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REMINDERS...

* **Lindell Library** now has the updated versions of the ASWB study guide (MSW and BSW). The ASWB study guide is for candidates preparing for the Association of Social Work Boards examination.

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

* **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.

* **CCHP's Annual Health Fair** will be held Tuesday, September 23 from 11:45 - 2:00 p.m. Please plan to come to the Quad for great health resources, chair massages, food, music and prizes.

* **The Augsburg College Writing Lab now open.**

Fall Hours

Monday: 6:30 - 9 pm
 Tuesday: 3-5:30 pm and 7:30 - 10 pm
 Wednesday: 3-5:30 pm and 6:30 - 9pm
 Thursday: 3-5:30 pm and 7:30 - 10 pm
 Friday: 4:30 - 7 pm
 Sunday: 5:30 - 8 pm

Writing lab tutors will visit all English classes in the next few weeks to provide further information. Faculty, if you would like a tutor to come to your class, contact Kathy Swanson, English (x1010).



Welcome Assistant Professor, Ankita Deka!

Please feel free to stop by Prof. Deka's office in Memorial 15 to say hello and welcome her to the Augsburg Community!

A little bit about Professor Deka...

*PhD Candidate, Indiana University School of Social Work
 MSW from Tata Institute of Social Sciences, Mumbai, India with
 specialization in Urban and Rural Community Development
 B.A (Honors) English from, Hans Raj College, Delhi University, India*

During the 2008-2009 academic year she will be teaching: MSW Field Seminars, Research, Community Development for Social Change, and History of Social Welfare Policies

Her research areas include: Health Disparities Research, Gender and Poverty in developing countries and Marginalized Populations

Thoughts from Professor Deka...

Augsburg College provides a unique opportunity for students to acquire a high quality education and at the same time become active citizens of the local and global world. The Social Work program at Augsburg executes the vision of service learning and excellence in education at its best. A brilliant pool of scholars and humane teachers make the department stand out from many Social Work programs around the country. With diverse faculty expertise and versatile choice for courses and concentrations, the Social Work program at Augsburg is in the forefront of Social Work training and research.

The word "Guru" originated in my native country India. It means someone who is a spiritual guide and leads by example. I draw my teaching inspiration from the connotation of the word.

I believe teaching is about building trusting relationships with students. I encourage my students to become life-long learners and critical thinkers. My facilitation style is based on participatory and active learning. I like to stir up thoughts and interests and help students identify their strengths. Humanity and flexibility in teaching without compromise on the learning quality is something I constantly work to get better at.

MSW News

CLASSROOM CHANGE

SWK 610, Integrative Field Seminar 3 (Family Practice), all sections will meet in Old Main 105 on Saturday, September 20.

Weekend College Chapel – every Weekend College Saturday

Starting Saturday, September 20th from 7:30-7:50am in Hoverston Chapel, Foss Center. Muffins and coffee will be served and Pastor Sonja will lead the chapel service. Jessica Fox-Wilson, Augsburg for Adults Program Coordinator, will speak on "Growing Your Garden."

Want to work out on campus?

There are several fitness facilities, both on and off campus, that are available to you as a student. On-campus facilities are free to use. For more information and the hours/location of each, visit <http://web.augsburg.edu/hr/wellness/facilities.html>

Student Services: Featured Office

The Center for Counseling and Health Promotion

Location: next to the Weekend and Graduate Admissions House, 628 21st Ave S

Hours: 8:30am-4:30pm, Monday through Friday

Phone: 612-330-1707

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

Some services they offer include:

- 10 free counseling sessions per year
- Contract with Smiley's clinic for free or reduced cost medical services
- Resources for student health insurance
- Crisis support
- Community resource referrals (e.g. anger management, gambling addiction, holistic healing, parenting resources, sexual assault, smoking-quit support and much more!)
- Self-help links (e.g. addiction, grief & loss, mindful eating, procrastination, relationship violence, self-injury, sleep, stress management, test anxiety and much more!)

Plus:

- **FREE YOGA – Tuesdays and Thursdays from 12:00-1:00pm and Wednesdays from 7:30-8:30am in the Marshall Room, Christensen Center**
- **FREE TAI CHI – Tuesdays from 5:00-6:00pm in the Century Room, Christensen Center**
- **FREE PILATES – Mondays from 12:00-1:00pm in the Marshall Room, Christensen Center**

Graduate Writing Workshops, 2008

Interested in improving your writing skills? The Graduate Writing Workshop Series is a supportive, interactive opportunity for students from all Augsburg graduate programs to focus on the development of basic writing skills. Topics include the construction and development of a thesis statement and the correct use of syntax, grammar, and punctuation. Dr. Kathryn Swanson, professor of English, teaches the workshops.

