

UT Arlington School of Social Work Celebrates 40 Years

Drs. James Callicutt and Peter Gaupp have seen the evolution of the UT Arlington School of Social Work. As inaugural faculty members, they were in the classroom in September 1968 when the first class of 26 students arrived.

Forty years later, they were again present to greet and celebrate with three MSSW graduates from that era—Rosalie Budnoff (1970), Elaine Thieroff (1970) and AnaMaria Goicoechea (1972)—and 140 other guests at the 2009 Night of Excellence.

Upon his retirement in May 2007, Callicutt was commissioned by then Dean Santos Hernández to compile a history of the School of Social Work.

The book, titled *Commemorating 40 Years of Advancing Social Work Education: The University of Texas at Arlington School of Social Work, est. 1967* was published in late 2008. It chronicles the development, growth and activities of the School of Social Work from its establishment in 1967 through the 2006-2007 academic year.

The following is an excerpt from the forward of the book written by Dr. Hernández:

The past 40 years have been monumental for social work educators and practitioners. The civil rights and social change movements of the 1960s and '70s had a defining effect on the profession, much like the New Deal had on social program development three decades earlier. The era proclaimed a renewed commitment to social justice and respect for diverse cultures, a commitment evident in the vision of The University of Texas at Arlington School of Social Work.

The school admitted its first Master of Science in Social Work (MSSW) class in 1968, and the Council on Social Work Education accredited the program two years later. The Bachelor of Social Work (BSW) degree came along in 1979 within the Department of Sociology, Anthropology and Social Work and was accredited in 1982. The PhD in social work was



Inaugural faculty (1968), from left, seated, Dr. Rosalie Mollenhauer, Dr. Fernando Torgerson and Mabeth Dreyfuss; standing, Lila Hagins, Dr. Jim Callicutt, Dr. Peter Gaupp, Jim Bisbee and John Litrio.

initiated in 1983. In 1991 the BSW and MSSW programs merged into the School of Social Work (SSW). In 1997 the school started a dual PhD in comparative social policy with Universidad Autónoma de Nuevo León in Monterrey, Mexico—the first social work doctorate in Mexico. Today, the School of Social Work houses the Judith Granger Birmingham Center for Child Welfare, New Connections Programs and the Community Services Center. It also sponsors the Professional Development Program and a legislative internship. Outside funding exceeds \$4.4 million.

Providing innovative responses to pressing needs has always been the school's stamp on society. The SSW addressed child welfare training with its Title XX programs of the '70s; shifting demographics through participation in the National Institute of Mental Health minority recruitment programs and the Hispanic Center on Aging; underrepresentation of professional social workers in Texas via off-campus programs in Tyler, Abilene, Canyon, Waco, Edinburg and, most recently, Lubbock. The school has also responded to community crises such as organizing a volunteer response to area Hurricane Katrina evacuees. Underpinning these activities are faculty scholars dedicated to good teaching while maintaining robust involvement in research, professional development, practice and consultation. Many of the 31 full-time faculty serve on boards or are otherwise associated with local, state, national or international agencies and professional groups. Through the work of its faculty, the SSW ranks among the top-rated schools of social work in the country and among the largest—more than 800 students, more than 5,000 alumni—in the Southwest.

Texas Exoneree Project Featured in Local, Regional Media



Social Work graduate student Crystal Joshua (left) addresses the audience during “A Day of Social Justice”. She and her fellow graduate students helped plan the event. The Shorthorn: Chris Hudson

School of Social Work Assistant Professor Jaimie Page and the Texas Exoneree Project were the focus of an article found in *The Lubbock Avalanche-Journal*. The story is available on the Web at http://lubbockonline.com/stories/033109/sta_416593266.shtml.

Dr. Page and social work students also coordinated a workshop, “A Day for Social Justice: The 2009 Exoneree Interfaith Conference” in Dallas May 1 to provide information about the wrongfully convicted. Dallas County District Attorney Craig Watkins was a keynote speaker. The workshop was featured in the May 5 edition of UT Arlington’s *The Shorthorn*. The following is a reprint of the story:

Exonerees encouraged to fight for change: The wrongfully convicted were told to use their experience to help improve the court system.

