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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.

***Transportation to Campus:** If you would like to explore alternative ways to get to campus or are looking for ways to get around the I-35W bridge, visit www.metrotransit.org for more information.

***Info Session on the IRB process**
October 10, 3:30-5 p.m. in Oren 111.

*Faculty and Students, please be aware and conscientious of anyone in your classes that may be sensitive to scents.

Departmental News...

BSW and MSW students are invited to participate in several departmental committees: The International, Curriculum, and Search Committees. The International and Curriculum Committees generally meet once each month. The Search Committee will be meeting more intensively throughout the remainder of 2007 and into the beginning of 2008 while the search for Assistant Professor is being conducted.

If you are interested in participating on any of the listed committees or have specific questions relating to the committees, please contact Emily Cronk at 612-330-1189 or cronk@augsborg.edu

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Following the death of Professor Sharon Patten, the SWK department is embarking on a search for an Assistant Professor. The Search Committee seeks a BSW and MSW student representative to serve on the committee.

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As many of you may already be aware of, Professor and Chair Tony Bibus is on sabbatical this fall. He will return January 2008. Check out his SABBAT-LOG on page 7 of this issue of News Notes and look for his log throughout the term!

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On September 1st, Professor Rosemary Link took on a new position as Associate Vice President for Academic Affairs and Dean of Graduate Studies. (She will still be with us through fall term teaching HBSE.) Join us in congratulating Prof. Link on this exciting endeavor!

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On September 10th, Stacy Myhre filled our long awaited Field Assistant position. She joins us after completing her BSW at Luther College and is currently a grad student at the U of M. She is with us every weekday afternoon so please feel free to stop by Memorial 10 and welcome Stacy to Augsburg!

Student Paper Pick-up Policy:

If a professor arranges for a student to pick up an assignment or paper from the bookshelf in the SWK office, it will be kept in 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 or assignment in the bookshelf, it will be kept there until 2 weeks into winter term (MSW) and spring semester (BSW).

MSW News

Classroom changes

SWK 505, Methods I, sections A & B with Boisen and Johansen will meet in Old Main 26 from 8:00-9:00am on Saturday, September 22nd.

SWK 610, Field III (Family Practice), sections A & C with Boisen and Gerten will meet in Anderson 20 on Saturday, September 22nd.

SWK 610, Field III (Family Practice), sections B & D with Syers and Hanson will meet in Anderson 101 on Saturday, September 22nd.

SWK 615, Diversity and Inequality, all sections will meet in Science 123 on Saturday, September 22nd.

SWK 615A, Diversity and Inequality with Boisen has moved to Foss 20A (with the exception of this Saturday as the sections are combining in Science 123).

SWK 651/657 Field III (PDPA) with Bosch and Rodenberg will meet in the Women's Resource Center.

Faculty search committee in need of student representative

Following the death of Professor Patten, the SWK department has received approval from Dean Farley to hire a new full-time Assistant Professor. The department has formed a faculty search committee with the intent to hold the national and international search this fall, beginning with interviews in January of 2008. Committee members are made up of department faculty, staff, as well as student representatives from the BSW and MSW programs. As such, the department requests that one MSW student volunteer to be the student representative on the committee. If you are interested, please contact Emily Cronk at cronk@augsborg.edu. The commitment requires being present at meetings held during weekday business hours.

Writing lab hours

The Augsburg College Writing Lab is now open for fall semester. 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 (NOTE THIS NEW, ADDITIONAL TIME)
Sundays: 5:30 - 8 PM

CLUES info session

The MSW program will hold an information session at CLUES (Comunidades Latinas Unidas en Servicio) on October 11, 2007 from 5:30-6:30pm (Minneapolis location). All prospective students are invited. CLUES is a latino social service agency interested in employing both bi-lingual and bi-cultural social workers. Please RSVP to Lynn Ellingson at ellingsl@augsborg.edu. For more information on CLUES, visit <http://www.clues.org/>.

MSW Forum

The MSW Forum will have its first meeting on **Saturday, October 6th from 12:00-1:00pm**. Location, Lindell 301. All are welcome, especially new students! Please bring your own lunch; beverages will be provided. Questions? Contact Holley at locherh@augsborg.edu or Sean Erno at erno@augsborg.edu.

