Well, I am here to bring you the good news—social work positions are a growing segment of the job market! The Bureau of Labor Statistics recently issued their Occupational Outlook Handbook for 2008-2009, and they said that the outlook for social workers is good!

I think it is worthwhile to quote the report highlights:

Employment of social workers is expected to increase by 22 percent during the 2006-16 decade, which is much faster than the average for all occupations.

The growing elderly population and the aging baby boom generation will create greater demand for health and social services, resulting in rapid job growth among gerontology social workers.

...Mental health and substance abuse social workers will grow by 30 percent, which is much faster than the average, over the 2006-16 decade. In particular, social workers specializing in substance abuse will experience strong demand.

Opportunities should be good in rural areas, which often find it difficult to attract and retain qualified staff.

The report goes on to describe median salaries in 2006 in four categories:

- Child, Family, and School Social Workers: $37,480
- Medical and Public Health Social Workers: $43,040
- Mental Health and Substance Abuse SWs: $35,410
- All other Social Workers: $43,580

I encourage you to take a few minutes and read the whole report for yourself. It is only 4 pages long, but it has some wonderful information. You can find it online at http://www.bls.gov/oco/pdf/ocos060.pdf.

And with that wonderful news, I bid you a great spring break! Be sure to let me know if you participate in an alternative spring break project. If you are willing to take a picture or two and write about your experience, we will include your information in the next issue!

Join the Pre-social work listserv by emailing “SUBSCRIBE PRESOCIALWOKR” to listproc@listproc.cc.ku.edu
News and Information from Vicki

Pre-Social Work Students: If you missed the February 1st application deadline, you will still have the chance to be admitted to begin your 500-level social work courses in the fall 2008 semester. The next review date, June 1st, is only for students who can actually start their junior courses in the fall 2008 semester.

Pre-social work advising is just around the corner, beginning immediately after spring break. Pre-Social Work group advising sessions will be in 208 Twente Hall on:
- Friday, March 28th from 10am-12pm
- Wednesday, April 2nd from 10am-12pm and
- Thursday, April 10th from 11am-12:30pm
You can sign up for pre-social work advising by emailing me at vmignot@ku.edu or by coming by my office and putting your name on the sign-up sheet (posted on my door). My office is Room 107 Twente Hall. Drop ins are welcome at pre-social work advising sessions.

Newly admitted students: You will be assigned Academic Advisors. Emails will be sent out in the next couple of weeks that will have the 2008-2009 Advisor list. In the event that you don't get this email, an advisor list will be posted on the bulletin board outside of my office. Immediately after returning from spring break you will want to sign up for an advising appointment with your advisor. You will not be able to enroll for summer 2008 or fall 2008 without seeing your advisor. Further, until you have completed and turned in the Change of School form that came with your acceptance letter you will not be able to enroll in the social work courses. That form is required to change your university status to the School of Social Welfare.

BSW Students: Advising is fast approaching. Faculty advisors will be taking appointments immediately after spring break for a period lasting approximately three weeks. You should start looking at your schedule now and plan for the summer and fall semesters. Be sure to sign up early for appointments and be in contact with your advisor by phone or email if advising issues arise. An advisor list is posted on the bulletin board outside of my office if you need to check it. You must meet with your advisor to have your advising hold removed.

BSW Seniors: Be sure to continue checking your ARTS Forms to make sure that all of your graduation requirements (courses and hours) have been met. If you are transferring in hours from another university/college, make sure that they show on your ARTS Form. Until they are on your KU record they don’t count!

The priority Application for Degree (ADD) deadline is March 3rd. Make sure to complete this process in Enroll and Pay or you may not be listed in the Commencement Program and you will not be identified as a May 2008 KU Graduate. If the deadline has passed and you can no longer apply online, you need to see me ASAP. There is a paper process that we can use to apply for graduation but it is subject to the Registrar’s approval on a case by case basis.

