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REMINDERS...

*The **Women's Resource Center** is a quiet, private place for students to breastfeed or pump. Our drop-in hours are Monday 9am - 9pm, Tuesday 9am - 10:30pm, Wednesday and Friday 9am - 7pm, Thursday 9am - 6pm, and WEC Saturdays 11am - 2pm. The WRC is located in 207 Sverdrup. Call Jessica Nathanson at x1528 for more info.

***Paper Pick-up Policy:** Papers currently on the bookshelf in Memorial 12 awaiting pick-up from fall term will be destroyed after January 31st, 2008. If you think you may have a paper to pick-up, please stop by the office to get it!

***Lindell Library Updates:** Student Computing Desk is now the **TechDesk**. Located in Room 104, the TechDesk can be reached via: x1400, techdesk@augsborg.edu, or <http://www.augsburg.edu/techdesk>.

*The **Learning Commons** is here! Check it out on the main level of Lindell!

***Soup & Sexuality:** Tuesday, Feb. 5 @ 12-1pm in the Century Room. Dr. Jessica Nathanson will facilitate a discussion, entitled "Bisexuality 101." Please contact Will O'Berry at x1499 with any questions.

***CSWL** would like to invite you to check out the newly added career E-newsletter at <http://www.augsburg.edu/cswl>

Congratulations to Professor Tiong Tan!

The Augsburg College Board of Regents, upon recommendation of the faculty, dean and president of the college, has granted Prof. Tan tenure with the college as a Full Professor.



More News...

Mike Pattison was mentioned in the recent issue of the Influencing State Policy newsletter for his development of the game The Policy Parade. http://www.statepolicy.org/newsletter_archives/January_08.html

News from the Board of Social Work

The executive director of the Board of Social Work, Frank Merriman is retiring; The new executive director will be Kate Zacher-Pate. Students, alumni, faculty and staff will recall Kate as the face and voice of the Board of Social Work over the past two decades -- she often presented to classes and student groups on licensing processes and issues. And we are grateful to acknowledge the contributions that Frank Merriman has made during his tenure as director: besides being a consummate diplomat and shepherding through the legislature the 2005 Minnesota Board of Social Work Practice Act with all its improvements (not least of which were reduced fees), he also promoted Kate!

Focus the Nation, Thursday, January 31, 2008

Augsburg hosted a teach-in on Jan. 31, targeting a single issue -- global warming solutions -- as part of a national effort sponsored by Focus the Nation. Across the country, more than 1,000 colleges, high schools, civic organizations and businesses created a day of brainstorming and engagement in discussions concerning responses to environmental challenges. Focus the Nation identifies a clear goal: "Our intent is to move America beyond fatalism to a determination to face up to this civilizational challenge, the challenge of our generation." Their hope is "to launch a discussion far-reaching enough to change the future."

Professors Tiong Tan, Christina Erickson and Barbara Lehmann (pictured at right) hosted a teach-in entitled, "Hurricane Katrina, the Tsunami Disaster in SE Asia and the issue of Climate Refugees."



For information on the Focus the Nation national program, go to: www.focusthenation.org

MSW News

Free coffee and muffins in the Oren Gateway Center on class weekend Saturdays (morning).

FINAL NOTICE: Graduation applications due to the Registrar

If you are scheduled to graduate this June, you should have already turned in your graduation application. If you have not yet done so, please bring it to the Registrar in the Enrollment Center ASAP!

MSW Forum

The MSW Forum will meet on Saturday, February 2, 2008 from 12:00-1:00pm in Lindell 301. Students will work on plans for the upcoming Social Work Day at the Capitol event (Monday, April 7, 2008). If you are interested in being in the Forum or participating in Social Work Day at the Capitol, feel free to attend.

SWK Department Scholarships

SWK Department Scholarship applications are due on February 15, 2008! Please send them to Holley via email, locherh@augsborg.edu, or drop them off in Memorial 12B.

Weekend College Chapel

7:30am Coffee & Muffins

7:40am Chapel

Saturday, February 2nd: Thelma Buckner, Gospel Singer & Community Granny

Augsburg for Adults Convocation

Mark your calendars for Feb. 15-16, so that you can learn more about how to stop your worrying and manage your "crazybusy" life!

