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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!

Upcoming Dates to

Remember:

- Social Work Day at the Capitol: Monday, April 7th
- Field Appreciation Luncheon: Wednesday, April 30th
- Day Commencement: May 3rd
- MSW Commencement: June 29th

The Minnesota Social Service Association (MSSA) invites you to the 115th Annual Training Conference & Expo
Proud of Who We Are

The event will take place **March 25-28, 2008** at the **Sheraton Bloomington Hotel**, Minneapolis, MN. This conference is the largest, most comprehensive human service conference in Minnesota.

Remember:

- *Bring resumes
- *Carpool
- *Student Pizza Lunch on Thursday

For more info or to register, check out

<http://www.mssaconference.org>.

Augsburg Social Work Department Chair Tony Bibus will be giving a presentation at **MSSA** entitled "How Many County Social Workers are Licensed Social Workers?" on Thursday, March 27, from 8:30 to 10:00 AM.

On Wednesday, February 20th, Prof. Tony Bibus presented his sabbatical research findings on social work licensure rates in the state of Minnesota to social work department staff and faculty.



Ankita Deka will be joining the Social Work Department as an Assistant Professor in fall 2008. She stated that Augsburg was her first choice for employment and that she was attracted to our social justice orientation and global focus, among other things. Ankita received her M.A. in Social Work from the Tata Institute of Social Sciences in Mumbai, India. Her Ph.D. study was at the Indiana University School of Social Work in Indianapolis, Indiana. Ankita's research interests include: Health Care Disparities and Social Work, Community Organization, Issues in International Social Work with Individuals and Feminist Theory.

COMMUNITY GARDEN: Plots still available!!

The Community Garden will be another gateway into Augsburg's campus and a beautiful, interactive space to gather in the warmer months. Plots are open to neighbors, faculty, staff, and students for individual use as well as plots reserved to teach local youth and college students alike about local food and organic gardening. Various faculty are planning curriculum for the garden and surplus food will be given to the Campus Kitchen at Augsburg College. For more information and to reserve a plot contact: Tim Dougherty at 612-330-1208 or doughert@augsborg.edu.



MSW News

CLASSROOM CHANGES

SWK 506, Practice Methods II with Sarah Johansen will meet in FOSS 12B on Saturday, March 1, 2008.

SWK 616, Diversity & Inequality with Clayton Pharr and Francine Chakolis will meet in OLD 18 on Saturday from 3-5pm.

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



Field: 2008-2009 academic year

Field Orientation

Saturday, March 29th, 2008

12:00-1:00pm

East Commons, Christensen Center

The social work department will provide lunch at this event. All MSW students completing a field placement, either foundation or concentration year, **MUST** attend. There will be **NO** make-up sessions. If this applies to you, please plan on attending. Questions? Contact Laura Boisen at 612-330-1439 or boisen@augsborg.edu or Holley at locherh@augsborg.edu.

Field Fair

Tuesday, April 8, 2008

University of Minnesota (St. Paul Campus)



Spring Registration

Online registration (AugNet) for spring trimester will remain open until Friday,

April 4, 2008. Course sections have been filling up quickly, so register early if you are interested in taking a course with a specific professor. Please contact Holley with any questions.

Mini Convocation – Dr. Robin Lovin

Saturday, March 1, 2008

12:00-1:00pm

Mini-Convocation, "Faith and Politics: A Niebuhrian Perspective"

Minneapolis Room, Christensen Center

For more information, visit

https://augnet.augsborg.edu/news-archives/2008/02_03_08/lovin.html

June 2008 Commencement Ceremony

For more information on the June 29, 2008 commencement ceremony, visit

<http://www.augsborg.edu/commencement/> Stay tuned for more information on when and how you can reserve your tickets.

SWK Day at the Capitol Info Session

The MSW Forum will be hosting a SWK Day at the Capitol information session on:

Saturday, March 1, 2008

12:00-1:00pm

Marshall Room (Christensen Center),



Lunch will be provided for those who RSVPd to Holley. Bring \$10 if you would like to order a t-shirt.

SWK Day at the Capitol is Monday, April 7, 2008.

Please consider attending the info session on March 1st to learn more about the event. Augsburg BSW and MSW students are hoping to form one large group at the capitol to increase Augsburg's presence.

