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## CUSSW Strategic Planning Meetings Held in May

Under the direction of incoming Dean Jeanette Takamura, CUSSW faculty and administrators gathered at the Columbia Club for two days of strategic planning meetings on May 13 and 14. The process will continue in

*Panelists: Dr. Prewitt, Dr. Groshen, Dr. Sassen*

the fall. Panel speakers for "Setting the Stage - Emergent Demographic and Socioeconomic Trends" included: Dr. Kenneth Prewitt, Dean of the Graduate Faculty of Political and Social Sciences at the New School University, and former Director of the U.S. Bureau of the Census; Dr. Erica Groshen, Assistant Vice President of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York; and Dr. Saskia Sassen, the Ralph Lewis Professor of Sociology, University of Chicago. Panel speakers for "Emergent Scientific and Technological Trends" included: Dr. T. Conrad Gilliam, the Borne Professor of Genetics and Development, and Director of the Genome Center at Columbia University; Dr. Michael (Mickey) Goldberg, the Mahoney Professor of Neurobiology at Columbia University; and Dr. Frank Moretti, Director of the Center for New Media Teaching and Learning at Columbia University.

Panel speakers for "Columbia University and Other Universities' Approaches to Collaboration in Research and Education Across Disciplines and Professional Schools" included: Dr. Allan Rosenfield, Dean of the Mailman School of Public Health at Columbia University; Dr. Lisa Anderson, Dean of the School of International and Public Affairs at Columbia University; Dr. Daniel Meyer, Director of the School of Social Work at the University of Wisconsin, Madison; and Dr. Peter Bearman, Director of the Institute for Social and Economic Research & Policy at Columbia University.

*l. to r.: Sheila B. Kamerman, Jeanette C. Takamura*

The lunchtime speakers were: Dr. Michael Crow, Executive Vice Provost of Columbia University; and Kevin Thurm, former Deputy Secretary of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, and currently with CitiCorp. Tom Benthin of Grove Consultants served as facilitator for the two days and incoming Dean Takamura provided both the welcome, the summation, and the closing remarks.

## *COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY NAMES FORMER HHS ASSISTANT SECRETARY NEW DEAN OF SCHOOL OF SOCIAL WORK*

Columbia University has named Jeanette C. Takamura as dean of its103-year-old School of Social Work. Takamura was assistant secretary for Aging at the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services from 1997 to 2001. Since June 2001, she has held the Edward R. Roybal Endowed Chair in Applied Gerontology and Public Service at California State University at Los Angeles. On July 1, 2002, Takamura will become the first female dean at the nation's oldest school of social work.

*Jeanette C. Takamura*

"Jeanette Takamura brings a record of achievement and proven leadership ability that will benefit both the School of Social Work and the University," said President George Rupp. "She will commit her great energy and imagination to building on the School's more than 100-year history of generating and employing knowledge for the benefit of the socially vulnerable."

Takamura succeeds Ronald A. Feldman, whose 15-year tenure as dean of the School of Social Work concluded at the end of the 2000-2001 academic year. Columbia Social Work Professor Sheila B. Kamerman, also director of the University's Institute for Child and Family Policy, served as interim dean for the 2001-2002 academic year.

"Jeanette Takamura has held senior executive posts at both the federal and state level, making her well-suited to prepare our students for leadership in furthering social welfare throughout the globe," said Columbia Provost Jonathan Cole.

During Takamura´s tenure as assistant secretary at the Department of Health and Human Services, she led the development of a modernized Older Americans Act and the establishment of the National Family Caregiver Support Program, which were passed by Congress and signed into law by President Clinton in 2000. In addition, during her tenure the federal Older Americans Act programs and services received the largest funding increases since 1972. During the 1999 International Year of the Older Person, she led a crosscutting U.S. executive branch effort to lay a foundation for aging policy and program coordination and departmental collaboration over the next decade.

"The Columbia University School of Social Work is one of the few comprehensive schools of social work," said Takamura. "Situated in a world-class university in a city where the international community comes together, the school has an exemplary faculty with a stellar record of accomplishments and students who are widely regarded to be among the best in the nation. It is enriched by strong support from the highest levels of the University and by the school´s alumni. This is a time of great opportunity for the Columbia School of Social Work in general. I look forward with enthusiasm to working with faculty to prepare the next generation of professionals to assume leadership roles in addressing emergent societal issues."

Takamura was the first deputy (chief operating officer) of health for the State of Hawaii´s Department of Health from 1995 to 1997. In this post, she oversaw the day-to-day operations of the third largest health department in the nation. She also initiated and led the coordination of aging, long-term care and disability programs as well

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## School Honors Columbia University President George Rupp

*l. to r.: Ronald A. Feldman, Sheila B. Kamerman, George Rupp*

On April 25, 2002, Columbia University School of Social Work alumni/ae benefactors joined in honoring outgoing Columbia University President George Rupp at a celebration in the Terrace in the Sky's Greenhouse Restaurant. President Rupp was instrumental in enabling the School to attain its 104-year old vision of a new, purpose-built home for social work education.

Interim Dean Sheila B. Kamerman thanked the president for his advocacy and presented him with an engraved Tiffany crystal lion symbolizing Columbia's School of Social Work.

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## NEW BUILDING *Update*

### 1225 AMSTERDAM AVENUE

The Columbia University School of Social Work revealed its new address at 1225 Amsterdam Avenue to the CUSSW community last week. The School's new, purpose-built structure will be located on Amsterdam Avenue between 121st and 122nd (Morningside Drive) Streets. With the design and development phase complete and the construction documents under way, excavation, scheduled for June 26, 2002, can begin.

The process of determining the School's facilities, interior design, and façade has involved continuing consultation with the dean, faculty, and administration at every stage. Every few weeks, the architects, project management, and construction team present updates to the CUSSW Building Committee. The neighboring community is looking forward to the arrival of the School's new building and has been viewing the activities at the site with great interest and anticipation. The building is scheduled to be completed by the summer of 2004 and occupancy is scheduled for fall of 2004.

## FROM THE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION PRESIDENT

by **MaryEllen Bigham** '95

**MaryEllen Bigham**

This is an exciting time for CUSSW and the Alumni Association. The School and Alumni Association said a hearty thank you for a challenging but excellent year to Interim Dean Sheila B. Kamerman and Interim Associate Dean Barbara J. Berkman at an event on May 9th hosted by the Office of Development and Alumni Relations and the Development Committee. In late June, the excavation for the new building will begin, and on July 1, 2002, the CUSSW community will welcome Dr. Jeanette Takamura as she begins her first year as dean of the School.

Transition indicates a change or movement from one state of certainty to another. As social workers we are adept at using our professional skills to help ourselves and others through easy and difficult changes. The coming school year will bring us an opportunity to get to know and work with Dean Takamura, and we look forward to having her come and talk about her plans for the future of our school.

The Alumni Association is continuing to work on many successful projects while beginning new ones using the ideas, talents, and energies of newer members. Our goal for the next year is to increase our membership of recent graduates through interesting and innovative programs. At the same time we want to continue to keep our present membership involved in the successful programs and committees. The committees form the backbone of the organization and function as a springboard for new ideas. One of these ideas is to encourage more regional groups with hopes of regional annual meetings. Another suggestion is to work more closely with the students to develop an early relationship fostering their allegiance to the Association.

## ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR RENEE SOLOMON RETIRES

*Dr. Renee Solomon*

CUSSW faculty, alumni/ae, and students, and family and friends of Associate Professor **Renee Solomon** '53 gathered at a retirement reception held in her honor on Thursday, May 2, at Columbia University's Faculty House. Dr. Solomon retired after 30 years at CUSSW. Professor Shelley Akabas, chair of the Renee Solomon Retirement Committee, welcomed everyone, and the evening included speeches and presentations from: Interim Dean **Sheila B. Kamerman** '73DSW, former CUSSW Professor Alex Gitterman, **Anita Lightburn** '72, **Rose W. Dobrof** '76DSW, Nancy Humphreys, **Matthew Feldman** '98, Dr. Solomon's daughter Nancy and son Mark, Assistant Dean and Director of Field Education **Kathryn Conroy**, Professor **Howard Polsky**, Associate Director of Field Education **Cheryl Franks** '82 '01PhD, Associate Professor **Ellen Lukens**, Assistant Professors **Tazuko Shibusawa**, and **Mary Sormanti**, Jacqueline Mondros, and **Richard Woodrow** '75 '87DSW.

## FROM THE DEAN

**by Sheila B. Kamerman '73DSW**

*Sheila B. Kamerman*

I am writing this column at the time of Commencement, almost one year since I assumed the position of Interim Dean, while the search for a permanent dean continued. I can't believe a year has passed since then. It has been an extraordinary year, encompassing the full gamut from tragedy to splendor, and including some wonderful accomplishments even in the face of tragedy.

None of us will ever forget September 11, 2001. None of us at CUSSW or elsewhere in New York City and the surrounding communities is likely to forget where we were when we learned about the devastating attack on the World Trade Center. And none of us at CUSSW will ever forget how rapidly and effectively the faculty, administrators, staff and students mobilized to respond to requests for help and to offer help. Assistant Dean Kathryn Conroy played a particularly important role as the point person for agencies seeking help and faculty offering help. And alumni from around the country responded as well.

For many in the larger University, this was the first time they saw and understood what social work was all about and began to appreciate what we could provide. The School rallied, but without question there were spillover effects throughout the fall and even longer for some. As part of the School's response, a new course was developed by Assistant Professor Mary Sormanti on assessing and responding to post-traumatic stress, and a longitudinal study of the impact of the tragedy on families of the firemen who died in the terrorist attack is being carried out under the direction of Associate Professor Grace Christ.

Fortunately, several positive developments occurred at the School this year as well. The School expanded its use of digital technology throughout the curriculum. The University established a new course management system, Courseworks, that enables faculty to publish course syllabi online. Under the leadership of Assistant Dean Ann McAnn Oakley, the School fully embraced this resource and for the spring 2002 semester, 99 percent of CUSSW courses were available through Courseworks. In addition, faculty are increasingly working with the Center For New Media Teaching and Learning (CCNMTL) and some faculty including Associate Professor Denise Burnette, Assistant Professor Tazuko Shibusawa and Associate Director of Field Instruction Susan Oppenheim are working with the Center on innovative instructional technology initiatives. Other schools of social work are looking to CUSSW as a model in the use of instructional technology. The School will do even more once we are in the new building.

