Welcome to another great year at the University of Kansas School of Social Welfare. I don’t know about the rest of you, but I feel VERY oriented! I have participated in or led numerous orientation events in Lawrence and Kansas City, and I have been very pleased to meet so many of you. I have also been glad to see so many students, faculty, and staff members getting to know one another. (I have evidence of this mingling in the pictures on page 9; see if you are in a photo!)

Each year at KU offers new opportunities; obviously, there are opportunities for learning and personal and professional growth. Events on campus such as the Difficult Dialogues series (page 5), the Law School symposia, and the Hall Center Public Speaker Series (on page 7) offer us all a chance to think about serious social issues. Off campus opportunities, such as the Kansas National Association of Social Workers Campaign School and the Missouri-Kansas Society for Social Work Leadership in Health Care Workshop (page 6), are designed to appeal to practicing social workers AND social work students alike. You can also participate in Study Abroad (page 8), learning about other cultures and policies not just from books, but by visiting other countries.

Take advantage of these and other opportunities. If you hear of a great event on campus or in the larger community, pass it along to me (lorim@ku.edu). I will add it to the next newsletter. Who knows? Perhaps I will see you there! ☺

I encourage you to get to know some of the social work faculty, staff, and students a little better. Stop by your faculty advisor’s office and say hello. Pre-Social Work students, be sure to go to the BSW Student Group meetings on your campus and get to know the students who are further along in the program. Juniors, get to know your instructors and make sure they know you! Seniors, let your advisors hear about your experiences in field placement. All students: if you have a question, problem, or concern, be sure to choose the social work response and USE YOUR RESOURCES!

Be sure to check out the Events Calendar on the last page for important activities. Perhaps one of the most important upcoming events is the Margaret Schutz Gordon lecture (page 3) on Friday, October 3rd. This year, the School is happy to host Dr. Gary Bailey, Associate Professor of Social Work at Simmons College, and Past President of the National Association of Social Workers. You can read more about Dr. Bailey at http://web.simmons.edu/~bailey/. Don’t miss his presentation!

Have a wonderful semester! Make it the best that you can!
News and Information from Vicki

Welcome back! For all the new students, I am Vicki Mignot and my office is located in Room 107 of Twente Hall. I work in Student Services for the School of Social Welfare and can help you with a variety of things from pre-social work advising to graduation from the BSW program. Feel free to stop by and say hi sometime.

Pre-Social Welfare students: The next review date for BSW applications is October 1, 2008. You can find the application form on our website [http://www.socwel.ku.edu/Admissions/BSW/downloadapp.shtml](http://www.socwel.ku.edu/Admissions/BSW/downloadapp.shtml) or outside of Room 107 Twente Hall. Students admitted during the October review will begin the social work curriculum in the fall of 2009. If you have questions about the application process, feel free to email me or Lori Messinger.

Pre-social work advising is just around the corner; beginning after fall break. We will be setting up the Pre-Social Work Group Advising dates soon. Keep your eye out for those dates.

BSW Juniors: Welcome to the School of Social Welfare. I hope that you have a great first semester. I encourage you to get involved with the student group early and get to know your advisor, school faculty, and course instructors. If you have any questions do not hesitate to come see me.

BSW Students: Take a moment to check your enrollment for any errors. The following refers to classes you should be taking if you are beginning the social work degree courses in fall 2008. For BSW juniors you should be taking SW 530, SW 540, and SW 555, as well as SW 220 if you haven’t already taken it. Additionally, BSW juniors should be working on finishing up any outstanding general education and elective hours. BSW seniors should be taking SW 601, SW 610, SW 620, and two of the following (SW 630, SW 631, SW 632, SW 633). If you find errors in your enrollment or have questions, you should contact your advisor or me as soon as possible.

Advising is just around the corner. Faculty advisors will be taking appointments for a period lasting between two and three weeks. It’s not too early to begin thinking about your schedule for spring 2009. 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 Room 107 Twente Hall if you need to check it. You MUST meet with your advisor before you will be allowed to enroll in spring 2009 courses.

