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Welcome Back Everyone!

I hope you all enjoyed a relaxing and fun-filled summer. We are glad to have you back on campus and look forward to another wonderful year in the world of social work at Augsburg. Please feel free to stop by Memorial 12 and say hello.

Best wishes for the
2007-2008 academic year!
Emily

Reminder...

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.

From the Chair...

Welcome back to another year of social work education at Augsburg College. The usual anticipation and excitement of the first days of classes is tempered this year for us by the loss of our colleague, Sharon Patten, who died on August 25.

(See "*In Memoriam*" included in this issue of *Newsnotes*.) Several tributes have been coming in from alumni and colleagues recognizing Prof. Patten's contributions to our programs and their learning. In her memory, let us reinvigorate our dedication to social work studies that further social justice and empowerment toward the well-being of people in a diverse and global society.



This fall I will be off campus during most of the term conducting a sabbatical study for the Board of Social Work on the number of county social workers in Minnesota and the proportion who are licensed. These data are unknown now, and I hope the findings will generate some tentative recommendations and for sure more questions to address in developing our workforce to respond to the evolving needs of the state and its most vulnerable residents. While I am away, Prof. Lois Bosch will be covering urgent department chair duties, and Emily Cronk will take care of many of the routine administrative tasks that I would have attended to. I will still be checking voice mail and email and will stop by about once a week, so feel free to connect with me if you need to. Otherwise, see you in January!

Traffic Notice...

35W closes tonight (Friday) at 10pm from I-94 to the Hwy 62. If you usually travel on 35W to get to class, you may want to take Cedar Ave (Hwy 77), Hiawatha, Portland/Park Ave, or Hwy 100 to 94 instead depending on where you are coming from.

MSW News

Welcome!

Hi everyone! I hope you all had a wonderful summer. Welcome back to our returning students! I'm looking forward to seeing you all again. Also, welcome to our new students! It was great getting to see everyone in August and I'm excited to get to know you more as the year progresses.

Just a quick note, as you probably noticed, the new Oren Gateway Center along Riverside Avenue is now open. Inside there is a new café, as well as the new and improved Barnes and Noble campus bookstore. Check it out when you get to campus this weekend!

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. Good luck this year; I hope it will be a rewarding experience for everyone!

Classroom changes

SWK **530/530 A**, Field Sem I and Methods Skills Lab with Richard Spratt will meet in Foss 19B.

SWK **530/531 B**, Field Sem I and Methods Skills Lab with Barbara Lehmann will meet in Foss 42.

SWK **530/531 C**, Field Sem I and Methods Skills Lab with Sheila Moriarty will meet in Foss 43.

SWK **610 C**, Field Sem III (Fam Pract) with Annette Gerten will meet in Science 116.

SWK **615 A, B and C**, Diversity and Inequality with Boisen, Pharr and Chakolis will meet in Science 123 from 3-5pm on September 8.

Saturday, September 8th Opening Convocation

(followed by a FREE picnic lunch!)

There will be an opening convocation for all Weekend and Graduate students on Saturday, September 8 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!

MSW Website

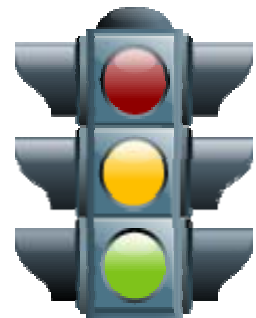
Check out the MSW internal website at <http://web.augsburg.edu/socialwork/msw/> for up-to-the-minute classroom changes and announcements, department news & events, field information, and much more!

Parking Permits

If you have yet to receive your 07-08 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.



BSW News

Welcome and Welcome back

A new school year has started, summer is, let's face it OVER! But the good news that 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. Freshman are starting an entirely new life – college life. Gaining knowledge and according to many media reports, poundage (eat vegetables!). Sophomores take a step closer to starting the major courses. Juniors are getting their feet wet in their first internship. Senior are cruising to graduation. The class is all around smaller this year – so everyone will REALLY get to know everyone else (which has pluses and minuses, but mostly it's a GOOD thing.).

Welcome og Hei Hei! Til Linda Slyngstad

Linda is a junior from Diakonhjemmet College in Oslo and will be studying with us the entire year. Linda actually comes from a small town in Norway. Norwegians are very attached to the land. Ask her about her town, make her feel welcome.

New and Returning Faculty

Welcome to John Yeager who is teaching the SWK 257: Exploring Human Services class and good luck to Joe Clubb, a longtime adjunct who this year is teaching the senior field seminar for the first time.

CLASSROOM CONFIRMATION!

SWK 307-A Field Seminar, taught by Curt Paulsen is to be held in OGC112 (when the info sessions are over and normal classroom meeting times begin on 9/20/07.

BSW Student Directory 2007 -2008

The "Facebook" 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 director. 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.