Dr. Ned Hallowell, a leading expert on Attention Deficit Disorder, will be presenting two convocations. You can hear him speak:

Friday, Feb. 15, 3:30 p.m.
"Worry"

Hoversten Chapel, Foss Center

Saturday, Feb. 16, 12:00 p.m.
"CrazyBusy"

Hoversten Chapel, Foss Center

*There will be an adjusted class schedule on Saturday, February 16, 2008 to accommodate the convocation. Morning classes will run from 8:00 – 11:30am; afternoon classes will run from 1:40 – 5:00pm.

CLASSROOM CHANGE

SWK 630 (all sections), Family Social Policy with Boisen, Pattison and Pharr will meet in OLD MAIN 18 from 10:00am-12:00pm on Saturday, February 2, 2008.

Slovenia '08 Applications

Applications for the summer 2008 Slovenia trip are due to Holley in Memorial 12B by **Saturday, February 16**. If you are interested in the trip, but were not able to attend the info session last Saturday, feel free to contact Holley at locherh@augsborg.edu or 612-330-1763.



Student Services: Featured Office

Writing Lab

Main Floor of Lindell Library

<http://www.augsburg.edu/writinglab/>

The Writing Lab is a free academic support service for all members of the Augsburg Community. Our purpose in the Writing Lab is collaboration with students in order to facilitate their engagement with the writing process--from brainstorming ideas and thesis formation to proofreading the final draft and providing editing strategies.

Here is a brief overview of what we can do:

1. Help to strengthen your thesis
2. Help to analyze your topic
3. Work with you on all aspects of your writing process:
 - * Starting to write
 - * Development of Paragraphs
 - * Constructing Sentences
 - * Punctuation
 - * Proofreading and Editing
4. Address specific questions about writing
5. Help with Style and Format of papers
6. Address specific difficulties or concerns based on your inquiry about assignments and/or writing in your classes
7. Work with you on a long-term basis or on individual assignments

For Writing Lab hours, visit their website at <http://www.augsburg.edu/writinglab/>

BSW News

The BSW Calendar – ABC Always Be Checking

Calendar can be found at:

<http://www.augsburg.edu/swk/bsw/bswcalendar.html>



Social Work in Cuernavaca

It's cold here, but it is warm in Cuernavaca, 84 degrees, <http://www.wunderground.com/global/stations/76726.html>, though it will be a little cool tonight (59 degrees). Walter, Tiffany and Julie head down to Mexico to practice social work in a different country, in a different language. Send them e-mails if you haven't already. They might be a bit slow in answering--they might be out by the swimming pool...

Sophomores, Jay and Rose Phillips Scholarship - Feb. 15 Deadline approaching!

The Phillips Scholars Program recognizes and rewards private college students who strive to make life better for those with unmet needs. Applicants are challenged to think creatively and become community-service leaders. Students from 16 eligible private colleges and universities are invited to apply by submitting a proposed service project to benefit Minnesota communities. Each campus selects a finalist to compete for one of six \$15,250 Phillips Scholars awards: \$5,250 junior-year scholarship; \$4,000 summer stipend; \$500 Project Resource Pool and \$5,500 senior-year scholarship.

http://www.mnprivatecolleges.org/userFiles/File/Scholarships/phillips-2008-10_app.pdf

BSW 07 Graduate Jenna Maring Special Olympics Polar Plunge

She's doing it again! Jenna Maring, BSW 2007, is practicing extreme generalist social work practice by jumping into freezing water to help raise funds for Special Olympics. Lake Calhoun in Minneapolis wasn't cold enough for her last year, so this year she is jumping in Duluth on February 1, 2008. If anyone is interested in supporting Special Olympics and wants to sponsor her go to:

http://www.specialolympicsminnesota.org/Polar_Plunge_App.php?step=findplunger click on Duluth, find Jenna Maring in the scroll down, and pledge. Deadline is **Feb. 2nd**.



Upcoming Events & Opportunities

Hamm Clinic 2008 Conference
Friday, April 11, 2008; St. Paul College Auditorium;
8:00am to 4:00pm.

*Mark Epstein, M.D., A Buddhist Perspective on
Psychotherapy*

\$80 for Augsburg faculty. \$30 for Augsburg MSW students.
For more info or to register, check out
<http://www.hammclinic.org/page/2008Conference.jsp> or
call 651-224-0614.

