A Warm Texas Welcome to Dean Scott Ryan and Family

Dr. Scott D. Ryan and his wife, Kimberley and daughters Connor and Calen were officially welcomed at a reception held at the Fort Worth botanical gardens in August. Ryan is the sixth person to hold the position of Dean for the UT Arlington School of Social Work during 42 years of operations.

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Dr. Ryan addressed the group saying he was “thrilled to have been selected as the new Dean of the UT Arlington School of Social Work.” He went on to talk about his admiration for the high quality of work being done by the faculty through their teaching, service and community-based research on behalf of vulnerable populations found in our community.

Dr. Ryan’s wife, Kimberley and daughters Connor and Calen.

Dr. Donald Bobbitt, Provost & Vice President for Academic Affairs

Dr. Ryan addresses the group as the new Dean for the School of Social Work.

Bob Gladney, Chair, School of Social Work Advisory Council

SCOTT D. RYAN, Ph.D.

EDUCATION
Ph.D. Case Western Reserve University/Mandel School of Applied Social Sciences
M.B.A. Howard University/School of Business (Summa Cum Laude)
M.S.S.W. Columbia University/School of Social Work

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE
Florida State University/College of Social Work
Tallahassee, Florida 2000-2009

ACADEMIC
• Jeanene M. Janes Endowed Professorship of Child Welfare 2008
• Associate Professor 2005
• Appointed Assistant Professor 2000

ADMINISTRATIVE
• Associate Dean for Research 2005
• Director, Institute for Social Work Research 2005
• Director of Field Instruction 2004
• Doctoral Program Director (Interim) 2003
• Senior Research Fellow 2005
• Evan B. Donaldson Adoption Institute, New York, New York

AREAS OF EXPERTISE
• Child Welfare
• Adoptions
• Gay and Lesbian Adoptive Families
• International Adoptions
• Play Therapy

• Editor December 2006 Adoption Quarterly (Taylor & Francis Press), New York, New York
Exonerees Attend Wrongful Conviction Conference

The School of Social Work sponsored the 2009 Wrongful Conviction and Exoneree Services Conference on Friday, Oct. 30, in the Rosebud Theatre at the E.H. Hereford University Center. The conference was designed for students, social workers, service providers, policymakers, the legal community and others who are interested in ending wrongful convictions and who provide services to those who have been exonerated.

It highlighted Texas’ landmark Tim Cole Act, which took effect Sept. 1. Cole was wrongfully convicted as a young college student. DNA later proved his innocence, but only after he died in prison.

During the morning session, Scott Ryan, dean of the School of Social Work, gave a brief welcome. Conference coordinator, assistant professor Jaimie Page gave an overview of wrongful conviction, exoneration and exonerees’ experiences. A number of exonerees shared their personal stories.

The afternoon session included a legal/advocacy panel featuring Dr. Page; Cory Session, brother of Tim Cole; Michelle Moore, public defender and exoneration attorney; Kelvin Bass from Senator West’s office; exoneree/provider Joyce Ann Brown; exoneree/attorney Anthony Robinson and Edwin Colfax from the Justice Project of Washington, D.C, a nonpartisan advocacy organization.

Child Welfare Center Implements “Think or Sink” Practical Training

In October a new training program for students at the Child Welfare Center was tested. Called “Think or Sink” the training gives students hands-on experience using real-life scenarios.

The scenarios are designed to simulate situations a CPS caseworker might encounter in the field. All Center Staff and key CPS folks assisted with carrying out the training, which teaches the CPS caseworker to utilize critical thinking skills and deductive reasoning. The goal is to teach them the importance of communication and risk assessment in CPS cases, using a controlled venue.

One of the example scenarios acted out as part of the training was “Domestic Violence on an unannounced home visit.” In this simulation, a CPS caseworker arrives to drop off some food for the family. When the mother opens the door the caseworker discovers bruising to the mother’s face, as well as a black eye. The eight year old just got home from school and is crying. Behind her, the father paces back and forth.

Actors play the roles and are briefed to be reasonable when the worker is actually building rapport. Objectives for the exercise are worker safety, rapport building, ability to address the problem, Caseworker ability to control the interviews with all parties involved, identify risks and engage family in controlling the risk.

The training will benefit Title IV-E Stipend UTA social work students and current CPS caseworkers and will likely be made part of the ongoing training for students in the program.