Student Services: Featured Office

Campus Ministry

Foss Center

(612) 330-1732

campmin@augsborg.edu

Hours: flexible, some weekends

No matter what your religious background, you are invited to explore your faith and beliefs at Augsburg, where spiritual inquiry is very much a part of everyday life.

As a college of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, Augsburg is shaped by Christian values. Yet while Augsburg is a Lutheran college, students come from many different faith traditions. An attitude of openness and acceptance is promoted throughout the College.

"Exploring Our Gifts: Reconnecting Faith, Life, and Vocation" is a college-wide program funded by the Lilly Endowment which helps students consider how God, faith, and service fit into their lives. The exploration of the Christian concept of vocation is woven throughout life at Augsburg.

The student-led Campus Ministry Leadership Team sponsors retreats, community projects, outreach to youth groups, the Fellowship of Christian Athletes, and a congregational youth basketball tournament.

And there's always someone to turn to for spiritual guidance during tough times. Augsburg's skilled pastoral ministry staff is available to Augsburg's students.

Weekend College Chapel

7:30am Coffee & Muffins

7:40am Chapel

Saturday, March 1st

Applying for the BSW Degree and Orientations

You're been a social work major for at least a term, taking supporting courses and general education courses. You're a sophomore. So now it is time to apply to the major. How?

- ✓ Check your transcript to be sure you will have completed about 12-16 Augsburg credits (60 - 64 semester hours)
- ✓ Transfer credits for social work course need to be confirmed by the Social Work Department (BSW Program Assistant Director does this)
- ✓ College-level algebra equivalency Math Level 3! Be at MPG 3 or have a plan to get there
- ✓ Complete of 4 of 7 of the Supporting Program courses listed below (or equivalents) by the start of junior year:
 - ✓ PSY 105: Principles of Psychology
 - ✓ SOC 121: Introduction to Human Society
 - ✓ SWK 257: Exploring Human Services
 - ✓ SWK 260: Humans Developing
 - ✓ SOC 265: Race, Gender and Class
 - ✓ BIO 121: Human Biology (with lab)
 - ✓ SWK 280: Diversity and Oppression in Professional Practice
- ✓ Attend of the Junior Year Orientation Session on MARCH 12 at 3:30 in the Christensen Center. There you will receive your application to the BSW degree program.

!SENIOR YEAR ORIENTATION! March 12, 2006 at 5:05PM, Cedar Room!!!

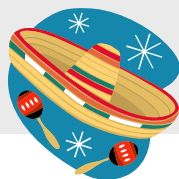
¡Buenas tardes a tod@! I would like to proudly announce that both the Social Work and the SJGELA blogs for the Spring 2008 programs here at CEMAL in Cuernavaca, Mexico are now up and running! Each week one student from each program is required to write a blog about what they learned and experienced during that week. Please feel free to read the blog, add comments, check out the links on the pages, and forward the addresses to family and friends who would be interested in reading them.

The link for the social work blog is:
www.swkmexico08.blogspot.com

The link for the SJGELA blog is: www.sjThe link for the SJGELA blog is:
www.sjgelaadventures2008.blogspot.com [gelaadventures2008.blogspot.com](http://www.gelaadventures2008.blogspot.com)

Julie and I (Lisa) manage the blogs, so please send any comments, questions, or concerns to us. We hope you enjoy sharing our journeys with us!

Sincerely,
Lisa Luinburg, '07
CEMAL Social Work Intern



BSW Forum Minutes

The BSW Forum met on Thursday, February 28, 2008 at 5:15 in Memorial 23.

Professional Panel Review: Senior Megan Carlson presented the results of the Professional Panel Survey. Overall the survey was favorable, though it was noted that the experience of the panelists seemed to be too similar this year (too many clinicians?) and the notification of the event could have come earlier. These adjustments will be made for next year.

Junior and Senior Orientation Dates/times were announced to Forum Representatives – to help spread the message.

Phi Alpha Report: Emily Tischer, junior reported on the Phi Alpha initiation ceremony and followed-up on the addition of sophomores to the society.

The Omicron Delta Induction Ceremony has been confirmed for Tuesday April 15, 2008. The ceremony will be held in East Commons from 5:00-8:00pm. The Induction ceremony will be followed by a plated dinner for a maximum of 80 guests. Guests will be asked to RSVP if they are coming along with their dinner choices or dietary restrictions. We have received funding for this event through student government for the chartered organizations. The tentative plan and schedule is as follows:

All inductees will be asked to be in East Commons at approximately 4pm for a mini-rehearsal of the evening. The area will open for guests at 4:30 and the ceremony start at 5:00 sharp.

