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Letter from the Chair



Welcome to the first issue of the newly initiated Doctoral Program Newsletter! Many of you have told us that you'd like to be more "in the loop" about the goings on of CUSSW doctoral students and the Doctoral Program more generally. To this end we have initiated the Doctoral Program Newsletter with the hope that it will become a helpful source of informa-

tion to keep you more informed and connected with the Doctoral Program and its happenings. Many of you offered very useful ideas about what you'd like to see in a newsletter, and your input has been helpful in organizing this issue. In response, the newsletter will let you know about doctoral students and alumni of the program, as well as news relevant to the wider CUSSW Doctoral Program community that we learn of through the grapevine. We will also provide you with information about recent and upcoming events of interest, as well as information we think can be helpful for Ph.D. students and their professional development.

Finally, but no less importantly, we will also include upcoming dates and deadlines to be mindful of as students progress through the program. We encourage you to keep us in touch about your own professional developments, so that we can let the wider Doctoral Program community know about students' various noteworthy contributions and accomplishments.

Special thanks go to Lindsay Bennett who worked so diligently to pull this first issue together with great finesse. I hope you will find it useful and informative. We welcome your feedback.

~Neil Guterman

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- ◆ Introducing the 2005 Cohort
- ◆ Important Dates—mark your calendars!
- ◆ Life After the Ph.D.



Grapevine Tips...the Job Market

The beginning of the academic year also indicates the commencement of the job market cycle. For those planning to graduate by this coming spring, the following resources may be of help.

The Doctoral Office compiles announcements for faculty openings and other jobs in the **Doctoral Job Book**, located on the shelves near the copy room. Also compiled are announcements for predoctoral and postdoctoral fellowships.

Each fall the Office also collects CVs from students expected to defend their dissertations by the following summer to be compiled in a CV booklet, which is circulated to Social Work departments throughout the country. These CVs may also be uploaded onto our "[Ph.D.s on the Market](#)" web page.

If you're looking for guidance on shaping up your CV, you might want to set up an appointment with the [Office of Career and](#)

[Leadership Development](#). You can email the Jimmie Cochran Pratt, the Director, at jcp2008@columbia.edu for more information.

Doctoral candidates who are preparing to enter the job market should also keep their eyes open for the annual Doctoral Program **Job Market Brown Bags** (the next one will be on Wednesday, November 30), presented by the Chair, Dr. Neil Guterman. ☺

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Welcome to the 2005 Cohort



L to R: E.R. Orellana, T. Schwinn, A. Bouris, L. Ismayilova, M. Martinson, K. Mowdy, D. Miller, J. Manuel, M. Epperson, S. Matsumura. Not Pictured: L. Gilbert

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interested in the intersection of the mental health and justice systems, mental health policy and service delivery.

◆ **Louisa Gilbert** (Practice) has worked for

Dr. Susan Tross on a multi-site clinical trial testing the effectiveness of an HIV/STD intervention for 480 drug-involved women in 12 clinical treatment programs in the U.S. She is interested in the co-occurrence of mental health and substance use disorders among vulnerable, oppressed and impoverished populations.

◆ **Melissa Martinson** (Policy) is originally from Minnesota, but most recently hails from London, U.K., where she worked as a social worker at the Brent Children's Services and Assessment Department, and the Hammer-smith and Fulham Children's Services Looked After Children Department. Her interests revolve around domestic and international inequality and poverty, the feminization of poverty, and the growing impact of globalization on social welfare.

◆ **Stephanie Matsumura** (Policy) is interested in the effects of poverty on the rights of women and children, as well as ways in which the legal process clinically affects the individual, especially in domestic cases. She comes to the Ph.D. program from Layton, Utah, where she recently completed a joint M.S.W./J.D. program at Brigham Young University.

◆ **Daniel Miller** (Policy) comes to CUSSW with a strong interest in child

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This September the Doctoral Program welcomed the 11 members of the 2005 Ph.D. cohort to the School of Social Work. The cohort is comprised of 6 Advanced Practice, 4 Social Policy, and 1 Administrative concentrator. They come to the Ph.D. program from as near as a few floors down, and as far as Central Eurasia. Here is a brief introduction to our new students:

◆ **Alida Bouris** (Practice) has worked as a senior research associate at Linking Lives Health Education Program at CUSSW, under the advisement of Prof. Vincent Guilamo-Ramos. She is interested in child and family policy, ethnic minority health disparities, HIV risk reduction, adolescent risk behavior, and parent-based interventions.

