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REMINDERS...

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

* **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/>

* Interested in selling your textbooks to other MSW students?

In response to a request from a current MSW student, 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.

* **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.

From the Chair:

On behalf of the full-time and adjunct faculty and staff of the Social Work Department, welcome to another academic year of social work education at Augsburg College. This is the ninth and final year of my tenure as your department chair. Soon, faculty will elect a new chair to begin duties in September 2009. During this year, then, I'll look forward to work with the new chair, with colleagues, with students, with alumni, with our advisory committee, and with our field agency partners in preparing for a smooth transition of leadership.



This fall we also welcome a new colleague: Prof. Ankita Dekka. Look for a feature on Prof. Dekka in future *Newsnotes*. We are delighted that she has joined us!

There is already a lot happening in September. Here're just a few exciting events:

Thursday, September 4, 2:00-4:00 in the Minneapolis Room: Our First BSW Junior Field Fair!

Thursday, September 11, 2:00-4:00 in OGC 100: Reception with adjunct Lee Furman for Prof. Bernard Moss from Staffordshire University in England -- see his website at <http://www.bernardmoss.org.uk/>

Monday, September 15, 8:45-4:00 at Coffman Union: "Work with Involuntary Clients" featuring presentations by Profs. Dewberry Rooney and Bibus among others – **this is a free conference!**

Friday, September 26, 8:30-4:00 at the Continuing Education and Conference Center in St. Paul: "Creating Healthy Organizational Culture" (the first conference of the Association for Macro Practice Social Workers) featuring Profs. Erickson, Bosch, Rodenburg and former colleague Sarah Ferguson, now at the School of Social Work at the College of St. Catherine/University of St. Thomas.

And this is of course a presidential election year with all the accompanying opportunities for social work and advocacy in the political arena. Look for news on initiatives such as Sociology Prof. Garry Hesser's inaugural year as the college's Martin Olav Sabo Professor of Citizenship and Learning and the Sabo Center – stipends may be available for internships in public policy practice. The college is also working with Pillsbury United Communities Coyle Center on a partnership creating the "21st Century Settlement House."

May this be a meaningful and inspiring year for each of you. I will enjoy the learning we all are engaged in together. Feel free to communicate with each other and the department in these *Newsnotes* – send your contributions to our editor-in-chief, Emily Cronk.

Yours:
Tony Bibus

MSW News

Welcome!

A big welcome to our new and returning students; I'm excited to see you all on campus! I hope you all had a nice time over the summer and that you were able to spend some of it relaxing with family and friends.

Just a reminder, Lois Bosch and I are in the office (Memorial Hall, 17 and 12B) until 6:00pm on Fridays that you have class, as well as Saturday mornings of class weekends from 7:45am-1:00pm. Come and find us if you need anything!

Also, feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns you have throughout the year and I will do my best to make your lives a little easier. I can be reached by phone at 612-330-1763 or by email at locherh@augsborg.edu. Best wishes this year; I hope it will be a rewarding experience for everyone!

CLASSROOM CHANGE: SWK 667, Organizational/Social Admin Practice I with Lois Bosch will meet in Old Main 107

Saturday, September 6th Opening Convocation (followed by a FREE picnic lunch!)

There will be an opening convocation for all Weekend and Graduate students on Saturday, September 6 from 11:45am to 1:15pm. Convocation will be held in the Hoverston Chapel in Foss followed by an all-campus picnic. We hope to see you all there!

Need to find your classroom?

Log in to the Inside Augsburg page at <http://augnet.augsburg.edu/>. Click on "Records & Registration," then "Active Courses," and finally, click on each individual course. The classroom should be listed towards the bottom of the page.

FREE Professional Counseling on Campus

Did you know as an Augsburg student you can get FREE confidential, professional counseling right here on campus? That's right. As a current student you can get up to 10 FREE sessions each academic year. The Center for Counseling & Health Promotion has five professional counselors available: Nancy, Beth, Jon, Sandra and Cacy. If you need someone to talk to who is objective and can help develop new ways to deal with problems you are facing, then the CCHP office is the place to find.