Study Abroad UPDATE

Peace and Reconciliation After Conflict: A Guatemalan Perspective: Dates: July 26 - August 4, 2008 (about 10 days) Application Deadline: **March 31, 2008**

http://www.augsburg.edu/augsburgabroad/hoversten_Guate.html

Summer & Fall Study Abroad Deadlines

- Summer Faculty-led programs = **February 1, 2008**
For a list of the summer 2008 programs:
<http://www.augsburg.edu/augsburgabroad/programs.html>
- Other summer and fall programs = **March 1, 2008**
Applications for all programs are available on-line:
<http://www.augsburg.edu/augsburgabroad/apply.html>

New Spring Study Abroad Advising Schedule:

<http://www.augsburg.edu/augsburgabroad/>

Augsburg for Adults (WEC) Advising can happen any time by phone or in person. The following times are offered on WEC weekends:

Fridays 5pm, Group Advising Meeting

Fridays 2pm - 6pm, General Walk-in Advising

Tabling in Christensen Center on Jan. 26, 12pm - 1pm

Come to the Study Abroad Fair

Christensen Center Lobby – Friday, Feb. 15; 11am - 1:30pm

Volunteer with the Council on Crime and Justice

If you are interested in applying, please fax your application to Sara Koenig at 612-353-3098, or mail it to: Council on Crime and Justice; Attn Sara Koenig; 822 S 3rd Street; Suite 100; Minneapolis, MN 55415.

"Give Kids a Smile"



On **Friday, Feb. 1, and Saturday, Feb. 2, 2008**, more than 2,000 Minnesota dental professionals will provide free care to low-income children in need. Parents may call United Way 211 (just dial 2-1-1) or 800-543-7709. A list of participating dentists is available: http://www.mndental.org/public_home/about_us/give_kids_a_smile/.

The Human Development Center has multiple job openings. For listings visit:

<http://www.hdchrc.org/employment.html>

Mental Health Resources, Inc. has many job openings. For detailed descriptions of the jobs, please visit www.mhresources.org.

The Minnesota Chapter of the National Association of Social Workers (NASW-MN) is seeking students to serve on the chapter board and other committees. The student board rep. commits to attend the board meetings (roughly once a month if I remember right) and if they are on committees, there might be a monthly meeting and some between meeting tasks and communication -- the experience of working with the other board members (who often are potential mentors, networking resources and even employers!) is invaluable, and the opportunity to advocate for social work from the students' perspective gives special ooomph and power to one's resume. If interested, contact Molly Steans, Augsburg alumna on NASW-MN's nominating committee: msteans1860@msn.com

It's That Time of Year Again! **MSSA is seeking volunteers** for their 115th Annual Training Conference & Expo, Proud of Who We Are, being held March 25-28 at the Sheraton Bloomington Hotel. To volunteer, contact Char Graff, Char.Graff@state.mn.us. For more info, check out www.mnsocialserviceassoc.org

The U of M Medical Center, Fairview, Transitions and Life Choices (Palliative Care) Program announce a nine month, full time **fellowship in Clinical Social Work in Palliative Care**, to begin on September 1, 2008. For a program description and application please visit www.fairview.org/tlc or contact Dot Landis, ACSW, LICSW at 612-273-5893 or dlandis1@fairview.org. The deadline for applications is May 1, 2008.

20th Annual Nobel Peace Prize Forum March 7-8, 2008

Speakers include:

Dr. Muhammad Yunus, 2006 Nobel Peace Laureate, founder of the Grameen Bank and the microcredit movement.

Greg Mortenson, author of "Three Cups of Tea."

Dr. Jeffrey Sachs, author of "The End of Poverty."

Register online at:

<http://www.cord.edu/dept/news/events/ppf/>

Social Work Licensing Exam Preparation Licensing Exam Preparation Services, LLC (LEAP)

in Collaboration with UMKC Present

An Intensive Full-Day comprehensive course

March 29th, 2008

Where: UMKC, Royall Hall, Room 206. It is on the UMKC Volker Campus.

Call LEAP at 801.277.LEAP (5327) for more information. ONLINE REGISTRATION AVAILABLE at www.licensingprep.com

For more info on any of these opportunities, please check the Social Work Opportunities Board, outside the Social Work Office (MEM 12).