A list of May 2008 BSW Graduates has been forwarded to KSBSRB (http://www.ksbsrb.org). When completing the application process to sit for the licensing test you do NOT need to have the Social Welfare Dean sign the form; just indicate on that page to “see KU graduate list for May 2008.”
Lawrence BSW Student Group

-Kate Jayne

The BSW Student group is once again planning their semester benefit. This semester we will be raising money for the Ballard Center in Lawrence. Ballard Community Services is a non-profit organization that provides a high quality, affordable early education program and essential basic life assistance for families and individuals in need. The current location and date are TBD.

This semester we also are planning on volunteering throughout the Lawrence Community. Some of our ideas include: Jubilee Cafe, the Boys and Girls Club, and an international agency in the Kansas City area. On top of all of that, we are also planning a fundraiser for the BSW Student Group!

If you have ideas about our benefits, volunteering, or fundraising, please come to our next meeting on March 9th at 8:15pm in Alcove K. We hope to see you there!

Here is a list of this semester’s meeting dates:

- Sunday 3/9 @ 8:15 pm
- Sunday 4/6 @ 8:15 pm
- Sunday 4/20 @ 8:15 pm
- Sunday 5/4 @ 8:15 pm

All meetings will be located in the Kansas Union. We hope to see you there!

KCKCC BSW Student Group

-Mike Fletcher

Just a couple more months for the seniors…Congratulations to those of you who have been accepted to grad school, as well as those of you have gotten jobs through your practicum!!

Juniors: Stick with it! It is well worth all of the effort.

All social work students: The Student Group needs you! The seniors will be gone this semester and many officer positions will become available. An informational meeting will be held on Thursday, March 6th, at 5:40pm in room 3622. We hope to see you at the meeting. Show your interest now!

On February 25, Dean Kondrat came by the KCKCC campus to talk with us about our program. We talked about issues that are very important to the faculty as well as the students. Some topics included: tenure, textbook costs, professor class attendance, GTAs, adjuncts, quality of instruction, and the advanced standing MSW program. The Dean mentioned her plan of adding a course fee to better pay our adjuncts. Overall, her visit was fun and beneficial.

As always, if you have any questions, concerns, ideas, issues, or just want to say “Hi”, contact Mikey at mikey141414@gmail.com.
For Your Information

**Student Loan Forgiveness for Social Worker and Others**

The College Cost Reduction Act of 2007 was passed by Congress on September 7, 2007 and implemented October 1, 2007. This piece of legislation supports student loan forgiveness for individuals holding public service jobs, including social workers.

The Secretary shall cancel the balance of interest and principal due on any eligible **Federal Direct Loan (FDL)** not in default for the borrower who—

- Has made 120 monthly payments (ten years) on the eligible Federal Direct Loan after October 1, 2007.
- Is employed in a public service job at the time of such forgiveness.
- Has been employed in a public service job during the period in which the borrower makes each of the 120 payments.

**Public Service Job** means a full-time job in emergency management, government, military service, public safety, law enforcement, public health, public education (including early childhood education), social work in a public child or family service agency, public interest law services, public child care, public service for individuals with disabilities, public service for the elderly...or at an organization that is described as a 501 9 (c) 3 (non-profit).

The loan cancellation amount is for the remaining balance of eligible student loans.

**Kansas Chapter, NASW recommends the following actions:**

- Keep all documentation received by the school for your FDL loans.
- Keep all records of monthly payments for your FDL loans.
- Keep formal description of each place of employment that indicates its mission and states its 501 (c) 3 status. (Agency pamphlets, website page, etc.)
- Keep job description stating full time status for all places of employment.
- Remember to apply for loan forgiveness when you meet the 120 month payment threshold. (Specifics for applying will be available from your school or NASW.)
Please read this page in its entirety!!

The BSW Recognition Ceremony will be on Friday, May 16th at 1:00 pm at the Lied Center.

