Ph.D. Newsletter

Director’s Note

In March, Drs. Smith-Osborne and Rycraft, along with doctoral students Laura Frank and Nada Elias-Lambert presented a panel discussion about mentoring at a brown bag. Hope you can make future brown bags.

Doctoral program hosted visits from two doctoral applicants. Thanks so much to the many doctoral students who talked with applicants about our program. It is clear that the best recruiters are students.

I am happy to say I have already heard from many of our doctoral students that they had papers accepted to present at CSWE-APM in November including six first year students.

Publications & Awards

Doctoral students’ recent publications and there are probably many we have not heard about.


Presentations

• **Chigbu, K.** (February 2012). Presented a paper entitled: “New Approach to Large-Scale Violence Prevention in an Era of Globalization” at the University of California, Santa Barbara Global Studies Conference.

• **Chigbu, K.** (March 2012). Presented a paper entitled “Child Sexual Abuse in Armed Conflict Situations: Prevention, Detection, Treatment and Punishment Implications” at the 2nd International Conference on Child Sexual Abuse in Africa.

• **Chigbu, K.** (March 2012). Presented a paper entitled: “Radicalization and the Spread of Terrorism: The Contagion and Social Learning Theories” at ACES, Arlington, TX.

• **Elias-Lambert, N.** (with Boyas) Poster presentation at the 2011 National Hispanic Science Network on Drug Abuse (NHSN) Scientific Conference “Pathways toward Health Equities in Hispanic Populations”, Coral Gables, FL.

• **Maleku, A., Barmeet, T., & Kim, Y.J.** Presented a poster on “Theorizing in the Journal of Evidence Based Social Work” at ACES Conference, University of Texas at Arlington.

• **Wallace, C.** Presented a poster in March titled “Care for the Dying Comparing Theoretical Perspectives” at ACES Conference, University of Texas at Arlington.

• **Ruíz, E.** (with Aguirre, R.) Presented a paper entitled: “Attitudes & Beliefs of Latino’s with Diabetes Deciphering the Lived Experience of Being Diagnosed” at SSWR Conference in Washington D.C.

• **Whitehill, K.** (with Smith-Osborne, A.) Presented a paper entitled: “Technology-Mediated Case Management to Enhance Community Reintegration among Veterans with Mental Health Risks” at SSWR.


• **Whitehill, K. M.** (2012, May) How Can I Become Resilient? Keynote Speaker at the Lewisville Senior Health Fair, Lewisville, TX.


• **Preble, K.** Presented a poster on “Assessing the validity of the Vulnerability Index: Does it capture medical vulnerability among the homeless” May 30 2012 in Washington D.C. at the Society for Prevention Research.


Doctoral Student Dissertation Grants


• **Fulbright-Hays-Doctoral Dissertation Research Abroad:** This program provides grants to colleges and universities to fund individual doctoral students who conduct research in other countries. [http://www2.ed.gov/programs/iegpsddrap/index.html](http://www2.ed.gov/programs/iegpsddrap/index.html)


• **Jack Kent Cooke Dissertation Fellowship Award**

The Jack Kent Cooke Dissertation Fellowship Award supports advanced doctoral students who are completing dissertations that further the understanding of the educational pathways and experiences of high-achieving, low-income students. Eligible applicants must have completed all pre-dissertation requirements. [http://www.jkcf.org/scholarships/graduate-scholarships/jack-kent-cooke-dissertation-fellowship-award/](http://www.jkcf.org/scholarships/graduate-scholarships/jack-kent-cooke-dissertation-fellowship-award/)
Congratulations to our Spring & Summer 2012 Graduates

- **Chloe Corbett**: Dissertation “Exploring Emerging Advocacy Networks among NGOs Fighting Female Sex Trade Human Trafficking in Japan” chaired by Dr. Sung Seek Moon.
- **John Gallagher**: Dissertation “Evaluating Drug Court Effectiveness and Exploring Racial Disparities in Drug Court Outcomes: A Mixed Methods Study” chaired by Dr. Joan Rycraft. Dr. Gallagher has accepted an Assistant Professor position at the Indiana University School of Work. He will be working at the South Bend campus.
- **Alicia Patterson**: Dissertation “Emerging Adulthood as a Unique Stage in Erikson’s Psychosocial Development Theory: Incarnation v. Impudence” chaired by Dr. Maria Scannapieco.
- **Patricia Moser**: Dissertation “Posttraumatic Growth and Positive Macro Level Outcomes Study” chaired by Dr. Joan Rycraft.
- **Shing Pang**: Dissertation “Teenage Waist-land: Social and Environmental Determinants of Childhood Obesity” chaired by Dr. Debra Woody.
- **Sadia Saeed**: Dissertation “Modeling Son Preference in Pakistan” chaired by Vijayan Pillai.
- **Mashooq Salehin**: Dissertation “Reproductive Health of Tribal Populations in India: A Sustainability Approach” chaired by Vijayan Pillai.
- **Sara Wei**: Dissertation “Reproductive Health in India: An Empowerment Model” chaired by Dr. Vijayan Pillai.

**Congratulations:**

- **Holli Slater** has been selected for the Rotary Foundation’s Group Study Exchange (GSE) program and will be traveling to Melbourne, Australia on a travel grant to learn more about how social work is practiced abroad. It’s a tremendous opportunity that will allow her to connect with other professionals in social work and learn about different programs aimed at HIV, STD and pregnancy prevention among teens that have been developed in Australia.
- **Pamela Hancock’s** 2011 GLBT Leadership Education & Advocacy Program scholarship application has been approved in the amount of $3,000.
- **Sara Wei, Marcella Smith, Kristin Whitehill & Pamela Hancock** were awarded the 2012 Who’s Who among Students in American Universities and Colleges Award.
- **Nadia Elias-Lambert** was awarded Outstanding Graduate Teaching Instructor, School of Social Work, University of Texas at Arlington, 2011-2012.
Doctoral Student Association

What’s Going On?

Doctoral Student Association holds its Thursday Night Club with faculty every first Thursday of the month. The faculty and doctoral students meet at Pizza and Suds across the street from the Social Work Buildings on Abram St. This offers faculty and doctoral students the opportunity to mingle and interact outside the walls of the school. If you have any questions or concerns, e-mail Kristin at kristinw@uta.edu. Join us!

PhD Work Study

Stephanie Ingram has been the PhD work study since October 2010. She will be graduating this summer with a broadcast communication degree and hopes to pursue event planning. Stephanie is involved in Alpha Chi Omega, Order of Omega, Sigma Alpha Lambda, Golden Key International Honor Society & has been on the Dean’s List several times. She recently accepted a position the Hyatt working with media department.

Baby News

First year student, Kathleen Preble welcomed a precious baby boy, Louden.