Ethics and the ADA

Sabrina Perez-Glatt, Director of Field Practicum, will be offering a morning workshop on Wednesday, November 19 at the Metroplex (29th & Oliver) to explore the Americans with Disabilities Act and how it impacts ethical considerations for Field Instructors, University, and students. The workshop will be from 8 am to 12 noon and 3 CEUs will be given for licensure purposes. To pre-register, contact Judith.sedlacek@wichita.edu.

Field Site Visits

Field Liaisons are beginning to schedule site visits for first semester. Faculty who will be conducting visits are Dr. Elwin Barrett, Dr. Tim Lause, Sabrina Perez-Glatt and Sue O’Hara-Jones. For best utilization of your time and theirs, the site visitors will be making one visit to see all students placed in an agency where multiple placements have been arranged. Students have been informed who their faculty site visitor will be and should be getting that information to their Field Instructors.

Practicum Advisory Board Meets

The Social Work Practicum Advisory Board is made up of local social workers who meet twice a semester to provide input regarding field practices and processes. At a meeting on 9/26/03 the Board discussed what makes a meaningful site visit, learned more about the changes in learning contracts and evaluation forms, and offered suggestions for a future conference in the Spring (among the suggestions were more on the DSM-IV; the changing domain of social work; the future of social work).

The next meeting will be Friday, Dec. 5 at 8:30 a.m.
Graduate Information Night

There will be a Graduate Information Night on November 20 from 5:30 to 6:30 in the Rhatigan Student Center, Room 203. Dr. Brien Bolin, the Graduate Coordinator for the School of Social Work, will give information regarding the Master of Social Work program and the application process to those interested in applying to the MSW program or just wondering what would be involved in getting their MSW degree. If you know someone who has been thinking about getting their MSW degree, this will be a great opportunity to get their questions answered. Light refreshments will be served. For more information contact the School of Social Work office at 316-978-7250.

Professional Profiles

Three new faculty members have been added to WSU School of Social Work this semester. Dr. Joanne Levine, Curtis Proctor, and Shaunna Balman. Each brings unique contributions.

Dr. Joanne Levine comes originally from New York, where she acquired her BA, MSW/MPH and PhD degrees. She is co-author (with Naomi Brill) of the text Working with People and is currently working on the 8th edition. She and her 3 year old son Raphael (Rafi) have settled in the Andover area and are appreciating Wichita’s friendly neighborhoods and the ease of getting around in the city. Dr. Levine is teaching practice and cultural competency, and is designing an online DSM IV course for Spring semester.

Curtis Proctor, from Case Western Reserve in Cleveland, Ohio, is completing his doctorate in attachment in international adoptions. He is looking forward to being known as “Dr. Proctor.” Originally from Oklahoma, Curtis has interests in Indian child welfare, and gay and lesbian youth. He is the gentleman who can be seen tap dancing in the Lindquist elevators – he is skilled in music and theatre. Curtis is teaching family therapy and cultural competency this semester.

Shaunna Balman is a graduate of WSU’s baccalaureate and masters social work programs. She has wide experience in Wichita social services, having worked at YWCA Crisis Shelter, EMCU, Wichita Children’s Home, and the Department of Corrections. She comes from a line of teachers, and is carrying on the tradition, hoping to enroll in a dual doctoral program of social work and law. Currently Shaunna is teaching two introductory social work classes, cultural competency, and research. She loves theater and travel and plans to visit her sister in France in the Spring.
CONGRATULATIONS!!!!

To our very own Fran Betzen, of Catholic Charities/ Harbor House for recognition of her contributions to the community in addressing domestic violence.

To our MSW students Natalie Mossman and Kendra Bruce, who were recognized in a letter to the Director of Field Practicum as outstanding representative of WSU’s MSW program.

To new members of Phi Alpha, honorary organization for student social workers, who will be honored publicly in May.

If you know of a social worker, student, or friend of WSU who has received an honor—let us know so we can celebrate and recognize them in this newsletter!

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Holiday Party Announcement

Holiday Open House
Friday, December 12
4 pm – 6 pm
Social Work Conference Room, Lindquist Hall 539

We welcome students and field faculty to help us celebrate the end of Fall semester and the coming holidays. Light refreshments will be served.