MSW Website

Check out the MSW internal website at <http://web.augsburg.edu/socialwork/msw/> for up-to-the-minute classroom changes and announcements, department news & events, field information, and much more!

BSW News

All SWK Get Together a HUMONGEOUS SUCCESS

The Second Annual All SWK Get Together hosted by the BSW Forum was another huge success! Social work students from at least three of the four food groups [no sophomores AGAIN, what is it with sophomores? Danielle Dietrich was there from the freshman class – it would have been nice to have seen more] showed up in mass looking for collegiality and good [free] food. There was plenty of both in supply. Due to the weather the Get Together was held in Lindell 301. And sometime around 6:15PM the Big Storm rolled in and we were all forced to go down to the basement, but spirits remained high. It was just another party down there in the basement. Eventually we were let out of the basement around 6:45PM. I immediately went back up stairs to get a fajita—BUT THE FOOD WAS GONE! Apparently the Food Service was still on the job ☹. Thanks to the Department Chair, Tony Bibus for braving the weather to say hello also to faculty members Barbara Lehman, Dr. Michael Shock—the Program Director and John Yaeger the SWK 257 instructor for being there. And of course, thanks to the BSW Forum for coordinating and hosting the event, especially seniors **Megan Carlson** and **Patrick Flood**. It might not be a bad idea to shoot an e-mail to the Food Service Manager, Joe Herbst at herbst@augsborg.edu thanking him and his staff for the food and set-up. They get thanks, but not often enough. This is the chance to once again prove that social work students are at the top of the heap.



The BSW Calendar – ABC Always Be Checking

A-always, do it when you need to know a department event day
B-be, being-as state of existence, being alive
C-checking, covering the facts, not rumor, not what you hear before class starts
Always be checking, always be checking
ALWAYS-be checking.

Calendar can be found at:
<http://www.augsburg.edu/swk/bsw/bswcalendar.html>

Upcoming Events...

Junior Internships Begin Next Week

Internships information sessions have completed for the junior class and agency hours are scheduled to officially begin the first week in October. Good luck to all. If your luck is not so good, remember to speak to your field liaison (seminar instructor) and the BSW Field Coordinator, Nancy Rodenburg.

Field Safety Meeting Next Wednesday

The mandatory field internship safety meeting (for Juniors and Seniors) is next Wednesday in the Minneapolis Room, 10AM to Noon. If for some reason you can't make it contact Nancy Rodenburg.

BSW News Continued..

BSW Forum Report

The Forum convened Thursday September 13th and set the meeting times and dates for the rest of the term. The next item of business was to review plans for the SWK Get Together and other events in the coming year. The Forum last year determined that 3 events was about as much as time allows in a jam-packed school oyear. The SWK Get Together being Thing 1, a social event being Thing 2 (last year it was bowling) and Thing 3 being the Professional Panel.



The Forum members will be polling the junior and seniors classes on the TIMING of these events and the PREFERENCE of ACTIVITY for the social event. Expect your Forum members to ask you.

The final item on the agenda was seeking a BSW student representative for the Faculty search committee. The department has two slots to fill and want student input on faculty selection. The Search Committee will be working this fall up until December. Tentatively, Walter Gies has agreed to the BSW student representative. We will see if Walter can make it after he reviews the schedule. If not, expect an e-mail from me initially asking for a volunteer, but later resorting to more devious methods...

Dr. Michael Schock submitted a policy statement about SWK 257:

5. New Policy: Mike Schock. SWK 257 assignments vs. other field coursework

I want to put on the agenda for Forum the following policy recommendations:
"SWK 257 service learning assignment will be independent from other responsibilities a student might have in a social service agency. For employees in a human service agency, their request to complete the service learning at their employment will be subject to the department policy re: internships and employment. For students currently enrolled in SWK 307 or SWK 407, the 40 hours of service learning will be independent of the internship obligations. "

After debate and feedback it was decided that IF a student is doing both junior field hours and SWK 257 service work hours the tasks have to be appropriate to the difference between volunteer work and pre-professional, insured, social work training. Mike Schock and Nancy Rodenborg, and your course instructors can clarify the difference in tasks.

AND YOU HAVE TO DO THE 40 REQUIRED FOR SWK 257 PLUS THE 120 HOURS THIS TERM FOR SWK 307 FIELD WORK 1.

