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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 10 am to 7 pm Monday through Thursday, and 11 am to 2 pm on WEC Saturdays. The WRC is located in 207 Sverdrup. Please call Jessica Nathanson at x1528 for more info.

* Lindell Library has started a new collection of books and DVDs selected by students for enjoyment by all Augsburg students, faculty, and staff. Current and bestseller titles are added monthly.

* **Paper Pick-up Policy:** If a professor arranges for a student to pick up a paper from the bookshelf in the SWK office, it will be kept on the bookshelf up to 2 weeks into the next term. Any assignments not picked up before 2 weeks into the next term will be shredded. If you are unable to pick-up any assignments before that deadline, please make other arrangements with your professor. If you currently have a paper on the bookshelf, it will be kept there until 2 weeks in to winter term (MSW) and spring semester (BSW).

Welcome Back!

Best wishes to you and your families in 2008!

From the Chair...

Happy New Year all! I'm glad to be back with you on a daily basis and look forward to sharing highlights from my sabbatical studies; (one highlight for sure was the chance to write the SABBOT-LOGs that Emily and Jenna and Kristina published for me so cleverly in *Newsnotes* -- hope you enjoyed them too). Thanks to all for covering chair duties while I have been on sabbatical.

I'm going to try to stay on a schedule that has me on campus about six hours each day -- four in the morning, home for lunch and then back here for a couple hours. While Mike Schock is on sabbatical this term, I will cover for BSW Director duties. Hope to see you when you are next on campus!

Invitation to serve on human rights committee:

Lutheran Social Services has extended an invitation to faculty, staff and students who have a basic knowledge of human rights and least restrictive approaches in behavioral programming to serve on their Personal Support Services Human Rights Committee. Rachell Engelking at rachelle.engelking@lssmn.org is the contact person. She explains that "typically items discussed at committee meetings are any form of rights restriction being imposed on someone we support, psychotropic medications and complaints." The committee meets quarterly for two hours. Please let me know if you are interested in this service opportunity or if you could recommend a colleague or student. A copy of the invitation letter and program materials is on the white board by the mailboxes in the department office.



Nobel Peace Prize Forum

Augsburg students have a unique opportunity to become a Peace Scholar. The five colleges in the Nobel Peace Prize Forum consortium have established a Peace Scholars program that will include two students from each of the colleges. The students selected as scholars will participate in the Peace Prize forum and study in a summer travel seminar experience designed to deepen their understanding of issues related to peace, justice, democracy, and human rights.

Criteria and Application:

- > minimum GPA of 3.0
- > letter of application
- > 1,000-word essay articulating interest in & goals for being a peace scholar.
- > full-time first year, sophomore and junior students.
- > two letters of recommendation — one faculty letter and one from either a faculty or staff member.

The application deadline: Jan. 30. Submit applications to Orv Gingerich, Augsburg coordinator for the Nobel Peace Prize Forum. The Peace Scholars Committee will review all applications and interview the finalists. Augsburg's two scholars will be selected by Feb. 15. For full information on the program, send an e-mail to Orv Gingerich gingerio@augsb.org

MSW News

Classroom changes

SWK 626, sections A & B with Professors Paulsen and Tan will meet in Oren Gateway 202 on Friday, January 4, 2008 for a combined class session.

Dialogue Groups (some rooms have changed)

Dialogue groups will continue to meet this weekend.

The rooms are as follows:

- **Group 1 – Lindell 301**
- **Group 2 – Foss 20B**
- **Group 3 – Lindell 301**
- **Group 4 – Old Main 16**
- **Group 5 – Old Main 23**

Welcome to the new Advanced Standing students!

A big welcome to the 12 new students joining us this trimester as part of the Advanced Standing group! Best wishes in the coming year.

MSW Forum

The MSW Forum will meet this **Saturday, January 5 in Lindell 301 from 12:00-1:00pm**. *All first year and new students are welcome!* Please bring your own lunch; beverages will be provided.