◆ **Matthew Epperson** (Practice) most recently comes from Wilson, NC, where he has been care management chief of the Pitt County Mental Health/LME in Greenville, NC. He is

the past six years as co-director of the Social Intervention Group (SIG), as well as serving as a member of the Board of Directors of Sanctuary for Families (SFF), including co-chair of the SFF Clinical Advisory committee. Her interests mainly involve the intersection of HIV risk, substance abuse and intimate partner violence.

◆ **Leyla Ismayilova** (Practice), a SO-ROS student at CUSSW during her M.S.W. years, returns to New York from Baku, Azerbaijan. She has founded the Center for Psychological Counseling (the first such counseling center in Azerbaijan) as well as the Family Crisis Center Project, which works with abandoned children and domestic violence prevention.

◆ **Jennifer Manuel** (Practice) comes to the Ph.D. program directly from her position as a national project director at NYSPI, where she has worked with

CUSSW Doctoral Kudos


Claudia Lahaie (Policy) has received the 2005-06 Doctoral Fellows Award from the Society for Social Work and Research.

Mathylde Frontus (Administration) is the recipient of a 2005 CSWE Minority Fellowship as well as the 2005-06 Cenie Jono Williams Tuition Scholarship from the National Association of Black Social Workers (NABSWS).

Geetha Gopalan (Advanced Practice) is co-author (with Dr. M. Cavaleri and Dr. M. McKay) of a paper which she presented, entitled "A Learning Collaborative to Improve Mental Health Service Use for Low-income, Urban Youth," at the International Conference on Urban Health in Toronto in October 2005. She will also present a poster with Dr. Mary McKay entitled "The Effects of a Learning Collaborative on Engagement in Child Mental Health Services" for the annual SSWR Conference in January 2006.

Gretchen Thomas (Advanced Practice) was awarded the student scholarship by the Association for the Treatment of Sexual Abusers (ATSA) organization to attend their 24th annual research and treatment international conference in November 2005 in Salt Lake City, Utah.

Jessica M. Kahn (Policy) received the 2005 Vincent J. Fontana Dissertation Grant.

Jennifer Bellamy (Advanced Practice) is the recipient of 2005-06 Center for the Study of Social Work Practice Dissertation Fellowship. 

CUSSW Celebrates 2004-05 Ph.D. Graduates



This past May, 17 Ph.D. students were recognized at the 2005 Commencement Exercises. We caught up with a few of them recently:

Sakiko Tanaka (Policy) is an Assistant Project Officer for UNICEF's Street Children and Child Participation Projects in Hanoi, Vietnam, and will be transferring to the regional office in Bangkok, Thailand at the end of 2005.

Briana Barocas (Admin) is currently working as a Research Scientist at the NYU Center on Violence and Recovery.

Bradley Zodikoff (Practice), who gave the doctoral commencement address at the CUSSW ceremony, is in a tenure-track position at Adelphi University. As an Assistant Professor he teaches Foundations of Social Work Practice II, Social Work Research Methods I, and Social Work Practice in Health Care Settings.

William Bannon (Policy) is currently a postdoctoral fellow in the Department of Psychiatry

and Community Medicine at the Mount Sinai School of Medicine in New York.

Cassandra Bransford (Practice) was appointed as Assistant Professor at Binghamton University, Division of Social Work, in September 2004.

Paul Cavanagh (Policy) has begun a position as Assistant Professor of Social Work at Kutztown University in Pennsylvania.

Marah Curtis (Policy) began a tenure track position at Boston University School of Social Work in Fall 2005. Her current title is Assistant Professor of Social Welfare Policy in Social Work. She teaches Conceptions, Scope, History & Philosophy of Social Welfare, a 1-year required policy course for all Master's students.

