Monday, April 30, 2007 and during the President's Convocation for Academic Excellence on Thursday, April 19, 2007.



Dr. Nazneen Mayadas and Dr. Doreen Elliott

CSWE Global Commission Awards for 2006-2007 announced recently and that in the teams of individuals' category Professor Doreen Elliott, Ph.D. and Professor Nazneen Mayadas, Ph.D. of the School of Social Work at the University of Texas at Arlington are the recipients of the Global Social Work Education Commission's Partners in Advancing Education for International Social Work awards. They will receive the awards during the CSWE's APM to be held in Hilton San Francisco in San Francisco, California from October 27-30, 2007.



Dr. Doreen Elliott

Tarrant County NASW presented Dr. Doreen Elliott with the Lifetime Achievement Award at their annual awards banquet in April.



Dr. Jaimie Page

Dr. Jaimie Page was recognized at this year's President's Academic Excellence Convocation and at the University Faculty Meeting as the recipient of the Chancellors Council Outstanding Teaching Award.

This award is given to a tenured or tenure-track faculty member for outstanding teaching at the undergraduate level and is accompanied by a \$3,000 cash prize.



Dr. Marjie Barrett and Dr. Norman Cobb

Dr. Norman Cobb and Dr. Marjie Barrett are co-winners of the BSW Teaching Award.



Dr. Cobb has won the Fernando G. Torgeson Graduate Teaching Award.



Dr. Emily Spence

Dr. Emily Spence was notified in February that she has been awarded a second contract by the Tarrant County Community Development Division to continue her work with the Tarrant County Homeless Survey research project.

Drs. Basham, Elliott, Hegar, Jordan

Dr. Randy Basham, Dr. Doreen Elliott, Dr. Rebecca Hegar, and Dr. Cathleen Jordan were nominated by students for the 2006-2007 Outstanding Academic Advisor Award. The nominees were honored at a recognition Ceremony on Wednesday April 25, 2007.



Larry Watson

Assistant Dean, Larry Watson received a plaque for his service on the Catholic Charities Board of Directors. The plaque, awarded during an annual ceremony, read: "Presented to Larry Watson, In gratitude for Serving on the Board of Directors of Catholic Charities, Dioceses of Fort Worth."

Assistant Dean Watson has also been appointed by President James Spaniolo to represent UTA on United Way's Arlington Human Service Planners Board.

Mr. Watson was inducted into Pi Alpha Alpha, the official honor society for Public Administration and Public Affairs. He was selected based on his excellent academic achievement. Pi Alpha Alpha is the national honor society formed to recognize and promote excellence in the study and practice of public affairs and administration and it is affiliated with the National Association of Schools of Public Affairs and Administration.



Dr. Randall Basham

University of Texas at Arlington, Professional Development Award; for Scholarship 2007; Awarded by the Office of the Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs, School of Social Work, The University of Texas at Arlington.



Dr. Richard Schoech

PROFESSOR'S RESEARCH ON SUBSTANCE ABUSE FUNDED BY AT&T

Dr. Richard Schoech, Professor in the School of Social Work, had his research proposal on substance abuse funded by AT&T to the amount of \$24,327. The proposal is for an updating of his website www.SubstanceAbusePrevention.org, a web-based substance abuse prevention community for teens, so that it may be presented in Spanish. Dr. Schoech was honored by UT Arlington President James D. Spaniolo and Vice President of Development Gary Cole in receiving a check from Rudy Martinez, director of external affairs for AT&T.

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New Chapter of Phi Kappa Phi Established



School of Social Work faculty Dr. Ski Hunter, Dr. Regina Praetorius, Dr. Debra Woody, and Dr. Alexa Smith-Osborne were recognized as charter members of the brand new chapter of Phi Kappa Phi at UTA (Chapter 300). Dean Santos Hernández was installed as a new member and designated as a founding member of the new chapter. Dr. Praetorius was also installed as Secretary/Treasurer for the Chapter. The Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi is the nation's oldest, largest, and most selective all-discipline honor society.

Where They Are and What They Are Doing

Jonathan R. Beard (MSSW 1989), has been recognized in the professional category as a 2007 "Hero in the Fight" by the National Alliance on Mental Illness-Washington State Chapter. Heroes in the Fight is a recognition partnership program established by Eli Lilly and Company. The program celebrates dignity, courage, hope, and recovery in the ongoing treatment of persons with serious mental illness (SMI). It recognizes "heroes" who provide care and support for persons with SMI and their families in their fight for better mental health and better lives. Mr. Beard is a Licensed Independent Clinical

Social Worker in the State of Washington where he consults and trains in community mental health settings.