BY SHAMBHU SHARAN
Contributor to *The Shorthorn*

Dallas District Attorney Craig Watkins told exonerees wrongfully convicted of crimes not to forget their experiences. Rather, he said to use the memories of that time—some more than 25 years—to improve their lives and those of others also wrongfully convicted.

Guest speakers, faith leaders and exonerees spoke during “A Day for Social Justice: The

2009 Exoneree Interfaith Conference” at Christian Chapel Temple of Faith in Dallas on Friday. The purpose of the conference was to provide information about the wrongfully convicted.

“Be that same person that had to sit in that cell at night not knowing if you would ever be free,” Watkins said. “Continue to fight for an improvement in our justice system, not just in Dallas County, but all over the world.”

The School of Social Work’s Exoneree Project Director Jaimie Page said she is proud to be associated with the project. She said her project provides services, training, support and education.

“I help exonerees get identification, health care if they are eligible, jobs and financial training,” Page said.

Steven Phillips, exonerated late last year after serving 24 years of a 30-year conviction, said it is literally impossible for society to construct a perfect justice system. Every system is capable of making mistakes. In the end, he said, it’s best to own up to the mistakes.

James Giles, who was charged with aggravated rape in 1983 and exonerated in 2007, said God was good to him in tough times.

“God has been good to us while we’ve been incarcerated,” he said.

He said he was blessed to have his sight and full function of his arms and legs when he was released.

The stories shared left some people humbled. “This was an amazing experience, said Crystal Joshua, a social work graduate student. “...This is a message that we all can learn from—to continue to get better. I have learned so much from these men, i.e., patience. This conference should be an annual event because its message was powerful. I feel like the best is yet to come for exonerees as they pose as vessels of faith.”

Child Welfare Supervisors Benefit from Training

Maria Scannapieco, director of the School of Social Work Judith Birmingham Center for Child Welfare, and Kelli Connell-Carrick (MSSW 1998 and PhD 2002), professor in the University of Houston Graduate School of Social Work, recently collaborated with the Texas Department of Family and Protective Services to produce a training curriculum for supervisors in child protective services (CPS) across Texas. The intent of the project is to reinforce the abilities of youth in foster care who are about to transition to an independent life and enhance their chances of success.

PAL-STEP staff and youth trained 154 child welfare supervisors during the three-year project. Evaluation revealed the training was well received, and participants experienced a significant increase in knowledge. Interviews with supervisors after they returned to their workplaces indicated that they were using both formal and informal means to share their knowledge with workers, although they were challenged by high caseloads and excessive work demands.

The curriculum will become a part of the state’s CPS Supervisory Certification Program.

Faculty Help with Exoneree Advocacy Day

School of Social Work Assistant Professor Jaimie Page and Criminology Assistant Professor John Stickels played key roles in Exoneree Advocacy Day in Austin Feb. 5 and 6.

School of Social Work Friends Celebrate 40 Years at 2009 Night of Excellence

The 1960s theme for the 2009 Night of Excellence was in honor of the School of Social Work's 40 years in existence. The school was established in 1967, with the first class arriving in 1968. Many attendees dressed in clothing from that decade and enjoyed music of the Lou Carfa Band and pre-dinner dancing. Entertainment included the songs of the '60s performed by Dr. Don Granvold and his Cooper Street Quartet.

The program included a video walk down memory lane, produced by Char Duncan, highlighting people and events from 1967 to 2009. Emcee Donna Darovich added laughter to the evening with her own comical video depicting the school and faculty.

The event was attended by 142 alumni—including members of the first graduating class—School faculty and staff, students and friends. Proceeds benefit the SSW Alumni Scholarship Fund.