The primary mission of the social work profession is to enhance human well-being and help meet the basic human needs of all people, with particular attention to the needs and empowerment of people who are vulnerable, oppressed, and living in poverty. A historic and defining feature of social work is the profession's focus on individual well-being in a social context and the well-being of society. --- NASW

University of Minnesota Extension Youth Development is seeking 3 experienced youth development professionals to lead teaching, program development and scholarly efforts across the state. Job Posting:

<http://www.extension.umn.edu/units/director/hr/REEYWI.pdf> For more info: Janet Beyer, Area Program Leader, Youth Work Institute, bever010@umn.edu or phone: 507-951-3100

The **Social Welfare History Group (SWHG)** is happy to announce its first history essay student scholarship award. To learn about the Social Welfare History Group visit

<http://depts.washington.edu/sswweb/swhg/index.html>

We encourage authors to submit their papers via email by Friday May 2, 2008. The papers should be emailed to ibc9717@email.unc.edu. For more information contact: Iris Carlton-LaNey, Ph.D., President, Social Welfare History Group, University of NC at Chapel Hill, School of Social Work. For full description please see previous issues of News Notes or contact Emily @ 612-330-1189 or cronk@augsborg.edu

Challenges of Combat Veterans Returning to College: Tuesday, Feb. 5, 2008 from 3:15-5:15, Sateren Auditorium. To help in understanding and better our institution's ability to provide a successful academic environment, we have set up a unique educational event for faculty and staff. Chaplain John Morris and three others will be here to speak about reintegration issues that these soldiers face.

The next 16-week **Public Policy Project/LISC Change the Face of Housing, housing policy leadership training** is coming up!

Minneapolis Urban League Office (the corner of Plymouth and Penn Avenues in North Minneapolis) Starts on **Tuesday, February 12, at 6:00 pm.**

This event provides training for individuals who want to help address housing policies that impact the poor and communities of color. Space is limited to 20 people and is filling up fast, so early registration is encouraged. **The deadline for registrations is Tuesday, February 5.** For more info, call James at 612-722-1677.

Headed into a career in international development or want to volunteer? Please read the entire NGOabroad website at <http://www.ngoabroad.com/>. Email info as requested on home page: embedded resume and answered questionnaire to info@NGOabroad.com.



Como Park Living at Home / Block Nurse Program (Supportive Neighborhood Services for Seniors)

is seeking a **Service/Volunteer Student Worker** to coordinate volunteer, respite and supportive services to neighborhood seniors and their caregivers.

This is a paid position with 10-15 hours/week.

Resumes should be sent via email to comobnp@mtn.org, or FAX to 651-644-3575. For more info, contact Lisa Bernardy at 651-642-1127. The position is open until filled.

Volunteer Opportunity at Arc Greater Twin Cities! Sibling Support Group Assistant – Burnsville

Assist the facilitator of a monthly support group of siblings ages 6-12 in Burnsville who have a brother or sister with a disability. Play games, have fun, and make the life of a child better. Group meets just once a month on the 1st Saturday from 9:00-11:00am. For more information contact: **Michelle Theisen** at 952-915-3670 or michelletheisen@arcgreatertwincities.org

New Americans: Understanding & Working With Their Unique Mental Health Needs

Presenter: Georgi Kroupin, M.A. LP

Wednesday, February 27th – Anoka-Hennepin Staff Dev. Center; 2727 North Ferry Street; Anoka, MN 55303

Thursday, February 28th – **First Lutheran Church;** 1555 40th Ave. NE; Columbia Heights, MN 55421

8:30am to 12:30pm Presentation (Registration at 8am)

(\$10 for professionals. Free for interested community members). *Questions can be directed to Jill Davis at 763-323-6044.*

The Washington Center for Internships and

Academic Seminars has selected Augsburg as its partner for the Republican National Convention Seminar. To learn more about the Washington Center, visit www.twc.edu.

Open to ALL Augsburg students with a GPA of 2.75 or higher. To apply: The application is available in the Dean's Office (1st floor Memorial Hall). DO NOT apply at the Washington Center website. **DEADLINE: Monday, February 11th 5:00 p.m.** Program cost: \$500 for Augsburg students. For more info, contact Bridget Robinson-Riegler, Assistant Dean of Academic Affairs (e-mail: robinson@augsborg.edu or 612-330-1498) or her assistant, Vinni Thongthi (e-mail: thongthi@augsborg.edu or 612-330-1024).

