



Advisory Council Establishes the Jillian Michelle Smith Professorship in Family Violence Research

The UT Arlington School of Social Work Advisory Council officially established the Jillian Michelle Smith Professorship in Family Violence Research in July. "We knew that naming the professorship for her would serve both to honor her actions and inspire future scholars to develop research-based practical solutions for the terrible problem of family violence," said Bob Gladney, Council Chair.

The Council members, by a unanimous decision, pledged to raise \$125,000 to establish this endowment at

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their April 2010 meeting. Each member made a personal contribution and spearheaded the efforts with the Night of Excellence 2011, an annual fundraising event hosted by the School. All proceeds from the event were designated for the new professorship. By May 2011 the Council reached their fundraising goal and the professorship was formally established. These gifts were matched by the UT Arlington Maverick Match program bringing the total endowment to \$250,000.

Arlington Police Officer Jillian Michelle Smith was a 2009 graduate of the UT Arlington College of Liberal Arts, receiving a bachelor's degree in criminal justice. Officer Smith lost her life on December 28, 2010 while responding to a 911 assault call. The suspect had left the scene. While Officer Smith was interviewing the victim and her 11 year old daughter in their apartment, the suspect returned with a gun and began shoot-



Jillian Michelle Smith



Chief Theron T. Bowman

ing. Officer Smith placed herself between the suspect and the child, saving the child's life. Officer Smith and the child's mother were fatally wounded. Arlington Police Chief, Dr. Theron Bowman, a former School of Social Work Advisory Council member and graduate of the UT Arlington School of Urban and Public Affairs, stated "I know that Jillian is honored that her battle against family violence continues."

It is the goal of this professorship to enhance the research of faculty experts in family violence. Doug Smith, Officer Smith's father, said "If my daughter were around she would be

very pleased. Anything positive that comes from the tragedy is a good thing." Dr. Beverly Black is the first to be appointed as the Jillian Michelle Smith Professor in Family Violence Research. Dr. Black is the School of Social Work doctoral program director and has extensive experience researching and pub-



Robert Gladney,
Chairman
Advisory Council

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lishing on the topic of family violence with an emphasis on teen dating violence. About being the first faculty to be appointed, Dr. Black says "It's certainly an honor. My hope is that one day there won't be any more need for research on family violence or adolescent dating violence—that the issue will have been resolved."

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Thank You to our Donors

Dear Friends of the School of Social Work,

The words change, growth and high performance best describe our School of Social Work! Our Texas Legislature encountered the largest budget deficit in the state's history during the 2011 session, but we weathered the storm. We were proactive and made adjustments to our budget prior to the actual cuts. Although the overall proportion of funding from the state is at an all-time low, the School's fundraising efforts are at an all-time high. In the face of significant budget challenges, we have filled those gaps and increased our overall budget through new revenue sources. A few of the highlights reflecting recent change, growth and high performance include:

- The university provided us with additional space. The General Academic Classroom Building in the Social Work complex is once again exclusively for the use of our School. Faculty offices and two classrooms will help accommodate the growth in our enrollment.
- The Office of Information Technology and Communications upgraded our outdated wireless system, and our School is now the most wired location on campus (tied with the College of Engineering) - with additional wireless access points throughout the complex, and a system which has the capacity to maintain a large load of users without sacrificing speed.
- With an enrollment of more than 1,300 students this semester, we are the largest School of Social Work in Texas. Even with the growth of our programs up 38% in less than three years, we are still expanding.
- As of fall 2011, the School of Social Work now offers a new distance MSSW Degree with a Concentration in Direct Practice and a Certificate in Administration. This program is designed to meet the needs of working professionals and will be offered through our UT Arlington Fort Worth Center. Classes meet two evenings per



week and the program is designed to be completed in 24 months.

- We continue to work toward our goal of being more environmentally friendly through the elimination of most printers, use of online classes and classroom technology, new energy efficient tablets for all professors, and use of electronic publications and communications. **GOING GREEN SAVES GREEN**

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- Our new mobile computer labs are available this semester. Faculty now have the ability to reserve as many as 30 computers for student use in any particular class. These computers will come loaded with IBM SPSS (Amos) and other software. This enables our students to increase their technology utilization and skills where they matter most.
- Our School was one of the first at UT Arlington to move student feedback forms completely online. Because of our amazing 66% response rate, the entire university will be following our lead this next academic year. The process done by our School will be looked at by the Provost's

Office to help improve the response rate across the campus.

