

UANL PhD Program Recognized as Program of Excellence



Dean Santos Hernández with UANL-PhD Graduates Dr. Enrique Huerta Wong and Dr. Sandra Valdes



Carolyn and Santos Hernández attend UANL PhD Graduation

Dean Santos Hernández and his wife, Carolyn attended the UANL PhD graduation, in Nuevo León, Mexico on August 25th.

He is pictured with Dr. Enrique Huerta Wong, a UANL/UTA PhD graduate. The graduate next to Dr. Wong in the photo is Sandra Valdes, a PhD Social Work graduate from the UANL National Program. Two other UANL/UTA PhD graduates were not able to attend.

The UANL/UTA PhD program was recognized from the podium during the ceremony as one of their programs of excellence. Universidad Autónoma De Nuevo León (UANL) Joint PhD in International Comparative Social Welfare Policy is a unique, two year, highly competitive doctoral degree program that prepares students for a research based social work career.

In 1997 the School started this dual PhD in International Comparative Social Welfare Policy with the Universidad Autónoma De Nuevo León in Monterrey, México. This was the first Bi-National PhD program in Social Work in México and the United States.

This program was made possible as a result of the initiative, vision and support of the administration of both universities, the school's deans at the time and the social work faculty of both institutions. A driving force behind the creation of this international program at UT Arlington was Professor Federico Souflée, PhD. His counterpart at UANL was Mta. Irene Cantú Reyna, director of the UANL Social Work Faculty at the time.

Other faculty and administrators who were highly instrumental in the creation of this

program were: Dr. Ricardo Hill Acosta, member of UANL's graduate academic committee, Dr. Manuel Ribeiro Ferreira, professor and member of UANL's graduate academic committee, Dr. Raúl Eduardo López Estrada, professor and member of UANL's graduate academic committee, Dr. Doreen Elliott, professor and former director of UT Arlington's PhD program, and Dr. Richard F. Dangel, professor and former chair of UT Arlington's doctoral program committee.



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Dr. Peter Lehmann Launches New Certificate Program



The first Solution-Focused Brief Therapy Certificate Program in the United States was launched last year by Dr. Peter Lehmann, through The University of Texas at Arlington School of Social Work Continuing Education Department. In December, the first graduates received their certification in a ceremony, at the School of Social Work complex.

The 60-hour/10-seminar program is designed to teach solution-focused skills to professionals in human service fields such as social work, psychology, nursing and medicine.

The program has enjoyed success for many years in the United Kingdom and in Canada but this is the first in the United States.

More than 100 participants are currently enrolled in the UT Arlington School of Social Work program with many commuting from around the state.

Congratulations to Luis Zornosa

Luis Zornosa, Technology Classroom Manager, received his U.S. Citizenship at a Naturalization Ceremony in the Plano Convention Center on November 1, 2007. Mr. Zornosa's daughter, Pilar also received her citizenship that day. His other daughter, Lucila and Wife, Sonia, became citizens earlier this year. The Zornosa's were previously citizens of Columbia.



Welcome To Our New Faculty and Staff

NEW FACULTY JOINED US IN AUGUST



Dr. Beverly Black, Professor and MSSW Program Director

Dr. Suk-Young Kang, Assistant Professor

Yolanda Lane, MSSW Program Secretary



Faculty member Dr. Alexa Smith-Osborne and student interns Nickelle Dangerfield, Michael Lucas, Van Nguyen, and Em-malynn Gladney represented the School of Social Work, in November, at an event sponsored by the UT Arlington Veterans Affairs Office. The event was to inform UT Arlington student veterans about the campus-wide programs and services that may assist them in their transition to the student role.



UT Arlington School of Social Work Staff, at the Birmingham Center for Child Welfare, Recognized: PSTI Receives National Quality Award for Professional Development

Save the date

Friday, April 18, 2008 6:30 P.M.

The fourth annual **Night of Excellence** will be the venue to honor the esteemed careers of Dr. Peggy Quinn and Dr. Wayne Duehn as they retire. It will also be a time to celebrate the School's 40 years of Advancing Social Work Education. The event will be held at the Hilton Arlington. Go to www.uta.edu/ssw for more information.

New Web-site Goes Live

The School of Social Work's new web-site (www.uta.edu/ssw) went live in December. Please visit us on the new site and we welcome your comments.



