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**REMINDERS...**



\*Only faculty and staff are allowed to use the copy machine in Memorial 12. Please use the copy machine available in the library or visit the Copy Center.

\*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).

\*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, so stop by the first floor of the library and see what's new.

**Southside Family Nurturing Center**



Dear Colleagues,

We are finally coming to the end of our Capital Campaign for Southside Family Nurturing Center ([www.ssfnc.org](http://www.ssfnc.org)). We have raised over \$1.7 million towards our \$1.9 million costs and have a beautifully restored Victorian building to show for it - shiny new gutters, waterproof roof, new fourth floor, not to mention the centerpiece - an elevator. Your help and encouragement has been phenomenal. As you know, we serve families in crisis to encourage their strengths and resilience. We have had numerous student internships at SSFNC over the years, have recent alums employed there and are fortunate to have our own adjunct professor Brad Hanson as the Family Program Director. As Board chair, it has been quite a roller-coaster of fund raising this past few years and I am truly grateful for the support you have given.

Our fundraiser on **Sunday, November 18th at 7pm** at St Joan of Arc Catholic Community is in some ways also a celebration. Marty Haugen, Robert Robinson and Marc Anderson are the lead musicians. Tickets are available \$20 direct from SSFNC, 2448 18th Ave. South, Mpls, MN 55404 or \$25 at the door. Do join us and thank you on behalf of all our families and staff.

Rosemary Link

**In Memoriam...**

The Social Work Department at Augsburg College owes its existence to Joel. He promoted the development of social work courses within the Sociology Department, and he fondly continued to refer to social work as "applied sociology" during the many occasions that he joined us for department events. At several of these events, he spoke eloquently of our mission. He made a point of meeting and getting to know and listen to the recipients of the Steen-Torstenson award year after year. He hired Vern Bloom in the 60s to teach some of the first social work courses, and he hired Paul Steen, who developed the Social Work Department as our first chair. In our work every day, we have the privilege of carrying on in the transcendent legacy of scholarship, teaching, and service that this good man has left us to nurture.

Tony

# MSW News



## Classroom Changes

**SWK 610, Field Seminar III with Annette Gerten will meet in Old Main 22 through the end of the trimester.**

**SWK 620, Research II: Family Practice with Annette Gerten and Mike O'Brien will meet in SVERDRUP 204 on Saturday, November 3, 2007**

### MSW Forum

The MSW Forum will meet this Saturday, November 3, from 12:00-1:00pm in Lindell 301. **FIRST YEAR STUDENTS ARE ESPECIALLY WELCOME TO ATTEND.** Please bring your own lunch; beverages will be provided. Questions? Contact Sean Erno at [erno@augsborg.edu](mailto:erno@augsborg.edu) or Holley at [locherh@augsborg.edu](mailto:locherh@augsborg.edu).

### Web Registration

The web opens for Winter Trimester registration on Monday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>. Please take care of any holds you may have on your student account before then so that you are able to register for classes. If you have any questions concerning your student account, contact the Enrollment Center at [enroll@augsborg.edu](mailto:enroll@augsborg.edu) or 612-330-1046.

### Have you signed up for the daily A-Mail?

The Daily A-Mail compiles - in a single e-mail message - the majority of internal campus announcements. The A-Mail may include publicity for opportunities or events on campus, announcements of group meetings, "lost and found" or "for sale" notices, and other campus news. Membership on this list is optional but recommended. For instructions on how to sign up for the A-Mail, visit <http://www.augsburg.edu/stucomp/email/lists.html>.