Your BSW Forum members: Senior Class: Megan Carlson, Patrick Flood
Junior Class: Walter Gies, Julie Schellack, Emily Tischer AND Katie Wornson
Sophomore class? [but I think someone can be convinced]
Freshman??? Erin Scott?

Congratulations to Mantu Craven.

He gets the "last man off the ship award" as the last person to be admitted to the class. Not his fault, transferring is bureaucratic and sometimes the paperwork moves s-l-o-w-l-y

Upcoming Events

NASW Workshop:

See Jane...Jane Who? The art of bringing advocacy into your Social Work practice

Friday, September 28, 2007

For workshop details and registration info visit:
<http://www.naswmn.org/> and click on
Continuing Education Workshops

Upcoming meetings on the Transportation Action Plan

The City of Minneapolis is working on a comprehensive citywide Transportation Action Plan that addresses a full range of transportation options and issues, including pedestrians, bicycles, transit, automobiles, and freight.

A series of public meetings will be held in October to discuss the findings and recommendations of the Minneapolis Citywide Ten-Year Transportation Action Plan and the Streetcar Feasibility Study.

For more information and meeting dates visit:
<http://www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/public-works/trans-plan/index.asp#TopOfPage>

Ethics Training

October 2nd at Kandiyohi County Human Service Building in Willmar, 2-4pm

Featuring Augsburg faculty, Lois Bosch and Laura Boisen.

Contact Tammie Knick for more information and registration materials at tknick@gfw.k12.mn.us or 507.276.4015

2007 MSSWA Annual Fall Conference

Monday, November 12th and Tuesday, November 13th

For more information please visit:
<http://www.msswa.org/conferences/>

Refugee Camp in Loring Park

September 27-30th, 2007

9am to 5:30pm daily

Loring Park

Imagine you have just minutes to flee your home. What few items can you carry? How will you find food, shelter, and water? These are just a few of the many thoughts that race through the minds of an estimated 33 million people around the world who have been forced to flee their homes and seek refuge because of war and conflict.

Doctors Without Borders/Médecins Sans Frontières (MSF) hopes to bring an understanding of the refugee experience to the people of Minneapolis. The event is called "A Refugee Camp in the Heart of the City;" a free exhibit open to the general public.

The exhibit is made up of actual materials used by Doctors Without Borders in its medical humanitarian work around the world. The exhibit will highlight the plight of the millions of people currently displaced by conflict in places like Sudan, Colombia, and the Democratic Republic of the Congo, as well as Thailand (the Hmong refugees) and Somalia, where the majority of Minnesota's refugees originate.

A Minnesota Indian Women's Resource Center Workshop

"Therapeutic Approaches for Clients Affected by Historical Trauma"

When: Friday, October 12th 2007

9:30am - 4:00 pm

Lunch will be provided. Cost is \$40

Location: 'RAIN or SHINE ' at Spirit Ranch in St. Croix. For more information

contact: Jo Lightfeather @612.729.2031

or email: workshop@miwrc.org

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

The Board of Social Work is seeking assistance in recruiting applicants for two vacancies for professional members on the board.

If you know of anyone, please have them submit an application directly through the open appointments link on the Secretary of State's website:
<http://www.sos.state.mn.us>.

Please let Frank Merriman know if you have questions or comments.

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The HealthPartners Specialty Center Infectious Disease Clinic has a full-time position available to provide case management and social work support to patients living with HIV/AIDS. Please contact: Pat Haack with HealthPartners Human Resources at 952-873-6401
Or apply on-line at www.healthpartners.com, click on careers on the upper right hand corner, then on job opportunities in the middle of the page. Type "social worker" to search by keyword or 9750 to search by job ID.

MSW graduate Dan Dierfeldt sends word that his school district (special education in the Prior Lake, Shakopee, Scott County area) has two and a half new positions for school social workers. If you know a social worker with experience in the schools who might be interested, call 952-492-8473 or Fax: 952-941-6354. For more details, feel free to call Dan at 952-226-8828.