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Faculty Awards and Honors

Dr. Richard Schoech

Dr. Richard Schoech and colleagues from the UT Arlington College of Engineering were recently awarded a two-year \$628,000 grant from the National Institutes of Health/National Library of Medicine for the development of a telepresence protocol to improve treatment compliance by persons with mental illness.

Dr. Schoech and Dr. Thomas Watts were appointed in Fall, 2007 to the UT Arlington President's Sustainability Committee and to the sub-committee of the PSC on Waste Management. This initiative coordinates and extends the university's efforts to protect the environment.

Dr. Thomas Watts

Dr. Watts was elected in Fall 2007 to a second year term as the Chair of the UT Arlington University Library Committee.

Dr. Regina Praetorius

Dr. Regina Praetorius has been awarded \$275.00 from the Graduate School to integrate a service learning project into her SOCW 6348 class in Spring 2008. The project will benefit the Suicide and Crisis Center in Dallas.

Dr. Jaimie Page

Along with co-investigator, Dr. John Stickels, Dr. Page has been awarded a grant of \$10,000 from the College of Liberal Arts for their proposed research study, "Exonerates and the Innocence Project of Texas".

Dr. Page has been awarded a \$35,000 National Institute of Health (NIH) Health Disparities Research Grant for years 2007-2009.

She has also been awarded \$19,000 from the City of Arlington as Co-Principal Investigator on the UT Arlington research project entitled Client-Centered Community Needs Assessment of Arlington's Homeless Population.

Dr. Vijayan K. Pillai

Dr. Vijayan K. Pillai received a fellowship award from the Conference of NGOs in Consultative Relationship with the United Nations. The award was for authors of the most pioneering and consciousness-raising papers and for participating in the First Civil Society Development Forum 2007: "A Platform for Development: Countdown to 2015". 28-30 June 2007, Geneva.

Dr Pillai has accepted a "Distinguished Visiting Professorship" for Summer of 2008 in the School of Social Work at AMRITA University, Coimbatore, India.

Dr. Pillai has also been appointed to the Editorial Board of the International Journal of Sustainable Society (IJSSoc). www.inderscience.com/ijssoc. The term for his appointment will be for two years.

Dr. Doreen Elliott and Dr. Nazneen Mayadas

Dr. Doreen Elliott and Dr. Nazneen Mayadas are recipients of the prestigious Partners in International Social Work Education Award. Dr. Elliott accepted the award in November at the Annual Program Meeting of the Council on Social Work Education in San Francisco. The award criteria specify that it be given in recognition of conceptual, curricular and programmatic innovations in education for international social work.

Dr. Diane Mitschke

Dr. Diane Mitschke was awarded \$1,000 from the Graduate School to integrate a service learning project into her SOCW 5317 class in Spring 2008. The project will benefit recent refugees and immigrants at the Agape Clinic in East Dallas.

Dr. Mitschke was also awarded \$86,311 by the Arlington Independent School District, as the Principal Investigator on the Healthy Families Tomorrow's Future Evaluation, Teen Pregnancy & Parenting Intervention project. This is a four-year award beginning in July 2007 through July 2011.

Dr. Larry Watson

Dr. Larry Watson received his Ph.D. in November. Dr. Watson's dissertation was entitled Factors Influencing the Relationship Between Nonprofit Child Care Providers and the Texas Department of Family and Protective Services as a Predictor of Policy Outcomes.

Dr. Maria Scannapieco

Dr. Scannapieco is the Principal Investigator on the following grants:

2005 - 2008 Co-Principal Investigator: Child Welfare Supervisor Training: Knowledge and Tools for Culturally Responsive Delivery and Management of Federal Independent Living Services for Youth in Foster Care. Children's Bureau, CFDA #93.556, \$250,000 each year.

2008 Co-Principal Investigator: Texas Teen Conference. Texas Department of Family and Protective Services. \$103,165.

2008 Principal Investigator: University of Texas at Austin. Protective Services Training Institute of Texas, Protective and Regulatory Services Certification Program, \$451,511.64.

2008 Principal Investigator: Texas Department of Protective and Regulatory Services, Region 03, Title IV-E Training Project, \$1,528,797.

Publications, Presentations

Dr. Rebecca Hegar

PRESENTATIONS:
Hegar, R.L., Black, L., Moffitt, M., Pohlman, D., Randall, D., (2007). Children Affected by Hurricane Katrina: A View from the Texas Child Welfare System. Social Welfare Action Alliance 23rd Anniversary Conference, New Orleans, LA, 6/15-17.