BSW Seniors: Now is the time to start checking your ARTS Form to make sure that you are on track to graduate in May. A GPA of 2.50 in both overall and social work is required to graduate. If you find yourself on the borderline of this requirement talk to your faculty advisor immediately. As you know, all students must have a minimum of 124 credit hours to graduate. Also be sure that you are meeting all of the general education, elective, and social work requirements for the BSW. The General Education list can be found at [http://www.socwel.ku.edu/Academics/BSW/bswgen.shtml](http://www.socwel.ku.edu/Academics/BSW/bswgen.shtml) or in hardcopy outside of Room 107 Twente Hall. We all know that at times the ARTS Form can have a hiccup and so if you have questions about your credit hours or requirements you can check with your advisor or me. Further, if you have credit hours outside of KU you need to have those transferred sooner than later. A general rule to follow is that until a course is showing on your KU record you haven’t taken it. Stay on top of transfer credit until you see it on your ARTS Form. Lastly, speaking of transfer credit, I strongly encourage you to NOT take transfer credit that you need for graduation in your last semester. Because of the time it takes to get transcripts sent to KU and then loaded in the system, it is possible that your graduation could be delayed by a semester. I am currently working on graduation checks and will be following up with those of you that I have questions about regarding required hours, courses, and GPA.

To all, have a great semester.
Reminders from Field Education

Fall greetings from the Field Education Office! Many of you have now entered practicum, and we hope that you are adjusting well! It’s normal to feel nervous! Please remember to err on the side of over-communicating! If you are struggling with anything, please talk to your Field Instructor and/or Field Liaison about it. Remember, nothing can be done about an issue or problem unless people know about it.

Also, please take note of the following dates:

- **October 3, 2008**: Initial Learning Contracts are sent to Liaisons for review and feedback.
- **October 3, 2008**: The 2008 Margaret Schutz Gordon Lecture, Alderson Auditorium, Kansas Union. For all members of the social work community (field instructors, field liaisons, students, faculty and staff).

  Gary Bailey, MSW, ACSW

  Associate Professor at Simmons College School of Social Work

  9:00-11:30 a.m.

  Lecture Topic: Racism and Social Work

  There is more information to follow by email. (Students are invited, but not required to attend this lecture.)

- **Oct 31, 2008**: Student Progress Reports and writing samples sent to Liaisons for review and feedback.
- **New this year**: One process recording each month the student is in practicum is due to your Field Instructor/Field Liaison.

Please feel free to contact the Field Office with any questions at practicum@ku.edu or 864-2268.

---

**News from KCKCC**

**WE ARE MOVING!!**

The 2+2 BSW Program office is moving to the Regional Prevention Center (RPC) at Kansas City Kansas Community College. The RPC is located in room 3391 in the Jewell Center. The move will occur before October 1, 2008. We are excited!! Drop in and visit our new office.
Lawrence BSW Student Group
-Debbie Greenfield

On behalf of all of the officers in the Bachelors of Social Welfare Student group, I hope your year is starting off smoothly! Thanks to all of you who came out for the picnic last week. Steve Kapp again dazzled the crowd with his hot dog grilling skills.

We also want to remind you that our first meeting for the 08-09 school year will be this Sunday, September 7th at 7pm in the Student Union at Alcove G. The plan for the year is to have concise, yet productive meetings every other Sunday at 7pm in Alcove G. We are looking forward to another year of working together with our fellow junior and senior classmates to create support and service opportunities for our community.

The BSW Student group generally works on two larger benefits throughout the school year, as well as various service projects helping groups in need from the community. In the past, these service projects have supported the homeless population, children in need, and the Douglas County AIDS Project. This year we are engaged in gathering fresh ideas from all of you who wish to become involved and reach out to others!

Not only is this a great opportunity to learn about, and contribute to our community, it looks good on a resume and is an excellent way to get to know your fellow students and have a good time!

So please join us Sunday nights for our meetings and bring a friend! You do NOT have to be a BSW student to participate in the group.

KCKCC BSW Student Group
-Carolyn Bettes

Hello Everyone!