We have designed and begun construction of a new technologically up-to-date building and expect to move into it in two years. It will be the most beautiful and functional social work school in the country. It will have a wide range of classrooms, including large theater-style rooms for big lecture classes, smaller rooms for practice classes, seminar rooms and break-out rooms, offices for faculty, administrators, researchers, and staff, a student lounge, a room for social events, and a library. Senior Assistant Dean for Student Services David Yam and Assistant Dean for Administration and Finance Todd Bristol have played a leadership role in making sure that the building stays on track, on schedule, and on budget.

Faculty are increasingly productive. They have significantly increased the external funding they have obtained to carry out their research, and the results of their studies are influential in developing new practice interventions and in shaping policies. Faculty-directed centers and institutes are increasingly visible and influential and other centers are in the process of development.

The University's Academic Quality Fund identified the School's proposal for "An Online School-Based Training Program in Trauma and Bereavement" as particularly creative and innovative, warranting special support and funding by the University. Under the direction of Dr. Helene Jackson, the first focus group with teachers who were located in the World Trade Center vicinity on 9/11 took place on May 16 and provides evidence of the long term consequences of the event.

Last but far from least, the search for a new dean was successful and led to the appointment of Dr. Jeanette Takamura. At the close of the 2001-2002 academic year, we can see the beginnings of a new future, with a new dean. Last year, we said "good bye" to Dean Ronald Feldman as he retired from an extraordinarily successful 15 years as dean and returned to the faculty as the Ottman Centennial Professor for the Advancement of Social Work Education. This year, I am saying "good bye" to you, after an important transitional year as interim dean. I will be returning to the faculty as the Compton Foundation Centennial Professor for the Prevention of Children's and Youth Problems. And we are saying "hello" and "welcome" to Dr. Jeanette Takamura, who on July 1 will begin what I am sure will be an exciting and creative period as the new, incoming dean of the School.

As many of you know, Dr. Takamura will be the first woman dean at the School. She comes to us from her position during the Clinton administration as Assistant Secretary for Aging in the DHHS, and following that, the Edward Roybal Endowed Chair in Applied Gerontology and Public Service at California State University at Los Angeles. Earlier she was the chief operating officer at the Department of Health in Hawaii. She will play an important leadership role in the University, in the profession, and in the country at large. As she has said, she views CUSSW as "a world-class school of social work, in a world-class university, in a city where the world comes together."

In the next Dean's Column, Dr. Takamura will begin to lay out her vision for the School, and for the profession. Subsequently, we will all have an opportunity to help her achieve that vision.

Sheila B. Kamerman '73 DSW
*Interim Dean and Compton Foundation Centennial Professor for the Prevention of Children's and Youth Problems*

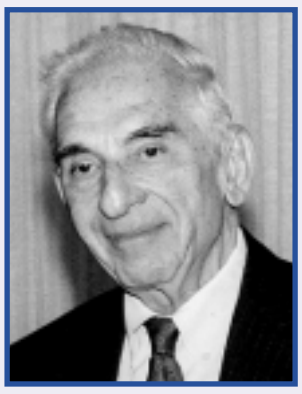
# NEW • CUSSW • ENDOWMENTS

## The Alfred J. Kahn Doctoral Fellowship

A new doctoral fellowship honoring Professor Emeritus Alfred J. Kahn '46 '52DSW has been established at the Columbia University School of Social Work. The surprise announcement was made on April 11, 2002, by Interim Dean Sheila B. Kamerman at the Columbia Club celebration of the 100th Anniversary of the CUSSW Alumni Association and the 50th Anniversary of the first doctorate given at the School of Social Work in 1952 to Professor Kahn.

Tributes were provided by Dr. Kahn's former student Karen Staller '99PhD and his colleague, Professor Herman Stein '41 '58DSW, whose remarks were delivered by doctoral graduate Myrna Lewis '65 '00PhD. Professor Kahn's long time collaborator, Interim Dean Kamerman, presented him with an inscribed silver Tiffany pen from the School and a commemorative certificate.

The new Kahn Fellowship, established in perpetuity at the University's initial endowment level, will provide a gradually increasing income to support doctoral students at the School. Additional gifts to the Fellowship can be sent to CUSSW, Alfred J. Kahn Fellowship, 622 West 113th Street, Room 418, NY, NY, 10025. A new video of Dr. Kahn will be sent to contributors in appreciation for special contributions to the Kahn Fellowship. Please contact John Matthews at the Office of Development and Alumni Relations, (212) 854-3156 or jsm13@columbia.edu for inquiries about this special donor acknowledgment gift.



*Dr. Alfred Kahn*

## Phyllis and Joseph Caroff Doctoral Fellowship Fund

Stepping forward to help fill the great need for doctoral funding at the Columbia University School of Social Work, Phyllis Caroff '47 '69DSW has established the new **Phyllis and Joseph Caroff Doctoral Fellowship Fund**. It will enable CUSSW to increase the funding available at the School for doctoral study and to compete with other institutions for the very best doctoral candidates. With this landmark achievement, Dr. Caroff becomes the first School of Social Work graduate to establish *both* an endowed master's degree fund, the Phyllis and Joseph Caroff Centennial Fellowship Fund in Health and Mental Health, and an endowed doctoral fund.

Dr. Caroff, who earned both the MS and the DSW from CUSSW, retired from Hunter College in the 80s and has remained in practice on a part time basis. She specializes in the area of health and mental health.

*Phyllis and Joseph Caroff*

## Virginia Lee Laurence Scholarship Fund

The Virginia Lee Laurence Scholarship Fund for a needy female student of merit who has demonstrated leadership potential has been established at CUSSW through a life income gift created by the late Virginia Lee Laurence '52 '71DSW. Dr. Laurence was a longtime friend of CUSSW and a dedicated alumna. She represented California on the Alumni Association Board for many years and participated enthusiastically in its activities, often traveling to New York to its Annual Board meetings and other events.

Dr. Laurence earned her BS degree from the University of Oklahoma and the MS and DSW degrees at Columbia University. She was professor emerita at California State University, Chico, where she taught social welfare for twelve years. After retirement, she was a volunteer for the League of Women Voters and was volunteer coordinator at the Alta Bates Medical Center in Berkeley. Dr. Laurence was appointed by Governor Gray Davis as an LCSW Member in December 1999.

Just before her death, she had agreed to serve as co-chair of her 50th Anniversary Class along with classmate Phyllis Harewood '52. The Golden Anniversary Class decided to honor Dr. Laurence by retaining her name as Class Co-Chair In Memoriam.

## Spring Honor Roll of Donors

The following donors made gifts shortly after the end of the 2000-2001 fiscal year.

As a result their total giving was not fully added for our last Honor Roll and they were not listed as members of the Mary Richmond Society.

We want to take this opportunity to thank them for their generosity.

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* Member of the Mary Richmond Society

## Muriel C. Reed Scholarship

During her twenty years of committed and distinguished service at the School, Director of Admissions **Muriel C. Reed** '73 provided invaluable leadership in building the School's diverse student body and extended herself as an informal support system to countless applicants, students and alumni/ae. International students find it particularly difficult to finance a graduate education as, unable to apply for federal loans, they must also deal with fluctuations in currency exchange rates. Now, through a grassroots effort, and in recognition of her exceptional efforts to assist minority and international students, the **Muriel C. Reed Scholarship for Minority and International Students** has been established in her honor. The Committee recognized a tremendous need for social workers with cross-cultural and international perspectives as well as from diverse backgrounds. Through local fundraising events and their own personal pledges, the Muriel C. Reed Scholarship Committee, chaired by William Madison III '88, has brought the Scholarship to endowment level and hopes to present an award to the first Reed Scholar in the near future.

*Muriel Reed receives the University's Alumni Medal from President George Rupp and Bernard Sunshine*

# Leadership Gifts to the CUSSW Campaign for A New Building

**The Columbia University School of Social Work is grateful to all participants in its Campaign for a New Building. There are some alumni/ae, however, who have made exceptional commitments to the Campaign and special thanks are in order. The School's deepest appreciation to these alumni/ae for their dedication to their alma mater. Following are interviews with some of these individuals—their social work experiences at the School, their careers, and what inspired them to support the School at this level.**

A Conversation with

## Maureen A. Cogan '77

Columbia University Trustee Emerita Maureen A. Cogan made a commitment early on to help bring the dream of a new building for CUSSW to fruition. "I arrived on the Board of Trustees because of my association with and my allegiance to the School. CUSSW gave me a career and I have always felt I owed it something in return because my education there was pivotal in my life."

Successful placements at Babies' Hospital in the emergency child abuse center and then at the Jewish Board of Guardians, now JBFCS, prepared her for Payne Whitney where she was the only social worker for 25 inpatients for two years. "I didn't eat, the elevator was too slow—it was an incredible experience for which I was fully prepared." After obtaining an advanced training degree in child psychotherapy, Ms. Cogan worked at Goddard-Riverside Day Care Center for two years in an experimental program, then left the field for a time and published *Art and Auction Magazine*.

Later joining the board of the Children's Defense Fund, she says, "This is where Columbia came back again to direct me. As a therapist, I was dealing with issues individual by individual, and the problems were so monumental, I felt I was emptying the ocean with a thimble. Thanks to the community organizing I studied at Columbia, I understood that by working on a grass roots level, you can create a groundswell of votes and change children's lives—a very powerful lesson."

The specific impetus for her $775,000 gift toward the new building came about through a visit to the same ladies' room that she had been in 20 years before. "I realized then where it was needed and I wanted to give because of my gratitude to the School. Ms. Cogan concludes, " If we don't have more well trained social workers to administer to the underserved, underprivileged, and undervalued, society as a whole will not be well served."

A Conversation with

## Ann F. Kaplan '72

When Ann Kaplan arrived at CUSSW, she was already working in the field of social work and was seeking the knowledge she knew she could only find at a social work school. While studying at the School, she learned techniques that helped her in all of her careers, especially "how to work with people, conduct meetings and assess various situations."

She specialized in casework and health care and worked at New York's Mt. Sinai Hospital for two years. First assisting with several research projects, she also served as a caseworker on one of the medical floors. After Mt. Sinai, she then took a job with the Moreland Act Commission, which was investigating nursing homes. Finding her interests broadening, she applied to Columbia's Business School.

After earning her MBA, she was hired immediately by Goldman Sachs and remained there for 25 years, becoming Managing Director. For a long time, she ran their municipal bond business. Then, about 1-1/2 years ago, she became very interested in how women organize their financial lives. Switching from municipals, she created a special unit at Goldman Sachs that works with highly placed professional women investors in the corporate, government and private sectors worldwide.

When asked why she made her gift she said, "I made the contribution because I was very grateful for the skill set and the personal support I received while I was at the School. Social work skills are extremely helpful in the business world." Although she has not yet chosen what to name in the new building, her generous gift will be recognized there. The contribution was made from the Frances Alexander Foundation, the trustees of which are Ann Kaplan and her husband, Robert Fippinger.