Appointments at CCHP are all confidential. What you talk about at CCHP stays at CCHP. So give Dianne a call at 612-330-1707 to set up an appointment or stop by our house at 628 21st Avenue (corner of 21st & 7th near Anderson/Luther parking lot).

Not ready to talk to someone? Check out our great website full of online self-help links and community resources at www.augsburg.edu/cchp.

Parking Permits

If you have yet to receive your 08-09 parking permit, stop by the Department of Public Safety to pick one up (located on the link level of Urness Hall behind the Christensen Center) or call 612-330-1717 to inquire. Your graduate student permit is valid for lots D, G, J, & L (on weekdays from 7am-5pm, lot parking for WEC/Grad permits is only available in the reserved WEC/Grad spaces in lot L).

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.

Want to work out on campus?

There are several fitness facilities both on campus and off 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>

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@augsborg.edu or 612-330-1150.

BSW News

Welcome and Welcome back

A new school year has started, summer is, let's face it OVER! But the good news is that the Augsburg College community is back in full force, energy is crackling through the air and people are seeing people they haven't seen all summer. Stories are exchanged and bonds renewed. Facebook is no replacement for face-to-face...Seniors begin their drive for the finish line, juniors are about to get their feet into the door of a new professional world. Freshmen are starting SWK 257 and sophomores are watching the scene.

Welcome og Hei Hei! Til this fall's Norwegian Students

This year we have Anne Marie Bratseth in our junior class and 2 seniors; Stine Solheim and Ida Benjaminsen (who returned this year). Norwegians are very attached to the land. Ask them about their hometown, make them feel welcome.

BSW Student Directory 2008 -2009: Book of faces

The BSW Student Directory for social work majors will be distributed next week. It is a compilation of some of the information available to all students on the college online directory. It is a way of connecting the sometimes widely dispersed social work student body. It gives you a chance to say hello to other social work majors who you might not have even known were a colleague—even though you're in the same class. Of course, the Directory is for use by social work majors and is NOT to be randomly distributed. Respect your classmates' privacy. A few special people (determined by ME) will receive the full color version of the BSW Student Directory.

BSW Field Fair

The junior field fair was conducted Thursday by Nancy Rodenberg, Ph.D. in the Riverside and Minneapolis Rooms. Over the next couple of days field agency assignments will be will announced via e-mail and will also be posted on Dr. Rodenberg's office door (MEM 11). Please meet all of the deadlines so that the process can be completed in a timely manner.



Students visited with representatives from 13 agencies

Students met with BSW Field Coordinator, Prof. Rodenberg in Riverside and were joined by Profs. Paulsen and Lehmann



UPCOMING EVENTS

BSW Forum – First Meeting will be set, soon--

The first meeting of the BSW Forum will be announced soon. Meetings are at 5:45PM in MEM 23 unless otherwise noted. Interested freshmen and sophomores are welcome to check out the proceedings and see if they would like to join. The Forum meets 1 time each month for an hour to plan social and professional information events and give feedback to the department and faculty on various concerns of students both academic and "quality of life" type issues. Hope to see you there.

Mandatory Field Internship Safety Meeting

All juniors must attend a mandatory Field Safety Training Meeting. The meeting covers student behaviors that promote safety in the field as well as expectations of the agencies. Attendance will be taken. Attendance is required. Announcement of the date will go out over e-mail in the next two weeks.

The BSW Online Calendar is being revamped along with the BSW website.

The new BSW website launch is scheduled for September 15th with an updated BSW Calendar of Events for 2008-2009.

Upcoming Events & Opportunities

Welcome to our new sister city, Cuernavaca, Mexico

The Minneapolis City Council approved a new Sister City relationship between Minneapolis and Cuernavaca, Mexico. With having educational programs in Cuernavaca since 1979, we're very excited about the possibilities of this new relationship.