Matthew Feldman (Practice) is a postdoctoral fellow at the National Development and Research Institute (NDRI), which is heavily involved in research pertaining to HIV and substance abuse.

David Linkh (Practice) has accepted a position as Chief of Family Advocacy Program Policy and Research for the US Air Force.

Kim Prchal (Practice) is currently Project Director of the Coordinated Children's Services Initiative, a SAMHSA initiative which addresses systemic barriers to delivering effective mental health services to children with severe emotional disorders.

Vanessa Rojas (Practice) is working on a postdoctoral fellowship in psychiatric epidemiology and biostatistics at the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health and Johns Hopkins

Education, and program evaluation consulting for the NYC Administration for Children's Services. He will be traveling to Toronto, Washington, DC, and Melbourne, Australia to present the strategic planning instrument he developed based on his dissertation study.

Huiching Wu (Practice) is working in Taiwan concurrently as an assistant professor at a medical university, a clinical supervisor at a psychiatric hospital, and a therapist for sexual offenders and PTSD patients. ☞



PH.D. GRADUATES LINING UP FOR THE CUSSW CEREMONY IN MAY.

Medical School.

Karun Singh (Admin) is currently involved in strategic planning consulting for the NYC Board of

Doctoral Alumni Kudos

Dr. Janet Williams ('82) has been awarded the 2005 Knee/Wittman Lifetime Achievement Award by NASW "for her dedication and commitment to mental health services research and to bridging social work research and practice (NASW Communications 9/16/05)." Dr. Williams is a Research Scientist at NYSPI and Deputy Chief of the Biometrics Research Department, as well as a Professor of Clinical Psychiatric Social Work in the Departments of Psychiatry and Neurology at Columbia University. She is a 1999 inductee to the CUSSW Hall of Fame.

Dr. Wan-Yi Chen ('04) received a 2004 Honorable Mention Award from SSRW in the Outstanding Dissertation category. Dr. Chen is currently an Assistant Professor of Social Work at Syracuse University.

Dr. Suk-Young Kang ('03) has received the John A. Hartford Geriatric Social Work Faculty Fellowship. The award will cover his research project on Quality of Life Among Chinese Elders in the Southwest. Dr. Kang is currently on faculty at Arizona State University.

Dr. Lucy Cabrera ('00), President and CEO of the *Food Bank For New York City*, was awarded the President's Medal on June 3, 2005 at the City College of New York. The President's Medal is awarded for distinguished public service.

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Important Dates

November

- 4 Application deadline for Dec. 5 Field of Practice Exams
- 7 Academic holiday
- 8 Election Day holiday
- 11 Suggested deadline to submit dissertation defense application to Dissertation Office if planning for February degree
- 17 Last day to drop a class for certain schools*
- 24-27 Thanksgiving holiday
- 30 Job Market Brown Bag (12:00—1: 30 p.m., Room 805)

*See University Calendar

December

- 2 Suggested deadline for distribution of dissertation to committee members for February degree date
- 5 **Field of Practice Exams**
CUSSW Registration for Spring 2006 (Dec 5-6)
- 6 **Doctoral Program Holiday Party**, 301 Philosophy Hall, 6:15 - 9:15 p.m.
- 12 Fall semester University classes end
- 16 Fall semester CUSSW classes end
- 23-1/16/06 Winter holiday

January

- TBA Late registration period for Spring 2006
- 6 Application deadline for February 6 Field of Practice Exam
- 16 Martin Luther King, Jr. Day holiday observed
- 17 Spring semester classes begin
- 27 Late registration for Spring 2006 ends. Last day to add/drop courses or apply to audit courses.



Program Calendar

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JANUARY 2006

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MARK YOUR CALENDARS! THE 2005 ANNUAL DOCTORAL PROGRAM **HOLIDAY PARTY** WILL BE HELD ON **TUESDAY, DECEMBER 6** FROM **6:15 – 9:15 P.M.** IN **301 PHILOSOPHY HALL.**



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and family policy. He has experience as a union organizer with SEIU Local 888 in Massachusetts, and SEIU International in Washington, DC. He has a particularly keen interest in examining the effectiveness of a positive youth development (PYD) perspective as an alternative to programs and policies which focus on individual deficits. Daniel holds a joint Master's degree in urban & environmental policy & planning and applied child development from Tufts University.