Dr. Woody named Doctoral Program Director

On November 13th Dean Ryan announced the appointment of Dr. Debra Woody to the position of Doctoral Program Director. In the announcement he said “I think she will bring many innovative ideas to the program, as she works with faculty and students to continue building upon the fine work of Dr. Vijay Pillai. I look forward to working with her in this new role.”

Congratulations, Dr. Woody!
Distinguished Alumni Award Banquet

Wayne Carson (MSSW 1987 and PhD 2002) was honored at the 2009 School of Social Work Distinguished Alumni Gala held in the Bluebonnet ballroom on Saturday, October 17, 2009. The purpose of the annual Distinguished Alumni Awards is to recognize outstanding alumni for their individual achievements, contributions to their industries or professions, service to their community and demonstrated loyalty to The University of Texas at Arlington. The Distinguished Alumni award is the highest honor given by the University and Alumni Association.

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Dr. Carson is chief executive officer of the All Church Home for Children in Fort Worth. He oversees the operations and management of all programs for the non-profit agency, which serves children and families in crisis. Since Dr. Carson took over as CEO in 2000, he and his staff have expanded the programs significantly. They increased the number of children served annually from 200 to 3,500, established a presence in seven additional counties and increased the budget from $3 million to $9 million per year. Carson received his master’s degree with an emphasis on anger control treatment from the School of Social Work in 1987 and completed his Ph.D. with an emphasis on organizational change management in 2002. He and his wife, Vickie, live in Arlington and have three children.

From the Alumni Association website

From left: James D. Spaniolo, UT Arlington President, Dr. Wayne Carson, 2009 School of Social Work Distinguished Alumnus, Dr. Scott Ryan, Dean, School of Social Work
Fall Reception at the Botanical Gardens

More than 120 faculty, staff, family and friends gathered at the Fort Worth Botanical Gardens on August 28th to welcome our new SSW Dean, Dr. Scott Ryan.

On Friday, August 28, SSW Faculty and Staff gathered with family and friends at the Fort Worth Botanical Gardens to welcome the new Dean, Dr. Scott Ryan, and his family. Also welcomed were new faculty members Dr. Javier Boyas and Dr. Larry Watson and advisory council members Ashley Owen Brundage, Melanie Dooley, Mary Jean Moloney and Bill Russell.

Speakers for the evening included Donald Bobbitt, provost and vice president for academic affairs, and Bob Gladney, incoming chairman of the advisory council. Associate Professor Norman Cobb and Professor Doreen Elliott were recognized for being selected as the inaugural recipients of the UT System Board of Regents’ Outstanding Teaching Awards.

FACULTY NOTES

PUBLICATIONS & PRESENTATIONS

Dr. Regina T. P. Aguirre
PUBLICATIONS:

Dr. Randall Basham
PUBLICATION:

PRESENTATIONS:

Dr. Beverly Black
PUBLICATION:

PRESENTATIONS:

Dating Violence Prevention Programming: Should We

Dr. Javier Boyas
PUBLICATIONS:

PRESENTATIONS:

Dr. Norman H. Cobb
PRESENTATION:
Teaching-Learning Modules for MSW Courses on Older Adults’ Mental Health and Family Roles. CSWE Annual Program Meeting, San Antonio, TX, November 2009.

Dr. Fran S. Danis
PUBLICATION:

PRESENTATIONS:
Maintaining Quality in Hard Times: Effective Use of Adjunct Faculty. CSWE Annual Program Meeting, San Antonio, TX, November 7, 2009.

Dr. Wayne Duehn
PUBLICATIONS:
Duehn, W. D. (2009). What is child sexual abuse?
PRESENTATIONS:
Preparing and Presenting Testimony in Child Abuse and Neglect Litigation. Invited workshop presented June 16, 2009, for the Office of Community Services, Alexandria, LA.
Raging Hormones and Sexual Trauma: Helping Foster Parents Cope with Sexuality Issues. Invited workshop presented June 17, 2009, for the Office of Community Services, Alexandria, LA.
Understanding Family Dynamics of Sexual Abuse and Incest. Invited workshop presented June 25, 2009, at the 13th State-Wide Native American Conference, Winnemucca, NV.


Innovations in Family Assessment: Let’s Get it Right. Invited workshop presented July 28 & 29, 2009, for the Texas Department of Family and Protective Services, San Antonio, TX.