Social Work Day at the Capitol

Seniors Liz Ehlers and Ali Vogel are organizing and coordinating the BSW effort for Social Work Day at the Capitol. The BSW Forum has agreed in principle to support their efforts.

Old Business—Ongoing Input and Improvement, Senior Focus Group Review: The Forum discussed and gave input on curricular matters from the student point of view. The results of the Focus group held in SWK 490 and analyzed in SWK 403 were reviewed. The Chair was on hand to supply on how the input was being followed up upon by the Department.

Food: "Best food ever", said one of the representatives. Others agreed. Thanks to Jenna Forbrook for the food suggestions!

Countdown to Graduation Continues: 63 DAYS left until Commencement! [as of 2/29/08]

Upcoming Events & Opportunities

Bolder Options, a mentoring program that uses running and biking to motivate high-risk youth, is seeking a **running coordinator** to work out of the North Minneapolis office. The coordinator would be responsible for recruiting and retaining running program participants, coordinating program events, developing relationships with youth providers, and performing other agency-related duties. For more info, check out <http://www.bolderoptions.org/> or contact Nick Schumm, Program Manager at 612-379-2653 ext. 217.

It's that time of year again! **MSSA is seeking volunteers** for their 115th Annual Training Conference & Expo, **Proud of Who We Are**, March 25-28 at the Sheraton Bloomington Hotel. To volunteer, contact Char Graff at 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 announced 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, visit www.fairview.org/tlc or contact Dot Landis at 612-273-5893 or dlandis1@fairview.org. The deadline for applications is May 1, 2008.

University of Minnesota Extension Youth Development is seeking:

Youth Development Professionals to lead teaching, program development and scholarly efforts across the state. *Job Posting:* http://www.extension.umn.edu/units/director/hr/R_EEYWI.pdf

For more info, contact: Janet Beyer, Program Leader, at beyer010@umn.edu or 507-951-3100.

The **Minnesota Indian Women's Resource Center** is seeking a **Life Skills Parenting Mentor** to be a dedicated individual to provide direct mentoring services and facilitate a parent group for clients involved with the Family Stabilization Program. To apply, send resume, cover letter, and complete Employment Application to the MIWRC, 2300 15th Ave S, Minneapolis, MN 55404. For more info, call 612-728-2000, or visit www.miwrc.org to learn more about MIWRC.

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

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

Touchstone Mental Health is seeking a Mental Health Worker Supervisor

The Mental Health Worker Supervisor provides supervision and leadership for Mental Health Workers, and is a part of the management team at Residential Treatment. To apply, please state the position for which you are applying and e-mail resume, cover letter, and desired salary range to mwincell@touchstonemh.org. For more info, visit <http://www.touchstonemh.org/employment.html>.

HCMC is seeking casual (intermittent) social workers to fill in for social workers when they are out (similar to a substitute teacher). If you're interested, check out the job posting on HCMC's web site: www.hcmc.org, or contact Kristen at 612-873-2251. It is preferred if you have had past medical/hospital experience and have your MSW degree.

"Peace Crimes: the Minnesota 8 vs. the War," a play by Doris Baizley about the draft raids and trials of The Minnesota 8

"A play about young Americans resisting illegitimate authority and their moral claim of obedience to a Higher Allegiance." Fourteen performances are set from February 21 to March 9, 2008 at the University of Minnesota Theater in Rarig Center. To get tickets, go online to: <http://www.minnesota8.net/>

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 representative commits to attend the board meetings (roughly once a month) and if they are on committees, there may 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 "oomph" and power to one's resume. If interested, contact Molly Stean, Augsburg alumna on NASW-MN's nominating committee, at msteans1860@msn.com.

Lifetrack Resources in St. Paul, a non-profit social services organization that focuses on the job search for persons who are receiving some type of assistance from the government, is looking for some on-call **Job Coaches** that would have day, evening or night availability. The pay is \$16 per hour. For more info, contact Meghan Booker at 651-265-2359.