For a list of volunteer with the Council in Crime and Justice please visit:
<http://www.crimeandjustice.org/councilinfo.cfm?PID=29>

Tubman Family Alliance & Chrysalis, A Center for Women is seeking a full-time advocate to provide legal advocacy services to victims of domestic abuse in Hennepin County. Knowledge of civil court process, Bachelor Degree and/or two years prior experience preferred. Must work well in a team environment, be self-motivated and excellent communication skills.

Send resume and cover letter by October 12, 2007 to:

Mary Jo Hanson, Human Resources
Chrysalis
4432 Chicago Avenue South
Minneapolis, MN 55407
mhanson@chrysaliswomen.org

CommonBond Communities Job Openings:

Advantage Services Coordinator
Director of Senior and Special Needs Services

For complete job descriptions please visit:
<http://www.commonbond.org/careers/default.asp>

Interested candidates may email jobs@commonbond.org, fax (651.265.4759) or mail a resume and letter of interest to:
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SABBAT-LOG

(Notes from Tony Bibus on Sabbatical this Fall)

One of the benefits of being on sabbatical is the time to think and write. Writing helps with the thinking, too. Writing is also a good way to share one's thinking and invite others to chime in. Please feel free to do so – send your thoughts to Emily for inclusion in Newsnotes.

Four streams of thought have come together for me over the past few weeks. One is reflecting on the collapse of the I-35 bridge on August 1. The second is responding to the shooting of the brother of an Augsburg graduate on August 2. The third is an article by dean of business. And the fourth is the first book that I assigned myself to read on sabbatical, Malcolm Payne's *What is Professional Social Work?* (2007).

One week after the I-35W bridge collapse, I attended the funeral for Jerren Gabriel Schaden, age 23, who was shot to death on Thursday, August 2, 2007, in our city, his home. His older brother, Tony, an Augsburg College graduate, read these lines from the memorial poem that his sister Jerrina wrote for Jerren:

"Someone once told me you live to die.
But life was taken from him.
My brother didn't live enough to die."

I wished that the community solidarity manifested in response to the highway tragedy also would focus with righteous outrage on the daily disaster of violence that our children face in their neighborhoods, where they deserve safety. Steve Cramer, Executive Director of Project for Pride in Living, has called for a stronger collective will to confront what he calls the "quiet community tragedies of spreading and deepening poverty, violence, and employment and educational disparities" (Notes from the Executive Director, PPL newsletter, February-August 2007, p. 2). He puts the call eloquently: "As we see a new bridge rising from the wreckage, and remember the many selfless individual acts during that horrible time, let us be inspired to address with equal vigor and purpose our quiet community tragedies."

Social work has an important role in this effort. In a commentary published in the *Star Tribune* business section (August 8, p. D8) Christopher Puto, Dean of the College of Business at St. Thomas, wrote about how successful businesses and non-profit agencies give top priority to "identity processes." These are activities that define the organization – for example, he explained how FedEx makes "on-time delivery" its top priority because that defines their business. In social work, our identity processes probably relate to service, human rights, and social justice; this is where reading Payne's book helped clarify my thinking. He's reflecting on a lifelong career in social work, with lots of international connections and an extensive record of publications on social work theory and philosophy; so his is a useful take on what our identity as social workers could be. His main point is that social workers, their clients, and society co-construct social work as they interrelate with each other – social workers show the social work process in our interpersonal work, which in turn is valued by other professionals and service users. Although difficult to put in a nutshell, social work's complex identity is nevertheless its strength, and it is "unique in its particular combination of the social and the psychological with its values and objectives" (p. 189).

Payne writes further: "Looking across different countries, therefore, we can identify a variety of different social works, with a range of roles. However, we can also identify continuities, and these continuities lie in the claim to connect the interpersonal with the social and the social with the interpersonal" (p. 175). Several other social work scholars (for example Paul Stuart in his article "Bridging Borders: How Social Workers Build Ties and Transform Relationships" in *The Journal of Baccalaureate Social Work*, vol. 12, no. 2, pp. 13-25, spring 2007, and Kay Hoffman and Alvin L. Sallee in their 1994 text *Social work practice : Bridges to change*) have used a bridge metaphor to claim social work's identity as the profession that creates spans between people, resources, other professions, communities, and each other.

That reminds me of the fable of the bridge tenders – but that's my SABBAT-LOG's topic for the next Newsnotes. Talk to you then!