2009
Night of Excellence



Student Starts Organization for Vets at UT Arlington



From left, Dr. Alexa Smith-Osborne, Bruce Findlay and Warren Ponder

Veteran Bruce Findlay (BSW 2007) created a student interest organization for veterans attending the university with the help of Social Work Assistant Professor Alexa Smith-Osborne and the UT Arlington Student Veteran Advisory Council. Findlay, now an MSSW student, is founding president of the group called the Veterans Alliance of UT Arlington. MSSW student veteran Warren Ponder is the first vice president and incoming president while undergraduate education student Donald Worthy is secretary-treasurer. Dr. Alexa Smith-Osborne and computer science faculty member Tom Rethard are the faculty advisers.

Annual Faculty Flipper Enjoyed by All



Associate Dean Fran Danis, back center, serves students at the annual SSW Faculty Flipper

The School of Social Work held its Annual Faculty Flipper April 16. The event features faculty and staff flipping burgers for students in the courtyard of the Social Work complex and was well attended by students, faculty and staff.

New Advising Team Completes First Phase of Training



Members of the School of Social Work Advising team received certificates of completion for Maverick Advisors Reaching for Knowledge Tier I training. The advising team was established in fall 2008 to better serve students and to increase retention and successful graduation.

The SSW advising team is Penny Acrey, assistant dean for student success (seated), as well as (standing from left) Charlotte Moore, BSW program secretary; Marlene Waage, BSW adviser; and Victoria McWilliams, MSSW adviser.

Smith-Osborne Leads Busy Student Veteran Program

Andrea Ewing recently received the first Student Veteran Program field award and will be doing her field placement with the program this summer. The new field stipend/scholarship, made possible by private donations to the Student Veteran Program, is available for one advanced DPMH field intern per semester. Applicants must have already completed SOCW 6336 (DPMH), 6350 (CBT, can be taken concurrently) and SOCW 5304 (Generalist Micro). Stipends for more than one field intern may become available in future semesters if additional donations are received.



Andrea Ewing receives the Student Veteran Program field award from Dr. Alexa Smith-Osborne, the program's principal investigator.

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FACULTY NOTES

Presentations and Publications

Dr. Regina T. P. Aguirre

PUBLICATIONS:

Aguirre, R.T.P., & Slater, H. (in press). Suicide postvention as suicide prevention: A discussion of the need for postvention and the current efforts in the United States to expand postvention. *Death Studies*.

Machtmes, K., Deggs, D., Johnson, E., Fox, J., Burke, M., Harper, J., Matzke, B., Arcemont, L., Hebert, L., Tarifa, T., Reynaud, A., Aguirre, R.T.P., & Brooks, C. (2009). Teaching qualitative research methods through service-learning. *The Qualitative Report*, 14(1), 155-164. Retrieved from <http://www.nova.edu/ssss/QR/QR14-1/machtmes.pdf>

Aguirre, R.T.P. (in press). Ethics in research module. In E. Congress, P. Black, & K Strom-Gottfried (Eds.), *Teaching social work values and ethics*, 2nd ed. Washington, DC: Council on Social Work Education.

Dr. Randy Basham

PUBLICATIONS:

Basham, R., & Buchanan, F. (2009). A survey comparison of the career motivations of Social Work and Business students. *Journal of Social Work Education*, 45(2), 1-22.

Pillai, V., Basham, R., & Jayasundara, D. (2009). A multivariate analysis of the working poor in Texas: Implications for policy. *Journal of Social Service Research*, 35 (1), 11-22.

Basham, R. E. (2009). Review of: Bambina, A., Online social support: The interplay of social networks and computer-mediated communication. *Journal of Technology in Human Services* 27, 150-155.

Basham, R. (in press). The Graying of Civilization – Service Need, Technology and Social Values Conflict. Proceedings of the 25th National Technology and Social Science Conference of the National Social Science Association (NSSA).

PRESENTATION:

“The Graying of Civilization – Service Need, Technology and Social Values Conflict.” Presented at the 25th National Technology and Social Science Conference, of the National Social Science Association (NSSA), Las Vegas, NV.

