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POWER Conference

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WSU School of Social Work
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POWER Conference

Social Work Practice in a
Culturally Diverse Community

March 3, 2006



WSU Hughes
Metropolitan Complex
5015 E. 29th Street North
(29th and Oliver)
Wichita, KS 67220



*Keith Reynolds, LBSW, Masters in
Counseling and WSU Alumnus*

Mark your Calendar!
March 3, 2006 we will celebrate the profession of social workers and the impact social workers have on working with culturally diverse Kansans.

The focus of this year's POWER Conference is "*Social Work Practice in a Culturally Diverse Community.*"

We are especially excited about the speakers for this year's conference. Terry Cross, MSW, ACSW, LCSW, the founder, developer and current Director of the National Indian Child Welfare Association will be joining us for a morning presentation on culturally competent practice and ethnographic interviewing.

Keynote Speakers



Terry Cross, MSW, ACSW, LCSW

Terry Cross is an enrolled member of the Seneca Nation of Indians and is the developer and founder of the National Indian Child Welfare Association. He is the author of "Heritage and Helping," an eleven manual curriculum for tribal child welfare staff including a volume on working with substance abusing families. He is also author of the "Positive Indian Parenting Curricula," as well as "Cross-Cultural Skills in Indian Child Welfare." He also co-authored "Toward a Culturally Competent System of Care" published by Georgetown University, Child Development Center. He has 32 years of experience in child welfare, including 10 years working directly with children and families. He served on the faculty of Portland State University School of Social Work for 15 years. He has directed the Indian Child Welfare Association since its founding in 1983.

Keith Reynolds, LBSW, Masters in Counseling and WSU alumnus will challenge our practice with Cultural Bingo and other interactive cultural diversity trainings.

Social workers and other human service workers will leave this conference with an increased knowledge of techniques used in work with cultures such as Hispanic, Asian, African American and Middle Eastern.

This interactive experience will be facilitated by local and national experts. Please join us to celebrate the **POWER** of social work!

Brochures for the conference are available on-line at [POWER Conference Brochure](#)

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Director's Corner

Dr. Linnea GlenMaye

Director of Social Work

Greetings!

The Spring semester is well underway, and with our above normal temperatures, May graduation seems only weeks away! Our re-accreditation activities continue in full stride, and faculty and staff are already looking forward to Spring Break! February seems like an especially short month this year, with the Council on Social Work Education Annual Program Meeting on February 16-19, and our POWER Conference coming up on March 3rd.

March is Social Work Month. The theme for NASW's Social Work Month is *Life's Journey: Help Starts Here*. The School of Social Work celebrates Social Work Month through the annual POWER Conference. The focus of this year's POWER Conference is culturally competent practice. In a time marked by war, turmoil, and mistrust, I can't think of any professional attribute more important than cultural competence. Our POWER conference is a reminder that the "*Help that Starts Here*" is educated, skilled, effective, ethical, and culturally competent.

We are proud to be social workers, and this conference is intended to inspire,

motivate and empower our profession. My hope is that this year's conference will break all records for attendance and value. As part of my welcoming remarks I intend to read the following statement from NASW:

Social Work Month Proclamation

WHEREAS social workers have the right education and experience to guide individuals, families, and communities through complex issues and choices;

WHEREAS social workers connect individuals, families, and communities to available resources;

WHEREAS social workers are dedicated to improving the society in which we live;

WHEREAS social workers are positive and compassionate professionals ;

WHEREAS social workers stand up for others to make sure everyone has access to the same basic rights, protections, and opportunities;

WHEREAS social workers help people help themselves, whenever and wherever they need it most;

WHEREAS social workers have been the driving force behind important social movements in the United States and abroad;

NOW, THEREFORE, in recognition of professional social workers and their commitment and dedication to individuals, families, and communities everywhere through legislative advocacy, service delivery, research, and education,

I, Linnea GlenMaye, proclaim the month of March 2006 as Professional Social Work Month and call upon all citizens to join with the National Association of Social Workers and the Wichita State University School of Social Work in celebration and support of social workers and the social work profession.