Hegar, R.L. (2007). Assessing Quality of Academic Journals: The Case of Social Work. Hawaii International Conference on Social Sciences, Honolulu, HA, 5/28-6/2.

Jenson, J.M., Hegar, R.L., Sosin, M.R., Thyer, B. (2007). Publishing Empirical Studies in Social Work: National and International Perspectives. Society for Social Work Research 2007 Annual Conference, San Francisco, CA, 1/11-14.

Hegar, R.L., Black, L., Moffitt, M., Pohlman, D., Randall, D. (2007). Keeping families at the center in disaster: Lessons of Hurricane Katrina. 2007 Family Preservation Institute Conference. San Antonio, TX, 9/5-8.

Dr. Sung Seek Moon

Co-Authored a manuscript with Drs. Jaimie Page and Rebecca Hegar entitled "TANF Status, Ethnicity, and Early School Success". The manuscript has been accepted for publication by Children and Youth Service Review.

Dr. Wayne Duehn

Duehn, W.D., Anderson, S. & Adkins, K. (2007). Creating sexual safety and promoting healing in foster care and adoption. *Fostering Families Today*, 7(5), 40-42.

Dr. Diane Mitschke

PUBLICATIONS:
Mitschke, D. B., Loebel, K. U., Matsunaga, D. S., Tatafu, E., Robinett, H. (in press). Multi-Ethnic Adolescents' Attitudes Toward Smoking: A Focus Group Analysis. *American Journal of Health Promotion*.

Mitschke, D. B., Matsunaga, D. S., Loebel, K., Cassel, K., & Tatafu, E. (in press). Using drama to prevent teen smoking: development, implementation, and evaluation of Crossroads in Hawaii. *Health Promotion Practice*.

Dr. Regina Praetorius

PUBLICATIONS:
Machtmes, K., & Praetorius, R.T. The Psychological and Emotional Impact of Qualitative Research. Accepted for publication in *The Qualitative Report*.

PRESENTATION:
Praetorius, R.T., & Watts, T.D. Suicide and Alcohol Use Among Native Americans. Seventh Native American Symposium: Sixty-Seven Nations and Counting, Durant, OK, November 2007.

Dr. Thomas Watts

PUBLICATIONS:
Watts, Thomas D. "Social Policy", "Social Welfare", and "Welfare State." In Coulter, Michael L., Krason, Stephen M., Myers, Richard S., and Varacalli, Joseph A., eds. *Encyclopedia of Catholic Social Thought, Social Science, and Social Policy*, Vols. 1-2. Lanham, MD: The Scarecrow Press, Inc., 2007.

Watts, Thomas D., "Albert the Great," "Catholic Worker Movement," "Faith-Based Organizations," "Stanley Jaki," "Gregor Mendel," "Malcolm Muggeridge," "Paulists," "James A.

Schaeffer," and "William Temple." In: Kurian, George T., ed. *The Encyclopedia of Christian Civilization*. Oxford, U.K., & Malden, MA., USA: Blackwell Publishers, 2008.

Book reviews in the *Journal of Comparative Social Welfare* (forthcoming, 2008):

Adamec, Ludwig W. *Historical Dictionary of Islam*. Lanham, MD: Scarecrow Press, 2001.

Newby, Gordon D. *A Concise Encyclopedia of Islam*. Oxford, UK: Oneworld Publications, 2002.

Schreiber, Mordecai, ed. *The Shengold Jewish Encyclopedia*. Rockville, MD: Shengold Books, 2007.

DiLorenzo, Thomas J. *Lincoln Unmasked: What You're Not Supposed to Know About Dishonest Abe*. New York: Crown Forum, Div. of Random House, Inc., 2006.

Dr. Ski Hunter

PUBLICATION:

Hunter, Ski (2007). *Coming Out and Disclosures: LGBT Persons Across the Life Span*, Haworth Press.

PRESENTATIONS:

Hunter, Ski (2007). *Coming Out and Disclosures: LGBT Persons Across the Life Span*. Authors Forum, Annual Meeting CSWE, San Francisco. 11/07.

Hunter, Ski. *I Won't Work with Them (Lesbian and Gay Persons): When Religious Beliefs about LGBT Persons Conflict with Social Work Values and Ethics*. Family Preservation Conference, San Antonio. 09/07.

Dr. Beverly Black

PUBLICATIONS:

Weisz, A. N. & Black, B. M. (In press). Peer intervention in dating violence: Beliefs of African American middle school adolescents. *Journal of Ethnic and Cultural Diversity in Social Work*.