Dr. Beverly Black

PUBLICATIONS:

Black, B. M., Peterson, B. L., Weisz, A. N., Kernsmith, P. D., Lewandowski, L. A., Hedge, K. K. (2009). Definitions of violence: African-American and Iraqi refugee adolescents' perceptions. *International Journal of Adolescence and Youth*, 14, 313-331.

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Weisz, A.N. & Black, B.M. (2009). Programs to reduce teen dating violence and sexual assault: Perspectives on what works. NY: Columbia University Press.

Dr. Fran S. Danis

PRESENTATION:

“Adult Daughters of Battered Women: Posttraumatic Growth Following Childhood Trauma.” *Society for Social Work Research*, New Orleans, LA, January 16, 2009. Co-presenters Anderson, K.M. & Havig, K.

Dr. Wayne Duehn

PUBLICATIONS:

Duehn, W. D. (2008). Missing in adoption: Unaddressed issues of loss in adoption. *Adoption Today*, 11, (1), 43.

Duehn, W. D. (2008). Interview with Dr. Wayne Duehn (by T. Wolfe). *Research & Advocacy Digest*. Seattle: Washington Coalition of Sexual Assault Programs. 10 (4), 4-7.

PRESENTATIONS:

“Building Trusting and Respectful Relationships: Working with Court Personnel, Other Disciplines, Community Professionals and our OCS Colleagues.” Invited workshop presented February 10, 2009, for the Office of Community Services, Alexandria, LA.

“Crisis Anticipation, Prevention, De-Escalation and Behavior Management: How To Do It.”

Invited workshop presented February 11, 2009, for the Office of Community Services, Alexandria, LA.

“Innovations and Unaddressed Issues in Adoption Practices (And Foster Care Practices Also!)” Invited workshop presented February 19, 2009, for the Georgia Association of Licensed Adoption Agencies, Lake Lanier Islands, GA.

“Child Sexual Abuse: Identification, Investigation, Interviewing, and Initial Intervention.” Invited workshop presented March 10-11 and March 12-13, 2009, for the Texas Department of Family and Protective Services, Corpus Christi and Weslaco, TX, respectively.

“Client Engagement, Case Planning, and Writing Family Plans of Service in Home-Based Services.” Workshop presented March 17-18, 2009, for the Texas Department of Family and Protective Services, San Antonio, TX.

“Human Sexuality, Sexual Abuse Prevention and Risk Management for Persons with Developmental Disabilities and their Families.” Invited workshop presented March 20, 2009, for Partners in Policymaking, South Dakota Advocacy Services, Ft. Pierre, SD.

“Perpetrator Profiles: Implications for Persons with Developmental Disabilities and their Families.” Invited presentation given March 21, 2009, for the Partners in Policymaking, South Dakota Advocacy Services, Ft. Pierre, SD.

“Crisis Anticipation, Prevention, De-Escalation and Behavior Management: How To Do It.” Invited workshop presented March 26, 2009, for the Office of Community Services, Covington, LA.

“Preparing and Presenting Testimony in Child Abuse and Neglect Litigation.” Invited workshop presented March 27, 2009, for the Office of Community Services, Covington, LA.

“Recent Innovations in Multilevel/Multisystem Family Assessment: Interactional, Behavioral, and Structured Approaches.” Invited workshop presented April 17, 2009, at the 12th Annual Region Five Foster & Adoptive Training Conference, Stephen F. Austin State University, Nacogdoches, TX.

“Child Sexual Abuse: An Advanced Workshop.” Invited workshop presented May 1, 2009, for the Oklahoma University Health Science Center, Norman, OK.

“Sexual Abuse: The Traumatic Effect on Children.” Keynote address presented May 13, 2009, at the Child Protection Mini-Conference, Lake County Shared Services Network, Leesburg, FL.

“The Psychology of the Sex Offender: Implications for Law Enforcement Investigations and Case Management.” Invited workshop presented May 13, 2009, at the Child Protection Mini-Conference, Lake County Shared Services Network, Leesburg, FL.