We have reason to celebrate and, more importantly, much help to offer. "*Life's Journey*" is not a solitary venture, but is, instead, a mutual adventure, requiring compassion, companions, and community.

BSW Beat

Courtney Boettcher

BSW Program Director

Happy New Year and welcome back to an interestingly warm semester! To me it seems appropriate to begin the spring 2006 semester a day after Martin Luther King Holiday. On this day, I was reminded of many of the reasons why I became a social worker.

Dr. Martin Luther King was not afraid to address social injustices and empowered us to carry on his dream today. Whether you are a student working directly with children and families or spend your day at our state capital knocking on our representative's door, you can't help but remember our core value of *social justice*. As social workers, social

justice becomes a part of us. Many of us have found creative outlets, as Dr. Martin Luther King did so well, to tackle the social injustices we see affect our communities in which we live. From lobbying efforts, to client empowerment, to grassroots organization, social workers never run out of ideas. What will we do in 2006? Will we take a trip to Topeka? Join a coalition? Read about a bill? Write our legislature?

This semester, our students plan to participate in the 2006 KNASW Student Legislative Day. On February 15th, WSU students plan to drive to Topeka. They will let their voices be heard. On May 8th,

our graduate students plan to present their integrative projects to the community. The students are excited to identify what they will be able to do to better address the needs of the communities we serve.

We are the leaders in our communities. We are the initiators in small agencies. We are educators to the community. We are the voice of our clients. We are social workers.

~Courtney

"Life's most urgent question is: what are you doing for others?"

Martin Luther King, Jr

Interested in Social Work or know someone who is?

Spring 2006

BSW Orientation

To learn about WSU's Bachelor of Social Work Program
and receive application materials.

(Orientation is required for application to the BSW Program at WSU.)

Tuesday

February 7, 2006

8:00 - 9:00 am

114 Lindquist Hall, Main Campus

Or

7:05 - 8:00 pm

Room 123, West Campus

For more information contact:

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Field Notes Sabrina Perez Glatt Director of Field Practicum

Can you hear the buzz of activity? Alisa and I are working on placements for Fall 06 already for both undergrad and grad

programs. If you haven't received a call or email, you probably will over the next couple of months. Sorry this is short, but

we have placements to make.....

SOSW — Student Organization of Social Work

SOSW is looking forward to a great semester filled with opportunities to learn and have fun. We will continue to invite agencies to visit with us and welcome any requests anyone may have to come and visit with us. New members are always welcome to join our organization. If anyone has any questions about SOSW as an organization or if you would be interested in speaking to us, please contact Deborah Osmun at dxosmun@wichita.edu.

Recently, Jamie Museousky, Recruitment Team Leader of Big Brothers/Sisters, presented to SOSW members about volunteering for either the commu-

nity-based or school-based program. Given that BSW students must complete volunteer hours, being a “Big” for either program may be a good opportunity. Information about both programs and a volunteer sign-up sheet have been placed in the social work student lounge, 528 Lindquist Hall.

SOSW will sponsor an exam review for the State of Kansas BSW exam. The review will be conducted by Dr. Curtis Proctor on Saturday, March 4, 2006, from 9:30-3pm in Lindquist Hall 326. For SOSW members, the cost is free. Wichita and surrounding area BSW practitioners

can participate for \$25. All interested participants should register by Feb 24th.

[BSW Exam Review Registration](#)

Back by popular demand, SOSW will also conduct a workshop on APA citation style workshop on Thursday, February 16th from 5-6:30pm. This workshop is only open to SOSW members. The classroom will be announced shortly before the 16th, as the location will depend on how many register. To register for the APA workshop, go to [APA Workshop Registration](#).