A Conversation with

## Jo Taylor Marshall '59

A professional dancer and choreographer, Jo Taylor Marshall first became interested in a social work career when she realized that the article she wrote for *Dance Magazine* and *Dance Observer* was really more about working with people than about dance. At CUSSW, she took a double major in casework and groupwork. Later, as a CUSSW Assistant Director of Field Work, she served as director of student and volunteer training at Roosevelt Hospital and as a student supervisor at Louise Wise Services. An adjunct faculty member, she also taught Medical and Social Aspects of Health and Disease at the School.

She worked for 17 years at the Columbia-affiliated Morristown Memorial Hospital, and became director of social work services. While there, she directed and produced a film on discharge planning, which the hospital sold to other health care institutions. She then produced 32 films for the Health Information Network of Princeton. Ms. Marshall also chaired the Media Task Force for the National Society for Social Work Administrators in Healthcare and served as a member of the Advisory Board of Princeton-American Communications Corporation TV Network.

Now retired, Ms. Marshall is working on a film based on the famous *All of a Kind Family* books written by her mother, Sydney Taylor. She hopes to be part of an active group of CUSSW alumni/ae in Florida where she spends half her time and asks anyone who's interested to please contact her through the Office of Development and Alumni Relations.

Of her $1,000,000 life income gift toward the School's Campaign for a New Building, she says, "CUSSW made my whole professional life possible and I couldn't be more grateful. It enabled me to combine my arts background with my social work training. I feel very strongly that those of us who have been blessed in our careers need to give back as much as possible. I did it as a life income gift because it seemed to be a win-win situation for everyone involved. As people stand on the Jo Taylor Marshall Terrace, I hope they will think globally and try to imagine what would be possible in this world with the help of social workers."

## WIEN PRIZE WINNERS CELEBRATE WITH FOUNDERS

The 2001-2002 recipients of the Mae L. Wien Prize celebrated with Enid Morse and Isabel Malkin, who founded the Prize in memory of their mother, Mae L. Wien. The Prize is awarded to CUSSW students who demonstrate excellence in the field of Family Planning, Counseling, and Population Control.

The two Wien Prize winners, Sarah Jenny Blust '03 and Michele Cohen '02, joined Mrs. Morse and Mrs. Malkin, and Assistant Dean and Director of Development and Alumni Relations Shelly Butler at a luncheon held on May 20, 2002, at the Columbia Club.

Participants in CUSSW's dual degree program, Michele and Sarah will both be earning a second master's degree from the School of Public Health.

*from l.: Enid Morse, Sarah Blust, Michele Cohen, and Isabel Malkin*

# SPITZERS HONORED AT COLUMBIA CLUB RECEPTION FOR NEW CUSSW LIBRARY

On April 23, 2002, family, friends, and members of the CUSSW community gathered at the Columbia Club to honor Charlotte B. and Jack J. Spitzer. Mrs. Spitzer, a 1944 graduate of the Columbia University School of Social Work, and her husband have provided funds for the library in the School's new building. For the last 30 years, the

*l. to r.: Shelila B. Kamerman, Jack Spitzer, Charlotte Spitzer, Ronald A. Feldman*

School's library has been housed apart from the School. The reinstallation of the *Charlotte Bronstein and Jack J. Spitzer Library* in the School constitutes an important new benefit for its faculty and students.

Mrs. Spitzer attended the New York School of Social Work on a Commonwealth Fund scholarship during World War II. She then became a social worker at the United Maritime Workers, becoming one of the first social workers to practice occupational social work in a racially integrated setting. She later became a field instructor and supervisor for graduate students at Tulane University's School of Social Work. In Los Angeles, she founded a psychiatric social work agency to provide needed services to World War II veterans.

Charlotte Spitzer is a Trustee and former Chairperson of the King County (WA) Public Library System. Jack J. Spitzer is the International Director of B'nai B'rith and was a special Representative to the United Nations under President Clinton. He was a leader of the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee and served on the War Reparations Committee for Holocaust Victims. He is Vice Chairman Emeritus of Medical Education for South African Blacks (MESAB), an organization that has provided funds for over 3000 black South African doctors. Both are members of the Board of Governors of Israel's Ben Gurion

*The Spitzers with Columbia University Librarians*

University. They are now spearheading a campaign for a new building for its Department of Social Work, which provides social work education and services for all residents living nearby and in adjacent countries.

Speakers included CUSSW Interim Dean Sheila B. Kamerman, CUSSW Dean Emeritus Ronald A. Feldman, and Columbia University Vice President for Information Services and University Librarian James Neal. CUSSW faculty, staff, and alumni/ae attended to thank the Spitzers for their important gift.

# *Alumni Association Celebrates 100th Anniversary*

The CUSSW Alumni Association celebrated its 100th anniversary on Thursday, April 11, 2002, at the Columbia Club. Highlights of the day included a luncheon for the Golden and Silver Anniversary Class Reunions, induction of the 2002 recipients of the CUSSW Hall of Fame and Pioneer Awards, and recognition of the CUSSW Alumni Association past

*Phyllis Harewood and Ken Erskine*

presidents. Photographs of CUSSW's deans and directors, faculty, administrators, and alumni/ae were on display throughout the afternoon.

*Maureen A. Cogan and Muriel Reed*

**Phyllis Harewood** '52 co-chaired the Golden Anniversary Class of 1952 Reunion with **Virginia Lee Laurence** '52 '71DSW who, sadly, passed away before the event. **Kenneth Erskine** '52 was named as the Golden Anniversary Class Honoree. He has served on various CUSSW Alumni/ae Association Committees, and is an active member of the V. Benjamin and Agnes Louard Scholarship Committee.

*Phyllis Harewood and Helen Lowenstein*

The Silver Anniversary Class of 1977, co-chaired by **Maureen A. Cogan** '77 and **Terrie Williams** '77, honored **Shirley J. Jones** '77DSW who has a long and distinguished history in social policy and education. She focuses her efforts on issues of rural sustainability, housing and community organizing, and is the former dean of the College of Social Work at the University of Mississippi.

The 100th Anniversary Celebration was planned by the

*l. to r.: Terrie Williams, Shirley Jones and Maureen A. Cogan*

Alumni Association's Conference Planning Committee: **Susan Nayowith** '84 and **Jean Paglia** '95, Committee Co-chairs, **Carmen Cerio Belle** '87, **Jane Bender** '69, **Diane Borko** '66, **Rebecca Cauman** '41, **Jean H. Charles** '72, **Carolyn Greenberg** '83, **Ben Greenspan** '83DSW,

*Alumni Association Past Presidents*

**Betsy Naylor** '68, **Rosa Perla Resnick** '51, **Estelle Schutzman** '89DSW, **John Smith** '99, and **Roschel Holland Stearns** '90.

*Sheila B. Kamerman and the Alumni Association Board*

# P·R·O·F·I·L·E

## Alison Fogge '97

### Supervisor At Bailey House in NYC

**by Patricia L. Mulvey '96**

ALISON FOGGE TOOK A SABBATICAL from her career as a fine arts photographer to pursue a bachelor's degree in fine arts from New York University. After graduation, she volunteered at the Delta Society, a division of the New York Animal Medical Center that trains dogs for pet therapy programs at hospitals and skilled nursing facilities. She experienced enormous personal satisfaction in this volunteer work and decided to enroll at CUSSW. After graduation she joined the staff at Bailey House.

"Bailey House was founded to provide supportive housing and home assistance for people with HIV and AIDS. I was hired to do Clinical Case Management.– clinical work, crisis intervention, and concrete services. Today, there has been so much progress being made in the field of AIDS medicine, it is no longer just about AIDS, it is about relationships and the day to day living with AIDS." Now a supervisor, she finds the work extremely rewarding. She continually works on furthering her supervisory skills outside the agency also. "I need to develop and enhance my skills and abilities in working with the social workers reporting to me, as well as with other program directors. Supervision is critical, especially as agencies cut back on it."

An active member of the Alumni Association from graduation on, Alison participated in its Mentoring Program through the Alumni-Student Relations Committee, serves as a member of the Alumni Association Executive Committee and the Newsletter Advisory Committee, and is now in her second year as Association Vice President.

# NEWS OF THE ALUMNI/AE

## FROM THE 40s

On May 20th, the Department of Field Education held a luncheon in honor of Professor **Agnes Louard** '48. Professor Louard's contributions to field education and commitment to the Seminar in Field Instruction (SIFI) have spanned more than a quarter of a century.

Judith S. Block and Dr. Abraham Lurie

In October 2001, Variety Child Learning Center (VCLC) in Syosset, NY, celebrated the 35th anniversary of its founding with the opening of its newly renovated and expanded facility. Dr. **Abraham Lurie** '49, Professor, School of Social Welfare, SUNY, Stony Brook, was honored for his 35-year role in shaping the Center. Dr. Lurie served as the agency's first Chairperson of the Board of Trustees and remains a Trustee.

Dr. **Herman Stein** '41 '58DSW, has been selected as one of only two Americans to be interviewed for a new book entitled *Faithful Angels: Portraits of International Social Work Notables*, James O. Billups, Editor. The book taps the hard-won wisdom, insights, and expertise of twentieth century social work notables. Dr. Stein was honored last year by the class of 1951 for his achievements in the field of social work and was one of the first CUSSW alumni inducted into its new Hall of Fame at the School's Centennial Celebration in 1998.

## FROM THE 50s

On the occasion of the 35th anniversary of the founding of the Variety Child Learning Center, the Long Island-based organization serving young children, a plaque on the building was unveiled, commemorating **Judith S. Bloch's** '51 role as both founder and current CEO of the agency.

*Ties Across Time: A Woman's Life in Social Work*, written by **Merle Davis** '53, has recently been published by Creative Arts Book Company in Berkeley, California. The book is a memoir of Ms. Davis' life and work, as well as an informal history of social work in America.

**Miriam Scharfman Zadek** '52 received the 2002 Alumni Medal for Conspicuous Service to her undergraduate alma mater, Barnard College, at Columbia University's 104th Commencement Day Luncheon on May 22nd. Mrs. Zadek was one of two CUSSW alumnae to receive the Medal.

## FROM THE 60s

Dr. **Miriam Abramovitz** '67 '81DSW served on the panel at a Hunter College SSW presentation entitled "Six Months Later: Emerging Social Service Implications of September 11, 2001," in March. Dr. Abramovitz was also invited to a New York City meeting called by Senator Hillary Clinton (D-NY) to discuss the Temporary Aid to Needy Families (TANF) program in April. At the Blue Ribbon Commission on Economic Security of NASW in Washington, DC, she reported findings from her study on the impact of welfare reform on non-profit human service agencies in NYC. For the report, contact: iabramov@hunter.cuny.edu.