- Our three center changes, the Center for Clinical Social Work, the Center for Addiction and Recovery Studies, and the Center for Advocacy, Nonprofit and Donor Organizations, have all been approved by the Provost and President to lead scholarship, service and education in their respective areas. **CENTER UPDATES**
- Two new endowed professorships have also been established; the Jillian Michelle Smith Professorship in Family Violence Research (awarded to Dr. Beverly Black) and the Cheryl Milkes Moore Professorship in Mental Health Research (awarded to Dr. Cathleen Jordan). **TWO PROFESSORSHIPS** I was also recently honored to receive the Jenkins Garrett Professorship in Social Work for excellence in teaching, research and service.
- Our exemplary faculty continues to garner recognition both locally and nationally. **FACULTY AWARDS**

We are very excited about the new academic year and hope you enjoy reading more about our activities.

Scott D. Ryan, MSW, MBA, Ph.D.
Dean & Jenkins Garrett Professor



2011 Night of Excellence – Hollywood Style

The 2011 Night of Excellence, honoring retiring professor Dr. Muriel M. Yu, was held at the Hilton Arlington on Friday, April 29th. The Hollywood-themed event featured a red carpet for arrivals and professional photos in commemorative frames for guests.

Donna Darovich returned as Master of Ceremonies. Jane Pittman Avila (MSSW '90) was presented the Esteemed Alumni Award. SafeHaven President & CEO Mary Lee Hafley delivered the keynote address "Family Violence and the Community: Current Impact, Future Direction."

Advisory Council Chairman Bob Gladney spoke about the role and importance of the endowed professorship in family violence research, which would benefit from the evening's proceeds.

At right: Esteemed Alumni Jane Pittman Avila and Dean Scott Ryan



Dr. Muriel M. Yu was honored at the 2011 Night of Excellence



Bob Gladney
Advisory Council Chairman



Donna Darovich
Master of Ceremonies



Mary Lee Hafley, Keynote Speaker,
SafeHaven President & CEO

Blended testing methods could benefit student veterans

(Reprinted with permission from the April 14, 2011 issue of MavWire)

Social work and bioengineering professors are collaborating on research they think will lead to better treatment for veterans suffering from Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) and Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI).

Alexa Smith-Osborne, an assistant professor of social work, and Hanli Liu, a bioengineering professor, are marrying their methods of evaluating PTSD and TBI to better serve veterans who suffer from those conditions.

Dr. Liu says her brain-scanning device is much easier to use and less costly than using a functional MRI machine where the patient could spend about 40 minutes in a tube.

The duo hopes to provide veterans with a better baseline on their learning abil-



ity. They hope that information also could provide the Veterans Administration and health care providers with needed information on how to address these veterans' cases of PTSD or TBI.

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School Receives Two New Professorships

The 2011 academic year brought two new professorships to the School. For more than 25 years the Roy Dulak Professorship for the Graduate School of Social Work was the school's sole professorship. Due to the generosity of the Kalman and Ida Wolens Foundation and to the successful efforts of the School's Advisory Council, two new professorships were funded and approved by the Board of Regents this past summer.

The Cheryl Milkes Moore Professorship in Mental Health Research



Dr. Cathleen Jordan, Cheryl Milkes Moore Professor in Mental Health Research

The Kalman and Ida Wolens Foundation funded a request to establish The Cheryl Milkes Moore Professorship in Mental Health Research and the request to approve the professorship was approved by the Board of Regents in August. The Foundation established the Professorship in memory of their family member, Cheryl Milkes Moore. At the time of her death in April 2010, Ms. Moore was in the final semester before she was to receive her MSSW degree from the

UT Arlington School of Social Work.

Cheryl was a highly successful attorney in practice with a leading law firm in Dallas, Texas in 2009. That same year she made a decision to enhance her professional expertise and to pursue a MSSW degree. She was an avid advocate for people suffering from mental health issues including alcohol and drug dependency.

Dr. Cathleen Jordan is the first to be appointed the Cheryl Milkes Moore Professor in Mental Health Research. Dr. Jordan is a national expert in the area of family assessment and treatment, clinical research and program evaluation.

The Jillian Michelle Smith Professorship in Family Violence Research

The UT Arlington School of Social Work Advisory Council, led by Chairman Bob Gladney, pledged to fund a professorship in April 2010. In May 2011 the Council reached their fundraising goal of \$125,000 and formally requested approval to establish the professorship. The university's Maverick Match brought the entire amount to the \$250,000 needed to endow the professorship.

In the summer of 2011 the Jillian Michelle



Dr. Beverly Black, Jillian Michelle Smith Professor in Family Violence Research

Smith Professorship in Family Violence Research was approved by the University of Texas Board of Regents.

