BSW Director’s Corner

--Lori Messinger

It is a different experience starting this year for me than it was last year. As I write this, I am sitting at home in my own personal quarantine, one of many people affiliated with KU who is fighting what seems to be the new H1N1 flu virus.

I know that all of you have probably seen the emails, the online updates, and the news about the H1N1 virus, but it is important to recognize that this flu may affect our experience at KU a little more than normal. Epidemiologists at CDC are speculating that this virus will pass quickly through the population, and many of your friends and instructors may get sick over the course of the semester. I have already had to ask a guest lecturer to speak to my class, and I suspect that some of you may miss class yourselves due to the illness. So, I will reiterate some suggestions for all of you if you get sick:

- Please follow the protocols distributed by the university. (You can find information and updates at http://www.alert.ku.edu.) Do not come to class or go to your field placement if you are ill and running a temperature. You are contagious until you have not run a temperature for 24 hours without medication.

- Contact your instructor and let them know you are sick. Make a plan to turn in work that is due and get information/notes from your classes. If the illness becomes serious, please contact the BSW office and let us know. We can communicate with all of your social work instructors.

- Don’t be surprised if your instructor winds up sick and has to amend the syllabus. Try to be accommodating to these changes; we are trying to make sure you learn what you need to learn in the time allotted.

- If you are a senior in field placement, contact your supervisor/field instructor and let them know you are sick as soon as you can. Make a plan to cancel or cover appointments with clients and colleagues for several days. Remember that it is considered very unprofessional to just simply not show up for meetings or appointments. Students in placement may use up to 16 hours of sick leave during placement; any additional hours missed must be made up. If you miss over 16 hours, please work with your field instructor and liaison to create a plan to make up missed hours.

I have no doubt that we can all work together to have a successful semester in the face of potential widespread illness. Just think of it as another challenge handled well by (current and future) social workers!
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, 2009. You can find the application form on our website (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 2010. If you have questions about the application process, feel free to email me.

Pre-social work advising begins 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 2009. 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. For BSW seniors you 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.

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 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 up 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

--Julie Solomon, Assistant Director

A warm welcome to all the KU BSW students from the Field Education Office! As we kick off the 2009-10 academic year, we have a few things for you in your senior field placements to keep in mind.

First, for those of you who have started practicum this fall, here are some reminder due dates:

- Initial Learning Contracts and Reflective Writing Samples due to Liaison’s: **October 2nd**
- Student Progress Report and Writing Samples due to Liaison’s: **October 30th**
- Reflective Writing Samples due to Liaison: **December 4th**
- Mid Year Evaluations and Professional Writing Sample due to Liaisons: **December 11th**.

**Please plan ahead to be sure you meet the deadlines.**

Second, as you settle in to practicum, please utilize your Field Instructor, Field Liaison and the KU Office for any support or guidance you may need. Remember, no one can help is we don’t know what you are struggling with. Best wishes for an outstanding year!

News from KCKCC

--Maxine Elmore, KCKCC Program Coordinator

Greetings from the 2+2 BSW Program!!!! School has begun and we are very excited. The program continues to grow. This semester is our largest number of students since the program began.

I am the Program Coordinator, an advisor, and the point of contact for all students in the program. I also have years of experience as a practicing social worker. I am glad to talk with you about classes, areas of social work practice, or any other questions you might have.

I am housed in room 3339 in the Jewell Center. My office hours are 8:00 – 4:30 pm on Monday, Wednesday and Fridays and 10:00 a.m. – 6:30 pm on Tuesday and Thursdays.

If you need help navigating the KU Lawrence Campus, Edwards Campus, or Kansas City Kansas Community College systems, please contact me. My email address is melmore1@ku.edu and my phone number is (913) 288-7304.

If you have questions or want to say hello, stop by.

I hope you have a wonderful semester!
KCKCC BSW Student Group

On behalf of the officers, we would like to welcome all the new students in the 2+2 BSW program. It is exciting to see our numbers are increasing as we have over 30 new students in the junior class. We have several activities and volunteer opportunities planned for the semester. To kick things off, we have planned a KCKCC BSW student group picnic scheduled for September 12th at 5 pm. This event will give us an opportunity to get to know our fellow classmates as well as their families.