Miss Co-ed Minnesota 2007, Tiffany Ramm

If you schedule your time properly you can save the world and have fun too. Tiffany Ramm has won the 2007 Miss Coed Minnesota Competition and is vying for the national title. She is hoping to raise some sponsorship money to defray the expenses of running. If you want to support your fellow social work major send Tiffany an e-mail rammt@augsborg.edu for details on how you can help.



Message from Tiffany...

Thanks to everyone at Augsburg that supported me not only in the pageant and with your best wishes, but thank you for all the support academically and financially from TRiO, financial aid, Pan-Afrikan Center, and everyone else. I am proud to announce that I am the 2007 Miss Minnesota Coed.

Sincerely and thankfully,
Tiffany Ramm

BSW News Continued...

Mark Your Calendars...

Junior Field Agency Info Sessions Continue
The junior field info sessions conducted by Nancy Rodenburg, Ph.D. will continue into next week: Tuesday 9/11 in 1:30 in SCI 108 and Thursday 9/13 at 4:00 in the Minneapolis Room. Links to all of the organizations represented can be found on the BSW Online Calendar at:

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



2007 Info Session

BSW Forum – First Meeting Thursday Sept 20

The first meeting of the BSW Forum will be on Thursday, Sept. 20th at 5:45PM in the Cedar Room of Christensen Center. 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 and seniors must attend a mandatory Field Safety Training Meeting: “Issues of Safety in Social Work Practice” on Wednesday, September 26, 2007 from 10:00AM – 12:00PM in the Minneapolis Room

The meeting will provide information on safety for students at their field practicum, including the social work department safety policy, security measures expected of field agencies, and student behaviors that promote safety in field. Attendance will be taken. Attendance is required.

If you cannot make this meeting contact Nancy Rodenburg <rodenbor@augsbu.edu>, Michael Schock <schock@augsbu.edu> or Doran Edwards <edwardsd@augsbu.edu> at least 24 hours before the event.

The BSW Online Calendar

The BSW Online Calendar for 2007-2008 is ON LINE. The calendar is a schedule of events important to social work majors and is a good reminder of what is happening when in case you don't have your datebook or telecommunications hardware on you or you live WAY off campus. Check it for the BIG events. I actually update it in a timely fashion.

Upcoming Events

One Big Night Out to Support Flooded Farms

Recent flooding has devastated many of the farms that grow our produce throughout Southeast Minnesota and Western Wisconsin.

This Saturday (September 8th) 6pm-Midnight

Common Roots Café
2558 Lyndale Ave S
Minneapolis, MN 55405
(intersection of 26th and Lyndale)
<http://www.commonrootscafe.com>

- Fair-trade wine tasting 7-9p with Etica Fair Trade wine
- Vegetable raffle of Minnesota Produce
- Cake raffle
- Dinner specials
- Raffle and free coffee tasting with Peace Coffee of the Sow the Seeds Blend from 11:30a-1:30p
- ALL sales will be donated to the Sow the Seeds Fund

We hope to see you Saturday and please help get the word out!

--Danny & the Common Roots team including Augsburg's 2007 social work grad-Alisa Hoven

The Upper Midwest Association for Campus Sustainability will be hosting a regional launch workshop for Focus the Nation

(www.focusthenation.org) at Macalester College on Thursday, Sep 13 (information attached). For those of you who are interested in learning more about Focus the Nation, or are considering putting together a Focus the Nation event for January 31, 2008, this is a wonderful opportunity to get involved. Eban Goodstein, the founder of Focus the Nation, will be speaking about the organization and will lead the workshop.

BOSW

Celebrating 20 Years

Please join us as we celebrate the Board of Social Work's 20th Anniversary

Friday, September 21, 2007

2:30-4:00

Welcome and Reflections at 3:30
First Floor

2829 University Ave SE
Minneapolis, MN 55414

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.

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. The first is immediate and the second is Tony Bibus', who is leaving the board in January.

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>.

The previous member for the first vacancy met three criteria for Board member appointments: (1) having a MSW degree, (2) representing a community of color, and (3) working in a private agency. The second vacancy also met the criteria of being a social work educator and a Licensed Independent Social Worker.

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

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Minnesota Board of Social Work
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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. This grant funded position requires a Bachelors in Social Work from a CSWE accredited program and State of Minnesota Licensure, as well as experience working with the HIV community or people with chronic disease and associated resources.

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?plD=29>

Chrysalis, a provider for people with disabilities, is seeking a Clinician/Behaviorist for the Las Vegas area. Minimum requirement is a Masters Degree in related field and able to be licensed with a: MSW, LCSW, LPC, CPCI or PHD in related a field. FT with employer paid medical and dental for immediate family, 401K, HRA, salary 45k-55k DOE. Please send resumes to chris.hansen@gochrysalis.com

**NASW Workshop:
See Jane...Jane Who? The art of
bringing advocacy into your Social
Work practice**

Friday, September 28, 2007

Registration/Continental Breakfast
8:00 – 8:30 a.m.