Graduation applications due to the Registrar

If you are scheduled to graduate this June, you should have received an email earlier this week with a graduation application (please notify Holley if you know you are graduating and did not get it). The application should be brought to the Registrar in the Enrollment Center and is due on **JANUARY 15, 2008 AT 4:30PM**.

MSW application deadline

The 2008-2009 application deadline for admission to the MSW program is on January 15, 2008 at 4:30pm.

There will be free muffins and coffee in the Christensen Center this Saturday morning, January 5 (courtesy of the SWK department).

Slovenia info session

An information session for the Slovenia '08 summer trip will be held on **Saturday, January 26, 2008 from 12:00-1:00pm** in **Oren Gateway 100**. Please come if you are interested in the trip! Contact Holley with questions at locherh@augsborg.edu.



Short term travel seminar: Slovenia 2008

Ljubljana, Slovenia

SWK 699 "Exploring Family and Child Welfare Services in Slovenia: U.S. & Central Europe Comparisons"

Parking not enforced the first class weekend



Parking will not be enforced this first class weekend (January 4,5), as we will be the only students on campus. Please note that street parking is always enforced, however, as it is monitored by the city of Minneapolis.

Parking Permits

If you are new to the program and have not yet received a parking permit, please contact the Department of Public Safety (Janine Borchardt) at 612-330-1717.

Campus mailboxes

All MSW campus mailboxes have been updated and new students have been added. They are located in the Christensen Center down the hallway between the Undergraduate Admissions office and the old bookstore. Contact Holley with any questions at locherh@augsborg.edu.



BSW News

Funding Opportunities...

SAMUEL HUNTINGTON PUBLIC SERVICE AWARD PROGRAM INVITES APPLICATIONS FROM GRADUATING COLLEGE SENIORS

<http://fconline.foundationcenter.org/pnd/10010216/nationalgridus>

Deadline: February 15, 2008

The Samuel Huntington Public Service Award provides a \$10,000 stipend for a graduating college senior to pursue one year of public service anywhere in the world. The award allows recipients to engage in a meaningful public service activity for a year before proceeding on to graduate school or a career. The award was created in honor of the late president and chief executive officer of the former New England Electric System, now National Grid (<http://www.nationalgridus.com/>). Applicants should develop a proposal for public service in the United States or abroad. The proposal may encompass any activity that furthers the public good. It can be undertaken by the student alone or working through established charitable, religious, educational, governmental, or other public service organizations. All graduating students from accredited colleges in the United States are invited to apply. Non-U.S. citizens are eligible to apply but must be graduating from a U.S. college or university.

For Next Year Juniors: The Prestigious Jay and Rose Phillips Scholarship

The Phillips Scholars Program recognizes and rewards private college students who strive to make life better for people with unmet needs in Minnesota communities. Phillips Scholars identify community concerns, explore ways to create social change, and develop ambitious programs to meet a variety of human and social needs.

Students from 16 eligible private colleges and universities are invited to apply. Each campus will select a finalist, who will go on to compete for one of six \$15,250 Phillips Scholars awards.

The Augsburg College Deadline for Application is February 16.

Get more information at:

<http://www.mnprivatecolleges.org/scholarships/phillips/apply.php> and see the article on a previous Augsburg winner at: <http://www.augsburg.edu/socialwork/news/schumm.html>

The BSW Calendar – ABC Always Be Checking

Calendar can be found at:

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

Upcoming Events & Opportunities

Health Policy Internship

State Representative Julie Bunn (District 56A - Washington County) is currently accepting applications for legislative interns. The position responsibilities include: legislative research and professional level writing. Rep. Bunn is currently working in partnership with Rep. Huntley (Chair, House Committee on Health Care and Human Services Finance Division) and Rep. Thissen (Chair, Health and Human Services Policy Committee) on legislation to establish technology assessments as part of healthcare reform in Minnesota.

The ideal candidate will have a strong interest in healthcare reform/health and human services policy and/or some graduate level coursework completed.