### Weekend chapel: Hoversten Chapel, Foss Center

Every class weekend Saturday  
7:30am – Continental breakfast  
7:40-7:55am – Chapel service

### Writing lab hours

Located on the ground floor of Lindell Library (left of the circulation desk), the lab provides one-on-one tutoring for writing any paper in any discipline in the College. Hours are as follows (no appointments are necessary):

Mondays: 6:30 - 9 PM  
Tuesdays: 3 - 5:30 PM and 7:30 - 10 PM  
Wednesdays: 3-5 PM and 6:30 - 9 PM  
Thursdays: 3 - 5:30 PM  
Fridays: 6 - 8 PM  
Sundays: 5:30 - 8 PM

### Student Services: Featured Office *The Center for Service, Work and Learning (CSWL)*

Location: Anderson Hall, Lower Level  
Telephone: 612-330-1148  
Fax: 612-330-1432  
Office Hours: M - TH 8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.  
F 8:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.  
E-mail address: [careers@augsborg.edu](mailto:careers@augsborg.edu)  
<http://www.augsburg.edu/cswl/>

The Center for Service, Work, and Learning is here to help you:

- Assess your interests, talents and skills
- Explore vocation and meaningful work options
- Link academic majors with service and career paths
- Get "hands-on" learning through service-learning, civic engagement and internships
- Prepare for the job search and/or graduate school
- Make a difference in our communities and the world

Additionally, career counselors are available to help review your resume, discuss interviewing techniques, connect with organizations and conduct job searches. Alumni are also welcome to work with CSWL!

### Free SocialWork Today Subscriptions!

You, as a student, are eligible to subscribe to the *SocialWork Today* magazine for free! The magazine includes articles, career opportunities, educational resources, and an event date book. Please pick up a registration form in the bin located outside Holley's office in Memorial 12B.

Also, you may visit [www.SocialWorkToday.com](http://www.SocialWorkToday.com) to sign up for a FREE e-newsletter!



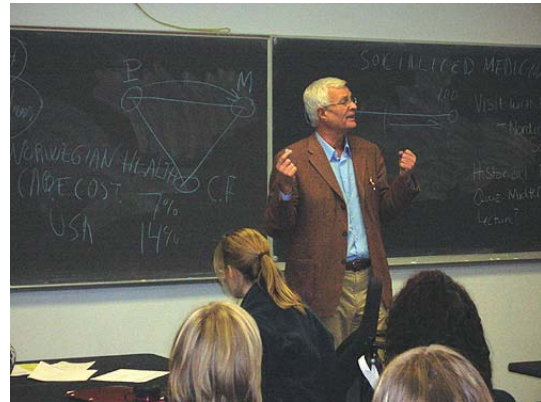
**Free coffee and muffins in the Enrollment Center (mornings only) on class weekend Saturdays!**



# BSW News

## Visiting Professor Teaches

Einar Vetvik, visiting from Diakonhjemmet College in Oslo has shared his wisdom in two BSW courses: SWK 301: History and Analysis of Social Policy taught by Christina Erickson and SWK 307: Field Work 1: Integrative Seminar taught by Curt Paulsen. Dr. Vetvik highlights the difference between the U.S. and Norway systems of social welfare. His expertise is in policy with a background in political science.



Dr. Einar Vetvik

## Liability Coverage Made Simple

The required liability insurance for agency internships is now a fee. It will be billed to you along with everything else at the start of the year. The total cost is \$71 dollars (that is one year's coverage \$23 plus your NASW membership, \$48. You have to be an NASW member to get the student rate for the insurance. You will fill out the NASW membership form and the insurance form, turn it in to the BSW Program, and we do the rest.

## Registration Coming Up

If you are going to register for courses not on campus (i.e., to transfer back in to Augsburg) be sure to check with the BSW Program Assistant Director that the course is equivalent to the SWK major course.

## PHI ALPHA

Mary Murzyn is continuing her work on getting a Phi Alpha social work honorary society established here at Augsburg. She is completing the application materials. The last part of the application is to gather a list of interested students. The seniors have stepped up and names are being collected from the junior class through the BSW Forum Representatives. The process is moving along. Also, a faculty adviser has to be obtained. The Christmas present this year might be an Alphi Phi Chapter at Augsburg.



Prof. Rodenberg and Schock

## BSW Safety Information Session

The make-up session was well-attended. Dr. Schock and Dr. Rodenberg used their experience from the first session to re-work the presentation a bit. It was less didactic, with more group work and conversation—and shortened, but as it turns out that was probably not a good thing. Some things need to be 2 hours. In all, there was a 96% attendance rate. There is one person out there who has to write a 5 page paper...