The BSW KU 2+2 KCKCC Student group leaders were very pleased at the turn out for our first group meeting on Thursday, August 25th. We are so happy that so many of you want to participate in the Student Group.

Thanks to Andrea, we have several different volunteer opportunities for the group as a whole or individuals who wish to represent the BSW KU 2+2 KCKCC Student Group.

As a group, we voted on having our first annual Student Group get-together on Saturday, September 20th at 2:00pm on the Edwards Campus. Katie will be sending out the details via e-mail.

From myself, Carolyn, Andrea and Katie we want to welcome all of you and we look forward to a successful and fun year!
Volunteer Opportunities

Volunteer:
☆ Join one of the oldest continually existing 24 hour counseling centers in the country.
☆ Gain skills and insight that improve your personal life.
☆ Form friendships with other volunteer counselors.
☆ Feel great about helping kids and adults who turn to us.

Attend an Info Meeting:
☆ Sunday 8/17 from 4:00-5:15pm at the Community Mercantile
☆ Thursday 8/21 from 6:00-7:15pm at the Borders’ Coffee Shop
☆ Tuesday 8/26 from 6:00-7:15pm at Lawrence Public Library

Difficult Dialogues: Race, Education and American Politics

Mon., Sep. 15, 2008, 3:30-5:00 p.m.
Difficult Dialogues: Race, Education and American Politics
David Roediger, History, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
"Will Race Survive in the U.S.?: The Possibilities and Impossibilities of the Obama Phenomenon"
The Commons at Spooner Hall

Fri., Oct. 10, 2008, 3:30-5:00 p.m.
Difficult Dialogues: Race, Education and American Politics
"The Impact of Race on Education"
An uncompetitive debate between the KU debate team and the Texas Southern University debate team
The Commons at Spooner Hall

Wed., Oct. 22, 2008, 7:30-9:00 p.m.
Difficult Dialogues: Race, Education and American Politics
Charles Johnson, University of Washington-Seattle
"The Obsolescence of the Concept of Race"
Spencer Museum of Art Auditorium

Thu., Nov. 6, 2008, 7:30-9:00 p.m.
Difficult Dialogues: Race, Education and American Politics
Julia Wright
"Uncle Tom’s Grandchildren: How My Father Taught Me About Race."
The Commons, Spooner Hall
Upcoming Events

Fourth Midwest Campaign School
(Kansas National Association of Social Workers)

September 19th, 2008, KU Edwards Campus, Regents Room 108 in Overland Park, Kansas
9:00 am - 1:00 pm (8:30 am is the sign in)
Fees: NASW Members $40.00; Non members: $55.00

Social Workers Making Change Through Political Practice
This workshop will explore the place of “Political Social Work” in the development and future of the social work profession. Political social work will be defined and illustrated through the jobs and career experiences of social workers who have moved into this new area of practice. The unique reasons why social workers should be involved in politics will be considered as well as the restrictions on some political activities given legal, ethical and Internal Revenue Service restrictions. The skills necessary for success in the political world will be presented and illustrated. The future of Political Social Work practice will be considered. The ethical reasons for social workers to become more active in political social work will be presented.

Presenter
Dr. Nancy A. Humphreys
Dr. Humphreys is the founder and Director of the Institute for the Advancement of Political Social Work Practice, out of the University of Connecticut (Uconn). The Institute was named the Nancy A. Humphreys Institute of Political Social Work in 2006 in honor of Dr. Humphreys’ visionary contribution to social work and the political arena. She has been the leading advocate of the idea that political social work is a particular practice specialization for the profession.

This event is co-sponsored by the Nancy A. Humphreys Institute for Political Social Work and the Kansas Chapter, NASW political action committee, PACE. The location sponsor is the KU School of Social Welfare, Edwards Campus.