Robbinsdale Spanish Immersion Elementary School and **Robbinsdale Middle School** are interested in having Augsburg Students (working towards a degree in Social Work or Education) volunteer time to work with students as a **tutor, small group facilitator classroom assistant, or mentor.** We are also interested in students that have **STEP dance experience** as well as other specific skills they can teach students.

If you are interested, or for more info, contact Paula Watts Zehringer at paula_watts@rdale.k12.mn.us or by phone 763-504-4837.

Scholarships and Funding

Social Work Departmental Scholarships Due February 15, 2008

- *Phyllis M. Baker Memorial Scholarship
- *Edwina L. Hertzberg Scholarship
(BSW or MSW student)
- *Arvida Norum Memorial Scholarship
(BSW or MSW student)
- *Steen Family Scholarship Fund for Minority Social Work Students
- *Edwin Yattaw Memorial Scholarship
For MSW Students Only
- *Bodo F. Suemning Memorial Scholarship
- *Blanca Rosa Egas Memorial Scholarship

For more information please contact Holley Locher at 612-330-1763 or locherh@augsborg.edu

If you plan to attend your local precinct caucuses consider taking a copy of this resolution with you and introduce it. Remember, caucus information is on our chapter website - simply click on MN-PACE under the Advocacy button: www.naswmn.org.

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE MINNESOTA HEALTH ACT

Whereas, 475,000 Minnesotans don't have health insurance, a situation that increases their risk of illness, death, and financial insecurity; and

Whereas, our current system of health care has the highest administrative costs of any country in the world by far and fails to control the rapid escalation of health care spending and which contributes significantly to health care inflation; and

Whereas, health care is a community need, like education and police protection, and should not be a commercial commodity, available only to the well-to-do; and

Whereas, a privately-delivered but publicly-funded system, financed in a manner similar to Medicare, which controls administrative costs, yet delivers comprehensive care to all residents, is the best way to meet these needs.

Be It Resolved That the _____ Party supports the Minnesota Health Act (HF2522/SF2324), which establishes universal, comprehensive, and affordable health care.

Jeannette Rankin Foundation has \$2000 scholarships available to low-income women, ages 35+, for Fall 2008. Students must be US citizens, pursuing a technical education, an associate's degree, or a first bachelor's degree at a regionally accredited college. Applications and more info are available now through February at www.rankinfoundation.org. Deadline is March 1, 2008.

John Gyles Education Awards are available - Full Canadian or American citizenship is a requirement. Awards are available to both male and female students with at least a 2.7 GPA. Selected students will receive up to \$3,000. The application deadline is June 1, 2008. For more info, visit www.johngylesseducationcenter.com

NASW Foundation Fellowship, Scholarship and Research Awards

Applications accepted January 7, 2008, to March 14, 2008. For more info, check out <http://www.naswfoundation.org/fellowships.asp>.

CSWE-Carl A. Scott Memorial Scholarships

The awards will be made to students from ethnic groups of color who are in their last year of study for a social work degree in a baccalaureate or master's degree program accredited by CSWE. Applications due May 5, 2008. For more info, visit <http://www.cswe.org/CSWE/scholarships/The+Carl+A+Scott+Memorial+Fund/>.

Minnesota School Social Workers Association Scholarship

recently developed two \$500 scholarships for a MSW/BSW student who is thinking about the profession of school social work. Preference will be given to student members of MSSWA and those who have an interest in a School Social Work internship. Application must be postmarked by February 28, 2008. Submit application and other credentials to: MSSWA, 312 Sherwood Ave. North, Thief River Falls, MN 56701. Contact Jeri Nomeland at jerilynn50@hotmail.com if you have questions. Winner will be notified by April 1, 2008. Check out <http://www.msswa.org/scholarship-information/> for an application and eligibility info.

American Association of University Women

(AAUW) has many fellowships and grants available. For a complete list and to apply, check out http://www.aauw.org/education/fga/fellowships_grants/index.cfm.

Minnesota Social Service Association (MSSA) has three scholarships available: MSSA Education Scholarship, a Marjorie J. Carpenter Scholarship and an MSSA Diversity Scholarship. For scholarship requirements and applications, visit http://www.mnsocialserviceassoc.org/index_files/Page531.htm.