Dr. Donald K. Granvold

PUBLICATIONS:

Granvold, D.K. (2009). Cognitive restructuring. In A.R. Roberts (Ed.), *Social Workers' Desk Reference* (2nd Edition) (pp. 588-593). New York: Oxford University Press.

Granvold, D.K. (2009). Divorce therapy: The application of cognitive-behavioral and constructivist treatment methods. In A.R. Roberts (Ed.), *Social Workers' Desk Reference* (2nd Edition) (pp. 732-737). New York: Oxford University Press.

PRESENTATION:

Granvold, D.K. “Keep the fire burning: Keys to long-term sexual passion.” Paper presented January 2009 at the 35th Annual Conference of the Texas Association of Marriage and Family Therapy, Fort Worth, TX.

Dr. Rebecca Hegar

PUBLICATIONS:

Hegar, R.L. & Rosenthal, J.A. (in press). Kinship care and sibling placement: Child behavior, family relationships, and school outcomes. *Children & Youth Services Review*. Available at: <http://dx.doi.org/10.1016/j.childyouth.2009.01.002>

Moon, S.S., Hegar, R. L., & Page, J. (in press). TANF status, ethnicity, and early school success. *Children & Youth Services Review*. Available at <http://dx.doi.org/10.1016/j.childyouth.2009.03.008>

PRESENTATIONS:

Hegar, R.L., Jenson, J.M., Thyer, B., Sosin, M.R. (2009). Writing for Publication in Core Social Work Research Journals: Considering Strengths and Sustainability. Society for Social Work Research 2009 Annual Conference, New Orleans, LA, January 15-18, 2009

Strong-Blakeney, A. & Hegar, R.L. (2009). Effects of Vacillating U.S. Policy on Global Reproductive Health. International Consortium for Social Development, 16th Symposium. Monterrey, Mexico, July 27-31, 2009

Dr. Ski Hunter

PRESENTATIONS:

“Lesbian and Gay Parents.” Presented September 2008 for the Family Preservation in San Antonio, TX.

“Making Disclosures of One’s Sexual Orientation.” Presented in November 2008 for NASW/TX in Galveston, TX.

Dr. Cathleen Jordan

PUBLICATIONS:

Jordan, C., Collins, D., & Coleman, H. (2009). *Introduction to Family Social Work*. 3rd Edition. Belmont, CA: Cengage.

Jordan, C. (2009) (editorial board member). *Dictionary of Psychopathology*. Henry Kellerman, editor. NY: Columbia University Press.

Jordan, C. (2009, May) From the President: Farewell, Goodbye, Auf Wiedersehen, So Long! It's Been Fun. *NASW Network*: Vol 33(9).

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PRESENTATION:

Cathleen Jordan and David Cory, (2009). Boomers, Boomerangs, and Bedpans. National Science Association Annual Technology Conference. Las Vegas. April.

Dr. Thomas D. Watts

PUBLICATION:

Watts, T.D. & Fournier, K. (2009). Review of Catholics, Voting and the Common Good. *Social Justice Review* 100 (Nos. 1-2), pp. 28-29.

PRESENTATIONS:

"Faith Based Organizations and the National Social Research Board." Paper delivered at the Association of Christian Economists, 25th Anniversary Conference.

"Three Perspectives on Economics and Faith," April 17, 2009, Baylor University, Waco, TX.

"Faith Based Organizations and Future Funding: Turbulence Ahead." Paper delivered at the Association for the Scientific Study of Religion – Southwest, 2009 Meeting, March 08, 2009, Irving, TX.

Dr. Richard Schoech

PUBLICATION:

Finn, J. & Schoech, D. (Eds.). (2009). Internet-delivered therapeutic interventions in human services: Methods, interventions, and evaluation. NY: Routledge.

Dr. Alexa Smith-Osborne

PUBLICATIONS:

Smith-Osborne, A. (2009). Implications for current veterans in returning to civilian life in the community. *American Journal of Community Psychology* (in press).