Black, B, Tolman, R. M., Callahan, M., Saunders, D. G., & Weisz, A. N. (In press). When will adolescents tell someone about dating violence victimization? *Violence Against Women*.

Brunhofer, M. O., Weisz, A. N., Black, B. M. & Bowers, C. (In press). Welcome to our world: Evaluation of a workshop to orient students to social work education. *Journal of Teaching in Social Work*.

Black, B. & Joiner, J. (2008), (3rd Edition). *Gender and social work practice*. In D. DiNitto and C. A. McNeece., *Social Work: Issues and Opportunities in a Challenging Profession*.

Dr. Cathleen Jordan

PUBLICATIONS:

2007 Jordan, C. and Cory, D. Is child welfare ready to jump on the evidence-based band wagon? Presented at the National Social Science Association, Summer Seminar, Vancouver, British Columbia, August 5-8 and published in the *Proceedings of the NSSA*.

2008 Jordan, C. *Assessment*. In 20th edition. *Encyclopedia of social work*. February.

2007. Jordan, C. *Case Example: Ernie the younger years*. Ch. 9. In *evidence-based internship: A field manual for social work and criminal justice*. Thomlison and Corcoran, Eds.

2007. Jordan, C. & Hoefer, R. *Evaluating the implementation of evidence-based macro interventions*. In *The paradigm of evidence-based macro practice*. Maria Roberts-DeGennaro, editor.

2007 Jordan, C. and Cobb, N. *Identifying and Using Effective Outcome Measures*. Chapter 21 in Beth, M. and Franklin, C., editors. *Evidence-Based Practice in School Social Work*. New York: Oxford.

2007 (in press), Jordan, C. and Scannapieco, M. *Health promotion strategies for the mental health needs of children and families*. Chapter 11 in Vandiver, V., editor. *Health promotions and mental health: An integrative approach*. New York: Oxford.

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2007. C. Jordan. *President's Column: Evidence-Based Practice: What Is It? How Do We Do It?*

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2007. C. Jordan. *President's Column*. *NASW Network*, Vol. 32, No. 3, September.

2007. C. Jordan. *President's Column*. *NASW Network*, Vol. 32, No. 2, August.

2007. C. Jordan. *President's Column*. *NASW Network*, Vol. 32, No. 1, July.

2007 (in press). Basham, R., Jordan, C. and Hoefer, R. *Reliability and validity in quantitative measurement*. Chapter 4 in *Handbook of social work research methods*. 2nd edition. B. Thyer, editor. Sage.

PRESENTATIONS:

2007 Jordan, C. (and delegate assembly representatives). *Pathways to the future*. Presented at *NASW/31st Annual State Conference*. San Antonio, Texas. November.

2007 Jordan, C. *Immigration Panel*. Closing Plenary. Presented at *NASW/31st Annual State Conference*. San Antonio, Texas. November.

2007. Jordan, C. *Evidence informed practice*. Presented at *NASW/31st Annual State Conference*. San Antonio, Texas. November.

Dr. Randall Basham

PUBLICATION:

Diaz, H. L., Ramirez-Johnson, J., Basham, R. E., & Pillai, V. K. (under contract).

Democracy in context: An international study in micro-economic development.

Spokane: Marquette Books LLC.

PRESENTATIONS:

Basham, R., Pillai, V., & Gupta, R. (2007, October). *A multivariate analysis of the working poor in Texas: Implications for policy*. Paper presented at the Annual Program Meeting (APM), and Council on Conferences and Faculty Development of the Council on Social Work Education (CSWE), San Francisco, California.

Lehmann P., Basham R., Spence E., & Strickler, H., (2007, January). *An Exploratory Test of Two Solution Focused Fidelity Instruments*. Presented at the *Bridging Disciplinary Boundaries: Annual Conference of the Society for Social Work (SSWR)*: San Francisco, California.

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. Vijayan K. Pillai

PUBLICATIONS:

"Tourism and Ethnicity in Belize: A Qualitative Study." Key, Carol and Vijayan K. Pillai. *International Review of Modern Sociology*. 2007. 33(1):129-

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"Cross-National Analysis of a Model of Reproductive Health in Developing Countries." Pillai, Vijayan and Rashmi ,Gupta. *Social Science Research*, 2006, 35(1):210-227.

Dr. Donald K. Granvold

PUBLICATIONS:

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.