◆Kelli Mowdy (Policy) is a recent graduate of the CUSSW M.S.W. program, and enters the Ph.D. program with an interest in exploring the effects of poverty and public policy

CUSSW Alumni Kudos (cont'd)...

Dr. Murali D. Nair ('78) edited *TSU-NAMI VICTIMS: An Anthology of Writings of Children*, published by Cleveland State University Press. Dr. Nair is a Professor and BSW Coordinator at Cleveland State University School of Social Work.

Dr. Cynthia Stuen ('87), Senior Vice President for Education at Lighthouse International, was awarded the American Society on Aging 2005 Leadership Award and was selected to be a Delegate for the White House Conference on Aging to be held in Washington, DC in December 2005.

Dr. Lenard W. Kaye ('82), Professor, School of Social Work, and Director, Center on Aging, University of Maine, is the editor of *Perspectives on Productive Aging: Social Work with the New Aged* (NASW Press, 2005).

Dr. Ann Nichols ('80) has been named Director of the Society for Spirituality and Social Work. Dr. Nichols is also Associate Director for academics and Administration at the Arizona State University school of Social Work, based at the Tucson Component.

Dr. William Epstein's ('77) 6th book, *The Sorrowing Soul: Psychotherapy as Religion* will be released by University of Nevada Press in Summer 2006. Dr. Epstein is a Professor at the

University of Nevada School of Social Work. He has also held University research positions with the Raising Healthy Children and Cross Cultural Families projects for the Social Development Research Group. His interests primarily revolve around family violence, trauma, HIV/AIDS, health disparity and social epidemiology.

◆E. Roberto Orellana (Practice) hails from Seattle, WA, where he has most recently worked as a therapist and research associate for the Innovative Programs Research Group at the University of Wash-

ington. He has also held University research positions with the Raising Healthy Children and Cross Cultural Families projects for the Social Development Research Group. His interests primarily revolve around family violence, trauma, HIV/AIDS, health disparity and social epidemiology.

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University of Nevada School of Social Work.

Dr. William Meezan ('78) has been named Dean and Professor at the Ohio State University College of Social Work as of July 1, 2005. Dr. Meezan sits on the Board of Directors of the Institute for the Advancement of Social Work Research and serves on a number of Task Forces for the Society for Social Work and Research (SSWR). He was recently inducted into the CUSSW Alumni Hall of Fame.

Dr. Eda G. Goldstein ('78) has published *When the Bubble Bursts: Clinical Perspectives on Midlife Issues* through Analytic Press.

Dr. David S. Ribner ('84) is the founder and director of a 2-year sex therapy training program at the Bar-Ilan University School of Social Work in Israel. It is the first program of its kind in Israel.

Dr. Richard M. Alperin ('82) served as Chair of the Public Relations committee for the National Conference "Psychoanalysis: Changing in a Changing World" sponsored by the National Membership Committee on Psychoanalysis in Clinical Social Work (NMCOP) in New York (March 2004). He presented his

paper, "Impediments to Intimacy" at the conference. His article, "Toward an Integrated Understanding of Dreams," appeared in the *Clinical Social Work Journal* in Winter, 2004.

Dr. Lydia Chang ('80) retired from The New York City Board of Education in 1998 and promptly won a seat on the Community School Board in District 30, Queens. She is the first Asian/Chinese to be elected to this District since the Board was created in the 1960s. She has also been listed in the Marquis Who's Who In America, In the World, American Women, Education and Healthcare for the past decade.

Dr. Howard J. Parad ('67) serves as a volunteer program and research consultant for All 'Bout Children (ABC), a grassroots agency providing consultation and training for preschools in low income minority areas in Palm Beach, FL. He and his wife Libbie ('68) would be glad to hear from fellow alums who spend their winters in South Florida.

Dr. Barbara Silverstone ('73), is the author of "Social Work with Older People of Tomorrow: Restoring the Person-in-Situation," which appears in *Families in Society: The Journal of Contemporary Social Services*, Vol. 86, No. 3 (July-Sept., 2005). ☞