Smith-Osborne, A. & Rosenwald, M. (2009). (in press). Exploring the relationship between religiosity and political ideology among social workers. *Journal of Religion and Spirituality in Social Work*

Jani, J., Sowbel, L., Smith-Osborne, A., Yum, J., Mollette, A., Hall, D., & Bina, R. (2009). (in

press). Perceived preparedness and knowledge of substance abuse among recent MSW graduates: Advanced Standing revisited. *Journal of Social Work Practice in the Addictions*

Smith-Osborne, A. & Selby, A. (2009). Reflections on a therapeutic horseback riding experience for a group of aging veterans. *Reflections: Narratives of Professional Helping*, 15, 15-19.

Smith-Osborne, A. (2009). Veterans return to civilian life: Factors associated with a resilient outcome and what social workers can do to help. *Professional Development: The International Journal of Continuing Social Work Education*, 12, 91-112.

PRESENTATIONS:

"Should veterans be treated as a health disparities group? Evidence from the first Gulf War." Presented January, 2009 to the Society for Social Work and Research Annual Conference, New Orleans, LA.

"Evidence on resiliency factors relevant to U.S. Reserve Forces." January 2009 Briefing for Commanding Officer and Staff, 2nd Battalion, 14 Marine Reserves, Joint Reserve Base, Fort Worth, TX,

"The Student Veteran Program: An investigation of best practices in social work for veterans and their families." February 2009 Briefing for Commanding General and Staff, 4th Marine Division, Grand Prairie, TX.

"Health Status and Health-Seeking Behaviors of a National Sample of Gulf War Veterans: Implications for OIF/OEF Veterans." Presented March 2009 at the Biomedical Day/UT Metroplex, Arlington, TX.

"Why social work policy analysis, single system design studies, and other scholarships are critical in times of economic downturn and how honor students need to be involved." April 2009 Keynote Speech at the UT Arlington Phi Alpha Honor Society Induction.

Awards And Honors

Dr. Regina T. P. Aguirre secured funding in September 2008. Faculty Sponsor, Target Foundation Family Violence Prevention Grant, "Co-Parenting Classes for Divorced Families: A Comparative Evaluation of Face-to-Face versus Online Offerings," with P.I. Brad Craig, BSW, MSSW Student at UT Arlington. Total Project Award: \$3000.

Dr. Regina Aguirre has a research module included in the latest publication from CSWE.

Drs. Norman Cobb and **Doreen Elliott** have each been selected to represent UT Arlington in the Regents' Outstanding Teaching Award competition.

Dr. Fran Danis was awarded a grant to conduct an evaluation of the Missouri Sexual Assault Response/Resource Teams Project. The project

funded by the Office for Victims of Crime, U.S. Department of Justice and housed at the Missouri Chapter of the American College of Emergency Physicians, has worked with hospital emergency departments, advocacy organizations and law enforcement agencies to develop linkages across geographic regions in Missouri to facilitate the coordination of services in providing sensitive hospital care to sexual assault victims.

Dr. Fran Danis was appointed as a member of the editorial board of the *Journal of Community Practice*.

Dr. Suk-Young Kang received notification from the Hogg Foundation in March 2009 that he will receive a mental health junior faculty research grant for his project "The Current Financial/Economic Crisis and Its Impact on the Prevalence of Depression Among Korean Immigrant Elders in Dallas-Fort Worth Area."

Dr. Alexa Smith-Osborne, along with graduating MSSW student Bruce Findlay, organized the first student veterans interest organization at UTA as requested by student veterans at last year's UTA Veterans Day Fair.

Dr. Alexa Smith-Osborne, with a charge from the UT Arlington Student Veteran Advisory Council, and the support of Dean Popple, helped organize and became the faculty adviser to the first Military/Veterans Freshman Interest Group. Enrollment of students begins in fall 2009. The SSW is the host department for the new FIG.

Dr. Emily Spence-Almaguer and **James Petrovich** have been awarded an independent evaluation contract for \$125,000 from the United Way of Tarrant County to assess the City of Fort Worth's "Directions Home" plan to make homelessness rare, short term and non-recurring.