Dale McEowen (MSSW 1983), received the Lifetime Achievement award from NASW-Dallas at the annual awards banquet in April.

Charles Yates (MSSW 1993), received the Social Worker of the Year award from NASW-Tarrant County at the annual awards banquet in April.

Eddy Herrera (MSSW 1971), has assumed the position of CEO for the Albert Galvan Health Clinic in Fort Worth.



Eddy Herrera with wife Linda

questionnaire

The Alumni Network has been established for the benefit of the School of Social Work and its Alumnus. Listed below are ways we may assist each other. Please circle areas of interest for you and return this card to:

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- Provide a local seminar (with CEU's) in your community
- Provide a "Lunch and Learn" discussion at an organization of your choice
- Assist with the Coordination of events you will host
- Assist with communication with other alumni
- Other (please specify) _____

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Emma Rodgers (MSSW 1975), was mentioned in a Dallas Morning News article and on WFAA Channel 8 in January for the closing of her Black Images Book Bazaar in Dallas. Rodgers founded this oldest black bookstore in Texas in 1977.

Reverend Sandra Lydick (MSSW 2001), wrote to say she is currently the Executive Director and Chaplain for the Crime Victims Council in Fort Worth.

Kelly McCurdy (MSSW 1989), wrote in January to let us know she has taken leave from practice due to illness.

Jeff Clark (MSSW 1994), was highlighted in a Fort Worth Star Telegram article in late December. Jeff, who is a therapist in Arlington, spoke about his time as a Senate page in 1967.

Richard J. Gonzales (MSSW 1977), of Arlington is a freelance writer. His article on the state of the welfare and services to children in the State of Texas was published in the March 7th edition of the Fort Worth Star Telegram.



Michael Faenza (M.S.S.W., 1982). The Dallas Morning News published a story, in January, on the hiring of Mike Faenza to lead the new Dallas Homeless Alliance, which will help shape downtown Dallas' planned homeless assistance center.

Caddy Receives Award

In March, Deborah Caddy (MSSW 1986) received the Vivian Miles Lifetime Achievement Award from the Texas Association Against Sexual Assault for her pioneering efforts in the fight against sexual violence. Caddy is among those who have improved services to victims of rape in Tarrant County. She is the Director for The Women's Center of Tarrant County, where she has overseen the rape crisis and victim's services program for 17 years.

Dr. Kristin Ferguson Excels at the University of Southern California

Following are three articles taken from the USC SSW Newsletters in January, March and May 2007.

Dr. Ferguson is a UTA PhD Alumna (2003) from our UANL Program.

PROFESSORS PROMISE TO PROTECT CHILDREN

USC is taking a step to fight the sexual exploitation and human trafficking of children with the help of the School of Social Work.

Kristin Ferguson, an assistant professor and researcher at the School of Social Work, and Haluk Soydan, a research professor and co-director of the Hamovitch Center for Science in the Human Studies at the USC School of Social Work, have undertaken the task of evaluating the Partnership to Rescue Our Minors From Sexual Exploitation (PROMISE) initiative spearheaded by the Salvation Army.

The aim of PROMISE is to eliminate commercial sexual exploitation in the United States.

KRISTIN FERGUSON SELECTED AS U.S. CHAIR FOR INTERNATIONAL CONSORTIUM FOR SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT SYMPOSIUM

Assistant Professor Kristin Ferguson has been chosen as the stateside chair of the International Consortium for Social Development's 2009 symposium to be held in Monterrey, Mexico. Ferguson will serve alongside her Mexican colleagues, Manuel Ribeiro Ferreira and Raul Eduardo Lopez of the School of Social Work at the Autonomous University of Nuevo Leon (UANL) in Monterrey, who will serve as co-chairs. ICSD is an organization of practitioners, scholars and students in the human services who aim to bring about economic and social improvement in the lives of people around the world. The USC School of Social Work is a member of ICSD and will serve as the U.S. sponsoring school for the symposium. "Our school will benefit from involvement in organizing the 2009 symposium by strengthening our partnership with the UANL

and creating opportunities for U.S.-Mexican faculty to collaborate on cross-national research and teaching initiatives," Ferguson said.

INTERNATIONAL COLLABORATIVE WINS GRANT TO HELP VULNERABLE KENYAN CHILDREN

Kristin Ferguson, assistant professor at the USC School of Social Work, is part of an international interdisciplinary research collaborative that was recently awarded a \$125,000 grant from the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) and the Higher Education for Development. This three-year project focuses on strengthening the research capacity of professionals in Nairobi and Eldoret, Kenya, who work with vulnerable children. The grant builds on Ferguson's ongoing research that explores how social development interventions can ameliorate the factors that place homeless and street-dwelling youth at risk for mental illnesses, health problems and social exclusion.