# SABBAT-LOG

(Tony Bibus' Fourth Installment)

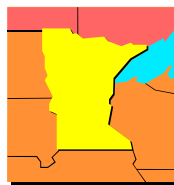
Faithful readers of this journal may be wondering what I've been doing on sabbatical besides writing fables and silly songs. "So many books...So little time." That's what it reads in white print on the black coffee cup that I'm sipping from. It's my wife Kathy's cup – she loves to read but hates hot drinks, so I get to use the cup. I thought I'd also get a chance to read several books this fall, and I have read a few, but not as many as I had envisioned now half way through the term. Still, there have been a couple really good ones – I'll review a favorite or two in my final SABBAT-LOG in December.

For this installment and the next, I'll fill readers in on the modest study I've been conducting for the Board of Social Work and what I've learned so far. I've been gathering a list of the practitioners in county social work positions in Minnesota's 87 counties, and I've been able to determine a reasonably sound estimate of the number and proportion of them who are licensed to practice social work. These are important data because social workers in county social service agencies are exempt from licensing requirements, and until now we only had rough estimates of the numbers. I have been curious to know how many county social workers have voluntarily maintained their license, and how many have let their license expire or have not renewed it. And conversely, how many county practitioners in social work positions have never had a social work license? These are timely questions to research because the Board of Social Work is moving to modify the current provision in Minnesota's licensing law that exempts county social workers:

"The licensing of city, county, and state agency social workers shall be voluntary. City, county, and state agencies employing social workers shall not be required to employ licensed social workers."

(MS 148D.065)

In addition, I've been interested in finding out how this exemption came to be in the first place, so I added historical research to my study and interviewed key informants who were there in 1987 when Minnesota's first social work licensing act was passed, with exemptions.



Minnesota was not alone in adopting a social work licensing statute with particular groups of social workers exempted from at least some of the requirements. In fact, as Troy Elliott from the Association of Social Work Board (ASWB) has observed, many states whose regulations do not explicitly exempt any social workers actually have "functional exemptions" built into their regulatory structure, for example by only regulating MSW practice or clinical practice. Today, 14 jurisdictions (23%) exempt local government employees and 20 jurisdictions (32%) exempt state employees.

In Minnesota's case, the social work leaders who were pushing for licensure for social workers in 1987 (including an impressive list of 64 professional associations, agencies and client advocacy groups) encountered furious opposition from county social service directors and staff who did not see the need for licensing social workers. Although licensing's primary purpose was to set minimum standards for social workers and provide a recourse for clients whose social workers fell below standards, opponents considered licensing to be a costly duplication of due process and appeal procedures already in place within the human services system. They did not buy that licensing social workers in county settings was intended to protect the public; furthermore, they feared that it would impair agencies' ability to hire staff from a wide pool of qualified individuals with diverse backgrounds including other professions and educational backgrounds in addition to social work. Opponents did acknowledge that clients of non-profit agencies and of social workers in private practice might not have the same protections that are built into government agencies. So, a compromise was struck, and social work licensing became the law in Minnesota with county social workers exempted.

Over the past twenty years though, the Board of Social Work has found that this exemption inhibits the Board's statutory purpose of promoting and protecting the public health, safety, and welfare through the licensure and regulation of persons who practice social work in Minnesota. It has been working to repeal or at least modify the exemption for county social workers. One possibility is that county practitioners who have BSW or MSW degrees would be required to be licensed. To provide similar oversight and standards for the rest of the practitioners in social work positions and to insure that all clients have recourse to the Board in case practice falls below standards, county practitioners who are not eligible for a social work license might be registered (not licensed) as social service professionals. But before developing this idea, we need to know who and how many practitioners it would affect. Thus, I hope my study's findings will prove informative. Stay tuned next time for highlights of what I found out.

# Upcoming Events



For more information visit:  
<http://nrcrecycle.org/americanrecycles.aspx>

## **Coalition Building: Using Clan Knowledge** Minneapolis Coalition Training **December 4-6, 2007**

For executive directors, program managers, grant writers, or community members who want to learn to create coalitions using a traditional Native American approach.