The professorship is named for Arlington Police Officer Jillian Michelle Smith. Smith was fatally wounded in December 2010 while responding to a 911 family violence call.

Dr. Beverly Black is the first to be appointed as the Jillian Michelle Smith Professor in Family Violence Research. Dr. Black is the School of Social Work doctoral program director and has extensive experience researching and publishing on the topic of family violence with an emphasis on teen dating violence.

New Appointments at the School of Social Work and Changes

Dr. Debra Woody assumes the SSW Associate Dean for Academic Affairs role as of September 1st.

New Assistant Professors:

Eusebius Small
Courtney Cronley
Gail Adorno
Katherine Sanchez

New titles for clinical faculty:

Ellen Murphy, Associate Professor in Practice

Yvonne Butler, Assistant Professor in Practice, Associate Director of Field Instruction

Beth Amey, Director of Student Success, Assistant Professor in Practice

Jan Finch, Assistant Professor in Practice

Jane Hickerson, Assistant Professor in Practice

Resigned/Retired:

Suk-Young Kang - Resigned

Jaimie Page - Resigned

Heather Edwards - Resigned

Pat Gleason-Wynn - Resigned

Muriel Yu - Retired

Don Granvold - Phased Retirement

Ski Hunter - Phased Retirement

Tom Watts - Phased Retirement

Jaime Palma - transferred to Students with Disabilities

New staff:

Benjamin Gregory, Computer User Services Assistant

John Erangey, Web Specialist

Brandon Anderson, CCW Admin I

Other changes include:

Center for Clinical Social Work (formerly Community Services Clinic), directed by **Dr. Peter Lehmann**

Center for Advocacy, Nonprofits and Donor Organizations (formerly Community Services Center), directed by **Dr. Rick Hoefler**

Center for Addiction and Recovery Studies (formerly New Connections), directed by **Dr. Debra Woody**.

Center Updates

The Center for Advocacy, Nonprofits and Donor Organizations (CAN-DO)

Dr. Rick Hoefer was recently named Director for the new Center for Advocacy, Nonprofits and Donor Organizations. The purpose for this center is to improve nonprofit sustainability through research, management training, student recruitment and education, and to improve understanding of the unique relationship between nonprofits and donor organizations

The Center for Advocacy, Nonprofits and Donor Organizations assists advocacy groups, human service nonprofits and donor organizations function more effectively and efficiently. CAN-DO will do this by:

1. Conducting research to increase empirically-supported practices at the organizational level;
2. Educating existing and potential leaders in the field through degree programs and continuing education and training opportunities;
3. Providing linkages between MSSW students in the Community and Administration Practice Concentration, the School of Urban and Public Administration students, and Ph.D. students in the Schools of Social Work and Public Administration

with community agencies. This also means providing paid, structured learning experiences for students with a strong interest in working in the nonprofit sector to work with faculty to fulfill the purposes of CAN-DO; and

4. Promoting the important role of this sector of the economy in supporting flourishing, civically engaged, healthy communities which are vital for promoting social and economic justice.

Center for Clinical Social Work (CCSW)

The Center for Clinical Work is the new name for the former Community Services Clinic. "The new name better reflects who we are and the work we do" reports Dr. Peter Lehmann, Director for the CCSW.

The long-time contract with Arlington Independent School District continues. Through this contract faculty and graduate students provide counseling and support services to children and their families, referred by teachers and counselors within the Arlington public school system. Dr. Lehmann also continues his research on batterer intervention.

One new initiative involves developing a parenting program designed for parents of children within the Child Protective Services system. Also new, is work being done to develop and implement programs for older adults. Through both of these new initiatives, involvement with community partners is a key component.

The CCSW continues to be a training site for School of Social Work BSW and MSSW students as well as a site for PhD students to conduct research. Faculty provide supervision and support and are actively involved in the research being conducted.

Center for Addiction and Recovery Studies (CARS)

The Center for Addiction and Recovery Studies is located on the campus of the UT Southwestern medical complex in Dallas, Texas. Dr. Debra Woody is the Center Director and Sherri Dunn was recently named the Program Director. Five projects are offered to the community through New Connection programs. These projects provide the base for CARS research and evaluation studies as well for mounting and testing new empirically-based interventions.