Dr. Cache Steinberg Receives Acknowledgement for Her Research

Dr. Ara Lewellen, Associate Professor, Retired, Texas A&M University-Commerce and UT Arlington SSW Alumna (1979 and 1993) informed us about a recent article in the Houston Press re-

garding an achievement of Dr. Cache Steinberg (PhD 1994). Dr. Steinberg's recent research on homeless teens was the focus of the article. To view the entire article entitled Homeless

in Suburbia go to <http://www.houstonpress.com/2007-02-22/news/homeless-in-suburbia/>.

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Melissa Kale Interviewed from Iraq

First Lt. **Melissa Kale**, (MSSW 2003), a 113th Medical Company Social Worker, on tour of duty in Iraq was interviewed by a Fox Four news team on March 6th. Kale discussed her work as a crisis counselor working with the troupes in that country.

Kale was an Arlington Police Department Victim Assistance Response Team Counselor before leaving for her tour of duty in Iraq.

She was also interviewed by the Fort Worth Star Telegram in May. For a full accounting of that story go to <http://www.star-telegram.com/235/story/93631.html>.

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Banks and Petrovich Assist With Homeless Census

Graduate students, James Petrovich and Alana Banks joined the Tarrant County Homeless Coalition in January to compile a census of Arlington's homeless population. The students traveled in groups of four people, following an Arlington police officer who led the team. The purpose of the census is community education and advocacy on behalf of the homeless.

PETROVICH ASSISTS SPENCE TO CONDUCT STUDY OF TARRANT COUNTY HOMELESSNESS

James Petrovich, Social Work doctoral student, provides oversight for the Fort Worth Homelessness Assessment Project conducted by Dr. Emily Spence. Their work on this project has included historical research in the area of Fort Worth known as the Community of Hope. This area, which contains the largest concentration of people who are homeless and service providers

in the city, presents a considerable challenge to efforts attempting to address homelessness and vividly represents the social, political, geographical isolation experienced by many people who are homeless. This qualitative study included interviews with key informants including agency administrators, practitioners, municipal officers and employees, members of the business com-

munity and local historians. It also included reviews of agency records, newspaper articles and other historical documents. Ultimately, it is intended that this project will provide contextual understanding of the social, economic, and political factors that have influenced efforts to address homelessness in Fort Worth and inform more effective social policy and interventions.

Doctoral Student Invited to UCLA Paulo Freire Institute to Receive Award

The Paulo Freire Institute at UCLA <http://www.paulofreireinstitute.org/> recently held an Essay Contest titled Reinventing Paulo Freire. María de Lourdes Martínez Avilés submitted an Essay

which was recognized with an honorable mention as they found her contribution 'extremely compelling'. She has been invited to an award dinner at UCLA Paulo Freire Institute in June

where she will be recognized for her work. Ms. Martínez Avilés is a third year PhD student in the UANL dual degree program at the University of Texas at Arlington School of Social Work.

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Spring Phi Alpha Inducts Members at Ceremony

New members and officers were inducted into the Phi Alpha Honor Society at a banquet in the Carlisle Suite on April 20th.





Students Enjoy Pie Contest

Social Work Constituency Council Hosts Fun Day

President of the School of Social Work Constituency Council, Sharon Newman, led in hosting Fun Day 2007. The event took place on April 25th in the School's courtyard. A local radio station was on-site, participants bought tickets for a pie throwing contest and there were many giveaway items. The purpose of the event was to generate interest in student involvement with the Constituency Council.

Spring Reception Honors PhD Graduates

A reception honoring PhD graduates Jackson N. de-Carvalho, Stephanie Lynne Hicks, Maximino Ramos, Waleska Janice Rivera-Oquendo, Susy P. Villegas de Chaverri and Misty Lynn Wall was held on the 7th floor of the Library on May 10th. Family and friends of the graduates attended to help in the celebration.

Academic Excellence Week Opens With Recognition Ceremony



Dean Hernandez Awards PhD student Max Ramos

Academic Excellence Week began on Monday, April 16 with a Recognition Ceremony in the School of Social Work Auditorium. More than 125 students were acknowledged for outstanding achievements.

Awards, scholarships and fellowships were presented by Dean Hernández, Dean Watson, Dr. Muriel Yu, Dr. Jaimie Page, Dr. Rebecca Hegar and Dr. Vijayan Pillai.

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