BSW Program Director’s Corner
—Mahasweta M. Banerjee, Ph.D.

I am happy to serve as the incoming BSW program director in the School of Social Welfare at KU. I had the opportunity to meet BSW juniors who attended the orientation sessions at the Edwards campus and the Lawrence campus. I know some BSW seniors who took my research course in 2009, but not others. I will not be teaching a BSW research class this year. However, I look forward to meeting and getting to know all BSW students over the year. Unfortunately, I was not aware of the BSW student picnic in Lawrence on Sunday, August 22, 2010. Thus, I was not present there.

One of the major reasons for continuing with the BSW newsletter, started by my predecessor Lori Messinger, is to let students and faculty know about dates when things will happen or are due. Thus, I hope you will find the newsletter useful for this purpose. As the semester gets going and busy, sometimes it may feel like one other thing to read, but we hope it will help you to stay on top of your deadlines and to feel involved with the happenings at the School of Social Welfare.

I would like input from BSW students about what you like about the program, and what you would like changed, and the reasons for your suggestions so that we can make this an even better and stronger program. Please let me know either by visiting me in my office or via email. I will listen and make suggested changes when possible within the larger school and university system.

Welcome to the new academic year at the School of Social Welfare. Before long some of you will graduate and have a job or enroll in a master’s program. I look forward to being a positive influence in your educational process, no matter where you are in the program. Feel free to drop me a line or come and see me in my office. Best wishes for a successful academic year.
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, 2010. You can find the application form on our website (http://www.socwel.ku.edu/academics/bsw/admissions/index.shtml) or outside of Room 107 Twente Hall. Students admitted during the October review will begin the social work curriculum in the fall of 2011. If you have questions about the application process, feel free to email me or Dr. Mahasweta Banerjee, BSW Program Director.

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 enjoyed meeting you at the BSW Orientation and 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 2010. 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.

Advising is just around the corner. Faculty advisors will be taking appointments after fall break for a period lasting between two and three weeks. It’s not too early to begin thinking about your schedule for spring 2011. 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 2011 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/curriculum/index.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!
Lawrence BSW Student Group

Well, the BSW Student Group is off to a great start this year! Tuesday evening we were out at the Wescoe Beach Info Fair, and several people came by the table and took brochures about the school; some even signed our e-mailing list! As many of you know, President Haleigh Riemer and Vice President Emily Gawith made an appearance at the junior orientation on Wednesday, and were very excited to find that so many students are showing an interest in the group! We have high hopes for involvement this year. With that in mind, we want to be sure to provide the dates, times and locations of our upcoming meetings:

**FIRST MEETING**  
**Wednesday, August 25th. 7:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m. in the Jayhawk Room at the Kansas Union, 5th floor.** We will be collecting ideas for t-shirts. If you have an idea, please take the time to develop it, including sketches and quotes, because we will be scanning them and voting online. Also, please be thinking about agencies in the Lawrence, Douglas County area that you think would be great candidates to benefit from the annual fundraiser at Abe and Jake’s.

**SECOND MEETING**  
**Wednesday, September 8th. 7:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m. in the Pine Room at the Kansas Union, 6th floor.**

**THIRD MEETING**  
**Wednesday, September 22nd. 7:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m. in the Jayhawk Room.**

We are so excited about all the cool stuff we’ll be doing this year! As we said at the junior orientation: you can be as involved in the group as you want to be – no pressure! That goes for you too, seniors! We looking forward to seeing you on the 25th!

*P.S. Join the BSW Student Group page on Facebook to stay up-to-date on group activities!*

Haleigh Riemer, President  
Emily Gawith, Vice President  
Leslie Hall, Treasurer  
Michelle Wilson, Communications Chair
News and Information from the 2+2 Program
—Maxine Elmore

Welcome Back!!!

We are so excited to begin our new school year. If you have any questions, stop by and see me. I am located in room 3339 in the Regional Prevention Center. The RPC is located in the Jewell Center.

Dates to Remember

August 26  2+2 BSW Student Group meeting
5:30 p.m. – 6:20 pm
Room 3632 Upper Flint

KCKCC 2+2 BSW Student Group

Welcome BSW Students!!

The KCKCC KU 2+2 BSW Student Group will have their first meeting on Thursday, August 26th from 5:30-6:10 pm in room 3632. Dinner from Planet Sub will be served.

Topics discussed will include:

♦ Introductions from your Student Group Leaders and any other students who choose to share.
♦ Overview of what to expect this semester.
♦ Suggestions for a fall volunteer opportunity.
♦ Committee information.
♦ Thoughts on BSW T-shirts.
♦ We would like to hear your thoughts, expectations, and suggestions.
♦ Your input is what this is all about!

HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!
Notes From the Field Education Office
—Julie Solomon, Assistant Director

A warm welcome to all the KU BSW students from the Field Education Office!

As we kick off the 2010-11 academic year, here are a few things to keep in mind.

All Students are invited to attend the morning session of the Margo Schutz Gordon Lecture.

Friday, October 1st, 2010
Kansas Union-Alderson Auditorium

8:30 A.M.  Registration
9:00-11:30 A.M.  Main Lecture

Presented by: Terry Mizrahi, PhD
Professor, Hunter College School of Social Work—New York.
Lecture Title: Social Work Advocacy: Linking Clinical and Community Practice

No reservations required! This is not a required lecture. This annual lecture is open to the Social work community, and we invite students who are interested to come as well. Please just feel free to come on by!

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 1st
- Student Progress Report and Writing Samples (one reflective writing sample and one professional writing sample) due to Liaison’s: October 22nd
- Professional Writing Sample due to Liaison: November 12th
- Mid Year Evaluations and Reflective Writing Sample due to Liaisons: December 10th

Please plan ahead to be sure you meet the deadlines.

Finally, 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 if we don’t know what you are struggling with.

Best wishes for an outstanding year!
Events Calendar

AUGUST

25  Lawrence BSW Student Group
    7:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m., Jayhawk Room, Kansas Union, 5th floor

26  2+2 BSW Student Group meeting
    5:30 p.m. – 6:20 p.m.
    Room 3632 Upper Flint

30-31  Study Abroad in India Informational Meeting
       11:15 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.
       210 Blake Hall

SEPTEMBER

6  Labor Day—no classes

8  Lawrence BSW Student Group
    7:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m., Pine Room, Kansas Union, 6th floor

22  Lawrence BSW Student Group
    7:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

OCTOBER

1  Margaret Schutz Gordon Lecture & Workshop

14-17  Fall Break

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 Mahasweta Banerjee, BSW Director, at mahaswetab@ku.edu before the 10th of the month.

Let your peers hear from you.