Message from the Director

Welcome to Fall Semester 2010. I am happy to report that the CSU School of Social Work BSW Program received eight years of full accreditation from CSWE. Thanks to all full-time and adjunct faculty, field supervisors, office staff, alumni, students, and especially to Professor Edith Anderson for coordinating the accreditation process with meticulous detail. Dr. Maggie Jackson, former Director of the School, also deserves special applause for her dedicated work in this accreditation effort.

According to the Department of Labor’s 10-year forecast of “Top 100 Jobs”, social work was ranked #71 on the list with a 22% projected growth in need/demand. Also social work ranked in the top 10 of the professions’ benefit to the society.

Social work is a helping profession like medicine and law. Its practitioners deal with all aspects of the life cycle, from conception to old age. Intervention models are changing rapidly. Learning takes place from traditions and scientifically-proven approaches; social work has evolved around theoretical and empirical frame works, evidence-based practice and professional values and ethics.

Communities support this professionalization of social work through licensure in all fifty states. Social work at the undergraduate and graduate levels is nationally accredited by the Council on Social Work Education. Our faculty members’ research scholarship extends to local, state, national, and international levels. Among the CSU School of Social Work, there are three Fulbright Scholars; with one faculty member receiving this honor three times. Germany, Ireland, El-Salvador, Zimbabwe, Kenya, Botswana, Senegal, India and Sri Lanka are some of the countries where our faculty members are involved in doing field research.

Every semester our students and faculty contribute thousands of hours of community services through over 200 nonprofit organizations in the Greater Cleveland area. This translates into over a million dollar of CSU’s contribution to the local economy.

Our faculty productivity is widely respected by not only our professional community but also by faculty peers within CSU. For example, our School of Social Work is the only department/school within CSU to have received three distinguished faculty award for teaching and/or service.

This is a time of gratitude and challenge. Let us acknowledge and build upon our success, engaging the future with renewed spirit and purpose.

Cordially, Murali Nair

Message from College of Liberal Arts & Social Sciences (CLASS)

Dean Dr. Gregory Sadlek

I am pleased to greet all new and continuing students and faculty members in the School of Social Work. This is an exciting time for the School. Dr. Murali Nair has become the new Director, Dr. Maggie Jackson is the new M.S.W. Program Director, and Dr. Chris Mallet is the new B.S.W. program Director. All three bring highly advanced leadership skills to their positions. In addition, we have just learned that the School’s B.S.W. accreditation has been renewed for another eight years. Finally, the School will be inducting Dr. Ronald Berkman into Phi Alpha Honor Society. As an honorary member myself, I am pleased to join you in welcoming such a distinguished university leader. I wish you a truly successful academic year!
Dr. Craig Boitel is the chairperson of the Social Work Practice Sequence. How students transfer and integrate learning between classroom and field practice is the subject of a recent article in the *Journal of Teaching in Social Work* that Dr. Boitel co-authored with Drs. Farkas, Fromm & Hokenstad.

Since 1986, Dr. Boitel has maintained a private practice of psychotherapy with children, adolescents and adults that complements and informs his classroom and clinical teaching. He has conducted and published research on the impact of severe stress on human development, and the role of social support. His research ties psychosocial risk factors to health outcomes, with empirical evidence that having a consistent and caring caregiver during the inpatient hospital stay correlates with improved patient survival in allogeneic BMT. Moreover, an optimum level of care-partner support was found to significantly increase survival rates associated with care-partner duration of >3 hours per day in-hospital and a care-partner frequency of >75% of inpatient days. The other longitudinal study revealed that better scores on psychometric scales are associated with complimentary modes of patient-illusion of social workers, whereas worse scores are associated with oppositional modes of illness adjustment. These research findings inform evidence-based psychosocial interventions in BMT, including the development of a care-partner support program.

Dr. Boitel recently presented on “Managing Controversial Boundary Behaviors in Hospital Social Work,” sponsored by Bayada Nurses, Medical Service Company & the Vila Camillus. Columbus Station, OH. He will be presenting refereed research papers at the American Society of Hematology Meeting in December, 2010 and then again at the American Society of Blood and Marrow Transplantation Meeting in February, 2011.