Let’s Get It Right: Multisystem/Multilevel Assessments in the Home Study and Post-Placement Services. Invited Pre-Conference Institute presented August 2, 2009, at the 24th Annual Conference of the Foster Family-Based Treatment Association, Atlanta, GA.
Creating Sexual Safety and Promoting Healing (Recovery) in Foster Care. Workshop presented August 3, 2009, at the 24th Annual Conference of the Foster Family-Based Treatment Association, Atlanta, GA.

Let’s Get it Right: Multisystem/Multilevel Assessments in the Home Study and Post-Placement Services. Workshop presented August 13, 2009, at the 35th Annual Conference of the North American Council on Adoptable Children, Columbus, OH.
Sexual Safety: A Perequisite to Healing. Workshop presented August 14, 2009, at the 35th Annual Conference of the North American Council on Adoptable Children, Columbus, OH.


Sexual Safety for Youth in Foster Care. Invited workshop presented August 27, 2009, at the Florida Department of Children and Family Services 2009 Dependency Summit, Orlando, FL.

Creating Sexual Safety and Promoting Healing (Recovery) in Foster Care. Invited workshop presented September 11, 2009, for the La Plata County Department of Social Services, Durango, CO.

Creating Sexual Safety and Promoting Healing in Foster Care and Adoption. Invited workshop presented September 16, 2009, for the University of Wisconsin School of Human Ecology, Waukesha, WI.
Creating Sexual Safety and Promoting Healing in Foster Care and Adoption. Invited workshop presented September 17, 2009, for the University of Wisconsin School of Human Ecology, Madison, WI.

The Eldorado Case: Lessons Learned - Program, Policy, Practice, Ethical/Cultural Issues and Implications for Child Welfare. Invited symposium given September 18, 2009, for the School of Social Work, The University of Wisconsin, Madison, WI.


Coping with Sexual Reactivity Issues in Foster Care: A Skills Workshop for Foster Parents. Invited workshop given October 12, 26 & 27, 2009, for A World for Children, Abilene and San Antonio, TX, respectively.


New Assessment Measures in Foster Home Studies and Post Placement Services. Invited workshop presented October 20, 2009, for the management staff of Lutheran Family Services of Texas, Dallas, TX.

Breaking the Cycle: Let’s Get It Right! Invited plenary keynote address given October 23, 2009, at the Alaska State CASA/GAL Conference, Anchorage, AK.
Child Sexual Abuse: Dealing with the Traumatic Aftermath. Invited workshop presented October 24, 2009, at the Alaska State CASA/GAL Conference, Anchorage, AK.


Balancing the Use of Power and Authority in CPS: Minimizing Negative Knee-Jerk Reactions. Invited workshop presented November 17, 2007, for the Office of Community Services, Lake Charles, LA.

Multisystem/Multilevel Assessments in the Home Study and Post-Placement Services. Invited workshop presented December 17, 2009, for Lutheran Family Services of Texas, Dallas, TX.
Dr. Doreen Elliott
PRESENTATIONS:
A Social Work Model for Immigration, with Implications for Curriculum Development. In collaboration with Professor Uma A. Segal, University of Missouri St. Louis. CSWE Annual Program Meeting, San Antonio, TX, November 7, 2009.


Dr. Don Granvold
PRESENTATION:

Dr. Rick Hoefer
PRESENTATION:

Dr. Ski Hunter
PUBLICATIONS:


PRESENTATION:
Meet the Authors: Disclosures Across the Life Course. CSWE Annual Program Meeting, San Antonio, TX, November 8, 2009.

Dr. Catheleen Jordan with David Cory
PUBLICATION:

PRESENTATION:

Dr. Catheleen Jordan
PUBLICATIONS:


Dr. Suk-Young Kang
PRESENTATIONS:


Dr. Peter Lehmann
PUBLICATIONS:


Dr. Diane Mitschke & Dr. Regina T. P. Aguirre
PRESENTATION:

Dr. Sung Seek Moon
PUBLICATIONS:


PRESENTATIONS:

Adolescent Depression and Future Smoking Behavior. CSWE Annual Program Meeting, San Antonio, TX, November 8, 2009

Predictors of Immigrant Children's School Achievement: A Comparative Study. CSWE Annual Program Meeting, San Antonio, TX, November 8, 2009.