Dr. **Elaine Congress** '69, Associate Dean of Fordham University's Graduate School of Social Service, has had her book, *Teaching Social Work Values and Ethics: A Curriculum Resource*, published by the Council on Social Work Education. (CSWE). In February 2002, she presented a paper on "Ethical Beliefs of Social Work Researchers: A National Study," at CSWE's Annual Program Meeting in Nashville.

Ralph S. and Dorothy P. Schmitt Professor at Case Western Reserve University's Mandel School of Applied Social Sciences, **M.C. Hokenstad** '66, has been named winner of the 2002 Significant Lifetime Achievement in Social Work Education award from the Council on Social Work Education (CSWE). He received the award on February 24, 2002, at the Council's Annual Program Meeting in Nashville, TN.

**Susan Matorin**'s '66 response to the March 10, 2002, *New York Times* Op/Ed article, "Beautiful Minds Can Be Reclaimed" by Courtenay M. Harding, was published in the March 12, 2002, *Times'* Letters to the Editor section. Ms. Matorin is treatment coordinator, Affective Disorder Team, at the Payne Whitney Clinic of New York Presbyterian Hospital.

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## Professor Emeritus Alfred J. Kahn '46 '52DSW Honored at Doctoral Reception

A celebration marking the 50th Anniversary of the first doctoral degree awarded at CUSSW and in the state of New York was held on Thursday, April 11 at the Columbia Club. Professor Emeritus **Alfred J. Kahn** '46 '52DSW, recipient of CUSSW's first doctoral degree, was honored on this landmark occasion, as were all CUSSW doctoral graduates, many of whom attended. Presentations were made by Interim Dean **Sheila B. Kamerman** '73DSW, Associate Professor and Chair of CUSSW's Doctoral Program **Denise Burnette**, Professor Kahn's former student **Karen Staller** '99PhD, Dr. Kahn's fellow student and colleague **Herman Stein** '41 '58DSW (in absentia), and Doctoral Committee Co-chair **Myrna Lewis** '65 '00PhD. Columbia University's Alumni Federation President **Donna Rosenthal** '67, honored past presidents of the CUSSW Alumni Association and CUSSW Alumni Federation Medalists who were in attendance. The occasion coincided with the 100th Anniversary of the CUSSW Alumni Association.

*Professor Al Kahn and Denise Burnette wih doctoral students*

## Louard Scholarship Celebrates Anniversary at Porgy and Bess

On March 9, 2002, the **V. Benjamin and Agnes Louard Scholarship** celebrated its tenth anniversary with an opera benefit at Lincoln Center. Attendees came from as far away as Ohio to join **Agnes Louard** '48 and members of the Louard Scholarship Committee at the New York City Opera production of *Porgy and Bess*. At intermission, attendees gathered in the Lobby of the New York State Theatre for champagne, before returning for the second act of this acclaimed production of George Gershwin's masterpiece.

*Agnes Louard and family*

The response to this event was overwhelming, with over 125 people attending and many more participating with contributions to the Scholarship fund and messages placed in the anniversary program. Thanks to their dedicated efforts, the Scholarship endowment is now over $190,000, and the Louard committee and the many other participants are assisting talented, needy African-American students pursuing careers in social work.

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In April 2002, NASW President, **Terry Mizrahi** '66, Manhattan Borough President, C. Virginia Fields, and others participated in a series of workshops entitled "Making a Difference: Opportunities in Social Work and Human Services." The series was presented by the Institute for Community Learning and Service, a joint project of AARP and Continuing Education & Public Programs, The Graduate Center, CUNY.

**from l.: The Hon. James McGreevey, Donna Rosenthal, President George Rupp**

As president of the Columbia University Alumni Federation, **Donna Rosenthal** '67 recently hosted a luncheon honoring The Hon. James E. McGreevey, 51st Governor of New Jersey, at the Columbia Club, where he was awarded this year's Citation of Distinction and Merit.

In March 2002, Dr. **Beth Silverman-Yam** '68, Clinical Director of Sanctuary for Families-Domestic Violence Shelter, and CUSSW Adjunct Associate Professor, participated in a CUSSW Social Intervention Group (SIG) conference entitled "Experts Meeting on Partner Violence and Drug Use."

## FROM THE 70s

**Jose Berrios and son**

**Jose M. Berrios** '72 has used his social work skills and experience and transferred them into his work in the educational field.

**Nancy Boyd Webb** '79DSW, Distinguished Professor of Social Work at Fordham University, has edited a new book, *Culturally Diverse Parent-Child and Family Relationships*, published by Columbia University Press. Dr. Webb presented a workshop in Tempere, Finland, last July at the International Conference on Social Work in Health and Mental Health. In November, she was the keynote presenter for Hospice Care in Westchester and Putnam, NY. The second edition of Dr. Webb's *Helping Bereaved Children* was due to be published in February 2002.

## FROM THE 80s

In March 2002, **Louisa Gilbert** '88 a member of the CUSSW Social Intervention Group (SIG) participated in a SIG conference entitled "Experts Meeting on Partner Violence and Drug Use."

**Sarah B. Greenblatt** '81 is the director of the Casey Center for Effective Child Welfare Practice at Casey Family Services in Shelton, CT, the direct service arm of the Annie E. Casey Foundation. She was director of the National Resource Center for Foster Care and Permanency Planning at the Hunter College School of Social Work. She was also an adjunct professor at CUSSW and Hunter College.

Dr. **Geoffrey Greif** '83DSW is the associate dean at the University of Maryland School of Social Work. His co-authored book, *Overcoming the Odds: Raising Academically Successful African-American Young Women*, was just published by Oxford University Press. Last year he served as the Chair of the Governor's Special Commission to Study Sexual Orientation Discrimination.

**Roslyn Jefferson** '80 has been the Employee Assistance Program Coordinator for the University at Albany since April 1999. In 1994, together with other African-American psychologists and psychiatrists, she founded the Nia Center, private psychotherapy services focused primarily on providing quality mental health services to people of color.

In March 2002, Dr. **Barbara Kail** '74 '81DSW, Associate Professor at Fordham University Graduate School of Social Service, participated in a SIG conference entitled "Experts Meeting on Partner Violence and Drug Use." Dr. Kail was a panelist in a discussion entitled "Best Practices and Key Mediating Factors from Research."

Msgr. **Donald Sakano** '81 was featured in the Workplace Section of the Wednesday, December 26, 2001, issue of *The New York Times*. In a section called My Job, Msgr. Sakano's profile is entitled, "To Bless, to Listen, to Comfort."

## FROM THE 90s

**Michelle Billies** '95 is currently teaching at the Gestalt Center for Psychotherapy and Training of NY (a post-graduate training program). In April, she led two Gestalt workshops, "Where Is The Joy?" and "Shame and Intimacy: An Exploration of Sexual Abuse."

**Patricia Dawson** '99 co- presented for the NASW, NY City Chapter International Affairs Committee, the Dialogue, Awareness and Tolerance (DAT) model that faculty, alumni, and she developed after 9/11. The model will be used to address intergroup conflict and intolerance.

*Tools for Life, A Guide for Young People Leaving Care*, developed and compiled by **Emily DeLorenzo '**99 and **Ashley Lunkenheimer** '99, is being currently reviewed and revised in preparation for publication by Voices of Youth and Legal Aid.

*The Foster Parent Guide to Fair Hearings*, co-written by **Brandi Kirin** '98 is one of the most consulted documents on the Legal Aid Society web-site and has been linked to and/or incorporated into a wide variety of other web-sites.

In June 2001, **Marcia Schwartzman Levy** '99 was invited to present a paper co-authored by **Anita Warmflash** '54, "Phase-Specific Social Work Interventions in a Comprehensive Care Center: A Working Model," at the annual meeting of the Consortium of Multiple Sclerosis Centers in Ft. Worth, TX. Ms. Levy is currently the senior social worker for the trauma and burn intensive care units at Jacobi Medical Center.

**Alice Psirakis** '99 took an adjunct professorship at St. John's University in Queens in January 2002. She is teaching Introduction to Social Work in the University's sociology department.

## FROM THE 00s

**Deanne Evans** '00 is currently in Guinea, Africa, with the International Rescue Committee, heading a program on gender/domestic violence.

**Lori D. Friedman** '00 is the Outreach Coordinator for DOROT (Hebrew for "Generations") a not-for-profit agency that brings food, friendship, and vital services to the homebound and the elderly. Ms. Friedman works with University Without Walls, an innovative program that connects homebound participants in the United States through the telephone to informative discussions, interesting workshops, and support groups covering a wide array of topics. Contact DOROT 212-769-2850 for more information. www.dorotusa.org

Developed in 2000 by **Elizabeth Kirkpatrick** '00 and **Grace Sato** '00, *Family Court, Legal Aid and You*, a child's coloring guide, is now available to young clients in all of the Legal Aid Society offices.

Since September 14, 2001, **Lisa Zurndorfer** '00 has been a volunteer therapist with the New York Fire Department's counseling service unit. She was quoted in the Tuesday, March 5, 2002, edition of *The Wall Street Journal* in an article entitled "FDNY Tries to Rescue Its Own." The article focuses on the growing numbers of emotionally troubled firefighters, and the measures being taken to help them.

## FROM THE 01s

In February 2002, the Legal Aid Society received $75,000 in funding from the Casey Foundation to establish the Safe Families (DV) Project in Bronx Family Court. The proposal for this funding was written by **Danielle Barry** '01.

**Jennifer Magnabosco-Bower** '01PhD is working at RAND in Santa Monica, CA, as an Associate Policy Researcher in Health and Management Sciences.

**Murray L. Nossel** '97 '01PhD co-directed and co-produced *A Brooklyn Family Tale*. The documentary describes the aspirations and struggles (teen pregnancy, violence) of one family over three years and documents its relationship with Sister **Mary Geraldine Tobia** '85, co-founder of the Center for Family Life in Sunset Park, Brooklyn, New York. The Center for Family Life was also founded by Sister **Mary Paul Janchill** '75DSW. The documentary will be shown on PBS this fall.

In March 2002, Dr. **Susan Witte** '01PhD, a member of the CUSSW Social Intervention Group (SIG), participated in a SIG conference entitled "Experts Meeting on Partner Violence and Drug Use." Dr. Witte was the moderator for a panel discussion entitled "Best Clinical Practices for Assessing and Treating Drug-Involved Women who have Experienced Recent IPV."