Dr. Chiquitia Welch-Brewer continues her research on female juvenile offenders. She has been examining and analyzing autobiographical accounts of incarcerated girls with a substance use disorder, using a naturalistic approach to determine processes and factors that lead to substance use and delinquent behavior. In addition, she has been conducting reliability and validation studies of the Problem Oriented Screening Instrument for Teens (POSIT), the Multidimensional Adolescent Assessment Scale (MAAS), and the Massachusetts Youth Screening Instrument-Second Version, using a state based sample of incarcerated girls. Dr. Welch-Brewer’s recent publications include “Assessing Change in Psychosocial Functioning of Incarcerated Girls with a Substance Use Disorder: Gender Sensitive Substance Abuse Intervention.” Authors: Amelia C. Roberts-Lewis, L. Welch-Brewer, Mary S. Jackson; Raymond Kirk; O. Martin Pharr; *Journal of Offender Rehabilitation*, 49 (7), October 2010, pages 479 – 494; as well as *Frantic Distraction* (FDM): Preliminary Findings of an Intervention Model for Female Juvenile Offenders with Substance Use Problems. Authors: Amelia C. Roberts-Lewis, L. Welch-Brewer, Mary S. Jackson; O. Martin Pharr; Sharon Parker. Published in: *Journal of Drug Issues*, Fall 2010.

Dr. Welch-Brewer and Professor Julius Simmons have been working on: 1. Conducting a pilot study to determine the effectiveness of a parenting program for incarcerated women. 2. Analyzing written and tape recorded autobiographies and life histories of incarcerated men and women to understand men and women’s pathways to prison and the impact of prison on men and women; and; 3. Developing a compilation of poetry, drawings, and personal narratives of incarcerated women.

Professor Julius Simmons continues his advocacy work in the area of prison reform. He facilitates parenting groups for incarcerated women. Consequently, Professor Simmons and Dr. Welch-Brewer are conducting a pilot study to determine the effectiveness of a parenting program for incarcerated women. In addition, Professor Simmons and Dr. Welch are collaborating on several other projects. They are analyzing written and tape recorded autobiographies and life histories of incarcerated men and women to understand men and women’s pathways to prison and the impact of prison on men and women, and developing a compilation of poetry, drawings, and personal narratives of incarcerated women. Professor Simmons has been collecting poetry, personal narratives, and drawings of detained youth and incarcerated men and women for over 30 years.

Dr. Andrew Edwards, Associate Professor, made a presentation on October 8th at the Annual Cayahoga County Conference on Aging. The presentation was entitled, “Values Clarification and Values Education as a Therapeutic Approach for End-of-Life Clients and Their Family.” On November 11-14, Dr. Edwards will be attending the annual conference of the North American Association of Christians in Social Work (NACSW) in Raleigh – Durham, North Carolina. He will be presenting a research paper entitled, *Value Clarification and Values Development: Implications for Christian Social Workers.*

Dr. Edwards is the faculty advisor for the CSU student chapter of NACSW. The North American Association of Christians in Social Work has 44 chapters in the United States and Canada. In May, the student organization, *Social Work in Action*, selected Dr. Edwards as BSU Educator of the Year – 2009-2010. On September 24th and 26th, Fellowship Baptist Church honored Dr. Edwards for 20 years of contribution to church and society. On Friday evening September 24th he was honored at a banquet which was held at Marriott Hotel with approximately 200 people present. On the following Sunday, there was a reception after the worship service at Fellowship Baptist Church with over 250 people attending. Dr. Edwards established a scholarship program which has benefited over 30 young people who began their college career. Also, the Fellowship Human Development Center in the past has partnered with Cuyahoga County to sponsor social programs that have helped hundreds of clients in the community and provided employment opportunities for social workers and other human service workers. The Fellowship Human Development Center was organized by Dr. Edwards approximately 14 years ago. It is the setting for some of his ongoing applied research.

Dr. Mamadou Seck attended a workshop at the beginning of the Fall semester, entitled “Creating Curriculum Synergies through Collaborative and Integrative Teaching.” This workshop was organized by the office of Learning Communities Programs and Partnerships at Cleveland State University (CSU). His participation in the scheduled activities inspired him to think about this learning experience and the adoption process of potential courses designed for this particular program, which aims at engaging students to appreciate the urban area where the university is located, ignite and reinforce their desire to stay in school, and raise their rate of success. This resulted in a paper submitted to the CSU Journal of Engaged Learning, “Preparing Future Community Leaders through Urban Learning Communities: A Model Course.” A second paper on social work curriculum, “Evaluating Experiential Learning of Group Work Practice of Social Work Students Engaged in Community Development Activities” was accepted for publication by the *Revue Intervention.*