Lea Velez, adjunct faculty member, has been selected to represent UT Arlington in the Regents' Outstanding Teaching Award competition in the contingent faculty category.

Dr. Thomas D. Watts was nominated for the UT Arlington award for distinguished record of research or creative activity from the School of Social Work, 2008-2009.

Dr. Vijayan Pillai has been given the honorary position of adjunct professor at Amrita University in Tamil Nadu, India. This honorary position is offered to those who have made significant contributions in their chosen field.

Provost Recognizes Professors

Celebration of Faculty Creative Works; 2007-2008, Work recognized: *Strengthening democracy through community capacity building: A study of four Latin American countries*. Diaz, H. L., Ramirez-Johnson, J., Basham, R. E., & Pillai, V. K., (2008). Office of the Provost and University of Texas Library (2009, April), The University of Texas at Arlington.



David Cory (MSSW 1978), left with fellow honorees, was honored for service to his community by the Mental Health Association of Abilene (MHA). He is a social worker for New Horizons and volunteers with the Teen Addiction Prevention Coalition, Champion for Children's conference, Abilene United Government and other organizations. The mission of MHA is to promote good mental health by providing resources and programs through educational services and to advocate for improved care and treatment of people with mental illnesses.

Erin Granvold (MSSW 1988) was recognized at the YWCA Tribute to Women in Business luncheon March 30 in Fort Worth. Granvold earned two master's degrees at UT Arlington in social work and business. She is the director of the orthopedic-neuroscience program at Plaza Medical Center in Fort Worth. YWCA Fort Worth and Tarrant County honored the county's most outstanding businesswomen and their companies and organizations.

Gail Atwater (MSSW 2001) is a group facilitator at Gilda's Club of North Texas. She was recently noted in the *Dallas Morning News* about the work she has done on the Saving Munger Place United Methodist Church project.

In Memoriam

Eddie Steven Cashion, 52, died Feb. 15 in Temple, Texas. Cashion received his MSSW from UT Arlington in 2000. He was a field supervisor for Tarleton State University and a member of the National Association of Social Workers.

Cashion is survived by his wife of 24 years, Janna, his mother, three children, one grandson and four siblings.

Dr. Linda Morales, 66, died peacefully in her sleep Feb. 11. Dr. Morales received her MSSW from UT Arlington in 1972 and her PhD in 1996. She served as director of the School of Social Work at Stephen F. Austin State University from 2002 until her retirement in September 2007. She had served as a faculty member at SFA since 1988.

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Celebrating Academic Excellence: Students Honored at Convocation

Faculty, students and their families celebrated student achievements at the School of Social Work Academic Excellence Convocation held April 21 in the Rio Grande Ballroom. Presenters for this well-attended event included Kay Smith, executive director for Texas ReEntry Services and a graduate of the School of Social Work. Also presenting were Assistant Professor Dr. Emily Spence-Almaguer and PhD student and Phi Alpha Honor Society President Holli Slater.



Sachi Ando, *University Scholar, Who's Who*

Ando is a PhD student and a member of several honor societies including Golden Key International Honour Society, Phi Beta Delta Honor Society for International Scholars and Phi Alpha Social Work Honor Society. She was accepted to attend Oxford University's prestigious program on forced migration during summer 2008 and was recently recognized in the Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges program.



Friederike Bowman, *University Scholar*

Bowman is a graduating senior and a member of several honor societies including Phi Kappa Phi, Phi Theta Kappa and Sigma Delta Mu.

She was recognized as an outstanding baccalaureate student through the University and also as a student of excellence in Social Work for maintaining a 4.0 GPA. Bowman participates in the Amicus International Student Exchange Program and is a volunteer with the Global Connections Partnership Network.



Stacey Marie Johnson, *University Scholar*

Johnson is a graduating senior and a member of several honor societies, including Phi Alpha, Alpha Chi and Alpha Lambda

Delta. She was recognized as an outstanding baccalaureate student through the University and also as a student of excellence in Social Work for maintaining a 4.0 GPA. Johnson serves as a volunteer ombudsman for Tarrant County nursing homes.