Through the New Connection programs, UT Arlington School of Social Work has provided service and affiliation to the community, opportunities for research, and field internship experiences for students for more than four years. The Center for Addiction & Recovery Studies exhibits, as a Research Center, support for UT Arlington's Tier I aspirations through supporting the Center's development as a leader in the study of healthy family functioning and in the field of addictions. The CARS provides an administrative umbrella for the programs while expanding the scope of activities to include UT Arlington School of Social Work faculty research, including research that is externally funded, testing and evaluation of innovative programs and services in order to inform the development of new evidence-based practices, and the training of doctoral, master's and baccalaureate students in service delivery, practice, evaluation and research.

Judith Birmingham Center for Child Welfare

The Judith Granger Birmingham Center for Child Welfare (CCW), directed by Dr. Maria Scannapieco, serves as a research and resource center for Texas, the Southwest, and the nation in the advancement and dissemination of knowledge to improve the conditions of vulnerable children and their families. Research, education, and dissemination efforts address the basic rights of children to be nurtured and protected by their families with the support of their communities.

Hundreds of students have received Title IV-E stipend funds through the contract, as well as support from the CCW, since 1996. Professional education is enhanced through the development of child welfare specific

training modules and courses. The Texas Teen Conference accommodates 142 foster care youth and 62 adult sponsors.

The CCW is in the final year of a five year federal grant through the Children's Bureau, called Mountains and Plains Child Welfare Implementation Center (MPCWIC). MPCWIC are partners with The University of Denver Butler Institute for Families (Denver, Colorado) and the Native American Training Institute (Bismarck, North Dakota).

The CCW also has several State and Regional grants to do program evaluation in areas of foster care, Independent Living, youth after foster care and other child welfare program areas.

Going Green Saves Green

The School of Social Work continues the work toward our goal of being more environmentally friendly and cutting costs. Some of our initiatives this year include:

- No new printers have been purchased in over a year, and printers are being phased out wherever possible. Remaining printers are shared, and set to print front & back, automatically cutting paper use in half.
- The practice of scanning and emailing is replacing the need for facsimile machines and paper.
- More classes are available online and our professors have embraced the *Blackboard* technology, which engages students more effectively and virtually eliminates the need for paper.
- Beginning this fall, most professors will be equipped with HP Tablets, which will replace older, less energy-efficient computers. The technology included in the Tablets also enables users to have better remote access, thereby diminishing vehicle traffic and pollution.
- The SSW newsletter is now published in electronic format only, with an annual cost savings of more than \$9000, and 206,400 sheets of paper saved.

In Memoriam



Dr. James W. Callicutt was born on August 21, 1928 in Memphis, Tennessee and died at his home in Arlington, Texas on September

15, 2011. Dr. Callicutt was remembered for his accomplishments and honorable life at a memorial service in Arlington on September 20, 2011. Dr. Norman Cobb officiated and former colleagues and students, Norma Cole, Joanne Tenery, Leonard Long, Dr. Ted Watson and Francine Pratt made personal comments about their friend and mentor.

In 2007, Dr. Callicutt was the recipient of

the highest honor the National Association of Social Work bestows, the Social Work Pioneer award. Dr. Callicutt was on the original faculty when the UT Arlington Graduate School of Social Work began providing classes in 1968. He retired in 2008 and was conferred as a professor emeritus.



Sybil Marie Dodson (MSSW '73) died on October 8, 2010 at the Brooks-Howell Home in Asheville, North Carolina. Sybil was an inspiration and her

spirit continues to enrich many in Western North Carolina.

Patchner and Kuhn Facilitate Strategic Plan Process

As the School of Social Work enters its 45th year we are embarking on an exciting year-long process of strategic planning, facilitated by Dr. Michael Patchner, Dean of the Indiana University School of Social Work, and Marilyn Kuhn, Senior Consultant, Training & Organization Development, Indiana University-Purdue University, Indianapolis. The entire faculty and staff of the School will actively participate in developing a document that will guide the School's progress over the next five years. The plan will be guided by values-based measurable goals that respond to

emerging challenges and opportunities, and marshal our collective efforts aimed at delivering educational excellence for professional social workers, and at positively impacting the lives of vulnerable and disadvantaged people in North Texas and beyond. Drs. John Bricout and Cathleen Jordan will co-chair a committee to ensure the consolidation and forward motion of the planning process, consisting of eight members who represent the various constituents of the School and our community partners.

Center for Child Welfare Provides Training

In order to equip child welfare practitioners with current, detailed, and scientific knowledge about effective practice models, ways to support the adequate development of children and families, and strategies to preserve families, the CWC recently offered these training opportunities:

November 10, 2010
Child Sexual Abuse, Unlocking the Secret
Lindsey Dula

March 25, 2011
Child Sexual Abuse, Unlocking the Secret
Lindsey Dula

April 1, 2011
Supporting Relationships between Children and Their Families
James Spivey

April 15, 2011
Transition to Supervisor: Ten Tips and More
Vicky Hina

May 6, 2011
Supporting Relationships between Children and Their Families
James Spivey

On April 29, 2011, the CCW sponsored the *Dallas County Child Abuse Prevention Awareness Event* in Dallas.

