What Has Been Going On?

- On October 13th, Drs. Bricout, Jordan, Adorno & Cronley presented a panel discussion about the job search process and addressed: (1) How do I know what schools to apply to? (2) What kinds of questions will I be asked? (3) What is the interviewing experience really like (coming from someone who just went through it)?
- On December 8th, the doctoral program will present a forum for prospective applicants. Please refer a potential applicant to our office.
- Mentoring Brownbag forthcoming

Publications & Awards

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

- **Hancock, P.** (book review). Participatory Practice: Community-Based Action for Transformative Change, by Margaret Ledwith and Jane Springett, Journal of Policy Practice.
- **Frank, L.** Book review accepted by the Journal of Policy Practice. It will be published in 2012.
- **Gallagher, J.R.** (In press). A policy analysis framework for drug

Teboh, C. (with Pillai, V.) Family Planning in Cameroon: A Longitudinal Perspective.


Sharma, Y. (with Weisz, A.W) Teen Dating Violence: Linkages to Other Forms of Violence for Urban Youth.

Whitehill, K. (with Smith-Osborne, A) A Systematic Review of Resilience Instruments as a Resource for Practitioners.


CSWE Presentations:
Lots of our doctoral students presented at the 2011 annual meeting of CSWE. It is not too early to think about a presentation for next year. Abstracts will be due early next semester.

Meet the Fall 2011 New Ph.D. Students

Barnett, Tracey LMSW a native from Ripley, MS, moved to Arlington to attend the PhD program here at UT Arlington. She received her undergraduate degree in 2008 from the School of Social Work, University of Mississippi, where she was awarded the NASW Undergraduate Social Work Student of the Year. She completed her Master of Social Work in May of 2011 from the University of Alabama (UA). While attending UA, she completed three poster presentations and assisted a student with a veteran’s research project. In spring of 2011 Tracey completed an internship with the Walter Reed National Military Medical Center in Bethesda, MD. She is interested in researching the social determinants of health, health disparities and health equity in the African American community.

Chigbu, Kingsley received his undergraduate degree in International Law and Diplomacy from Babcock University. In Spring of 2009, he completed his MSSW degree from the University of St. Thomas, Minnesota, where he completed a study on The Effects of New Medical Diagnoses on PTSD Sequelae in Adults: Implications for Preventative Health Practice and received the 2009 MSW Student Leadership Award. Prior to joining the PhD program, Kingsley worked as a research coordinator at the University of St. Thomas and at the University of Minnesota, Amplatz Children's Hospital. His primary research interest is on large scale/group violence and international social policy.

Graves, Shannon LMSW earned her Bachelor of Science in Social Work at Texas Christian University and her MSSW at UT Arlington. Her professional background is in non-profit development and grant writing, community organizing, and substance abuse prevention. She currently works as Program Director for Community Coalitions at Drug Prevention Resources, Inc. Shannon’s research interests are in the field of restorative justice, where she hopes to build on restorative solutions for addressing societal and cultural issues of violence, crime, and conflict. She is also interested in engaging in international peacemaking efforts.
New Ph.D. Students Continued

Kim, Yi J. received his BSW from Baptist Theological University in Korea. He completed his MSSW degree at UT Arlington in 2011 and completed a thesis which was a quantitative study examining the relationship between suicidal behaviors and physical and psycho-social predictors among adolescents. His research interests focus in the areas of adolescence, aging, substance use and suicide.

Maleku, Arati received her MSW from Washington University in St. Louis and her BSW from St. Xavier's College, Kathmandu, Nepal. Born and raised in Nepal, she comes to the program with many years of experience in grassroots community-based organizations. Until recently, she worked with the largest healthcare foundation in Missouri where she was involved in several funded projects in the areas of tobacco control, healthcare workforce development, chronic disease prevention, violence against women, and obesity prevention. Her research interests are in the areas of social determinants of health and health equity. She is also interested in examining the role of economic globalization on global health disparities.

Preble, Kathleen M. LMSW born and raised in Ohio; received her BA in Political Science from the Ohio University Athens, Ohio, in 1999. In 2000, she joined the United States Peace Corps and served in Honduras, Central America for nearly three years. She completed her MSSW degree from the UT Arlington in 2005. For the past six years, Kathleen has worked with the refugee and human trafficking victim population in Fort Worth in social service and law enforcement agencies. Her research interests include human trafficking intervention and the use of neuroscience in social work.

Pryor, Diana completed her BSW and MSSW from the UT Arlington. Her areas of practice are in the field of aging and mental health. She has worked in long term care as a Texas State Ombudsman and also as a licensed social worker in two nursing facilities. Diana focused additional learning on nursing facility administration in which she completed a required 1000-hour internship. She wants to enhance her skills in research methodology and apply them to the study of mental health within the aging population. Her ultimate goal is to teach geriatric social work in a college setting and to increase gerontological competencies in the social work profession.

Wallace, Cara LMSW is a 2006 graduate of our MSSW program. She received her undergraduate degree in social work at Texas Christian University in 2005. For the past five years, she has worked as a clinical social worker for Community Hospice of Texas. Her research interests are in hospice, ethical issues in healthcare, and in healthy family relationships.
The Doctoral Student Association (DSA) is comprised of all doctoral students in the School of Social Work at UT Arlington. The primary goal of the program is to facilitate communication among students across cohorts as well as host events to promote interaction between doctoral students and faculty members. The DSA has two faculty advisors and three student administrators (president, vice president, and secretary). The faculty members and administrators serve yearly terms and elections are held in the spring of each year.

Key Components:

Mentoring program: First year doctoral students are assigned a doctoral student mentor. These mentors act as an additional support system for incoming students and act as a buffer against the rigor of the first year of doctoral study.

Faculty-Student Gatherings: Periodically throughout the academic year, the DSA organizes gatherings for doctoral students and faculty members. These gatherings are an opportunity for doctoral students to interact and get to know faculty members outside of the university setting.

SPSS Trainings: During the fall semester, the DSA offers SPSS trainings for first year doctoral students. The trainings are taught by senior doctoral students and supplement the first semester statistics course.

Alumni News

Dr. Wu-Der Brian Peng was selected as a runner up for a dissertation awarded by the Journal of Social Work Practice in the Addictions.

Dr. Richard Schoech article was chosen as the JSWE Best Empirical Article of 2010 for Experimental Learning & Learning Environments: The Case of Active Listening Skills.

Congratulations to Nadia Elias-Lambert on her new baby, Jude Honu Elias-Lambert.

Congratulations to Marcella Smith on her new baby, Matthew Lamar Smith.

Yasoda Sharma moved to New Jersey.

News: Babies & More

Congratulations to our Fall 2011 Graduates

Garza-Higgins, Elizabeth (chair Dr. María Scannapieco) will present her dissertation on Ecological Factors Associated with Foster Youth Leaving Care That Complete High School.

Martinez-Aviles, Maria de Lourdes (chair Dr. Doreen Elliott) presented her dissertation on The Individual & Collective Effect of U.S. Colonialism in Puerto Rico: A Scale Construction & Validation, with Implications for Social Work Education & Practice.

Opollo, Diana (chair Dr. Vijayan Pillai) will present her dissertation on Modernization & Contraception in Kenya from 1998 to 2008-2009.

Perry, Traci (chair Dr. Maria Scannapieco) will present her dissertation on Personal and Organizational Factors That Improve the Likelihood That Adult Protective Services Workers Will Remain on the Job Long-Term.

Teboh, Consoler (chair Dr. Vijayan Pillai) will present his dissertation on Determinants of Modern Contraceptive use in Cameroon from 1991-2004.