The Lied Center is a beautiful, handicap-accessible venue that holds 1,500 people and has plenty of parking available. For directions and a campus map, see www.ku.edu/visit. BSW graduates will need to be there by **12:00 noon** on May 16th for a class photo and to get lined up. The last student to arrive will be the one to lead the class in the singing of the alma mater at the conclusion of the ceremony. All friends, family members, guests and graduates are invited to attend.

The University Commencement, also known as the traditional “Walk Down the Hill,” is on Sunday, May 18th at 2:30 pm. Participants are asked to assemble on Memorial Drive at 2:00 pm.

**Tickets are NOT needed for either ceremony.**

You will need a cap, gown and tassel for graduation. All can be purchased at the KU Bookstore in the Kansas Union, and the total cost is around $40.00. KCKCC students should plan on purchasing their regalia at the Edwards campus bookstore. The cap and gown must be black, and the tassel will be citron with a ‘08 charm attached. Citron is the color representing the academic discipline of social work.

This is also a good time to order graduation announcements. Two companies are offering announcements with the KU logo and ceremony information: www.jostens.com and www.cbgrad.com. Please see their websites for purchasing and personalization information.

For general graduation information, please see www.commencement.ku.edu/2008/grads/shtml

Questions? Contact Melanie Hepburn at melanieh@ku.edu.

**CONGRATULATIONS!!!**
## Internship Opportunities

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<td>Seasonal summer position working up to 40 hours per week. Responsible for the facilitation of psychosocial groups and individual supervision of youth as needed. This position reports to the Psychosocial Coordinator.</td>
<td>Join the team that helps ensure health care security for millions of Americans. The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) works in partnership with the entire health care community to improve quality and efficiency in an evolving health care system and provides leadership in the broader health care marketplace. Our effectiveness depends on the capabilities of dedicated, professional staff which is committed to supporting these objectives. A career with CMS offers the opportunity to get involved on important national health care issues and be part of a dynamic, fast-paced, and highly visible organization. CMS announces a 12-week Diversity Summer Internship Program for college and university students. CMS is the Federal agency that administers the Medicare, Medicaid, and State Children’s Health Insurance Programs. The purpose of the Diversity Summer Internship Program is to enhance students’ knowledge about CMS programs, mission, vision and goals. Additionally, the program seeks to familiarize participants about Federal, State, and local health care programs serving underserved and uninsured populations. This 12-week program is offered to college/university students of Asian American and Pacific Islander (AAPI) descent, and to students attending Hispanic Serving Institutions or of Hispanic descent, Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs), and Tribal Colleges and Universities (TCUs). The program, developed by CMS, is consistent with the goals and objectives for the Hispanic Agenda for Action, and the AAPI, HBCU, and TCU Initiatives.</td>
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<td>Since 1984, the University of California, San Francisco AIDS Health Project (AHP) has provided services to more than 20,000 people who face the challenges of AIDS. At low cost to San Francisco residents and organizations, AHP offers mental health services to people with HIV disease, runs an AIDS antibody counseling and testing program, organizes training and educational programs on AIDS topics, and publishes newsletters and books for AIDS professionals. Intens work in Psychosocial Services, HIV Testing, Operations, HIV Prevention, and Behavioral Research.</td>
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<td>The dates of employment for the upcoming camping season are May 30-Aug 16. We offer a salary plus room and board. For many individuals, it is possible to obtain credits and even internships. Wisconsin Badger Camp is an overnight camp that serves children and adults with developmental disabilities. Our campers range in age from 3-93, and diagnosis. We serve campers with diagnosis of Autism, Down syndrome, Cerebral Palsy, Epilepsy, mental illness, Muscular Dystrophy, and many other conditions.</td>
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To apply for any of these positions, you must register with KU Career Connections. Download the registration form from the following link: [http://www.ucc.ku.edu/webpage_forms/careerconnectionreg.pdf](http://www.ucc.ku.edu/webpage_forms/careerconnectionreg.pdf). Then you need to take the form to Burge Union 110 or fax it to 785-864-4572.
Super Performers: Learning from the Field’s Most Effective Practitioners