Granvold, D.K. (2007). Constructivist theory and practice. In N. Coady & P. Lehmann (Eds.), *Theoretical perspectives in direct social work practice: An eclectic-generalist approach* (2nd Edition) (pp. 401- 427). New York: Springer.

PRESENTATIONS:

Granvold, D.K. & Watson, L.D. (2007, July). Whose Baby is It? Post-modern Influence in Adoption Practices. Paper presented at the Seventeenth International Congress on Personal Construct Psychology, Brisbane, Australia.

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

Dr. Santos H. Hernández

PUBLICATION:

Hernández, S. H. (in press) "Mutual Aid Societies" *Encyclopedia of Social Work*, 20th edition, National Association of Social Workers. NASW Publishing. Wash. D.C.

PRESENTATIONS:

Sanchez-Mayers, R., Hernández, S. H., Fulghum, F. H., (2007) "Latino Faculty in Schools of Social Work", 53rd Annual Program Meeting, Council on Social Work Education, San Francisco, October.

Negrón, L., Ortiz, L. P., Ortega, D., Díaz, H., Hernández, S. H., (2007) "Successful Recruitment and Retention Of Latinos/as in Social Work Programs and Academia", 53rd Annual Program Meeting, Council on Social Work Education, San Francisco, October.

Dr. Jaimie Page

PUBLICATIONS:

Barriers to Transferring Care of Homeless People with Serious Mental Illnesses to Community Mental Health Organizations: Perspectives of Street-Based Programs. By: Page, Jaimie. *Best Practice in Mental Health: An International Journal*, Winter 2007, Vol. 3 Issue 1.

Petrovich, J., Page, J., Gillespie, S., and Spence-Almaguer. An Assessment of Strengths and Needs.

Relative to Homelessness in Arlington, Texas. Research Report produced for the City of Arlington, Texas. October 2007.

PRESENTATION:

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Dr. Maria Scannapieco

PUBLICATIONS:

Peer Reviewed Articles:

2007 Assessment of Families Who have Substance Abuse Issues: Those Who Maltreat Their Infants and Toddlers and Those Who Do Not. (Scannapieco & Connell-Carrick) *Substance Use & Misuse*, 42, 1-8.

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PRESENTATIONS:

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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.

Dr. Richard Schoech

PUBLICATION:

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PRESENTATIONS:

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Blending web-based synchronous technologies in social work distance education courses, Council on Social Work Education. San Francisco, CA. 30 Oct 07 (with A. Quinn & J. Regan).

Utilizing evidence-based research in developing best practice guidelines for distance education in social work, Council on Social Work Education. San Francisco, CA. 30 Oct 07 (with J. Regan, P. Freddolino, & J. Watkins).

An evaluation of two virtual learning environments to develop listening skills, Human Services Information Technology (HUSITA8) Conference. Toronto, Canada. 29 Aug 07 (with E. Youn & E. Wong).

The Internet virtual video classroom: Description, features, and applications, Human Services Information Technology (HUSITA8) Conference. Toronto, Canada. 29 Aug 07 (with A. Quinn & J. Regan).

Perspectives of Information and communication technology, new media, and multimedia, Human Services Information Technology (HUSITA8) Conference. Toronto, Canada. 28 Aug 07.

Web-phone based intervention plan adherence optimizer, Human Services Information Technology (HUSITA8) Conference. Toronto, Canada. 27 Aug 07.

Dr. Suk-Young Kang

PUBLICATIONS:

Referreed Article

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Book Chapter

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Book Review

Kang, S. Y. (2007). Review of "The Modern Art of Dying: A history of Euthanasia in the United States" by by Shai J. Lavi, Princeton, MA: Princeton University Press, 2005. *The Journal of End-of-Life and Palliative Care*. 3 (2) 81-83.

PRESENTATIONS:

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Kim, M.S., & Kang, S. Y. (2007). The predictors of health status among Korean American elders in Arizona. Poster presentation at Gerontological Society of America 60th Annual Scientific Meeting, San Francisco, CA.

Angelo McClain, UT Arlington MSSW 1981

Angelo McClain knows that the sprawling social service agency he just inherited probably can't stop every single child from being hurt or killed, but he says that's his goal.

"We can't prevent bad things from happening, because they happen," McClain, 50, said in his first sit-down interview since taking over as Commissioner of the Department of Social Services a month ago.