### **Minnesota Indian Women's Resource Center**

2300 15<sup>th</sup> Avenue South  
Minneapolis, MN 55404

For more info, contact: White Bison Inc. at 877-871-1495 or email [info@whitebison.org](mailto:info@whitebison.org)

*North Hennepin Community College (NHCC)  
presents:*

## **Asperger Syndrome: Transforming our Campuses**

### **Dr. Jane Thierfield Brown**

Director of Student Services at the University of Connecticut School of Law.

*Having worked in Disability Services for 27 years, Dr. Brown's main research interests are students with Asperger's Syndrome in higher education.*

## **Wednesday, November 7, 2007** **12 pm to 1:30 pm at NHCC's Fine Arts Center Theatre**

Free and open to the public  
For more info, contact Connie Sherman at 763-493-0556

## **2007-2008 Augsburg College Convocation Series** **Many Voices, Bold Visions** presents:

The Anne Pederson Women's Resource Center 2007 Koryne Horbal Lecture  
**featuring Jane Fonda**  
Wednesday, November 14, Gymnasium, Si Melby Hall

Free and open to the public. For more information call 612.330.1324 or visit [www.augsburg.edu/convo](http://www.augsburg.edu/convo)

## **"A Window of Hope"** **HIV/AIDS Awareness Dinner** **Sheila Mills, Guest Speaker**



*Join Community Action of Minneapolis for an informative evening on HIV/AIDS and dinner at the Gale Mansion. This event is free and open to the public.*

**Thursday, November 29, 2007**  
**6:30 pm to 8:30 pm**  
**The Gale Mansion**  
(2115 Stevens Ave. S, Minneapolis)  
Contact Wanda Muhammad for more info: 612-334-3672

RSVP by November 9, 2007:  
612-334-3672 ext. 410

## **On Friday, Nov. 9, bring your turkey to the Christensen Center.**

Campus Kitchens volunteers will be tabling to collect your turkeys (and other Thanksgiving food item donations), and we'll help turn your turkey into over 600 Thanksgiving meals for children, families, elderly, and homeless neighbors of Augsburg!



- \*turkeys
- \*potatoes/instant potatoes
- \*gravy mix
- \*onions
- \*canned pumpkin
- \*pie crust mix (or DRY pie crusts)
- \*cream of mushroom soup
- \*green beans
- \*French fried onions
- \*butter
- \*evaporated milk

There are also LOTS of opportunities to volunteer to help cook or deliver Thanksgiving meals coming up. So gather your colleagues/department/friends and sign-up for a shift! For specific dates and times, e-mail: [noy@augzburg.edu](mailto:noy@augzburg.edu)

**2007 MSSWA Annual Fall Conference**  
November 12<sup>th</sup> and November 13<sup>th</sup>  
For more information please visit:  
<http://www.msswa.org/conferences/>

## **International Education Week (IEW)** **Activities, Nov 5-9**

There are many great events scheduled for IEW this year.

*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*

**NASW is looking for Student Liaisons for Social Work Day the Capitol.** NASW seeks 1 to 2 students in each program at Augsburg (BSW and MSW) who would like to attend the training (November 2) and participate in SW-DAC (April 7). Ideally, at least 1 student will have previously attended SW-DAC. If you are interested in being a Student Liaison for SW-DAC, inform an Augsburg Social Work faculty member.