The Human Development Center has multiple job openings. For listings visit: <http://www.hdchrc.org/employment.html>

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

Focus the Nation Local Food Resources

If you are interested in a community garden space, or purchasing produce directly from a local farmer throughout the growing season, please contact Tim Dougherty doughert@augsborg.edu or Brian Noy noy@augsborg.edu.

An Internet Guide to Eating Local in the Twin Cities

Local Harvest/CSA - <http://www.localharvest.org/csa/>
St Paul Farmer's Market - <http://www.stpaulfarmersmarket.com/>
Mill City Farmer's Market - <http://www.millcityfarmersmarket.org/>
NE Minneapolis Farmer's Market - <http://www.localharvest.org/farmers-markets/M5273>
Sustainable Table - <http://www.sustainabletable.org/>
Community Gardens - <http://www.gardenworksmn.org>

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.

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.

Robbinsdale Spanish Immersion Elementary School and **Robbinsdale Middle School** are interested in having Augsburg Social Work Students volunteer 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** and other specific skills to teach students. If you are interested or for more info, contact Paula Watts Zehring at paula_watts@rdale.k12.mn.us or 763-504-4837.

Hamm Clinic 2008 Conference

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

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.

The **Community Services Coordinator of the Rape and Sexual Abuse Center** of the Neighborhood Involvement Center will soon be starting their April training for on-call volunteers and undergraduate interns. The Center provides 40 hours of training and opportunities for growth with supervision.

For more info, a detailed description of our program and an application, check out http://www.neighborhoodinvolve.org/index.asp?Type=B_BASIC&SEC={988071AE-424C-486E-9F26-033A9B7CA0AA}

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

www.cord.edu/Academics/Events/Peaceprizeforum/

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 to 11:00am.

For more info, contact: Michelle at 952-915-3670 or michelletheisen@arcgreatertwincities.org



OPEN DOOR INTERNATIONAL, INC. is seeking a bi-lingual (English/Spanish) case counselor. MSW professional desired. The program office is located in Reading, PA. Fax resumes to 407-381-3402 or e-mail eschubert@opendoorintl.com. For more info, check out <http://pa.opendoorcys.com/en/employment/>.

The Batalden Seminar in Applied Ethics

"Reinhold Niebuhr for the 21st Century: Christian Realism and the New Realities."

Speaker: Dr. Robin Lovin

Friday, February 29, 10 a.m.

"Global Order and Global Warming: Thinking with Niebuhr about Politics," Hoversten Chapel

Saturday, March 1, noon

Mini-Convocation, "Faith and Politics: A Niebuhrian Perspective," Minneapolis Room

The Undefended Childhood Conference

April 3 to 4, 2008

Kellogg Hotel/Conference Center, East Lansing, MI
Keynote Speaker: The Honorable **Dr. Judith Mbula Bahemuka**, High Commissioner of Kenya to Canada

An international conference on the Undefended Childhood will focus on the various issues of vulnerable children around the world. CEUs are available. Check out <http://undefendedchild.msu.edu> for more info. Registrations may be submitted electronically to Linda Hancock at hancoc31@msu.edu.

Muscular Dystrophy Association

Summer Camp Volunteer Opportunity

Volunteers are committing to serve for one week in June as a one-to-one counselor to a child with Muscular Dystrophy. You will arrive to camp **Saturday, May 31st**, and depart camp on **Friday, June 6th**. For more info, and to request an application, please call Jodi @ 952-697-3251 or e-mail at jcastillo@mdausa.org.

Scholarships and Funding

New Web Site to Assist Borrowers with Student Loan Debt

<http://capwiz.com/socialworkers/utr/1/CYCOIBIRIL/EZZWIBISFG/1718685171>

The burden of student loan debt has been growing more unmanageable for social workers and students over the last several years. The National Consumer Law Center and the Project on Student Debt have developed the **Student Loan Borrower Assistance Project** that can help loan saddled social workers and other borrowers to find out more information about the recently passed College Cost Reduction and Access Act, among other student loan related issues. Check it out!

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 info, 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

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.



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.

The Women's Studies Program has money available for students who are interested in attending Women's/Gender Studies and feminist conferences. We also have three free memberships for the National Association of Women's Studies (www.nwsa.org), which has its conference in June of this year. If you are interested in funding to attend a conference, or a free NWSA membership, or both, please contact Jessica Nathanson at nathanso@augsborg.edu

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.johngyleseducationcenter.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/>.