## FRIENDS

Dr. **Muriel Petioni**, a member of the CUSSW Dean's Advisory Council, was featured in the Metro section of the Wednesday, December 26, 2001, issue of *The New York Times*. The profile in the Public Lives section is entitled "At a Bastion of Harlem Health, the Matron Is Still In," and chronicles Dr. Petioni's relationship with Harlem Hospital Center, which began when she interned there in 1937. Dr. Petioni is also the chair and president of the Board of Trustees for The Friends of Harlem Hospital Center, Inc. On November 17, 2001, the Friends hosted their annual gala dinner dance to raise money for the hospital.

# Barbara Grodd '79 Receives Columbia University Alumni Medal

*from left: Donna Rosenthal, Barbara Grodd, George Rupp*

At a luncheon ceremony on Columbia University's Commencement Day, May 22, 2002, Barbara Grodd received one of ten Alumni Medals for Conspicuous Service given to Columbia graduates. The Medals were presented in Low Memorial Library by Columbia President George Rupp and the University's Alumni Federation President, Donna Rosenthal '67.

As a social worker, Barbara Ostrove Grodd was deeply involved in the identification and resolution of the problems of those involved in the criminal justice system. Her articles and interviews have appeared in professional journals and in the popular media. She has also been a dedicated CUSSW alumna and active for over 20 years in School programs.

She served as Director of Substance Abuse Services at the Montefiore Medical Center at Riker's Island. With a colleague, she co-founded Friends of Island Academy, a non-profit organization committed to providing continuing services to young people, primarily 16-to-20 year olds, who have completed serving jail sentences on Riker's Island. These services include: employment counseling, vocational training, job preparedness, job placement, one-on-one mentoring, leadership training, crisis intervention, scholarship assistance and social skills training. She remained FOIA's president until her retirement last year.

Mrs. Grodd served on the Planning Committee for the School's 90th Anniversary Celebration in 1988 and on the Honorary Committee's Executive Committee for the 100th Anniversary Centennial Celebration in 1998. She was appointed to the Dean's Advisory Council in 1993 and is now First Vice Chair. As Co-Chair and Chair of the Council's Development Committee, she helped plan and implement many outreach and fundraising endeavors. Recently, she has been volunteering at Ground Zero and other locations, helping 9/11 victims and their families.

She is a member of the National Association of Social Workers, the National Academy of Sciences, Women in Criminal Justice, and other community boards in New York and its environs. She is a director of Paul Stuart, Inc., and a member of the Lincoln Center Consolidated Corporate Fund 2001-2002 Business Council.

# ALUMNI/AE GATHER IN TENNESSEE AND FLORIDA

*The Tennessee Alumni/ae Reception*

CUSSW alumni/ae gathered at a reception during the CSWE Annual Program Meeting in Nashville, Tennessee, in February to honor Interim Dean and Compton Foundation Centennial Professor for the Prevention of Children's and Youth Problems **Sheila B. Kamerman** '73DSW and Interim Associate Dean and Helen Rehr/Ruth Fizdale Professor of Health and Mental Health **Barbara J. Berkman** '70DSW. Interim Dean Kamerman received the CSWE Lifetime Achievement Award from the Social Welfare Policy and Practice Group, and Interim Associate Dean Berkman received the Career Achievement Award from the Association for Gerontology Education in Social Work (AGE-SW). Both awards were presented at the CSWE Annual Program Meeting. **Gemma Beckley** '86 of MS, Alumni Association President **MaryEllen Bigham** '95, **Elaine Congress** '69, **Carol Gross** '54 of NC, **Langdon Holloway** '73 of NJ, **Ben Orcutt** '62 of AL, **Tony Tripodi** '63DSW of OH, and **Nancy Boyd Webb** '79DSW were among the many who attended.

Interim Dean Kamerman also met with Florida alumni/ae this March at a reception in Fort Lauderdale. Dean Kamerman greeted the South Florida group and updated alumni/ae on the status of the School's new building (architectural drawings were on display) and the search for CUSSW's new dean. She spoke about the CUSSW response to the 9/11 disaster. Among those in attendance were **Jo Taylor Marshall** '59, **Gerald Hecht** '68, **Mary E. Graham-Lawrence** '75, **Rose Locker Darion** '49, **Maria Cristina Oliveros** '97, **Sherman Merle** '53, **Ruth Schwartz** '45, **Bonnie Ritt** '93, **Frederic Ruff** '82, **Ann Rentoumis** '52, **MaryEllen Bigham** '95, and **Harry Blumenfeld**.

*The Florida Alumni/ae Reception*

# 2002 Hall of Fame and Pioneer Award Recipients

On Thursday, April 11, 2002, the Hall of Fame and Pioneer Awards were conferred on distinguished Columbia alumni/ae who made outstanding contributions to the theory and/or practice of social work and who, by their example, added distinction to the social work profession. **Rose W. Dobrof** '76DSW, **Mary Faulkner** '72, and **Gisela Konopka** '57DSW received the Hall of Fame Awards; **Gunnar Dybwad** '41 and **Sylvia Clarke** '45 received the Pioneer Awards.

*Dr. Rose Dobrof*

Dr. **Rose Dobrof** is an internationally recognized expert in the field of aging, and has served as a presidential appointee to the White House Conference on Aging and to the Federal Council of Aging. She has authored over fifty publications and is the editor-in-chief of the ***Journal of Gerontological Social Work***. In 1975, she became founding director of the Hunter College Brookdale Center on Aging, a comprehensive organization serving senior citizens. She also co-directed the Hunter/Mount Sinai School of Medicine Geriatric Education Center. Dr. Dobrof is currently the Brookdale Professor of Gerontology at Hunter.

*l. to r.: Susan Nayowith and Mary Faulkner*

As associate deputy director of the New York State Division for Youth, **Mary Faulkner** developed a systematic classification formula for admission to juvenile programs and standards for the after-care community. She also created a Community Mental Health Outreach Program, and as the manager of the Bronx County office of the NYS Department of Education Division of Vocational Services, implemented staffing equity for the 15 district offices across the state. She has served as the New York State president of the National Association of Black Social Workers.

**Dr. Gisela Konopka** has long been a powerful international voice for youth and victims of injustice. She has had a profound influence on national thinking about adolescence, juvenile offenders, and other youth issues and has been an important advocate for reform. Dr. Konopka helped advance the knowledge and aspirations of Minnesota's youth, and a day has been named in her honor in that state. In addition, the University of Minnesota established the Konopka Institute for Best Practices in Adolescent Health. Dr. Konopka is the author of more than 300 articles and 10 books, including her autobiography and a book on Eduard Lindeman of the Columbia University School of Social Work.

**Gunnar Dybwad** was an early and prominent advocate for people with developmental disabilities. A leading international authority and pioneer on retardation, autism, cerebral palsy and other disabilities, he was professor of human development at Brandeis University and founding director of the Starr Center for Mental Retardation at the Heller School for Social Policy and Management. He had a role in more than a dozen lawsuits in federal courts advocating civil rights for people with mental disabilities. Dr. Dybwad was born in Leipzig, Germany, and earned a doctorate in law there in 1934 before coming to Columbia.

**Sylvia Clarke** was an educator-social worker, a practitioner supervisor, and a social work department administrator in leading VA and voluntary hospitals in New York City. She developed departments and field laboratories for the Columbia, Hunter and New York University Schools of Social Work. She developed a management and collaboration skills program for beginning directors, a program still used for training guidelines by the Veteran's Administration. She established the first professional journal of social work in health care, ***Social Work in Health Care***, and became its first editor-in-chief.

## Oral History Committee Presents Conversation with Alfred Kahn

In an ongoing endeavor to record the history of the School of Social Work, the Oral History Committee of the CUSSW Alumni Association has produced the video *A Conversation with Professor Emeritus* ***Alfred J. Kahn*** '46 '52DSW. This hour-long video interview with the School's first doctoral graduate was taped at the Mitchell I. Ginsberg & Albert Musher Library on February 15th, 2002. It is hosted by **Sheila B. Kamerman** '73DSW, Interim Dean and Compton Foundation Centennial Professor and **Rose Dobrof** '76DSW, Brookdale Professor of Gerontology, Hunter College. Their discussion concerns the important work of the School since the 1940s, and the pioneering vision of luminaries such as Eduard Lindeman and Gordon Hamilton, who were instrumental in the development of the profession. Special thanks to Assistant Dean Ann McCann Oakley, Ned Walsh, and Mary Sawyer who provided technical expertise in producing the video.

# NEWS OF THE FACULTY

Interim Dean and Compton Foundation Centennial Professor for the Prevention of Children's and Youth Problems **Sheila B. Kamerman** '73DSW was awarded the CSWE Lifetime Achievement Award from the Social Welfare Policy and Practice Group at CSWE's Annual Program Meeting in Nashville, Tennessee.

Interim Associate Dean and Helen Rehr/Ruth Fizdale Professor of Health and Mental Health **Barbara J. Berkman** '70DSW, received the Career Achievement Award from the Association for Gerontology Education in Social Work (AGE-SW) at the Annual Meeting of the Council on Social Work Education in Nashville in March. In January, she presented the keynote address at the Annual Research Forum at the Mandel School of Applied Social Sciences in Cleveland. In April, Dr. Berkman presented "A New Model of Distance Mentoring in Gerontological Social Work" at the American Society on Aging Annual Meeting in Denver.

Mitchell I. Ginsberg Professor of Contemporary Urban Problems **Irwin Garfinkel** co-directed a new study that was part of the multi-year "Fragile Families and Child Wellbeing" research project at Columbia and Princeton Universities. It provides reliable data for policymakers as they address welfare reform at the state and national levels and is part of a national study that follows about 5,000 children and their parents.

Ruth Harris Ottman Professor of Family and Child Welfare **Brenda McGowan** '74DSW and Professor **Peg Hess** co-wrote *Nurturing the One, Supporting the Many: The Center for Family Life in Sunset Park* which will be published by Columbia University Press this fall.

Professor **Steven Schinke** participated in a Columbia News Video Brief entitled "Teenage Pregnancy's Long-term and Inter-generational Effects Overshadow Other Adolescent Problems." The video is accessible on-line at www.columbia.edu/cu/news.

Associate Professor **Ada Mui** has been appointed Honorary Associate Professor for the Department of Social Work and Social Administration at the University of Hong Kong for 2002-2004, and an Honorary Fellow in the Asia-Pacific Institute of Ageing Studies at Lingnan University in Hong Kong for 2002-2004. Dr. Mui will be lecturing at Hong Kong University in July.

Associate Professor **Nabila El-Bassel** '89DSW gave the welcoming address at the CUSSW Social Intervention Group's (SIG) conference entitled "Experts Meeting on Partner Violence and Drug Use."