Dates: October 18, November 1, November 15 (a total of 9 hours of instruction)

Time: 9:00am-12:00 pm

Location: Oren Gateway 114

Cost: \$400

For more information, or to register, contact Patty Park, MAL Program Coordinator, at parkp@aughsburg.edu or 612-330-1150.

Interested in selling your textbooks to other MSW students?

In response to a request, the SWK department has allotted space on one of the bulletin boards outside the main office (Memorial 12) for MSW students to post ads for textbooks they would like to sell to other MSW students at a reduced price. If you would like to post a small ad, remember to include your contact information on it. Please be aware, if you purchase a textbook from another student, you purchase it at your own risk as course textbooks do change over time. If you are wondering whether or not a certain textbook will be used again next year, you may contact the professor who teaches the course to inquire.

Get Ready to Vote!

Voter Information:

<http://www.sos.state.mn.us/home/index.asp?page=4>

Find your polling place:

<http://pollfinder.sos.state.mn.us/>



BSW News

Field Safety Seminar

The field safety seminar has been scheduled for the juniors in the October 9 class session of SWK 307. It will be a joint class session in OGC 202. Attendance is **MANDATORY. MANDATORY. MANDATORY. MANDATORY. REALLY!**

BSW Forum

The BSW Forum, the student group which gives input to the management of the Social Work Department and serves as a respectful, thoughtful, mature, deliberative, orderly student voice on student matters is looking for two sophomore members and one freshman member for this year. If you are interested please contact Doran Edwards, the BSW Program Assistant Director or if you happen to be taking SWK 257 with Michael Schock [also the BSW Program Director] or SWK 260:Humans Developing with Barbara Lehmann you can let them know you are interested. The first meeting is coming up—soon.

Calendar and Website

New BSW website and calendar are still coming...

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Notes from A'viands...

Composting Is More than a Pile of Garbage

On September 22, Augsburg Dining, in a joint effort with Augsburg College, will begin composting upstairs in the commons. All of the food that is left over from our customers will be placed into special containers located adjacent to the trash receptacles. There will be posters up to help in the instruction of what is to go where. Over time, this effort will expand to the other retail food locations and then campus wide. The Augsburg community will be happy to know that the end product of this composting will return to the Augsburg community garden. So please look before you throw away that half eaten sandwich and see if it can't further our environmental awareness and give back to us all.

That's Not Garbage; Recycle!

The cups, plates, plastic wear, napkins, straws, and to-go containers being used at Coopers Coffee Shop, Nabo, and Murphy's are biodegradable, compostable, or recyclable. So when you are done, make sure you move past the trash and help make Augsburg a little greener by recycling.

Social Work Junior Student Fee Glitch

This year was the first year that the mandatory liability insurance was added to students' bills to be paid upfront with tuition and other fees. Due to a glitch in the billing process the fee (was not) added to the first bill that recently went out. The necessary coding has been added to billing system.

How will you be affected?

If you still have a balance to be paid or are paying a monthly bill the \$71 will show up on the next bill.

If you have a \$0 balance [paid in full for this term] the \$71 charge will unfortunately show up as a separate bill in October.

If you had a credit balance [for living expenses, etc.] even more regrettably the \$71 fee will be deducted from your credit balance.

There is good news. Everyone is still covered for liability insurance which was one of the goals. Seniors are not affected. Only 4 juniors fit the last two "out of pocket categories. And the system is now in place.

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Upcoming Events & Opportunities

MN ASAP and Kanabec County Present:

The Ins and Outs of Working with Personal Care Assistants (PCAs)

Tuesday, October 7, 2008
5:30PM to 9PM
Kanabec County Courthouse
18 N. Vine Street, (Basement Rooms)
Mora, MN 55051

Training for adoptive, pre-adopt, and foster parents and for the therapists and other professionals who work with these families.

Presenter: Mary McGowan, BA Psychology, MA Clinical Psychology and Counseling, Minor in Community Violence Prevention and Child Development, in process.

Fee: \$10 per person \$15 per couple
(CEUs available for an additional \$25 fee)

Register online at www.mnasap.org

Questions – call 612-798-4033 or 877-966-2727

For info on registering online, contact Janet:
jhammer@mnadopt.org or 612-746-5125

FROM *STRUCTURAL RACISM* TO *SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES* CONFERENCE

You are invited to attend the From Structural Racism to Sustainable Communities Conference.