If you have questions or to obtain an intern application, please contact Christina Hughes at Christina.Hughes@house.mn or 651-296-3921



OPEN DOOR INTERNATIONAL, INC.

Case Counselor: Bi-lingual (English/Spanish) MSW professional desired. Our staff works collaboratively with a multidisciplinary treatment team

to meet the needs of children and families in foster care, adoption and our other direct care services. Since our work is mostly performed in the home, a reliable car and safe driving record is required. Proficient documentation and organization skills are optimal. We offer a competitive wage and an excellent benefit package. Promotional opportunities are possible. LCSW level clinical supervision is offered. The program office is located in Reading, Pennsylvania. Fax resumes to 407-381-3402 or e-mail eschubert@opendoorintl.com. Serious inquires only. EOE.

See the following web-sites for additional information:

Reading: www.cityofreadingpa.com
Berks County: www.co.berks.pa.us
Pennsylvania: www.pasdc.hbg.psu.edu
OPEN DOOR: www.opendoorintl.com

Latinos en Accion is seeking volunteers to help to watch kids while the women meet. As the group progresses volunteers could determine what they want to work on, as there will be other opportunities.

To volunteer or for more info, contact Tina, the community organizer at Latinos en Accion at tina.tavera@gmail.com or 612-724-7457.

Intern with Juvenile Substance Abuse Court (JSAC)

JSAC is a specialty court in Ramsey County that aims to reduce juvenile crime and alcohol/drug use by providing intensive judicial oversight, services, and therapeutic interventions. Interns will provide mentoring and life skills, such as: balancing a checkbook, budgeting monthly bills, finding an apartment, filling out applications, and obtaining a driver's license, finding and applying for health insurance and health programs in addition to learning parenting skills. For more information and if interested, contact:

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People, Ecology and Development Study Abroad Program Thailand

The International Sustainable Development Studies Institute is now accepting applications for its Fall 2008 People, Ecology and Development study abroad program in Thailand. The program focuses on the links between culture, ecology and sustainability through the experiential study of specific communities and ecosystems. ISDSI Expedition Field Courses are upper division courses which require living cross-culturally and traveling in remote areas--villages, islands and mountains; while traveling by foot or sea kayak. Students earn a semester of academic credit while on the program. The Fall semester includes the intensive study of Thai, as well as studies of organic farming and agroecology; islands, reefs and mangrove ecosystems; and ethnic peoples and forests. The deadline for applications is March 14, 2008.

2008 Midwest Bisexual Lesbian Gay Transgender Ally College Conference 2/22/08 – 2/24/08!

This annual conference, held at University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign works to encourage and promote diversity, activism, and network development among LGBTQIA students, staff, and faculty throughout the regional Midwest. If interested, please see the conference website at www.mblgtacc2008.org or contact LGBTQIA Support Services at x1499 or lgbtqia@augsborg.edu

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

Any BSW or MSW students that are interested in possibly serving on the MN NASW board (one year term, meetings are monthly), please contact Molly at msteans1860@msn.com, or by phone at 612-227-3273. It is a great opportunity to meet others in the profession, to network, and mostly to advocate for social workers and the profession.

YALE CHILD STUDY CENTER POST-MSW GRADUATE TRAINING FELLOWSHIP

Newly designed one-year Post-MSW Graduate Training Fellowship to begin July 1, 2008!

Mission: to advance practice competency, professionalism, and leadership in the field of clinical social work. Additional training opportunities will extend into the young child, trauma, anxiety, inpatient, and autism and developmental disabilities clinical programs as scheduling and individual fellow's interests permit.

A stipend of \$25,000 will be provided. Comprehensive health care through the Yale Health Plan is available at no charge. Housing and transportation are not provided.