At the Center's 15th Annual Symposium on May 18, 2011, **Dawn Lew & Mandi Sheridan-Kimball** held a morning training session on *Human Trafficking*. An afternoon session on *Treating Behavioral Problems in Children of Trauma* was led by **Melissa Caldwell-Engle**.

From June 29 through July 1, 2011 the CCW hosted the *Texas Teen Conference for Foster Youth Aging Out of Care* at the University Center on campus.

Faculty Awards

Dr. Beverly Black was named as the *Jillian Michelle Smith Professor in Family Violence Research*.

Dr. Fran Danis, in partnership with the Rutgers University School of Social Work's Center on Violence against Women and their Children, has received \$201,835 to conduct a research study measuring the impact of an economic empowerment intervention for survivors of intimate partner violence. The curriculum, developed by the Allstate Foundation, seeks to improve survivor lives on a number of variables including all forms of abuse, economic empowerment, economic self-sufficiency, economic self-efficacy, quality of life, and emotional health.

Dr. Don Granvold has been named as a recipient of the UT System Regents' Outstanding Teaching Award. Acknowledging outstanding undergraduate faculty performance and innovation, the award is

offered in recognition of those who serve our students in an exemplary manner.

Dr. Catheleen Jordan was named as the *Cheryl Milkes Moore Professor in Mental Health Research*.

Dr. Catheleen Jordan & Dr. Peter Lehmann were awarded a grant for YODA: A Youth Offender Diversion Alternative Program to Prevent Future Family Violence. The Amon Carter Foundation funded the iCAP project.

Dr. Vijayan Pillai was appointed as Editor for *Social Development Issues*, sponsored by the International Consortium on Social Development.

Dr. Scott Ryan was awarded the Jenkins Garrett Professorship for excellence in teaching, research and service.

Dr. Joan Rycraft was the 2009-2010

recipient of the annual McNair Service Recognition award. This honor recognizes Dr. Rycraft's lengthy history of service to the program as mentor and long-time member of the McNair Selection Committee.

Dr. Dick Schoech and **Dr. Juan Enrique Huerta** authored the article "Experiential learning and learning environments: The case of active listening skills" which was chosen as the *Journal of Social Work Education* Best Empirical Article of 2010. (They will be honored at the CSWE APM in Atlanta.)

Dr. Alexa Smith-Osborne was awarded a \$15,000 grant from the Hogg Foundation for Mental Health for *A randomized clinical trial of supported education for veterans*.

Dr. Larry Watson was appointed to serve on the Mission Effectiveness Committee of Catholic Charities of Fort Worth.

Dr. Regina Aguirre

PUBLICATION:

Aguirre, R., Lehmann, P., & Patton, J. (2011). A qualitative look at the perceived strengths of male batterers: Implications for intervention programs. *Journal of Family Social Work, 14*(2), 125-143. doi:10.1080/10522158.2011.548138

PRESENTATIONS:

Aguirre, R., & Whitehill, K. (2011, May). *Why do people volunteer to provide crisis services?: A meta-synthesis*. International Congress of Qualitative Inquiry, Champaign-Urbana, IL.

Aguirre, R., Manning, S., & Culver, L. (2011, April). *Suicide survivors online: What do they tell us of how to help them?* American Association of Suicidology Annual Meeting, Portland, OR.

Ruiz, E., Aguirre, R., Mitschke, D. (2011, January). *Barriers to non-U.S. born Latinos' use of mental healthcare: Are they what we think?* Annual Conference of the Society for Social Work and Research, Tampa, FL.

Dr. Joan Blakey

PUBLICATION:

Blakey, J. (In press). The Best of Both Worlds: How Kinship Care Impacts Reunification. *Families in Society*.

Dr. Fran Danis

PUBLICATION:

Anderson, K., Danis, F., & Havig, K. (2011). Adult Daughters of Battered Women: Recovery and Posttraumatic Growth Following Childhood Adversity. *Families in Society, 92* (2), 154-160. doi:10.1606/1044-3894.4092

PRESENTATIONS:

Danis, F. & Black, B. (2011, May). *Reclaiming feminist social work practice in domestic violence shelter services*. Unsettling Feminisms Conference, Chicago, IL.