Tuesday October 7th, 2008
9:00am – 4:00pm
William Mitchell College of Law
875 Summit Ave
St. Paul, MN 55105

Caution: we only have space for another 50 registrations remaining. This event will sell out. The early registration date is this Friday September 19th. The registration fee increases 25% to \$20 thereafter, and the deadline is September 30th so we can prepare an accurate amount of meals!

MSSA (Minnesota Social Service Association) is seeking **presentations** for its Annual Training Conference & Expo on March 24-27, 2009 at the Sheraton Bloomington Hotel. The conference theme, "How Do You Like Us Now" will highlight the triumphs in service delivery. MSSA is looking for presentations that will enhance the knowledge, skills, and abilities of those working in the human service field.

Interested in presenting?

Visit www.mssaconference.org/call.pdf

Submission deadline is September 30, 2008.

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Voter Information:

<http://www.sos.state.mn.us/home/index.asp?page=4>



Find your polling place:

<http://pollfinder.sos.state.mn.us/>

MN ASAP & REACH Present:

The Effects on Children Who Witness Domestic Violence (AM)/Positive Behavior Management (PM)

Monday, September 29, 2008 (9AM to 3:30PM)
Redwood Falls Community Center
901 E Cook Street
Redwood Falls, MN 56283

Training for adoptive, foster, and kinship families and the professionals who serve them.

Presenter: Mary McGowan, BA Psychology, MA Clinical Psychology and Counseling, Minor in Community Violence Prevention and Child Development, in process.

Fee: \$20 per person \$35 per couple
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Social Work Reinvestment Victory: Congress Passes the Higher Education Reauthorization and Opportunity Act!

On July 31, Congress passed the Higher Education Reauthorization and Opportunity Act, (HEA) expanding student aid for thousands of students pursuing higher education. The President signed H.R. 4137 into law on August 14, which includes loan forgiveness for social workers, mental health professionals, and school counselors, among other professions.

To find out if you qualify for loan forgiveness, go to <http://www.federalstudentaid.ed.gov>. You need to have federal student loans, as private loans are not eligible for loan forgiveness.

NASW has been working to secure student loan forgiveness legislation for social workers for many years. Last year, they were able to secure loan forgiveness for social workers in the College Cost Reduction Act of 2007, (check out

<http://www.socialworkers.org/advocacy/updates/2007/092107.asp>) an important victory for our Social Work

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



CLUES, a premier provider of behavioral health and human services to the Latino community, has the following positions open:

Licensed Mental Health Therapist

To provide effective leadership of the mental health services and service staff in areas including quality, outcome-based design, service relevance, delivery, effectiveness, evaluation and all in congruency with mission. To provide direct psychotherapy to Latino clients.

LICSW

To provide direct psychotherapy to Latino clients in both the Aging Well Department, and the Mental Health Department. To promote mental health services and assist staff in areas including quality, outcome-based design, service relevance, delivery, effectiveness, evaluation and all in congruency with mission. Provide clinical oversight to practicum students.

For more info, check out:

http://www.clues.org/aboutus/job_eng.htm

To apply, please fax a cover letter and resume to Nichole Parsch at 651-292-0347

The Professional Matrix provides an extensive supervision resource to individuals seeking supervision for social work licensure in the state of MN. TPM connects individuals seeking both group and individual supervision to supervisors all over Minnesota and at all license levels.



Check out <http://theprofessionalmatrix.com> for online continuing education options, employment opportunities and to post your résumé. If you would like more info, call 651-788-7168.



MINNESOTA

The **Volunteers of America Family Treatment Program** is seeking individuals interested in becoming licensed as a **foster parent** for youth between the ages of birth to 18.

Call 952-945-4000 for more info.

ADVANTAGE SERVICES COORDINATOR

Mount Carmel Manor – West St. Paul

CommonBond Communities, Minnesota's largest provider of affordable housing and services, has a service coordinator opening in its Advantage Services Department. This is a 20-hour per week position, serving elderly and disabled residents in our affordable housing community, located in West Saint Paul. Responsibilities include information and referral, psychosocial assessments, limited case management and community building with resident populations.

Interested candidates may send (Fax: 651-265-4759 or E-mail jobs@commonbond.org) a resume and cover letter to:

CommonBond Communities

Attn: MCM.ASPC

328 West Kellogg Blvd.

St. Paul, MN 55102

MN River Valley Special Education Cooperative is seeking a **licensed School Social Worker** to work with the families and schools to promote a positive learning environment for students: screen & identify students through consultation with parents, staff & community agency personnel including collection and evaluating appropriate student records and developing and implementing interventions for allow students to be successful: write and present social work assessment summaries and recommendations for educational planning and social work services; maintain and facilitate the transition of students between schools or programs.