Our first BSW student group meeting was held on August 25th at 5:30 pm where we explored possible volunteer opportunities available for the Fall semester. Thank you to all who attended this meeting. It was exciting to see so many volunteers eager to get started.

We would like to remind the KCKCC BSW junior class that if you should have any questions or concerns this semester, please do not hesitate to contact any of the student group officers. We look forward to working together as a group by volunteering for our local community.

Lawrence BSW Student Group

Hey folks, hope your school year is off to a great start. We had a good turnout at the picnic last week. If you weren’t able to make it, don’t worry, there will be lots of opportunities to get involved!

The Lawrence BSW student group usually organizes two large benefits throughout the school year, as well as various other service projects in the community. In the past, these service projects have supported the homeless population, children in need, the Douglas County AIDS project, the Ballard Center, and other local agencies.

The group will meet every other Tuesday in the Kansas Union at 7pm. The first meeting is on September 8th in Alcove J. We will be deciding what we want to do with the group this year, so mark your calendars and bring all your great ideas! There’s been some discussion about starting a new lecture series, organizing some political action campaigns, social events, and tons of other great stuff.

This is an excellent way to learn about and help our community. It’s also a great opportunity to make new friends, get support from other BSW students, have fun, and add some bulk to your resume! So please join us Tuesday nights and bring your friends. You don’t have to be a BSW student to participate in the group.

All meetings are on Tuesdays from 7pm to 8:30pm in the Kansas Union. Sign up on the “BSW Group” Facebook Page to keep up with all of our announcements and events!
The American Psychological Association recently released the 6th edition of the APA publication manual. This style guide is an important and useful tool for all SW students. If you do not already own a copy of the manual, you are encouraged to purchase one. It can be a helpful resource as you try to write correctly formatted reports during your career as a student.

You can learn more about the APA manual or purchase a copy on the following website: http://www.apastyle.org/products/4200066.aspx.

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**Public Service & Non-Profit Career Fair**

Thinking about a career in government or the non-profit sector? The Public Service & Non-Profit Career Fair is your opportunity to meet recruiters from Federal, State and local government agencies, their direct-support agencies and various non-profit organizations. Come and explore public service and non-profit career options such as internships, fellowships and full-time jobs.

*October 27, 2009
Kansas Union 5th Floor
3:30-6:30 p.m.*

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**Does the cost of Textbooks have you worried??**

**SAVE YOUR COURSE MATERIAL RECEIPTS – YOU MAY BE ELIGIBLE FOR A TAX CREDIT UP TO $2,500!!**

Under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act’s (ARRA) newly created American Opportunity Tax Credit, textbook and other course material expenses – along with tuition and fees incurred in 2009 and 2010 not covered by scholarships or grants – may be claimed as a tax credit on that year’s tax return!

*You must keep a record of your expenses to be eligible!!*

http://www.textbookaid.org/
YOU ARE INVITED!

Margaret Schutz Gordon Lecture and Field Education Forum

Presented by:

Drs. Daphne Cain and Tim Page
Associate Professors, Louisiana State University School of Social Work

The Circle of Security: An Attachment-Based Early Intervention for Parents

Friday, September 25th, 2009
Kansas Union-Alderson Auditorium
8:30 a.m. Registration
9:00-11:30 a.m. Main Lecture

Afternoon workshops are offered for field instructors; these workshops are not open to students.

Margaret Schutz Gordon is Professor Emeritus who served with distinction as Professor and Director of Field Education at KU from 1970 to 1983. The annual MARGO Awards for Excellence in Field Education are named in her honor. Her generosity also supports this annual lecture and event.
Gallaudet University’s Department of Social Work has obtained a grant from the United States Department of Education/Office of Special Education to train school social workers to work with diverse deaf and hard of hearing children. This means that for the next four years we will be training school social work graduate students to work with diverse groups of deaf and hard of hearing children in educational programs throughout the United States. Each trainee will receive 1/2 tuition waiver and a generous stipend. A wide variety of school internships will enhance the educational experience.