Program: 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Continuing Education and Conference Center St.
Paul Campus
University of Minnesota
Saint Paul, Minnesota

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

In Memoriam: Sharon Patten

Augsburg College Social Work Department colleague Sharon Patten died Saturday, August 25, 2007. She was 63 years old (born on June 23, 1944, in Waseca, Minnesota). She had been suffering from cancer and was receiving hospice care near her hometown at the time of her death. We will miss her and will remember her sharp analysis of social policies, her knowledge of strategic planning, her commitment to social justice, her stern, strong encouragement of our programs, her dreams of teaching and research in Namibia, her kind heart and affection for students, her collection of Inuit and Native American art, and her love of wildlife.



Prof. Sharon Patten

Prof. Patten joined the Augsburg College faculty as an associate professor in 1991. She was a proud alumna of St. Olaf College where she completed her BA degree (cum laude) in 1966 majoring in social psychology and religion; she earned her MSW from the School of Social Work at the University of Minnesota in 1968; in 1976 she finished a masters degree in social policy at the University of Minnesota; and she received her Ph.D. in social work from the University of Minnesota School of Social Work in 1980. Her dissertation was entitled: *An analysis of public income transfers received by older home care and nursing home clients utilizing the concepts of functional capacity and horizontal equity.*

For ten years she was a lecturer at the Humphrey Institute of Public Affairs (1976-1986), and she contributed research, scholarship, analysis, and teaching as a senior fellow at the institute from 1986 to 1992. A licensed independent social worker, her practice included consultation on social planning, policy analysis, and program evaluation. In class she often shared examples from her tenure as director of the long-term care system development project, which she directed for the Minnesota Department of Health (1980-1981), as well as from her earlier work with the All-University Council on Aging at the Center for Urban and Regional Affairs at the University of Minnesota and as director of planning at the Minnesota Board on Aging. Her wealth of experience and connections with recognized scholars and political and administrative leaders nationally and internationally were resources for learning in the areas of gerontology, aging, income maintenance, welfare reform, social security, health care, and evaluation of nursing home care. She was a member of the Gerontological Society of America and the Minnesota Gerontological Association.

When she came to Augsburg, Prof. Patten was instrumental in the development of the Master of Social Work program at Augsburg College and took the lead on the development of its Program Development, Policy, and Administration Concentration; she taught in both the undergraduate and graduate programs courses ranging from research, planning and evaluation to the history of social welfare policy. She was an active member of the college's Institutional Review Board and served as its chair from 2000 to 2001, and she was a member of the social work department's admission, search, international, and strategic planning committees. When the department needed to compose an important report, such as accreditation documents, Prof. Patten's meticulous reading and editing were appreciated. She enjoyed advising MSW students on their theses, and she was a long time member of the board of Origins, a nonprofit educational organization.

In Memoriam: Sharon Patten Continued...

One of the highlights of Prof. Patten's career at Augsburg was the opportunity to join a Fulbright-Hays travel seminar in Namibia in the summer of 2002. She described it as "a transforming experience providing firsthand knowledge of another society and culture(s)." Before her illnesses interrupted her work, she had planned on pursuing her research in Namibia in the area of long-term care (formal and informal) for older people and children, and she was hoping to bring a group of students with her to Namibia some day. Photographs of the animals and the landscape of Africa adorned the door of her office.

Upon her death, Augsburg College President Paul Pribbenow wrote:

"Sharon Patten was a valued member of the Augsburg community.

I ask your prayers for the Patten family during this time of great loss." In the eulogy at Prof. Patten's funeral at Grace Lutheran Church in Waseca, college pastor Dave Wold, also a graduate of St. Olaf, shared tributes that have come from friends, colleagues, and students regarding the inspiration they have gained from Prof. Patten. He compared her contributions to planting trees that will continue to bear fruit. Her love of fishing ("I always release – they deserve to live too") and her wry and teasing sense of humor were fondly recalled, and some of her creative paintings and drawings were on display. Social work colleague and friend Maria Dinis also spoke at the funeral, describing Prof. Patten's kind, caring, and genuine qualities and acute sense of fairness that shone through even in difficult times. Prof. Dinis also read this message from former colleague Sumin Hsieh:

"Farewell, Sharon – may God bless your soul."

Several alumni who have gone on to doctoral studies have noted that Prof. Patten supported and encouraged their development as scholars. Among the emails that the department has received from alumni is this from adjunct faculty member and Augsburg MSW graduate Sheila Moriarty:

"I really loved her as a professor. She wasn't flashy, but she was so clearly honorable. She was exactly who she said she was. She taught me a lot about social work policy. When I became an adjunct, she was so wonderfully supportive and kind."