Black, B. & Danis, F. (2011, May). *Feminist pedagogy – lived experience in the classroom*. Unsettling Feminisms Conference, Chicago, IL.

Dr. Wayne D. Duehn

PRESENTATIONS:

Duehn, W. (2011, March). *Creating sexual safety and promoting healing (recovery) in adoption and foster care*. Invited workshop presented at the Annual Iowa Foster and Adoptive Parents Association Conference, Des Moines, IA.

Duehn, W. (2011, March). *You little devil you!: How the child welfare system demonizes our children*. Invited workshop presented at the Annual Iowa Foster and Adoptive Parents

Association Conference, Des Moines, IA.

Duehn, W. (2011, March). *Hurt and loss: An accelerated course in creating safety and healing for children and their parents*. Invited workshop presented at the Annual Iowa Foster and Adoptive Parents Association Conference, Des Moines, IA.

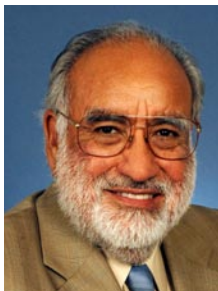
Duehn, W. (2011, March). *Risk assessment and sexual safety for persons with disabilities*. Invited workshops presented for the South Dakota Council on Developmental Disabilities and the Center for Disabilities, Sanford School of Medicine, The University of South Dakota, Rapid City and Mitchell, SD, respectively.

Duehn, W. (2011, March). *Human sexuality, sexual abuse prevention and risk management for persons with developmental disabilities and their families*. Invited workshop presented for Partners in Policymaking, South Dakota Advocacy Services, Ft. Pierre, SD.

Duehn, W. (2011, March). *Perpetrator profiles: Implications for persons with developmental disabilities and their families*. Invited presentation for Partners in Policymaking, South Dakota Advocacy Services, Ft. Pierre, SD.

Duehn, W. (2011, March). *Let's get it right: Multisystem/multilevel assessments in the*

Santos Hernández Appointed Professor Emeritus and Dean Emeritus



Dr. Santos H. Hernández was conferred Professor Emeritus and Dean Emeritus at the meeting of the University Faculty on September 26, 2011. The award signifies respect and appreciation from colleagues for Dr. Hernández's contributions as a teacher, scholar and member of the academic community. Dr. Hernández was Dean of the School of Social Work from 1998-2008.

home study and post-placement services. Invited workshop presented for the Safe Children Coalition, Sarasota, FL.

Duehn, W. (2011, March). *Beyond sexual abuse: The healing power of foster and adoptive families.* Invited workshop presented for the Safe Children Coalition, Sarasota, FL.

Duehn, W. (2011, March). *Assessment and treatment of sex offenders: Risk assessment, case management issues and permanency decision implication.* Invited workshop presented at the Annual Hillsborough Kids Conference, Tampa, FL.

Duehn, W. (2011, March) *Sexual safety in placement.* Invited workshop presented at the University of South Florida, Tampa, FL.

Duehn, W. (2011, April). *Beyond sexual abuse: The healing power of adoptive families.* Invited workshop presented at the Statewide Adoption Partners Conference, Wisconsin Dells, WI.

Duehn, W. (2011, April). *Let's get it right: Multisystem/multilevel assessments.* Invited workshop presented at the Statewide Adoption Partners Conference, Wisconsin Dells, WI.

Duehn, W. (2011, April). *Sexual safety: A prerequisite to healing.* Invited workshop presented at the Statewide Adoption Part-

ners Conference, Wisconsin Dells, WI.

Duehn, W. (2011, April). *New perspectives on children in our child welfare/mental health systems.* Keynote address presented at the 23rd Annual Washington County Child Abuse and Neglect Conference, Hagerstown, MD.

Duehn, W. (2011, April). *Brains, bonds and behaviors: Living with hurt, scared and angry kids.* Invited workshop presented at the 23rd Annual Washington County Child Abuse and Neglect Conference, Hagerstown, MD.

Duehn, W. (2011, April). *Child sexual abuse: Dealing with the traumatic aftermath.* Invited workshop presented at the Oklahoma State CASA Conference, Oklahoma City, OK.

Duehn, W. (2011, May). *Reunification of sexually abusive families: when, how, and if?* Invited workshop presented for the Louisiana State Department of Children and Family Services, Alexandria, LA.

Duehn, W. (2011, June). *Compassion fatigue - The high cost of caring: Self care issues for CPS investigators.* Invited workshop presented for the Texas Department of Family and Protective Services, San Antonio, TX.