Application forms for the Yale Child Study Center's Post-MSW Graduate Training Fellowship for July 1, 2008 through June 30, 2009 are [available for download \(PDF\)](#). Interested applicants should submit their completed application form, resume, most recent school transcript, 3 letters of reference, a brief (de-identified) clinical writing sample, and a statement of interest and professional goals as a complete application package to:

Rosemary Serra
Administrative Assistant
Yale Child Study Center
230 South Frontage Road
New Haven, CT 06520

Please direct inquiries to Ms. Serra at rosemary.serra@yale.edu. For more info visit: <http://childstudycenter.yale.edu>

NOTE: Applications are due and must be post marked by **January 21, 2008**. Late applications will **not** be accepted.

Social Welfare History Group Essay Competition

The **Social Welfare History Group (SWHG)** is happy to announce its first history essay student scholarship award. The first place award is \$300 and the second place award is \$200. The awards will recognize historical research and scholarship. We invite papers for consideration.

To learn more about the Social Welfare History Group visit <http://depts.washington.edu/sswweb/swhg/index.html>

Award winners will be announced at the Council on Social Work Education Annual Program Meeting. Papers submitted for this award can address a variety of topics from a historical perspective and are required to use **primary data** and must include adequate documentation. The papers should contribute to the knowledge base in social work and should further highlight historical research methodology as critical to social work practice, research and program/policy development.

Papers submitted for this essay contest must not be published (nor in-press) manuscripts and should not exceed twenty (20) pages in APA style.

The Omniciye Program—Little Earth and Hennepin County Service Partnership has two open positions:

Family Empowerment Coach/Team Leader
More info can be found at <http://hennepin.jobs/> under "Family Empowerment Coach Team Leader (OMNICIYE Program)."

Omniciye Community Coordinator
An assistant to the Family Empowerment Coaches.

For more info, contact Susen Fagrelus, the Project Coordinator at The Omniciye Project.
612-543-0297 Office
612-919-5844 Cell
Email: susen.fagrelus@co.hennepin.mn.us

Scholarships and Funding

Victory for the Social Work Reinvestment Initiative:

Loan Forgiveness for Social Workers in the College Cost Reduction Act of 2007!

NASW's loan forgiveness toolkit can be accessed at <http://www.socialworkers.org/advocacy/updates/2007/072707.asp>

or view our "Frequently Asked Questions" on the website at www.socialworkers.org.

The U.S. Department of Education has created a new call center for borrowers to obtain information about the College Cost Reduction Act of 2007 (H.R. 2669). The number for the Federal Student Aid Information Center is (800) 433-3243. For more information on the new law click here <https://ssl.capwiz.com/socialworkers/issues/alert/?alertid=10355231>

Wellstone Fellowship for Social Justice & Villers Fellowship for Health Care Justice.

The application deadline for both fellowships is **January 15, 2008**.

The Wellstone Fellowship: For more info and an application visit:

<http://www.familiesusa.org/about/wellstone-fellowship.html>, or contact: wellstonefellowship@familiesusa.org.

The Villers Fellowship For more info and an application visit:

<http://www.familiesusa.org/about/the-villers-fellowship.html>, or contact: villersfellowship@familiesusa.org.

Jeannette Rankin Foundation has \$2000 scholarships available to low-income women, ages 35 and older, for the fall of 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 information are available now through February at www.rankinfoundation.org Deadline is March 1, 2008.

PFUND: If you are a student or know a student who is enrolled in a post-secondary program in the upcoming academic year, is GLBT identified or from a GLBT family, and is a legal resident of Minnesota or attending a qualifying Minnesota academic institution, then you know someone who is eligible for a host of scholarships from the Philanthrofund Foundation, or PFund. PFund is taking applications for scholarships for the 2008-2009 academic year. Scholarships range from \$2000 to \$5000. Applications are due February 1, 2008 and can be found at PFundOnline.org

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. For any other questions, visit www.johngyleseducationcenter.com

McNair Still Accepting Applications

McNair Scholars Program is still accepting applications for 2007-2008 on a rolling basis. There are seven spots to fill, and applications will be taken until ALL spots are filled. If you are interested in the program or would like an application, please contact Xia Xiong-Vang, Assistant Director at vangx@augsborg.edu. Information on the program can be found at www.augsborg.edu/mcnair