James Petrovich, *University Scholar, Who's Who*

Petrovich is a member of Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society and was recently recognized in the Who's Who Among Students in American Uni-

versities and Colleges program. His research interests include homelessness, the criminalization of homelessness and globalization. Petrovich received a pre-doctoral fellowship through the Veteran's Administration in 2008 and successfully defended his dissertation, "Hardiness and Homelessness: A Strengths-Based Perspective of Service Use by Veterans who are Homeless," March 12, 2009.



Elizabeth Mitchell, *University Scholar*

Mitchell is a second-year MSSW student, where she was recognized for outstanding academic performance and maintained a 4.0

GPA. She co-authored two manuscripts, which are under review for peer-reviewed journals, and completed a research internship with the Dallas Suicide and Crisis Center.



Afton Rutherford, *University Scholar*

Rutherford is a second-year MSSW student, where she was recognized for outstanding academic performance and maintained a

4.0 GPA. She is a member of Phi Alpha Honor Society and the Golden Key International Honour Society. She works full time as a supervisor for Child Protective Services.



Holli Slater, *University Scholar*

Slater graduated with her MSSW in December 2008 and is currently studying for her PhD As an MSSW student, Slater maintained

a 4.0 GPA and was recognized for outstanding academic performance. Her thesis was titled "First Responders: Coping with Community Traumatic Events." Slater is president of Phi Alpha Honor Society and serves as student vice president for Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society.

She was recently selected to attend a national student leadership conference in New Orleans through Phi Kappa Phi and recently co-authored "Suicide Postvention as Suicide Prevention: Improvement and Expansion in the United States," which has been accepted for publication in the peer-reviewed journal *Death Studies*.

Jody Van Drimmelen, *University Scholar*

Van Drimmelen is a graduating senior and a member of Phi Alpha Honor Society. She was recognized as an outstanding baccalaureate student through the University and also as a student of excellence in Social Work for maintaining a 4.0 GPA. Van Drimmelen volunteers at Cook Children's Hospital, where she is a member of the CARE team. She is a volunteer for Texas 211 and LDS Family Services and teaches parenting and marriage classes for her church.

Robert Veigel, *University Scholar*

Veigel is a second-year MSSW student, where he was recognized for outstanding academic performance and maintained a 4.0 GPA. He is a member of Phi Alpha Honor Society and Golden Key International Honour Society and is conducting research related to community perceptions of social workers for his master's thesis.



Ranita Norwood, *McNair Scholar*

Norwood is a graduating senior, where she was recognized for outstanding academic performance and maintained a 3.6 GPA.

Norwood was named a University scholar and participated as a McNair Scholar, completing her research project, "Twelve Years Later: The implications of the Welfare Reform Act of 1996 on women and children living in poverty."

Danielle Lashelle Wilcher, *Who's Who*

Wilcher is a junior in the BSW program and a member of several organizations. She serves as financial secretary for the Lambda Chi Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.; Secretary for the National Pan-Hellenic Council; and Maverick Orientation leader. She is a recent initiate into the Order of Omega Greek Honorary Society and host of various other organizations and awards. Wilcher recently served as a mentor for two young women living at the Methodist Children's Home.

STUDENT NEWS

Social Work Students Attend Legislative Day in Austin



Forty School of Social Work Students participated in Social Work Day at the Legislature. The students were accompanied to Austin by Assistant Professors Diane Mitschke, Emily Spence-Almaguer and Jaimie Page and Associate Professor Joan Rycraft.

FACULTY NOTES

Page Receives Teaching Awards at May Commencement



UT Arlington School of Social Work students vote on two teaching awards annually and announce the recipients' names at the May commencement. The Fernando G. Torgerson Award was established by graduate students to honor a professor for teaching excellence in the graduate program. The BSW Teaching Excellence award goes to a professor in the undergraduate program.

Assistant Professor, Dr. Jaimie Page is this years' recipient of both awards.



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