SWOGS — Social Work Organization of Graduate Students By Chuck Lambertz and Jeffrey Roth

Welcome back to another semester SWOGS members; for some this will be the last, which is both exciting and daunting. The SWOGS officers would like to thank all the SWOGS members who joined the officers at the first meeting of the semester. We hope that you will continue to join us for the semester to come, sharing your thoughts and ideas. We have several neat events planned for this semester.

There will be a Psychopharmacology Workshop, presented by Donna Powers MSN, ANRP, CNS, on Saturday, February 25 from 9:30 to 3:00 in Room 326 of Lindquist Hall. Lunch will be provided. This workshop will be free for SWOGS members; \$10 for anyone else who would like to attend. Your reservation must be received by Friday, February 17. To register for the Psychopharmacology Work-

shop, click on the following link:

[Psychopharmacology Registration](#)

There will also be a Licensure Exam Review Workshop presented by Dr. Curtis Proctor, to be held on Saturday, March 11 from 9:30 to 3:00 in Room 326 of Lindquist Hall. Lunch will be provided. Again, this workshop will be free for SWOGS members, but be open to others for \$20. Your reservation must be received by Friday, March 3. To register for the Licensure Exam Review Workshop, click on the following link:

[Licensure Exam Review Registration](#)

SWOGS will have a booth at the School of Social Work’s POWER Conference, which will be on Friday, March 3. We encourage everyone who is able to attend this conference which is offered to students at the reduced price of \$35. This is an exceptional value as the scheduled

presenters and events are sure to provide a very emPOWERing experience.

For those who ordered the hoodie sweatshirts, the first round of orders are in and are available in the Social Work office. The second round of orders will be in shortly, we will take more orders for the hoodie sweatshirt until Friday, February 3.

[Hoodie Order Form](#)

Just a reminder that students who are planning to graduate in May need to have their Application for Degree (contact your advisor for any questions) submitted by February 13; there is a \$15 application fee. [Application for Degree](#)

SWOGS meetings in February will be held on the 6th and the 20th at 12:00 in the West Campus Lobby.



In Memory



One of our BSW students, Amy Allman, BSW passed away on November 9, 2005. Amy was a woman of smiles, energy and compassion. She will be missed by the faculty and students of the School of Social Work. Her determination to be a social worker was apparent to her family and her peers. Amy will be awarded a posthumous degree at the May Commencements. We are all thankful to have been touched by Amy’s passion for social work.



The BETA DELTA Chapter of PHI ALPHA invites eligible students to join our membership. Applications are due **MARCH 15** for the annual ceremony. The national honor society provides a certificate of distinction for your academic accomplishments and the WSU chapter engraves your name on the registry plaque located in the School of Social Work office in Lindquist Hall. Members also have access to honor society apparel, pins and special pendants for graduation.

[Phi Alpha Application Form](#)

Qualification for Membership:

1. Declared Social Work as your major.
2. Achieved Junior or Senior Rank (60+ hours).
3. Earned at least a 3.0 cumulative grade point average for all university course work.
4. Completed at least 12 hours within your social work major — including ScWk 201 (Intro to Social Work), ScWk 300 (Social Welfare) and ScWk 312 or 512 (Intro to Social Research)
5. Earned at least a 3.5 grade point average over all **Social Work** courses.

Purposes of Phi Alpha:

“Through knowledge -
the challenge to serve”

The purposes of Phi Alpha are to provide a closer bond among students of social work and promote humanitarian goals and ideals. Phi Alpha fosters high standards of education for social workers and invites into membership those who have attained excellence in scholarship and achievement in social work.

The faculty advisor for Phi Alpha is Dr. Tim Lause.

Research Spotlights

Service Overload? Research on the impact of multiple services on women's drug recovery

Dr. Cathleen Lewandowski and Dr. Twyla Hill, Department of Sociology, presented a paper at the 10th Annual Meeting of the Society for Social Work Research in San Antonio, Texas on January 15, 2006. Their presentation, “Women's Issues in Drug Treatment” was part of the symposium, “Social Work Research on Drug Abuse with Diverse Populations,” that was organized by Dr. James Hall, Professor of Pediatrics, Social Work, Public Health & Nursing and the University of Iowa.