You are invited to an official signing ceremony on Saturday, September 13, 10:30 am, City Hall Room 317. A reception will take place at 9:30 am in the Mississippi River Room, City Hall Room 319. City Hall is located at 350 South 5th Street in Minneapolis. A delegation from Cuernavaca will be in attendance for this signing.

Please RSVP directly to the Mayor's Office at 612-673-2588

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) which will significantly expand student aid for thousands of students pursuing higher education. The President signed H. R. 4137 it 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 the loan forgiveness provisions, go to <http://www.federalstudentaid.ed.gov/>. You will need to have federal student loans as private loans are not eligible for loan forgiveness. The Secretary of Education will have to work out many of the implementation details such as the definition of "national need" and whether or not previous years work will count toward the loan forgiveness.

NASW has been working to secure student loan forgiveness legislation for social workers for many years. Last year, we were able to secure loan forgiveness for social workers in the College Cost Reduction Act of 2007 <http://www.socialworkers.org/advocacy/updates/2007/092107.asp>, an important victory for our Social Work Reinvestment Initiative.

The Augsburg College Writing Lab will open for fall semester/trimester on Monday, Sept. 15. The Lab is located on the main level of Lindell Library, just left of the circulation desk. No appointments are taken; just appear with your assignment in hand!

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 - 9 pm

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 (es), please contact Kathy Swanson, English (x1010).

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/>

Reception for Prof. Bernard Moss

The social work department is hosting a reception for Prof. Bernard Moss, Professor of Social Work Education and Spirituality from Staffordshire University, UK. Please join us for refreshments and a short talk by Prof. Moss on spirituality, social work, and health care.

His teaching excellence was recognized nationally when he was awarded the National Teaching Fellowship by the British Higher Education Academy. He has authored two books: Religion and Spirituality and the other book is titled Values, and several professional articles. He is also writing and researching spirituality in the work place. He is considered a professional lecturer in the United Kingdom.

Thursday, September 11
2:00 – 4:00pm
OGC 100

For more information on Bernard Moss visit:
<http://www.bernardmoss.org.uk/>

Brown Bag Lunch – Women's Resource Center

Please bring your lunch and join us for casual conversation on Tuesday, September 9, from 12-1 at the Women's Resource Center (207 Sverdrup). There's lots to talk about with the political season well upon us!

Brown bag lunches will take place from 12-1 on the second Tuesday of every month. All members of the Augsburg community are welcome.

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

**INTERNATIONAL INSTITUTE OF MINNESOTA
Resettlement Coordinator**

For more information please visit:

http://www.iimn.org/index.asp?Type=B_JOB&SEC={CBA10A76-314E-4143-A980-4DFA2A035D8B}

TO APPLY:

Send cover letter with resume and references by
September 15, 2008 to

1694 Como Avenue

St. Paul, MN 55108

e-mail: jborden@iimn.org

No phone calls.

www.iimn.org

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

Licensed Mental Health Therapist

SUMMARY: To provide effective leadership of the mental health services and service staff in areas including but not limited to quality, outcome-based design, service relevance, delivery, effectiveness, evaluation and all in congruency with mission. To provide direct psychotherapy to Latino clients.

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SUMMARY: 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 but not limited to quality, outcome-based design, service relevance, delivery, effectiveness, evaluation and all in congruency with mission. Provide clinical oversight to practicum students.

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

For more information:

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

**ADVANTAGE SERVICES COORDINATOR – PT
Mount Carmel Manor - W. 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. The position entails serving elderly and disabled residents in our affordable housing community, located in West Saint Paul, MN. 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

Renal Social Worker (MSW)

Redwood Falls, MN

Per Diem (PT/FT potential)

Interested candidates should contact Marilynn Connelly at marilynn.connelly@davita.com.

DaVita Careers:

<http://careers.davita.com>



Licensed School Social Worker position working with students and families who face challenges such as autism:

MN River Valley Special Education Cooperative is a Joint Powers District service 6 districts, Belle Plaine, Jordan, Lonsdale-Montgomery, New Prague, Prior Lake-Savage & Shakopee. We are seeking a 1.0 fte 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.