Dr. Rebecca Hegar

PUBLICATIONS:
Watson, L., Hegar, R. & Patton, J. (in press). State/university collaboration to strengthen children's residential and placement services. *Residential Treatment for Children and Youth.*

Lee, J., Moon, S. & Hegar, R. (in press). Exploring gender gaps in mathematics achievements within and between ethnic groups. *Child Indicators Research.* doi:10.1007/s12187-010-9088-9

Ryan, S., Hinterlong, J., Hegar, R., & Johnson, L. (2010). Kin adopting kin: In the best interests of the children? *Children & Youth Services Review, 32*(12), 1631-1639. doi:10.1016/j.childyouth.2010.06.013

Hegar, R. & Rosenthal, J. (2011). Foster children placed with or separated from siblings: Outcomes based on a national sample. *Children and Youth Services Review, 33* (7), 1245-1253. doi:10.1016/j.childyouth.2011.02.020

PRESENTATION:

Fraser, M., Hegar, R., Howard, M., Sosin, M., & Thyer, B. (2011, January). *Publishing empirical studies in social work.* Paper presented at Society for Social Work and Research 2011 Annual Conference, Tampa, FL.

Dr. Ski Hunter

PUBLICATIONS:

Hunter, S. (2010). Lesbian and Gay Parenting. In C. Jordan and C. Franklin (Eds.), *Clinical assessment for social workers: Quantitative and qualitative methods.* Chicago: Lyceum Books.

Hunter, S. (2010). *Effects of Conservative Religion on Lesbian and Gay Clients and Practitioners - Practice Implications.* Washington, D.C.: NASW Press.

Hunter, S. (in press) *Lesbian and Gay Couples: Lives, Issues, and Practice.* Chicago: Lyceum Books.

Dr. Cathleen Jordan

PUBLICATIONS:

Jordan, C. & Franklin, C. (2011). *Clinical assessment for social workers: Quantitative and qualitative methods.* (3rd ed.). Lyceum Books.

Barrera, I. & Jordan, C. (2011, June). Potentially harmful practices: Using the DSM with people of color. *Social Work in Health Care, 9* (4), 272-286. doi:10.1080/15332985.2011.554306

PRESENTATIONS:

Jordan, C., Cory, D. & Russe, F. (2011, June). *Keeping seniors connected with their baby boomer children and others.* Presented at the Festival of International Conferences on Caregiving, Disability, Aging and Technology, Toronto, Canada.

Dr. Diane Mitschke

PUBLICATIONS:

Slater, H., Mitschke, D., & Douthit, P. (in press). Understanding qualities of positive relationship dynamics between adolescent parents and their school-based counselors. *Journal of Family Social Work.*

Mitschke, D., Mitschke, A., Slater, H., & Teboh, C. (in press). Uncovering health and wellness needs of recently resettled Karen refugees from Burma. *Journal of Human Behavior in the Social Environment.*

Mitschke, D. & Petrovich, J. (2011). Improving Social Work students' understanding of health and social justice knowledge through the implementation of service learning at a free community health clinic. *Journal of Human Behavior in the Social Environment, 21*(1), 97-108. doi:10.1080/10911359.2011.535733

Mitschke, D. & Mitschke, A. (in press). Refugee voices: Health issues. In D. Elliott & U. Segal (Eds.), *Refugees Worldwide, Volume II*. Praeger Publishers.

Mitschke, D. & Mitschke, A. (in press). Refugee voices: Policy issues. In D. Elliott & U. Segal (Eds.), *Refugees Worldwide, Volume III*. Praeger Publishers.

Dr. Sung Seek Moon

PUBLICATIONS:

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Shirley Adams (MSSW '76) Although retired from many years of service with the Texas Youth Commission and later, the City of Arlington Housing office, Shirley and her husband remain active in the community. She has been the treasurer for the Martin Luther King Day celebration for many years and is an active UT Alumni Association member. She works diligently to support people struggling with cancer.



Yewande Adalumo (BSW '11) is a Social Worker with the Texas Department of Family Protective Services.



Jane Pittman Avila (MSSW '90) was presented the Esteemed Alumni Award at the 2011 Night of Excellence in April.



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Joseph P. Bohanon (BSW '96 & MSSW '97), has been named President of the Pawnee Nation College, located on the Pawnee Nation Reserve in Oklahoma.