Associate Professor **Renee Solomon** '53 retired. See the article in this issue.

Associate Professor **Jane Waldfogel** appeared on ABC World News Tonight with Peter Jennings on Wednesday May 1, 2002.

**Steven Onken,** Assistant Professor, is now serving on the Mental Health Statistics Improvement Program (MHSIP) Report Card Version 2.0 Workgroup, Center for Mental Health Services, Washington, DC. Professor Onken also presented for the NASW, NY City Chapter International Affairs Committee, the Dialogue, Awareness and Tolerance (DAT) model that he and other faculty and alumni developed after 9/11.

Assistant Professor **Tazuko Shibusawa** will co-present "The Use of the Internet in Teaching Couples Therapy: The Electronic Webboard as a One Way Mirror" at the 19th Annual Conference of the Japanese Association of Family Studies and Family Therapy in Tokyo.

Assistant Professor **Susan Witte** '01PhD moderated a clinical panel discussion on Best Clinical Practices for Assessing and Treating Drug-Involved Women who Have Experienced Recent IPV at the CUSSW Social Intervention Group's (SIG) conference entitled "Experts Meeting on Partner Violence and Drug Use."

## Myrna Lewis '65MS '00PhD Joins Advisory Council

*Myrna Lewis*

The newest member of the CUSSW Advisory Council is Myrna I. Lewis who earned her master's degree in 1965 and her doctorate degree in 2000 from the Columbia University School of Social Work. Dr. Lewis is assistant clinical professor of the Mount Sinai School of Medicine's Department of Community and Preventive Medicine with a focus on midlife and older women's health and social issues. She maintains an active psychotherapy practice, specializing in midlife and older men and women.

She currently serves on the scientific advisory boards of two organizations. Genesis Health Ventures is a network of health care services emphasizing comprehensive integrated health care for the elderly in Kennett Square, Pennsylvania. Ovations is a division of UnitedHealth Group in Minneapolis, Minnesota and the business segment for provision of health care services for about four million persons over 50. She is a member of the United Nations' Non-governmental Organizations' Committee on Aging and the Health Subcommittee on Aging and serves as a member of the Working Group on Women's Health of the New York United Nations' Commission on the Status of Women.

Among her many publications are three books co-authored with her husband, R. N. Butler, ***Aging and Mental Health: Positive Psychosocial and Biomedical Approaches, Love and Sex After Forty: A Guide for Men and Women for Their Mid and Later Years,*** and ***Sex After Sixty***, now in its sixth edition.

Dr. Lewis is a dedicated alumna and currently co-chairs with Steven Taylor '84DSW the CUSSW Alumni Association's Committee for Doctoral Graduates. Recent committee projects include the newest and most comprehensive CUSSW Doctoral Directory and the recent celebration of the 50th Anniversary of the School's first doctorate given in 1952 to Professor Emeritus Alfred J. Kahn.

## FIELD EDUCATION NOTES

Dr. **Kathryn Conroy**, Assistant Dean and Director of Field Education, was named to the prestigious New York City Child Welfare Panel, formerly the Casey Panel. Dr. Conroy also moderated a policy panel discussion titled *Coordinating a Treatment Response to Addressing IPV; and Drug Abuse on a local, state, and federal level* at CUSSW Social Intervention Group's (SIG) conference entitled "Experts Meeting on Partner Violence and Drug Use."

**Cheryl Franks** '82 '01PhD, Associate Director of Field Education, was elected to the Board of the Columbia University Center for the Study of Human Rights. Dr. Franks co-led an invitational presentation "Preparing New Field Instructors for Supervision of Students in the 21st Century" at CSWE's APM in February. Dr. Franks also co-presented for the NASW, NY City Chapter International Affairs Committee, the Dialogue, Awareness and Tolerance (DAT) model that was developed after 9/11.

**Moira Curtain**, Assistant Director of International Field Instruction, has been appointed to the position of co-chair of the NASW, NY City Chapter, International Affairs Committee.

## School Thanks Interim Deans for their Leadership This Year

At a gala reception at Columbia University's Faculty House on May 9, 2002, Interim Dean Sheila B. Kamerman and Interim Associate Dean Barbara J. Berkman received accolades, thanks, and gentle banter from Columbia University Provost Jonathan Cole and CUSSW faculty, staff, and alumni/ae. Dr. Kamerman, the Compton Foundation Centennial Professor for the Prevention of Children's and Youth Problems, is also the director of the Columbia University Institute on Child and Family Policy. Looking forward to returning to her temporarily displaced regular schedule of activities, Dr. Kamerman, who is also a 1973 doctoral graduate of the School, expressed herself as happy to be able to assist her alma mater in this task.

Dr. Berkman, the Helen Rehr-Ruth Fizdale Professor of Health and Mental Health and Director of the Hartford Geriatric Social Work Faculty Scholars Program, earned the doctorate from CUSSW in 1970. While eager to return to her research tasks, she too wishes to serve CUSSW during this transition period. At the request of incoming Dean Jeanette Takamura, Dr. Berkman will remain as interim associate dean at least through January 2003.

*l. to r.: Barbara J. Berkman, Jonathan Cole, Sheila B. Kamerman*

# Goldson Memorial Program Looks at Programs for Families and Children

The Twelfth Annual Mary Funnye Goldson Memorial Program was held on Tuesday, April 9, 2002, in the Dag Hammarskjold Lounge of Columbia University's School of International and Public Affairs. The Program, co-sponsored by the Columbia University School of Social Work Department of Field Education and the Mary Funnye Goldson Program Committee, was entitled, "Neighborhood-Based Services in Action: A Look at Programs for Families and Children: What's New? What's Working? What Needs to be Done?"

Participants included CUSSW Ruth Harris Ottman Professor of Family and Child Welfare Brenda McGowan '74DSW, social work consultant Zelda Foster '57, Good Shepherd Services Executive Director Sr. Paulette LoMonaco, Center for Family Life in Sunset Park Case Supervisor Gretchen Lord, New York City Administration for Children's Services Assistant Commissioner Gabrielle Kreisler, Children's Aid Society Director of Community Schools Richard Negron, and Jewish Child Care Association Director of Foster Home Services Candace Tinagero.

The Memorial Program's series of seminars and conferences on child welfare is named for the late Mary Funnye Goldson who joined the CUSSW faculty in 1969 and directed programs in child welfare for more than 20 years.

# School Honors Columbia University President George Rupp

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CUSSW Dean Emeritus Ronald A. Feldman also thanked the alumni/ae benefactors present, as did President Rupp, for their indispensable financial assistance. All attendees had made significant gifts to the Campaign for a New Building and to other important CUSSW initiatives. Many traveled from other states including Washington, Florida, California, Texas, and Washington, DC, to be present at the gala occasion.

*George Rupp (center) at table with CUSSW alumni/ae*

# ALBERT MUSHER

*Albert Musher*

"Many people have dreams for the future. I have my own dream. This dream is that there will be a day when every human being, starting from the earliest learning days, will be taught to be his or her own science-oriented life engineer, for both physical and material well-being and, also, for ethical well-being. It is hoped and anticipated that the newly established Willma and Albert Musher Chair Professorship for Life Betterment Through Science and Technology will do much, through this life engineering, to enable such life satisfactions to take place more efficiently, and in the atmosphere of much greater life contentment and happiness."

By the time that Albert Musher, a dear friend and generous benefactor of the Columbia University School of Social Work, made these remarks at a University-wide celebration in his honor in 1995, he had already made large strides toward realizing a dream which was his great personal gift to the social work profession and to the vulnerable populations it serves throughout the world. Six years later, at age 97, Mr. Musher was still deeply involved in CUSSW and pursuing a life of humanitarian goals and achievements until he passed away, following a brief illness, on December 14, 2001.

In 1994, with a magnificent leadership gift from Albert Musher, the Willma and Albert Musher Chair Professorship for Life Betterment Through Science and Technology was created at CUSSW. At the same time, the Willma and Albert Musher Program for Life Betterment Through the Use of Science and Technology was founded at Columbia University. He also contributed to the development of a series of innovative research programs at the Center for the Study of Social Work Practice, a joint initiative of the Columbia University School of Social Work and the Jewish Board of Family and Children's Services.

**THIS DREAM IS THAT THERE WILL BE A DAY WHEN EVERY HUMAN BEING, STARTING FROM THE EARLIEST LEARNING DAYS, WILL BE TAUGHT TO BE HIS OR HER OWN SCIENCE-ORIENTED LIFE ENGINEER...**

Several years later, Mr. Musher established the Willma and Albert Musher Fellowship for Studies in International Social Welfare. Subsequently, the School hosted a special celebration, which included the recognition of the Willma and Albert Musher Collection of books as an important component of the School of Social Work Library. Several weeks prior to Mr. Musher's death, a book, edited by Musher Program Director Gretchen Borges and covering a lifetime of his thoughts and writings, was published by the Columbia University School of Social Work. In a letter to CUSSW faculty member Dr. Edward J. Mullen, who is the first holder of the Musher Professorship, Mr. Musher wrote, "The handling of life behavior problems are the essence of the study of social work….And the study of social work will be of substantial help in establishing the guidelines for life behavior for moving forward in tranquility and reason and peace. In taking on these world problems, we, of the Columbia University School of Social Work, become an 'International School for Social Work in this world.'"

Albert Musher served as president of numerous business enterprises including Pompeian Olive Oil Company, General Mayonnaise Corporation, Aveeno Pharmaceuticals, Private Brands, Inc., the Musher Corporation, and Musher Laboratories. He was also a board director of Stiefel Laboratories and of Cooper Laboratories. An inventor and developer of special food products for the U.S. military in World War II, Mr. Musher was the holder of more than 50 U.S. and foreign patents in the food and pharmaceutical fields.

Albert Musher's contributions to the community as a volunteer leader and philanthropist reflected both his religious and secular interests. He served as president of B'nai B'rith Lodge Number One (Mother Lodge) and was a founder of Temple Shalom in New Milford, Connecticut. Mr. Musher was also a member of Temple Emanu-El, where he established the Willma and Albert Musher Computer Center. A founder and the first president of the West Side Association of Community Centers, Albert Musher was also the president of the Clinton-LaSalle Community Center of New York, P.S. 17. A longtime supporter of education, he served as chairman of the Citizens Advisory Committee of the New York City Board of Education, Community Education Division; as board director of the United Parents Association of New York; as committee member of the Division of Community Education of the Jewish Board of Family and Children's Services; and as president of the Bronx High School of Science Parents Association.