The Society for Social Work Leadership in Healthcare
MOKAN Chapter of Society for Social Work Leadership in Health Care presents:

Future of Health Care: Social Work Leadership

National Keynote,

Patricia Volland, MBA, MSW
New York Academy of Medicine

Ms. Volland is currently the Senior Vice President for Administration and Finance at and a Fellow of the New York Academy of Medicine. She is a previous National President and current Board Member of the Society for Social Work in Health Care of the American Hospital Association. She is a member of the Board of Directors of Planned Parenthood of New York City. She is the editor of the book, Discharge Planning: An Interdisciplinary Approach to Continuity Care and she was awarded the Ida B. Cannon Award for Distinguished Leadership.

This is an all day workshop discussing the future of Social work in the health care setting. There will be break-out sessions and panel discussions. A box lunch is included in the admission cost. Attendance for the full day will earn you up to 6 CEUs. To register or to find more information, go to www.geocities.com/sswlhc_mokan (MOKAN Chapter website) or www.acteva.com/go/sswlhc_mokan
The KU School of Law presents:

2008 Symposium
Law, Reparations, and Racial Disparities

Friday October 31, 2008
9:00 am – 5:00 pm
Green Hall, 1535 W. 15th Street, Lawrence, Kansas 66045

The Symposium will gather a distinguished group of scholars in law, philosophy, economics, sociology, and political science to explore what law can learn from empirical research on racial disparities in wealth, health, education, and the criminal justice system, and to assess whether legal reparations for slavery can be a viable means of dealing with these persistent disparities. Please plan to attend what promises to be an engaging discussion of this important and timely issue.

Attendance is free and no reservations are required. Please contact Symposium Editor Kelly Foos for more information: 785/766-2946; kfoos@ku.edu

Public Lecture Series on Rights, Freedom and Equality

WHAT DOES A LIBERAL SOCIETY OWE THE DISADVANTAGED?

Gerald Gaus
Department of Philosophy
University of Arizona
“Is Public Policy Possible?”
4:00 p.m., Friday, October 3, 2008
Hall Center for the Humanities

Loren Lomasky
Corcoran Department of Philosophy,
University of Virginia
“What Do We Owe the World’s Poor?”
4:00 p.m., Friday, October 24, 2008
Hall Center for the Humanities

Richard Arneson
Department of Philosophy
University of California, San Diego
"Varieties of Cosmopolitanism and the Ideal of Global Justice"
4:00 p.m., Friday, December 5, 2008
Alderson Room, Kansas Union
International Program: Fall Study Abroad Fair

Find out about all of the Social Welfare study abroad courses: Costa Rica, India, South Korea, and Sweden and Finland. Learn about financial aid opportunities for all KU students.

Date: September 10, 2008

Time: 09:30AM - 03:30PM

Location: Kansas Union, 4th Floor

Phone: (785)864-3742

Email: osa@ku.edu

Website: http://www.studyabroad.ku.edu

** Students above—including Hillary Bowker, BSW student (front right)—are enjoying time together in Costa Rica with Dr. Rick Spano, Associate Dean, School of Social Welfare. **
Social Work and Pre-Social Work Students

Kylie Luckett (above) (BSW ’10) speaks at the all-campus Multicultural Scholars Program Fall Gathering, while the some of the MSP-SW group smiles (top left).

Students gathered together at the Lawrence BSW Student Group Picnic (left), KCKCC 2+2 Program orientation (with Maxine Elmore, bottom left), and Pre-SW orientation (with Vicki Mignot and Antwan Winkfield, below).
Events Calendar

September

1\textsuperscript{st}  Labor Day, School closed
7\textsuperscript{th}  BSW Student Group Meeting, 7:00 pm, KS Union, Alcove G
10\textsuperscript{th}  KU Study Abroad Fair, Kansas Union
19\textsuperscript{th}  NASW conference
20\textsuperscript{th}  KCKCC Student group annual get-together
21\textsuperscript{st}  BSW Student Group Meeting, 7:00 pm, KS Union, Alcove G

October

1\textsuperscript{st}  BSW Application Deadline
3\textsuperscript{rd}  The 2008 Margaret Schutz Gordon Lecture 9:00-11:30
5\textsuperscript{th}  BSW Student Group Meeting, 7:00 pm, KS Union, Alcove G
16\textsuperscript{th}-17\textsuperscript{th}  KU Fall Break

Have a great semester!!