Back for a repeat performance, Scott D. Miller, Ph.D is a therapist, lecturer and trainer on client-directed, outcome-informed clinical work and other time-sensitive therapeutic approaches. For three years, he co-directed Problems to Solutions, Inc.-a clinic specializing in the treatment of the homeless and other traditionally under served populations. Most recently, Dr. Miller co-founded the Institute for the Study of Therapeutic Chance and works pro-bono at a clinic dedicated to serving the under served. He is the author of many papers and seven books including: The Heroic Client (Jossey-Bass, 2000), The Heart & Soul of Change: What Works... (APA, 1999), Escape from Babel: Toward a Unifying Language for Psychotherapy Practice (Norton, 1997), Psychotherapy With ‘Impossible’ Cases:... (Norton, 1997), Handbook of Solution-Focused Brief Therapy... (Jossey-Bass, 1996), The Miracle Method: A Radically New Approach to Problem Drinking (Norton, 1995), and Working With the Problem Drinker: A Solution-Focused Approach (Norton, 1992). Scott presents to many professional audiences and conducts workshops and training events throughout the United States and abroad. Don’t miss his witty and enjoyable presentation!

RESERVATION FORM:
(one reservation per form; please duplicate as needed)

LAST Name
First Name
Address
City, State, Zip
Daytime Phone #
E-mail

AVAILABLE FORMS OF PAYMENT:
- Check (payable to School of Social Welfare)
- Purchase Order
- Interfund Voucher (voucher # if known)
- Credit Card: (☐ VISA), (☐ MasterCard), (☐ Discover)
  Card #: ____________________________
  3-Digit Code: ____________ Expiration: ____________
  Signature: _______________________

“3-Digit Code is required due to card not present at time of purchase.”

MAIL TO:
Social Work Day
School of Social Welfare
1545 Lilac Lane
The University of Kansas
Lawrence, Kansas 66044

QUESTIONS:
(785) 864-4720

WEBSITE:
www.socwel.ku.edu/socialday

PARKING:
Register early! Parking permit is included with Early Bird Reservation. If you do not have a parking pass, parking is available in the parking garage, just north of the Kansas Union. Parking is $1.00/hour.

CANCELLATION FEE:
If you need to cancel, there will be a $10 cancellation fee.
The 25th Annual Social Work Day at the United Nations
Monday, March 31st from 1 - 5 pm at UN Headquarters in New York City

What is Social Work Day at the UN?
Social Work Day at the UN is a unique forum for Social Work students, practitioners, and educators to convene at the UN to learn more about the UN, innovative projects and issues related to International Social Work and the critical role Social Work plays in the international arena. This year's theme was **Women and Development: Best Practices**. Social Work Day is co-presented by the [International Association of Schools of Social Work](http://www.iassw.org) and the [International Federation of Social Workers](http://www.ifsw.org).

Learn more about Social Work Day at the United Nations online at [http://bluehawk.monmouth.edu/swork/UN/](http://bluehawk.monmouth.edu/swork/UN/)

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Notes from Field Education

Please mark you calendars! There is a required meeting for practicum planning on the following dates:

**Lawrence Students**
- March 27
- 3:00 - 4:00 pm
- Jayhawk Room, Kansas Union

**KCKCC Students**
- March 28
- 5:40 - 6:10pm
- Rm. 3622

You will meet the field education staff again, hear more about what to expect for practicum planning, as well as find out where you have been matched for practicum!

We look forward to seeing you there!
Contact Julie Solomon with questions: 785/864-2663 or [jamsoho@ku.edu](mailto:jamsoho@ku.edu)

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Donate to ECKAN

ECKAN is an area shelter that provides food and other necessities to families who cannot afford them. Currently, items such as **toothpaste, shampoo, toilet paper, deodorant and detergent** are desperately needed. These items are difficult to afford because they're not covered by government assistance (e.g. food stamps.) These items are in high demand and rarely donated. A box for donations can be found at the front of Twente Hall until **March 12**.