Throughout his life, Albert Musher received many accolades for outstanding community service, including citations from the District Grand Lodge No. 1 of B'nai B'rith and The Metropolitan Council of B'nai B'rith and The John Lovejoy Elliott Award from The Hudson Guild. Family matters, which were intimately connected to Mr. Musher's concepts of life betterment, had always been one of his main areas of interest. Albert Musher was happily married to the former Willma Rosenthal for 53 years until her death in 1985. Mr. Musher is survived by his children, Jonathan Musher and Betsy Boruchoff, by his companion Lorraine Albert, by Leo Boruchoff and Ruth Musher who helped implement the Musher programs at Columbia University, and by numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

By Stephanie Straffi
March 9, 2002

# ORGANIZATIONS BENEFIT CUSSW STUDENTS

### *The Jewish Foundation for the Education of Women*

CUSSW is delighted to announce that the Jewish Foundation for the Education of Women has approved the continuation of two scholarships each year at $10,000 for the coming two school years to second-year women in the Columbia University School of Social Work. One is for a student concentrating in gerontology studies and one is for a student who is also a single mother. In addition, for the next two school years, the Foundation is pleased to provide a third scholarship, also at $10,000, for an outstanding second-year student with serious financial need.

### *The Ladies Christian Union*

In a first for the Columbia University School of Social Work, the Ladies Christian Union (LCU) has provided $50,000 for stipends to be used in the forthcoming academic year solely for student housing. The 150-year old organization formerly provided actual housing for young women in its residences. This year, it has, for the first time, awarded grants to institutions for accommodations for their students. The LCU has especially concentrated on those professions which have historically attracted women, such as social work, nursing, teaching, and the arts, and for which financial support is often greatly needed. The funds will be provided to young women between the ages of 18 and 30, who demonstrate financial need and who require housing near the School of Social Work in order to be able to attend CUSSW.

# CORRECTIONS and CLARIFICATIONS

**Thora Frank** is a member of the class of 1949, not 1940.

The Fall 2001 issue of the *Alumni Newsletter* carried an article entitled "Letters from CUSSW Alumni/ae - Experiences of the WTC Tragedy." The term "letters" was used to describe what were in reality emails, telephone conversations, short verbal reports, and other means of informal exchanges with alumni/ae about their experiences in response to the *Newsletter*'s request. All contributions were included as narrated to evoke the immediacy of alumni/ae volunteer activities.

In the Spring 2001 issue of the *Alumni Newsletter*, an article about the Soros Fellows attending CUSSW misidentified Mongolia as a former Soviet republic. Mongolia is an independent Central Asian nation.

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## New Dean

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as a statewide telemedicine initiative. From 1987 to 1994, Takamura was the director of the State Executive Office on Aging, where she set in motion the development of the nation´s first state comprehensive long term care financing policy proposal and policies and programs to prepare a diverse population for an aging society, including those addressing various long-term care and retirement security concerns.

Prior to work in government, Takamura held faculty and administrative appointments in higher education. Takamura was a professor at the University of Hawaii at Manoa´s School of Social Work from 1982 to 1986. From 1975 to 1978, she was the director of the College of Health Sciences and Social Welfare, Health Team Development Program. During this period, she was also a member of the faculties of the School of Medicine and the School of Social Work at the University of Hawaii at Manoa, concentrating upon interdisciplinary practice, social policy, and gerontology, which is the focus of her publications.

In June of this year, Takamura will receive the Humanitarian Award at the 2002 International Conference on Immunology and Aging. Previous winners include former Surgeon General C. Everett Koop and former U.S. Senators George Mitchell and Mark Hatfield. At California State University at Los Angeles she established leadership programs in gerontology for promising health and human services students and secured substantial funding for two new initiatives. She has served as an advisor to and technical expert for a number of national and international health and social welfare organizations. She is a member of the National Academy of Social Insurance, a principal of the Council for Excellence in Government, vice president of the Older Women´s League, and president-elect of the American Society on Aging.

Takamura earned bachelor's and master's degrees from the University of Hawaii at Manoa and a Ph.D. in Social Policy from Brandeis University. Dr. Takamura is married to Carl T. Takamura, who is the executive director of the Hawaii Business Roundtable. They have one daughter, Mari Leigh.

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## Alumni/ae Computer Workshops

The Columbia University School of Social Work's Office of Computing and Information Technology, in conjunction with the Office of Development and Alumni Relations, held two computer classes exclusively for alumni/ae this winter. These workshops were led by **Ann McCann Oakley**, Assistant Dean and Director of Computing and Instructional Technology, and Webmaster **Sylvia Shultz**.

**"Introduction to the Computer: E-mail, the World Wide Web and Columbia's Job Search Site"** was held on January 12th and acquainted alumni/ae with computer basics, such as navigating the Web and setting up an email account. It also highlighted the art of finding and using employment and associated employment resources on the Web.

The second workshop, at the intermediate level and entitled **"Research Resources for Social Workers,"** was held on March 13th. It was mounted in response to requests from alumni/ae. CUSSW Librarian **Alysse Jordan** showed alumni/ae the growing variety of Web resources that are geared toward social work researchers and practitioners that are available at no cost and without a subscription. The Office of Computing and Instructional Technology has provided access to the sites from its research resources page: **http://www.columbia.edu/cu/ssw/alumni/workshops/resources.html**

*Webmaster Sylvia Shultz assists alumni at the workshop*

## ALUMNI/AE TAKE PART IN TECHNOLOGICAL ADVANCES AT CUSSW

During the past three years, the School has led the way with multiple new media initiatives under the leadership of Assistant Dean Ann McCann Oakley, Director of the Office of Computing and Instructional Technology. While maintaining classroom and field education as the center of the learning experience, she has collaborated with students, faculty and alumni/ae to find ways of using Internet resources, interactive Web environments and video streaming to expand the educational horizons at the School.

**CARLA - A Case Study** uses digital video to present a simulated interview between a hospital social worker and an HIV positive mother. The project includes a case file containing background documents about the client, links to relevant readings, sample assignments, and sidebar commentaries on the interview. Developed by Systems Analyst Ned Walsh, Field Department Manager Mary Sawyer, Catherine Shugrue '92, and Carol B. Chetrick '77, the video also incorporates discussion with Assistant Dean and Director of Field Education Kathryn Conroy on related clinical, policy, and supervisory issues.

In another project, Associate Professor and Doctoral Program Chair Denise Burnette worked with Lauren Taylor '94 and Lucia Haskell McBee '94 to pilot an interactive video case study of an older adult client. This project makes use of a new Web conferencing tool created by the Columbia Center for New Media Teaching and Learning. Dubbed the **ThirdSpace**, this Web environment allows students and instructors to review the video and include it in their online discussions. Professor Burnette has continued this work with a grant from the John A. Hartford Foundation. Similarly, Assistant Professor Tazuko Shibusawa and Associate Director of Field Education Susan Oppenheim have incorporated videos of student role-plays and the **ThirdSpace** into their five advanced clinical practice mini-courses on couple's therapy.

In the fall of 2000, Assistant Dean Conroy oversaw the restructuring of the School's Orientation to Social Work Practice seminar. Rather than attend a day of large group lectures, students now meet in small groups with field instructors to discuss video segments on social policy and entitlements; home visiting; child abuse, and working with the elderly. The videos are online at www.columbia.edu/cu/ssw/introductiontopractice along with links to relevant policies, laws, and other materials. Many thanks to the alumni/ae who were involved in the project, including Penny Jeffra Schwartz '78, Ilze Earner '93DSW, Anne Elizabeth Patterson '00, Claire Hall '76, Sarah Jane Bober '00, Jacqueline Claire Zahora '00, and Rachael Ann Watman '00.

The School's new building will certainly incorporate even more of the latest instructional technology. Interview rooms will be equipped with digital video cameras for student role-plays, possible "real" cases, and group interviews. Several rooms will also be able to accommodate video conferencing, allowing CUSSW educational resources to reach beyond the walls of Columbia. In addition, most of the classrooms, the student lounge, the library, and public spaces will have wireless computing capability. Other schools of social work are already looking to Columbia as a model. CUSSW continues to embrace the latest tools and remains at the forefront of social work education technologically.

## IN MEMORIAM

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# OBITUARIES

**Frances W. Chase**

**Frances W. Chase** '44 passed away on August 28, 2001. A committed CUSSW alumna, she was a long time member of the Mary Richmond Society, a former co-chair of the Boston chapter of the Alumni Association, a co-chair of her 50th Anniversary Reunion, and a member of the School's Centennial Celebration Honorary Committee. She was also instrumental in establishing the endowment for the Lucille Austin Lecture series. She was the former director of the National Association of Social Workers in Europe.

**Jane Condliffe** '77 passed away on January 9, 2002. She was a longtime member of the Mary Richmond Society, and served on the CUSSW Centennial Honorary Committee. She graduated from Smith College before earning her master's degree in social work. She was a senior staff member of Westchester Family Services (NY) and was one of the founders of Consultants in Care, a home health care service in Riverdale, NY. She was active in many civic associations in Riverdale including the Riverdale Neighborhood House and Riverdale Senior Services.

**Gunnar Dybwad** '41 passed away on September 13, 2001, at the age of 92. Dr. Dybwad, an authority on retardation, autism, cerebral palsy and other disabilities, had retired from Brandeis University, where he was Professor of Human Development and founding director of the Starr Center for Mental Retardation at Brandeis' Heller School. He was one of the first advocates to frame mental disability as an issue of civil rights, rather than as a medical or social work problem. He earned a doctorate in law from the University of Halle before fleeing Germany in 1934 and pursuing his MS from CUSSW. Dr. Dybwad was just elected a CUSSW Social Work Pioneer.

**Betty Johnyce Graham** '83 passed away on December 30, 2001. A native of Memphis, Tennessee, she received her BA at the College of New Rochelle before earning her MS from Columbia. After working with organizations including the NAACP and the American Jewish Committee, she became a psychiatric social worker and journalist. Upon retirement, she continued in private practice. Ms. Graham contributed research to the book, *Parenting in an Unresponsive Society*, and authored *The Teenager's Ask and Answer Book* and *How to Be Your Child's Best Friend*. She also offered parenting advice on TV and radio, including Regis and Kathie Lee.

**John A. Harris** '49 passed away on June 13, 2001. He joined the Army Air Force during WWII and was sent to Saipan. After WWII he earned his master's at CUSSW and began his social work career in Pennsylvania. He retired from the Department of Social Welfare in Sacramento, where he worked first as a training officer, and later as a federal coordinator for benefit payments.