But he said he wants to make sure that if a child is hurt, it won't be because of something he didn't do. "What makes the public upset is when something bad happens and it looks like we dropped the ball," McClain said.

McClain said he will encourage workers to rely more on their gut sense. Each week, he wants workers to red-flag a case that makes them uneasy. Each week, he wants every area office to give him a list of those cases.

"A lot of this work is instinctual. Your gut will tell you, you'll have this uneasy feeling, you'll be anxious," said McClain, who started out as a social worker in the 1970s and spent his teen years at Cal Farley's Boys Ranch, a Texas school for troubled youth. "When they are feeling that anxiety we want them to talk to the supervisor."

He later spent 15 years working with Massachusetts social service agencies.

McClain has taken over an agency with a \$786 million budget, 3,457 workers in 29 offices, working with 40,000 families. The job of commissioner is considered one of the most thankless and difficult in Massachusetts government.

McClain is up to the task, said Richard Sheola, president of the public sector division of ValueOptions, where McClain held management posts in Massachusetts and New Jersey, administering social service contracts with state government.

"He's used to managing big jobs," Sheola said.

Former colleagues say McClain brings empathy, front-line experience and an open, non-reactionary management style.

"His priorities are always in the right place. It's always about the kids and family. He looks under every rock to make sure everything is done right," said Joan Mikula, an assistant commissioner at the Department of Mental Health who hired McClain in 1988 to oversee locked residential treatment programs for mentally ill kids.

He took the \$135,000-a-year job, which was a pay cut, for reasons he described as "hokey."

"Partly, it had something to do with being 50," he said. "It was like this is something I can do. I can help bring the leadership this organization needs and help bring good things to a lot of people." -jfargen@bostonherald.com



Phil Porter, UT Arlington MSSW 1990

Mr. Phil Porter received the 2007 UT Arlington School of Social Work Distinguished Alumni Award at the annual Alumni Gala banquet in October. Click on the link for an article that recently appeared in the Fort Worth Star-Telegram.



Joseph P. Bohanon, UT Arlington BSW 1996 and MSSW 1997

Joseph P. Bohanon received his PhD from the University of Southern Mississippi in 2007. He is a member of the Choctaw Indian Tribe of Oklahoma. He received his MSSW (1997) and BSW (1996) from the University of Texas at Arlington School of Social Work. While a student here, he founded the THUNDER Alliance, Inc. (in 1995) and at UTA he founded the NASA (Native American Student Association). He served as the Coordinator of Field Education at the USM School of Social Work from 2004-2007. He accepted a teaching position beginning with the Fall, 2007 semester in the BSW Program at Northeastern State University, Tahlequah, OK. Two of his more recent publications include: Bohanon, Joseph P., "The Talking Circle: A Culturally Appropriate Group Work Perspective with Indigenous Peoples" (pp. 92-97), and Watts, Thomas D. and Bohanon, Joseph P., "Social Welfare Policies and Native Americans: Future Challenges," (pp.81-91) in Native Women in the Arts, Education, and Leadership: Proceedings of the Sixth Native American Symposium, ed. by Spencer, Mark B., and Tudor, Robert (Durant, OK: Native American Symposium, Southeastern Oklahoma State University, 2006).

Bill Betzen, UT Arlington MSSW 1979

After 28 years in child placement and adoption work, Bill Betzen retired. However, he did not stop working. He has spent the last 7 years as a Computer Applications teacher for 7th graders. Through this work he implemented the Middle School Archive Project; a drop-out prevention program. The Dallas Morning News described this project in a May 26, 2007 article entitled "Students getting safe place to store dreams".

Ashley Owen, UT Arlington MSSW 2005

Fort Worth Star-Telegram; July 19, 2007

UNITED WAY OFFICIAL OFF TO DALLAS

By Traci Shurley

ARLINGTON—The head of the United Way of Tarrant County's Arlington branch is leaving the agency for a job with United Way of Metropolitan Dallas County.

Ashley Owen, 28, has been project director at Arlington Human Services Planners since June 2005. She helped oversee task forces that dealt with issues like teen homelessness and child abuse and has worked with area leaders to start new programs.

Human Service Planners works with the City of Arlington and volunteers. Owen counts raising the profile of the agency as one of her biggest accomplishments.

"It's important to let people know who we are and what we're doing here," she said. "It's a way to let the people of Arlington know United Way is not just a Fort Worth entity, that we're here in Arlington and we are doing good work here."