This program is accredited by CSWE and is a part of the Professional Education Programs (PEP) Unit at Gallaudet University, which is accredited by the National Council for the Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE). Gallaudet University is the world leader in liberal education and career development for deaf and hard of hearing undergraduate students. Located in Washington, DC, the University enjoys an international reputation for the outstanding graduate programs it provides deaf, hard of hearing, and hearing students, as well as for the quality of the research it conducts on the history, language, culture, and other topics related to deaf people.

We will welcome our first group of trainees and scholarship recipients this fall and we are now beginning recruitment for academic years 2010-2013. To learn more, see our website at:
http://socialwork.gallaudet.edu/Social_Work/MSW_Program/School_Social_Work_Grant/About_The_Grant.html

Feel free to contact us for additional information.
New Faces at KUSSW

We are pleased to welcome three new faculty members to the KU School of Social Welfare, as well as a new Director of the Office of Field Education. All three faculty members also will be advising BSW students.

Freda J. Herrington, PhD, the new Director of Field Education, comes to the School of Social Welfare after twelve years as a social work faculty member in the BSW degree program at the University of Central Missouri in Warrensburg, Missouri. Freda was the BSW program director at UCM from 2002 to 2009. She also had experience as the BSW program director at Missouri Western State College from 1994 to 1997. She completed her MSW, ’78 and PhD, ’99 degrees at the University of Kansas, School of Social Welfare. Freda began her duties as Director of Field Education on July 1st of this year.

Amy Mendenhall, PhD, completed her MSW and PhD in social work at The Ohio State University. This summer Dr. Mendenhall finished a post-doctoral position in the Department of Psychiatry at The Ohio State University as a part of a NIMH-funded longitudinal study on manic symptoms in youth. Dr. Mendenhall’s scholarship and research focus on children’s mental health, specifically serious mental illness, service utilization, parent education, and the impact of mental illness on children and their families. Her teaching areas include mental health and research methods.

Anne Powell, PhD, recently completed her doctorate in Social Work at the University of Denver. Her research interests include the prevention of high risk behaviors among youth, particularly violence and bullying prevention. Her dissertation research focused on identifying correlates of physical and relational aggression and peer victimization among girls in middle school. Anne received her MSSW from the University of Texas at Austin in 2000. Prior to the doctoral program, she worked as a clinical and community level social worker for five years with diverse populations, such as children and adults with developmental disabilities, adults with mental illness and chemical dependency, and children and youth participating in primary prevention programs. Her teaching interests include community and organizational practice, social welfare policy, and research methods.

Leslie Hasche, PhD, is a recent graduate from Washington University’s George Warren Brown School of Social Work in St. Louis, Missouri. Dr. Hasche has worked extensively on epidemiological and implementation studies regarding the mental health needs of older adults receiving community based social services. Her future research interests include organizational adoption of evidence-based practices, feasibility and sustainability of community based depression services, and treatment models for chronic health conditions. She has taught research methods, treatment evaluation, gerontology, and generalist practice courses, where she utilized her practice experience in inpatient hospitals, a residential treatment center for adolescents, and a behavioral health managed care organization.
Volunteer Opportunities

WTCS NEEDS VOLUNTEERS

Volunteers work for survivors of abuse and our community by providing:

PEER-COUNSELING ● SUPPORT GROUPS ● COMMUNITY EDUCATION ● ACTIVISM ● COURT ADVOCACY ● CHILDREN’S ACTIVITIES ● REFERRALS ● AND MORE!

Find out more about volunteering:
INFORMATIONAL SESSIONS
Saturday, August 29, 2009
LAWRENCE PUBLIC LIBRARY GALLERY
707 VERMONT 11a.m.-1p.m.

OR
Monday, August 31, 2009
KANSAS UNION 7:15-9 P.M.
6TH FLOOR PINE ROOM

FOR MORE INFORMATION VISIT www.wtcskansas.org
or e-mail Eva Vlach, Volunteer Program Director, at evlach@wtcskansas.org

Women’s Transitional Care Services is a Lawrence-based agency that provides shelter, support, and other services to survivors of domestic violence.

Volunteers make a difference for survivors of domestic violence.
## Events Calendar

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Have a great semester!!