Dr. Jaimie Page
PRESENTATIONS:


Dr. Vijayan K. Pillai
PRESENTATION:
Developing Effective International Partnerships. CSWE Annual Program Meeting, San Antonio, TX, November 9, 2009.

Dr. Scott D. Ryan
PUBLICATION:

PRESENTATIONS:

How Bad Are They? Direct and Modifying Influences on Adoption Outcome. CSWE Annual Program Meeting, San Antonio, TX, November 9, 2009.

The Experiences of Gay Men and Lesbians Becoming and Being Adoptive Parents. CSWE Annual Program Meeting, San Antonio, TX, November 8, 2009.

Dr. Joan Rycraft & Dr. Larry Watson
PUBLICATION:

Dr. Maria Scannapieco
PUBLICATIONS:


**Dr. Dick Schoech**

**PRESENTATIONS:**

*The Coming of Age for Community Organizing - Strategies for the 21st Century: NASW Texas Conference, Ft. Worth, TX, October 15, 2009. (With Francine Esposito Pratt)*


**Dr. Alexa Smith-Osborne**

**PRESENTATION:**

Social Work Curriculum Modules on the Military/Veterans Using Distance Education Technology. CSWE Annual Program Meeting, San Antonio, TX, November 9, 2009.

**Dr. Larry Watson**

**PUBLICATION:**


**PRESENTATION:**

Factors Influencing the Relationship Between Contract Providers and A State Funding Agency. CSWE Annual Program Meeting, San Antonio, TX, November 7, 2009.

**Dr. Tom Watts**

**PUBLICATIONS:**


**ALUMNI NOTES**

Stefan Ateek (’81) received the Christ-Like Leadership Award in September in recognition of his outstanding contributions in enhancing the work of medical missions in the Middle East. The awarding organization was Health Outreach to the Middle East.

Gail Atwater (’01) is now Group Facilitator at Gilda’s Club of North Texas where she leads groups for cancer patients and families. She was recently in the Dallas Morning News for her work in Saving Munger Place United Methodist Church.

Jonathan R. Beard (’89) has been named a lecturer at the SSW at the University of Washington in Seattle and is teaching classes in Advanced Generalist Practice and Mental Health Policy.

Gail Berlin (’91) has blended her skills to become a marketing/business development consultant to help hospitals attract more direct patient referrals. She is currently working with a world-class West Coast hospital developing their consumer access program. [http://www.office.berlininterests.com/healthcare.html](http://www.office.berlininterests.com/healthcare.html)

Angela Blackburn (’95) lives in Santa Maria, California with her husband and four children. She uses her social work skills every day through her involvement in Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts.

Solomon Boyle (’01) finished his J.D. in ’06 while working with the Attorney General’s Office where he began practicing after passing the bar. Last year he switched jobs from daily litigation to drafting decisions for judges with the Social Security Administration.

Don Capps (’05 & ’07) was recently hired by the V.A. As a veteran, Don considers this his ‘dream’ job.

Oleta “LuLu” Cowan (’92) is currently the Special Assistant to the President at Amarillo College.

Dr. Kristin Ferguson (’03) has been promoted to Associate Professor at the USC School of Social Work. She is currently funded to adapt a supported employment intervention for homeless youth with mental illness within two Los Angeles drop-in centers for homeless youth.

Sonia Fuentes (BSW ’08) currently a graduate student at Baylor, received a Bilingual Scholarship from the Hogg Foundation.

Jeffery Fulks (’94) is a Professor at Evangel University in Springfield, Missouri.

Dr. Leigh Johnson (’09) is now a Research Assistant Professor in the Department of Family medicine at Texas Tech University Health Science Center, and a Research Faculty with the Laura Bush Women’s Institute, Amarillo, Texas.

Dr. Lee LeGrice (’93 & ’03) joined the Mental Health Association of Tarrant County (MHATC) as executive director on August 3, 2009.

Dr. Sung Seek Moon was selected as President of the Korean American Social Work Educators Association on November 7, 2009.

Dr. Sung Seek Moon was recognized as a mentor by CSWE Council on the Role and Status of Women in Social Work Education at the 2009 CSWE APM.

Dr. Thomas D. Watts was nominated for the UT Arlington University Award for Distinguished Record of Research or Creative Activity.