Questions? Please email Erin at [epearce@ku.edu](mailto:epearce@ku.edu).
Social Work Seniors at the Capitol
Opportunities for Learning in the Kansas City Metro Area

SAVE THE DATE

OWHE Kansas Annual Conference
April 27 & 28, 2008
http://www.kckcc.edu/owhe

What's the plan, ma'am?
Where you've been
Where you're going and
How you'll get there

Conference Opening Event
Sunday, April 27, 2008
Kansas City Kansas Community College
Kansas City, Kansas

Conference
Monday, April 28, 2008
University of Kansas, Edwards Campus
Overland Park, Kansas

On-line registration begins February 26, 2008
Call for proposals for Concurrent Sessions now accepted online at
http://www.kckcc.edu/owhe/call-for-proposals

National Women and Girls HIV/AIDS Awareness Day
Saturday, March 8, 2008, 2 to 5 p.m.
Screenland Theatre
1656 Washington, Kansas City, MO

Featuring the documentary “Positive Voices”
Sponsors: Kansas City Missouri Health Department, Kansas City Free Clinic, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Office on Women's Health

For more information call 816-404-3671
According to the CDC, 15 to 24 year olds represent one fourth of the sexually active population, but they account for half of all new STDs each year.

Also according to the CDC, half of all new HIV infections occur in people under the age of 25.

Want to do something about it?

Join YAC -- the Youth Advisory Committee!

YAC, the Youth Advisory Committee, is a group of concerned young people who meet to discuss healthy sexual decisions, and to improve STD and HIV prevention messages aimed at youth.

YAC, the Youth Advisory Committee, presents a great opportunity to build leadership skills, gain knowledge about STDs and HIV, support your peers, share your voice, build your resume, and gain excellent experience for future careers in education, psychology, public health and many more!

YAC, the Youth Advisory Committee, meets one evening a month for two hours. Meals are provided at meetings.

Interested young people must be between the ages of 13 and 24 and be willing to work with peers from diverse backgrounds.

Please contact Ashlee for an application or for more information:

Ashlee RB Folsom MA
Youth Prevention Specialist
Kansas City Free Health Clinic
3515 Broadway
Kansas City MO 64111
816 777 2756
ashleef@kcfree.org

APPLICATIONS ARE ALSO AVAILABLE IN FRONT OF VICKI’S OFFICE, 207 TWENTE HALL.
March
3rd Application for Degree Priority Deadline
5th-9th Social Work Baccalaureate Program Directors Conference in Destin, FL
8th HIV/AIDS Awareness Day, 2:00-5:00 pm, KC MO
9th BSW Student Group Meeting, 8:15 pm, KS Union
17th - 21st Spring Break: No classes
27th Lawrence Practicum Meeting, 3:00-4:00 pm, Jayhawk Room
28th BSW Group Advising
   10 am - 12 pm, Room 208 Twente
   KCKCC Practicum Meeting
   5:40 pm - 6:10 pm, Room 3622
31st Social Work Day at the United Nations

April
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10th BSW Group Advising
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11th Social Work Day
15th Deadline to apply for graduation (undergraduate)
20th BSW Student Group Meeting, 8:15 pm, KS Union
27-28th OWHE Conference

May
4th BSW Student Group Meeting, 8:15 pm, KS Union
8th Last Day of Classes
12th-16th Finals Week
16th BSW Graduation, 1:00 pm, Lied Center
18th University Commencement, 2:30 pm, KU Campus

June 1 is the next BSW Application deadline!

BSW Student Voices: How to be heard
Got something to say? This is your space to do it! Submit an article or essay to the BSW Newsletter. Just send it to Lori Messinger, BSW Director, at lorim@ku.edu before the 10th of the month. Let your peers hear from you.