United Way officials are looking for a replacement for Owen, said Ann Rice, interim president and chief executive of United Way of Tarrant County. She said Owen had been a "breath of fresh air," who excelled in the job.

In her new post as director of planning for United Way of Metropolitan Dallas, Owen will be responsible for community needs assessments, she said. The job will allow her to work closer to her Dallas home.

Owen started at the United Way's Arlington office as an intern in 2004. She has a graduate degree in social work from the University of Texas at Arlington. Her last day in Arlington is August 3.

B. Scott Finnell, UT Arlington Ph.D. 1993

Dr. Scott Finnell and the work he is doing at Pressley Ridge was recently highlighted in a NASW News article entitled "Organizations Extend Services Globally". Pressley Ridge was started 175 years ago to serve refuge orphans. It recently broadened its scope to assist children in Hungary and Portugal.

For the complete story go to <http://www.socialworkers.org/pubs/news/2007/07/globally.asp>.



Major Nathan Keller, UT Arlington Ph.D. 2004

We joyfully received the following note from Nate Keller on November 20, 2007. Welcome home Dr. Keller!

Hello Dr. Rycraft, and UTA Family,

I hope everyone is doing well. I am very pleased to announce I have made it home safe and

sound. 18 months is a long time to be away from home particularly in a war zone. My experience in Iraq is one I will never forget but unfortunately one I will likely have to repeat. Now more than ever there is a need for mental health support to our troops, however we are critically short mental health providers thus the providers available are being asked to pull more weight. I tried to continue my research down range but was overwhelmed with clinical cases and did not have much time for data collection or publications. Now that I am back I would like to continue researching. My family is doing great, the kids got so big since I have been gone but are very happy to see me. I want to wish everyone a Happy Thanksgiving and encourage ya'll to take a moment to think positive thoughts for our troops as they truly are amazing and being asked to make incredible sacrifices. It is great to be back and I thank everyone for their prayers and positive thoughts.

-Nate



Molly Bogen, UT Arlington MSSW 1973

Molly Bogen and the work she has done for more than 30 years at The Senior Source in Dallas was highlighted in a Dallas Morning News article on August 6, 2007. The two page article was entitled "Ready for a boom: Nonprofit agency prepares to meet the higher expectations of the next generation of seniors".



Penny Acrey, UT Arlington BSW 2002 and MSSW 2004

Penny Acrey, assistant director, in the UT Arlington Office for Students with Disabilities, presented "Skills for Identifying and Treating PTSD in Individuals with Disabilities" at the 2007 NASW/TX and SSWLHC-TX joint conference in San Antonio in October.

Erin Granvold, UT Arlington MSSW 1988

Since receiving her MSSW degree in 1988, Erin Granvold has worked in a management capacity in the healthcare field. In May 2007, Erin received a second masters degree, from UT Arlington's College of Business, in Healthcare Management.

In her role as Director of Orthopedic and Neuro-Science Services for Plaza Medical Center, an HCA Healthcare hospital located in Fort Worth, Erin recently spearheaded a lengthy new accreditation process. The result was an accreditation award from the Joint Commission for Total Hip and Total Knee Replacement. Plaza Medical Center is the first hospital in Texas to receive this award and one of only twelve in the United States.

In Memoriam

Jill Grigsby Edsall-Barnett, MSSW 1991, passed away on Saturday, September 15, 2007. Jill was born on September 23, 1946, in Florida. She grew up in Decatur, Ill., and graduated from Graceland College in Lamoni, Iowa in 1968. She lived and traveled, as a missionary, in Central and South America and was ordained as a Community of Christ Church elder in 1990.

Jill practiced psychotherapy with Catholic Charities for 15 years before retiring in 2006.

Patricia DeWane Webster, MSSW 1969, died November 19, 2007. Pat was born in Minot, N.D. and grew up in Wolf Point, Montana. She received a bachelor's degree in journalism from Marquette University in 1941. She and her husband, Dr. Charles Webster, moved to Dallas in 1954. Pat was a social worker for Camp Fire Girls, Parkland Memorial Hospital and Child Protective Services. She retired from CPS as an intake supervisor in 1987.

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Karen Daly, UT Arlington BSW 1984

Karen was hired, in June, as the Sugar Land, Texas Assistant Director.

Misty Wall, UT Arlington PhD. 2007 and MSSW 2000

Misty assumed a new position in September at Boise State University as a professor and coordinator for the master of social work program.

Emma L. Mendiola, UT Arlington MSSW 1992

Emma was appointed interim dean of Student Affairs at San Antonio College in October.