Dr. Thomas D. Watts completed three years (2006 – 2009) as the elected Chair of the UT Arlington University Library Committee, the only UT Arlington SSW faculty member ever to have been elected to this position.
Maureen Kenney ('88) was named as a director on the board of the Institute for Civic Leadership in Portland, Maine. Kenney is the Director of Insurance, Disability and Claims Management for Hannaford Brothers. She currently serves on the Maine Quality Forum Advisory Council and the Maine Health Date Organization Board, both Governor’s appointments, and has previously served on the boards of the Maine Health Management Coalition and the Maine Health Information Center.

Marcia Mankoff ('93) lives in Beverly Hills, California with her husband and three children. She currently holds seats on the boards of Planned Parenthood in L.A. and the National Board for Foundations for Jewish Camps.

Tracey McConduit ('06) was the Featured Staff Member of the Week in the September 23 issue of the St. Philip’s School and Community Center.

Jerome H. Mosman ('93) was named the Executive Director of Senior Citizen Services of Greater Tarrant County on June 29th.

Melissa Oden ('01) was promoted to Vice President of Program Development at Girls Inc. of Tarrant County in August. She is currently a doctoral student at A.T. Still University working on a Doctor of Health Education (DHed).


Chante Barnes Prox ('98) recently moved her private law practice to Arlington. She specializes in Family Law, Juvenile Law, School Law & Special Education, as well as other client matters. www.barnesproxlaw.com

Sharon Rose ('05) is using her social work skills at the Oklahoma Sports & Orthopedics Institute in Edmond, Oklahoma. She also volunteers at a homeless shelter in Oklahoma City.

In Memoriam
Carole Bowdry ('70) age 71, died on June 7 after a long struggle with pancreatic cancer and lung disease. In 1974, Mrs. Bowdry created and led a Dallas County child abuse project. The program was special in that it sought to help not only the abused child, but also the abusive parent. Later in her career, Mrs. Bowdry trained other social workers dealing with child abuse cases. She became recognized as a leading expert on child abuse, testifying in court, before state legislative committees and Congress.

In addition to her husband, of Dallas, and daughter, of Sachse, Mrs. Bowdry is survived by two granddaughters. She was preceded in death by her son, Edward Willis Bowdry.

J.S. (Jack) Nowicki ('79) is working as the Program Development Specialist for the Texas Network of Youth Services in Austin, Texas. He is enjoying life as a Post Kidney Transplant person and reports that it has been a learning and spiritual experience to find new life with three kidneys.

Jack encourages all alumni to consider signing up to get a donor card and be an organ donor!

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Artae Curry, BSW student, was featured on WFAA in a story about “how an Army veteran is using the book of Proverbs to change young lives in Tarrant County schools.” See the video at http://www.wfaa.com/video/wfaageneral-index.html?nvid=39503

Yajaira Villeda is one of 22 bilingual graduate social work students to receive $386,000 in full-tuition scholarships from the Hogg Foundation for Mental Health.

Social work senior James Edward Earl was crowned Man of the Year 2009 in a pageant hosted by the Black Student Association. Earl, who told the story of Crispus Attucks, an African-American man who fought and died in the American Revolution, was awarded a $500 scholarship along with his title.

Tiffanie Franks-Carothers, a graduate social work student in a joint program with the University of Texas at Arlington and West Texas A&M University, was one of five recipients of the prestigious Ima Hogg Scholarship for Mental Health for the 2009-2010 academic year. The Hogg Foundation for Mental Health awards up to five $5,000 scholarships annually to students who demonstrate a strong commitment to providing mental health services after graduation.
This is the list of donors who have contributed to the UT Arlington School of Social Work during the academic year 2008-2009. If your name has been omitted, or some other error exists, we apologize and ask that you contact Donna Pope at 817-272-0924.
SSW Alumni Update Form Now On-Line

If you are a SSW alum, please take a few moments to update your information on our new alumni update form found at www.uta.edu/ssw/alumni-friends/update-form.php

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Two SSW Professors receive UT System Board of Regents’ Outstanding Teaching Award

Doreen Elliott, (second from left), Professor of Social Work and Norman Cobb, (sixth from left), Associate Professor of Social Work were two of the nine UT Arlington faculty members selected as the inaugural recipients of the UT System Board of Regents’ Outstanding Teaching Awards. They are among 73 faculty members from nine UT System academic institutions to receive the honor and share in $2 million in awards.