Alan J. Dettlaff (PhD '04) is currently an assistant professor in the Jane Addams College of Social Work at the University of Illinois at Chicago. He received his MSSW in 1999 and his PhD in Social Work from UT Arlington School of Social Work in 2004. His research focuses on improving outcomes for African American and Latino children in the child welfare system, improving cultural competence, and influencing statewide responses to racial disparities. Specifically, he currently conducts research examining disparities in child welfare decision points and in studies examining the outcomes experienced by Latino children based on factors such as generation status and country of origin. He is also Principal Investigator of the Jane Addams Child Welfare Traineeship Project, which provides advanced training and financial assistance to students pursuing careers in child welfare.



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Walter Nguyen (PhD '94) was mentioned in an article about domestic violence in the August 12, 2011 edition of The Dallas Morning News. Mr. Nguyen is the executive director and founder of Mosaic Family Services, a Dallas nonprofit which helps immigrants and refugees escape abusive spouses. *(Photo by Louis DeLuca)*



Shalene Pierce (MSSW '02) is a primary therapist at Trails Carolina, a wilderness therapy program in North Carolina. Shalene is also skilled in the following areas of treatment: mood disorders, identity development, depression, anxiety disorders, oppositional defiance, and attachment issues.



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March Mixer Celebrates Social Work Month

By Yvonne D. Butler, MSW, ACSW
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In celebration of social work month (and our return from Spring break), the Student Relations Committee and the Social Work Constituency Council sponsored a faculty, staff and student mixer on March 21st. Over 200 participants had their spirits lifted by a delightful array of delicious desserts and by the opportunity to spend time together. Dr. John Bricout welcomed the group, and spoke to the students about the importance of their participation in student activities. Information was provided by our student organizations, SWCC and Phi Alpha; and NASW was in the house as a reminder of what our professional organization can offer. Although it was difficult to eclipse the cakes and candies, it was a real treat to see ourselves on the big screen – pictures from this year's faculty flipper and other very special events, thanks to Jaime Palma.

The 2011 Student Relations Committee is: Yvonne Butler, Chair; Beth Amy, Doreen Elliott, Suk Young Kang, Estella Devine and Evan McAdams.

Joshua Barry named as Minuteman Award recipient

Graduate student Joshua Barry was named as the National Guard Bureau's 2010 Outstanding Air National Guard Chaplain Assistant of the Year; the Minuteman Award. Barry serves as Tech Sgt of the 137th Air Refueling Wing and was honored with the award for his outstanding service at Will Rogers Air National Guard Base in Oklahoma and at Dover Air Force Base in Delaware. One of his duties was to assist the families of dead war heroes as their remains were sent home to be buried. Barry said "There is not a day that passes that I'm not reminded of the sacrifice young men and women of this country have made to ensure our freedom."



Staff Sgt. Joshua Barry, chaplain assistant, is congratulated by Col. Wooden, vice wing commander. Barry was awarded the 2010 ANG Chaplain Assistant of the Year award during the NG Joint Chaplains and Chaplain Assistants Conference on Jan. 25, in Washington, D.C.

Pone leads Army to victory at National Championships



Anthony Pone was one of three Movin' Mavs team members who helped lead the Army past the Marines at the 2011 Army Warrior Transition Unit (WTU) National Basketball

Championships, held in Colorado last May.

The WTU Games are an annual event put together in cooperation with the Department of Defense and the U.S. Paralympics as a way to help injured service veterans transition back into civilian life through participation in sports and recreation.

Pone graduated with his Bachelor of Social Work in May and plans to earn his master's degree. His career goal is to help fellow veterans, which he has already done through a Wounded Warriors Project tournament sponsored by the Movin' Mavs in December.

Social Work Extravaganza Sale

By Dr. Beth Amey



The first annual Social Work Extravaganza Sale was held on Saturday, May 7th, 2011 from 7:30am-2:30pm in the parking lot of the UT Arlington School of Social Work. The theme of "Come to the lot and see what we've got!!!" enticed large numbers of shoppers to the parking lot throughout the day. Organized and hosted by the Social Work Constituency Council (the School of Social Work's student organization) and with assistance from the Phi Alpha Honor Society

(the School of Social Work's academic honor society), the students put in many long hours planning the event, collecting and accepting donations, organizing all of the donations for the day of the event as well as manning the tables the day of the event. The students were able to raise over \$800.00 during this one day event!

The purpose of the sale was to raise funds for the students of the School of Social Work to attend and participate in Social Work Student Day at the Legislature which will be held in April 2012 in Austin at the state capitol and to also support the organizations. The event was extremely successful and will be an annual event. The Social Work Constituency Council and Phi Alpha Honor Society will continue to fundraise during the Fall 2011 and Spring 2012 semesters to be able to fund the buses and items needed to attend Student Day in Austin. Don't forget about us as you begin to do your spring cleaning in 2012!

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