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Distance Education Programs Graduate Fifty-one Students

December was a busy month for the School's Distance Education Programs.

Twenty-one students from the UT Arlington — West Texas A&M University program received their MSSW diploma at a commencement ceremony in Canyon, Texas on December 8th and

thirty students from the UT Arlington-McClennan Community College program, in Waco, received their BSW diploma at a commencement ceremony at UT Arlington on December 15th.

NASW-UT Arlington Adopts Mission Arlington

The membership of the NASW-UT ARLINGTON decided, this year, to adopt an agency for the entire school year. This decision reflects a conscious commitment on behalf of NASW-UT Arlington to help a non-profit organization, once a month, by providing volunteer services.

NASW-UT Arlington has chosen Mission Arlington as the adopted agency for the school year 2007-2008. Volunteers have been scheduled monthly to provide a variety of services and assistance.

Latona Hackworth, Vice President of NASW-UT Arlington, led the group in a successful Holiday

project. Three families, residing in Mission Arlington, were adopted by the membership. The families provided their wish-lists and the students were successful in meeting the goal of providing all items requested.

If you are interested in learning more about NASW-UT Arlington go to the School of Social Work web-site and you will find them in Student Resources.

Celebrating Our Peers: SWCC Presents Walk-N-My Shoes

The Social Work Constituency Council (SWCC) hosted "Walk-N-My Shoes" on November 10th. The event was a celebration for those with disabilities. The intent was to raise community understanding and broaden perspectives about people with disabilities.

Disabled students were paired with an able-body student for two hours. The able-body student assumed the role of having the disability of their partner.

Members of SWCC reported the event was most successful. Read more about SWCC on the Schools web-site under Student Resources.



Sharon Newman (upper left), President & Amanda Penny (lower right), Vice-President, SWCC

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Hooray for Interns, Hooray for Interns!

-SUSIE J. STEWART, LMSW,

SAFY—FAMILY YOUTH SPECIALIST

In the spirit of the Girl Scout Song—Hooray for Girl Scouts—I would personally like to say “Hooray for Interns!” SAFY has been blessed with a solid stream of social work student interns from the University of Texas at Arlington. This semester we have four interns who have been a very valuable part of the SAFY team here in Texas. The UT Arlington Social Work program requires undergraduate and graduate students to work as an intern at a social service agency as part of the hours they must complete to get their degree.

Our student interns play an important part at SAFY. They help staff with completion of case documents, placement packets for new clients, home visits and phone calls. Each intern is assigned to help particular staff persons, and they all act as back up help for any staff in need.

Sandra Clapp is an undergraduate social work intern and was with us the last two semesters. Sandra is a great asset to SAFY as we weathered the transition of two staff leaving SAFY recently. Sandra stepped right in and helped to manage the cases until new employees were hired. Sandra has helped complete over 20 dis-



UT Arlington School of Social Work Interns, (left to right), Mary Carter, Kristin Peterson and Jessica Smith

charged case files. She is an enthusiastic person. Sandra recently accepted a job offer to become SAFY’s 7th FYS.

Kristin Peterson is a graduate level social work intern. She has been assigned to work with Travis to help with the process to license new foster homes. She brings with her great writing skills and human resource skills that have been helpful in preparing documents for SAFY cases.

Jessica Smith is an undergraduate social work student. She reports she is really enjoying her internship at SAFY as this is her first real exposure

to working with actual social work clients and social workers. Jessica is excited about working with our youth and will be with through the summer. During the summer, Jessica plans to do independent living skill and life skills groups with older youth in SAFY foster homes.

Mary Carter is also an undergraduate social work student. Mary brings with her an abundance of knowledge, as she worked as a licensed drug counselor before starting her social work degree. Mary enjoys working at SAFY and reports SAFY has a great team spirit and she is amazed at how helpful all the staff are.

I am honored to be their UTA Field Instructor.

A side note: A large portion of SAFY staff have come to us via the path of being a UTA Social Work intern. Lorisa Norton, Brock Bejcek, Kendra Barnard, Charmaine Bailey, and Emily Romanelli—were all former UT Arlington Social Work interns.

Hooray for Interns!!

This article is a reprint of the April/May/June 2007 edition of the Texas Trumpet, a newsletter of Specialized Alternatives for Families and Youth (SAFY), Arlington, Texas. SAFY is a foster care agency finding homes for children who have been hard to place.

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