For more info, contact Gretchen at [gretchen@naswmn.org](mailto:gretchen@naswmn.org) or 952-457-7864

**NAPA STATE HOSPITAL**  
**California Department of Mental Health**  
**CLINICAL SOCIAL WORKER**

For more info: <http://www.spb.ca.gov>  
Inquiries may be directed to either Ann Long, LCSW or to Jane M. Adams, LCSW, Supervising Social Worker, (707) 254-2344

Applications should be submitted directly to:  
Ann Long, LCSW  
Chief, Social Work Services  
Napa State Hospital  
2100 Napa-Vallejo Hwy  
Napa, CA 94558  
Phone: (707) 254-2656 or (707) 253-5737  
FAX: (707) 254-2654

**More Job Openings (see previous issue of News Notes or the opportunities board outside of the SWK office for more information....)**

\*Female Community Outreach Specialist with Fremont Community Health Services, Inc.  
For more information contact:  
[evans@fremonthhealth.org](mailto:evans@fremonthhealth.org)

\*Minnesota Indian Women's Resource Center (multiple Openings). For more info visit:  
[www.miwrc.org](http://www.miwrc.org)

\* CASEWORK MANAGER  
Democratic U.S. Representative from Minnesota seeks a seasoned Casework Manager  
Please send cover letter, resume, and 3 references to [house.resumes@gmail.com](mailto:house.resumes@gmail.com).

\*Employment Opportunities in Duluth Area.  
Contact Mikosa at [www.hdchrc.org](http://www.hdchrc.org) or [employment.opportunities@hdchrc.org](mailto:employment.opportunities@hdchrc.org)

If you are interested in volunteer opportunities with **Bread for the World**, a nationwide grassroots voice against extreme poverty and hunger, contact Mike Batell at [mike@bread.org](mailto:mike@bread.org).

In the meantime, to help you get started, check out our Campus Organizing webpage:  
<http://www.bread.org/get-involved/on-campus/>.

**Southside Family Nurturing Center Job Opportunities**

**Fathers Program Facilitator (FT): Deadline 11/11/2007**

**Primary Duties/Responsibilities:** Building and maintaining good working relationships with the fathers/father figures involved in our programming; Providing support advocacy and education; Providing ongoing outreach and home visiting to fathers; Developing and facilitating father's program activities and groups; Working as part of a multidisciplinary team to support children and families; Developing and maintaining a community connection with other existing Father's programming in the Minneapolis area

**Lead Teacher Position (FT): Open until filled**

**Duties/Responsibilities** include but aren't limited to: Implementing the daily programming and curriculum; Oversight for the planning and preparation of the learning environment; Supporting staff in the development and enhancement of their teaching skills in accordance with Southside's educational philosophy; Home visits; Ensure ongoing communication with parents

**For more information contact Brad Hanson at 612.721.2762**

Please send resume and cover letter to: [bradhanson@ssfnc.org](mailto:bradhanson@ssfnc.org) or Brad Hanson, Southside Family Nurturing Center, 2448 18<sup>th</sup> Ave. S. Minneapolis, MN 55404.

**Victory for the Social Work Reinvestment Initiative: Loan Forgiveness for Social Workers in the College Cost Reduction Act of 2007!**

For more info, please contact the U.S. Department of Education at 1-800-USA-LEARN to find out if you are eligible for loan forgiveness. Also, 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](http://www.socialworkers.org).

**Applications are currently being accepted for the Wellstone Fellowship for Social Justice and the Villers Fellowship for Health Care Justice.** The application deadline for both fellowships is **January 15, 2008**.

**The Wellstone Fellowship:** more info and an application, check out the Web site: <http://www.familiesusa.org/about/wellstone-fellowship.html>, or contact: [wellstonefellowship@familiesusa.org](mailto:wellstonefellowship@familiesusa.org).

**The Villers Fellowship** For more info and an application, check out the Web site: <http://www.familiesusa.org/about/the-villers-fellowship.html>, or contact: [villersfellowship@familiesusa.org](mailto:villersfellowship@familiesusa.org).

Both fellowships are year-long, full-time, salaried positions at the Families USA office in Washington, DC. One candidate will be selected for each fellowship, which includes a compensatory package of a stipend of \$35,000 and health care benefits.

**The Henry J. Kaiser Family Foundation** is accepting applications for the **2008 Barbara Jordan Health Policy Scholars Program**. The application deadline is **December 14, 2007**. Application materials and more info are available online at [www.bjscholars.org](http://www.bjscholars.org). For questions, please contact program director Cara James, Ph.D., at (202) 347-5270 or program manager Jomo Kassaye at (202) 238-2385.