If you have questions, call or email Joanie at 952-492-8463 or jmtupy@mrvsec.k12.mn.us. The application and more info can be found at <http://www.rschoolday.com/se3bin/client.school.cgi>.



STUDENT INTERN/VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY



The **Cherish the Children Childcare Center** seeks a dedicated student to assist the Childcare Center's Director with general office duties.

The ideal candidate will be available to work part-time hours, 1-2 days a week, up to 8 hours per week – unpaid position.

HOW TO APPLY: Contact Sue Kincade, H.R. Director at the Minnesota Indian Women's Resource Center, 2300 15th Avenue South, Minneapolis, MN 55404, phone 612-728-2000, fax 612-728-2039 or email skincade@miwrc.org.

Visit www.miwrc.org to learn more.

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The ElderCare Rights Alliance is hosting a dynamic and thought provoking film festival:

**Videos on Aging
Using the Power of Visual Story
Telling
to Educate, Understand, and Enrich**

St. Mary's Greek Orthodox Church,
3450 Irving Ave. S., Minneapolis.

October 8th from 8:30AM to 4:00PM

Registration is \$75 per person.
There will be discussion following each film.

To register and for more information call 952.854.7304 or visit our website at www.eldercarerights.org

Certificates of Attendance for continuing education credit will be available.

Board Member Vacancies

Effective January 2008, the Minnesota Board of Social Work will have **seven vacancies**; three public members, one Licensed Social Worker in a state agency, two Licensed Social Workers in a private agency, and one Licensed Graduate Social Worker, or Licensed Independent Social Worker, or Licensed Independent Clinical Social Worker in a hospital/nursing home.

Board members are appointed by the Governor to serve a four-year term. The Board holds regular, full-day business meetings every other month, and Board members are expected to serve on at least one committee. Board members are eligible to receive per diems, and are reimbursed for their travel, accommodation and meal expenses in accordance with state reimbursement schedules.

Interested? Visit the Board's website at

www.socialwork.state.mn.us for more detailed info and to view the position description. **To download the application form, visit the Secretary of State's website at** www.sos.state.mn.us.

Applications are requested by September 23, 2008, but applications will be accepted until full appointments are made.



AUGSBURG HOMECOMING 2008

Sunday, September 21 thru Saturday, September 27

Homecoming '08 will be a fun-filled adventure with chances to learn, network, share, and have a blast! Cheer with us at the pep rally and catch the fireworks on Monday night. Show off your talent at the variety show on Tuesday. Meet alumni at the first Auggie Connections Friday. And don't forget to cheer for the Auggies as they take on St. Olaf at the football game on Saturday. Let's show our Auggie pride and make memories to last a lifetime! Listed below are a few exciting events; for a complete listing of events, visit www.augsburg.edu/homecoming.

Auggie Connections

Friday, September 26th, 4:30 - 8 p.m., Oren Gateway Center atrium, gallery, and classrooms
Reconnect with former classmates and network with current Auggies. Hear a lecture from a favorite Augsburg professor, share photos from your days at Augsburg, or learn about what's new and on the horizon for your alma mater.

Pre-Game Picnic in the Park

Saturday, September 27th, 11 a.m., Murphy Park
Bring your family and share food, games, and memories. There will be face painters, magicians, balloon artists, the Auggie Eagle & Pep Band, and of course an outdoor picnic! Cost: \$10/person or \$20/family. Children 12/under are free.

Auggie Block Party

Saturday, September 27th, 3:30 p.m.
7th St. S. between Sverdrup Hall and Lindell Library
All Auggies are invited to conclude Homecoming 2008 at the Block Party! Join us after the football game and enjoy live music, brats, games, and more. FREE.

Brookdale Library
6125 Shingle Creek Pkwy.
Brooklyn Center, MN 55430
8:30am – 12:00
(Registration @ 8am)

Mail registration to:
Family & Children's Service
Accounts Receivable
Family & Children's Service
414 S. 8th St.
Minneapolis, MN 55404

Every Student Connected:

**Building Capacity to Connect With
Immigrant Students and Their Families**

Friday, October 10, 2008

Forum presenters:

Abdulahi Farah, Richfield Public Schools
Victoria Karpeh, Liberian community member
David Zalaya, Richfield Public Schools

To fax registration: 612-729-2616

To phone in a registration: Becca Anderson at 612-728-2084

For more information: Jeannette Raymond at jraymond@fcsmn.org

Registration due by October 3rd.