Social work researchers have contributed significantly to the improvement of prevention and treatment programs across this country. The purpose of this symposium was to emphasize the diversity of this research by featuring four separate projects and two federal funding sources.

Dr. Jerry Flanzer, National Institution on Drug Abuse (NIDA), provided an overview of social work's contribution to this area of research. Dr. Lewandowski described the results from their projects that were funded by NIDA. Dr. Peter Delany, SAMHSA, provided commentary about these projects as the Discussant.

Dr. Lewandowski & Dr. Hill's study assesses the impact of having a child in foster care and receiving cash benefits through Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) on women's completion of a gender specific residential drug treatment program. The study took place at DCCCA's Women's Recovery Center.

The study's hypothesis was that drug treatment completion rates for women who had children in foster care and/or who were receiving TANF would differ

from women who did not receive these services. The sample included 117 women age 19 to 54, in a Midwestern state. Findings suggest that women with a child or children in foster care and women receiving cash benefits were more likely to discharge than women not receiving these services. These results support the study's hypothesis. The demands from multiple agencies may work against a woman's ability to complete treatment. Implications are discussed in light of the Adoption and Safe Families Act of 1997 and the Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act of 1996.

Thanks to the staff and women at DCCCA Women's Recovery Center for their continued support of this research!

Do the Arts Matter? Investigating the Impact of NOTES on the re-offense rates of nonviolent offenders.

Dr. Cathleen Lewandowski is working with Episcopal Social Services (ESS) to assess the impact of NOTES (New Opportunities To Explore Self), on the re-offense rates of nonviolent offenders, ages 10 – 18, who participate in ESS' successful Teen Intervention Program.

Episcopal Social Services was awarded a grant from the Wiedemann Foundation, Inc. to provide a series of artistic performances to graduates of the Teen Intervention Program, their families, and the community. As NOTES is implemented, Dr. Lewandowski will evaluate the youth's

perceptions of the artistic performances, and examine agency data to assess the extent that the performances impact re-offense rates.

Thanks to Sandra Lyon and staff at ESS for this partnership!



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Mark Your Calendar!

Upcoming Dates:

- January 30..... BSW Practicum Applications Due
- February 1..... MSW Program Applications Due
- February 1..... Scholarship/Fellowship Applications Due
- February 7..... BSW Orientations
- February 7, 9, 14..... BSW Practicum Interviews
- February 13-17..... Revised Tasks for Evaluation Due
- February 25..... Psychopharmacology Workshop
- March 3..... POWER Conference
- March 4..... BSW Licensure Exam Review Workshop
- March 10..... School of Social Work Advisory Board Mtg
- March 11..... MSW Licensure Exam Review Workshop
- March 15..... Practicum Advisory Board Meeting
- March 17..... MSW Practicum Applications Due
(Newly admitted MSW students)
- March 20-24..... Spring Break
- March 27-29..... MSW Practicum Interviews
- May 8..... MSW Colloquium
- May 8..... Phi Alpha Induction
- May 10 - 16..... Final Exams
- May 12..... Commencement



Student Accolades

Congratulations to Senzeni Rose Dillard, MSW student, our newest U.S. citizen!

Rebecca Hill, social work student, won first place in the 2004-2005 Undergraduate Symposium for Poster Presentations: Humanities and Social Sciences.

Her poster presentation was entitled, "Ethical Behaviors in Undergraduate Social Work Students."

Crystal Goodwin, social work student, held an internship, during the 2004-2005 academic year, with the Make-A-Wish Foundation of Kansas. She worked

with the principals of schools across the state, asking them to participate in the "Kids for Wish Kids" program. Goodwin hopes to include more schools outside of the Wichita area in raising funds to make dreams come true for children with life-threatening medical conditions.



Happy Valentine's Day!