**Harry D. Karpeles** '52 passed away on September 19, 2001. Dr. Karpeles, a World War II veteran, earned his MS from CUSSW and his PhD in Social Work from Brandeis University. He joined the faculty of the two-year old Department of Health Administration in the School of Business & Management at Temple University as an Assistant Professor in the fall of 1970 and remained until his official retirement in June of 1984. From then until just a few months before his death, he continued to participate in the ongoing continuing education programs for long-term care administrators that he was so instrumental in initiating in Pennsylvania.

**Margaret R. Knowles** '42 passed away on April 12, 2002, in Edgartown, MA, at the age of 92. She attended Smith College before earning her MS at CUSSW. During World Was II, she worked as a medical social worker and was posted on a Red Cross hospital ship docked in Guam harbor on VJ Day. Ms. Knowles traveled extensively and, in 1938, climbed the Grand Teton as the only woman in a team of eight. She returned to Wyoming in 1999 to raft the Snake River and to reunite with her children and grandchildren.

**Barbara Crawford Kroon** '34 passed away on November 6, 2001. Daughter of Congressman Franklin Fort, her grandfather, John Franklin Fort, and great granduncle, George Franklin Fort, were both governors of New Jersey. She received her bachelor's degree from Vassar before receiving her MS from CUSSW. She served as a social worker in New York City, Valhalla, Tarrytown, Poughkeepsie and Philadelphia. In 1950, she co-founded a Fair Housing Committee in Pleasantville, NY, and in 1963 participated in the March on Washington with her family where they heard Martin Luther King's great speech, "I Have a Dream."

**Elizabeth R. Lyon** '46 passed away on October 5, 2001. She served as an assistant field director for the American Red Cross during WWII. After receiving her MS from CUSSW, she worked as a psychiatric social worker, until 1962. That year, she founded Bierer House, the first halfway house for mental patients in New York City. Ms. Lyon started the house on borrowed money and ran it for 17 years entirely without local, state, or federal aid. After closing Bierer House, Ms. Lyon participated actively in the preserving a historic district in Newburgh, NY.

**Albert Musher**, friend and benefactor of the School, passed away in December 2001, at the age of 97. His complete obituary can be found in this issue.

**Phillip Reichline** '41 passed away on December 15, 2001. He received a BS in Sociology from City College and a master's degree in psychology from Columbia before earning the MS at CUSSW. During WWII he joined the first US Army Mental Hygiene Clinic as a psychiatric social worker. From 1946 to 1973 he was chief psychiatric social worker at the VA in Los Angeles. Mr. Reichline taught at the Los Angeles Group Psychotherapy Society, and presented regularly at the American Group Psychotherapy Association and NASW. He was also an original member and a director of the Social Work Treatment Service, which provides low-cost counseling services.

**Angela M. Sigward** '39 passed away on January 7, 2002. She received her bachelor's degree from Hunter College before attending CUSSW. During her social work career she served as the director of Family Service of Jersey City, supervisor of medical social work at Maimonides Hospital in Brooklyn, assistant director of youth guidance at NYC Youth Board, and senior service administrator with Group Health Inc. She also maintained an active private practice. She was a member of NASW and the Academy of Certified Social Workers and was listed in the 1981-1982 of Marquis' *Who's Who in American Women*.

**Elizabeth Burnett Speare** '41 passed away in December 2001. She received a master's degree in Sociology from Columbia in 1929 before earning her MS from CUSSW in 1941. She worked for many years as a public affairs associate for the Community Service Society in New York City. She was one of the founders of the School's Alumni Association Commemorative Fund to honor or commemorate alumni, colleagues and friends. She was a member of the Alumni Association Board and served on many committees.

**Benjamin Sprafkin** '33 passed away on November 14, 2001. He earned a BA from New York's City College in 1931, and while working for social agencies in New York, he completed master's degrees in social work and psychology at Columbia. He became the executive director of the Jewish Welfare Society of Philadelphia and, in 1948. changed the focus and name of the agency. As the Jewish Family Service, the agency expanded its services to include immigrants, prisoners and older people. After retiring, Mr. Sprafkin was active on the boards of various professional and educational organizations. He also authored more than 75 professional papers and articles.

**Evelyn N. Stiefel** '54 passed away on January 14, 2002. She received her bachelor's degree from the University of Wisconsin before attending CUSSW. Throughout the years, she was an active member of the Alumni Association, co-chairing her 25th Reunion celebration, and a faithful supporter of the School and its mission. She was a generous friend to many people and to numerous organizations.

# FIRST CLASS OF SOROS OSI FELLOWS GRADUATES CUSSW

The Open Society Institute's (OSI-Soros Foundation) Social Work Fellowship Program with CUSSW is designed to provide training in social work to implement reform, create policy, and foster the development of social work in the participating Central Asian countries. This year, the first cohort has graduated and will shortly return home to their own nations. There are now eight students who are completing their first year as Soros Fellows at the School and they will be joined by eight more students this August.

On May 20, CUSSW alumna Myrna Lewis '65 '00PhD hosted a home-cooked dinner for the graduates, their OSI mentors, Martha Loerke and Indrida Platais, Interim Dean Sheila B. Kamerman, and other guests. The students presented everyone with gifts from Mongolia and signed cards.

*Soros Fellows with Dean Kamerman*

**Andrei Nagorny** '02, who had attended medical school in Uzbekistan, specialized in contemporary social problems at CUSSW. His two placements were in substance abuse and HIV/AIDS. He feels better definition and reporting of the problems of domestic violence and substance abuse are needed. After a three-month internship at an outpatient facility in the Bronx, he will return home to develop an international program in contemporary social problems and direct practice.

**Ia Shekriladze** '02, who was a psychologist in Georgia, specialized in social administration and health and mental health at CUSSW. After a three month internship with the Federation for Employment and Guidance Services (FEGS), one of the largest human social agencies, she will return home to do research in schizophrenia and cognitive rehabilitation. Says Ia, "There is so much to do over there, one life is not enough but if we make a difference in one individual's life, it would be good."

**Oyut-Erdene Namdaldagva** '02, who was a lecturer in the only department of social work in Mongolia, specialized in gerontology at CUSSW. Both of her placements were at the New York Department of Aging. When she returns to Mongolia, she will continue working in the department of social work, but as director of their new graduate program. She will also be teaching graduate social work courses. Another of her goals is to direct an agency that specializes in long term social services.

**Leyla Ismayilova** '02 was a psychologist in Azerbaijan and at CUSSW, she specialized in clinical social work with children. She thinks she wants to concentrate on research in child abuse and neglect. "No one has done a needs assessment to find out what people really need and want." When she graduated, there were no jobs for psychologists, so she did volunteer work providing free counseling services in addition to her job in secondary and higher education programs. "Most international organizations provide food, shelter, and books, but not mental health services as they still carry a huge stigma."

**Sofiya An** '02 worked as a medical doctor in Kazakhstan and as an assistant to the medical programs coordinator at the Soros Foundation office there. But then she saw that "Life was getting harder. I saw so many problems and I thought something had to be changed. The School changed my perspective. Now I think big. I feel I really can make a change and I'm thinking I'm interested in gerontology. Elderly people have a very hard life and the life expectancy is very short. Americans are hopelessly optimistic, and now I am, too."

**Inna Andreva** '02 received her diploma in pediatrics from the Kyrgyz State Medical Institute and had additional training in psychiatry there. At CUSSW, she studied gerontology, international child abuse and the family. "Columbia gave me not only credentials, but also skill sets." When she returns to Kyrgystan, she hopes to establish a private practice and work in international social work for the prevention of child abuse.

## *CUSSW Trauma and Bereavement Project Following WTC Disaster Receives University AQF Support*

CUSSW has been selected as a recipient of an award from the Academic Quality Fund for the project Online School-Based Training in Trauma and Bereavement for School Personnel. The aim of the project is to prepare teachers, school counselors, and administrators to respond to the needs of students whose lives have been precipitously disrupted by the events of September 11th and subsequent terrorist threats.

CUSSW faculty, in collaboration with Bank Street School of Education, Digital Knowledge Ventures, Academic Information Systems, and the Social Science Libraries, will develop four innovative online, multimedia, interactive training modules in trauma and bereavement to be distributed to elementary, middle, secondary and post-secondary schools. In the first of a series of focus groups, teachers have begun to identify specific issues that need to be addressed in the modules. Information gathered from the groups and a needs assessment survey of school personnel will inform and guide the development of curriculum.

As a result of the project, we expect that school personnel will be prepared to recognize early signs of student distress, differentiate between educational and mental health problems, respond appropriately to troubled children, and make use of an online resource referral database. According to Helene Jackson, Principal Investigator, the use of instructional technology will allow CUSSW to offer high quality education and training in trauma and loss that school personnel can access anytime, anywhere.

Academic Quality Fund support for the project is a reflection of the University's and CUSSW's commitment to respond to the needs of victims and families following the World Trade Center (WTC) disaster. These efforts will provide opportunities to further enrich academic quality at CUSSW and the University at large. Ann McCann Oakley, Assistant Dean and Director of Computing and Instructional Technology, and Grace Christ, Associate Professor, are Co-Investigators on the project.

# WINE, CHEESE, AND NETWORKING

On Tuesday, March 19, the annual "Wine, Cheese, and Networking" was held in the Doris C. and Alan J. Freedman Social and Learning Centers. Co-hosted by the Alumni Association's Alumni/Student Relations Committee and the CUSSW Career Development Center, the annual program provided a setting for alumni/ae to meet and share their expertise with current CUSSW students, as well as an opportunity to learn the benefits and art of networking. Interim Dean **Sheila B. Kamerman** '73DSW welcomed students and alumni/ae and updated the group on the status of the search for CUSSW's new dean. Assistant Dean and Director of Development and Alumni Relations Rachelle Butler greeted guests and introduced Alumni Association President **MaryEllen Bigham** '95 who spoke on the benefits of membership in the Alumni Association. Jimmie Cochran Pratt, Director of Career Development, led a short informative program that was followed by speakers and agency representatives. **Lori D. Friedman** '00 of Caregivers' Connections & University Without Walls, **Laura Summerhil**l '99 of Keyspan, **Michael Sinclair** '99 of Social Work p.r.n., **Helen Rehr** '45 '70DSW of Mt. Sinai Medical Center, and **Sonia Smith** '89 of East NY Family Center, Brooklyn Bureau of Community Service were among the agency representatives who spoke. Other alumni/ae who attended the event were **Tina Abas** '01, **Martha Bush** '96, **John Gilgoff** '01, **Jennifer Goralski** '00, **Phyllis Harewood** '52, **E. Maura Hays** '00, **Maura Kilduff** '97, **Pat Mulvey** '96, **Jean Paglia** '95, and **Suzanne Towns** '01.

*Jennifer Goralski and friends*

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