Publications and Presentations also include a paper published in *Corrections Compendium* (15 (1) January 2010). The article is entitled, *Female Juvenile Offenders with Serious Mental and Behavioral Disorders; and a*
Dr. Christopher Mallett, BSW Program Director, continues to bring the joy of research and evaluation to his graduate and undergraduate students. Dr. Mallett’s ongoing research endeavors are focused on children and youth with disabilities, disproportionality minority youth involvement with juvenile courts, maltreatment impacts on children, and Supreme Court decisions. This research has been published in five social work and law journals of late, with two of the research studies co-published with School of Social Work Colleagues (Dr. Stoddard Dare and Dr. Workman-Crenshaw). The research studies have focused on predicting detention placement for minority youth (Journal of Ethnicity in Criminal Justice), the impact special education disabilities have on juvenile delinquency (Social Work in Schools), gender and race differences in juvenile court outcomes (Juvenile and Family Court Journal), an evaluation of a program focused on improving maltreated children’s school-related outcomes (Children and Schools: A Journal of Social Work Practice), and an analysis and demographics of the Supreme Court’s decision on juvenile offenders sentenced to life without parole (Criminal Law Bulletin). In addition, based on this area of expertise, Dr. Mallett was invited to submit an entry to the Encyclopedia of Adolescence discussing youths with disabilities in juvenile courts. Presentations of these findings have been made at the National Conference of Juvenile and Family Law in Las Vegas, the National Child Welfare Conference of America in Washington D.C., the Ohio American Civil Liberties Union State conference, and the Ohio NASW State Conference.

Dr. Edward A. McKinney has devoted much time and energy in advocacy in the community. Dr. McKinney is an active member in several national organizations including the March of Dimes; the Coalition Targeting Ohio Poor (STOP) and the Family Connections Center. Dr. McKinney is currently conducting a comprehensive analysis of data collected from his participation in Africa. His research focus currently is examining how select African countries have responded to the needs of the elderly. Specifically, as the life span increases, the need for assistance programs for the elderly may be needed to accommodate the elderly in select African countries.

Dr. Murali D. Nair has recently published with Todd Posk and Ron Remnick.

Dr. Helton and Dr. Maggie Jackson are working on a textbook manuscript, Social Work Practice with Families: Diverse Perspectives. Current research is in assessment and intervention, which has been accepted for publication by Pearson/Allyn & Bacon.

Dr. Helton, a graduate of Berea College in Kentucky and a first generation college graduate, will be featured in an upcoming issue of Berea Magazine, the special section on alumni. In the Spring, Dr. Helton will attend and present to a paper at the annual Appalachian Studies Association National Conference at Eastern Kentucky University.

Dr. Stoddard Dare continues to serve as the Social Work coordinator for the Chemical Dependency Counseling Certificate Program. Any students interested in learning more information about this program should contact Dr. Stoddard Dare at p.stoddarddare@csuohio.edu (please be sure to put CD certificate in the subject line).

One, three-credit course offered as part of the CD certificate program, SWK 494/694, Theories and Procedures in Addiction Studies, will be offered as a fully on-line course beginning in the Spring of 2011.

Dr. Stoddard Dare, in partnership with Drs. Mallett, Rogeezzi, and Fukushima and CSU’s Criminology Research Center, will be evaluating the mental health docket for the Cuyahoga County Court of Common Pleas. The study will use data from the Court as well as data from Recovery Resources. Recovery Resources is a non-profit agency which provides programs and services to mental health consumers in Cuyahoga County.

Dr. Stoddard Dare has recently had one article accepted for publication.


Dr. Lisa Workman Crenshaw is the coordinator for the University Partnership Program in Child Welfare. Dr. Crenshaw is the faculty advisor to three student organizations, the National Association of Black Social Workers (NABSW), the National Association of Social Workers (NASW), and the Women’s Re-

Dr. George S. Tsagaris recently completed his second on-line course for the Justice Management Program, University of Nevada on “Supervision and Staff Development”. He has developed two 2-week online training programs – Staff Supervision and Staff Development and Working with Culturally Diverse Staff/ies for a Professional Juvenile Justice Management (PJM) Certificate Program sponsored by the National Juvenile Court Services Association (NJCSA), this was made possible through a Federal OJJDP Grant. These training programs along with those developed by 20 other national juvenile justice practitioners are approved for certification by the Adult Probation and Parole Association (APPA).

Dr. Tsagaris is now developing another online course for the UNR-JM Program – “Developing Cultural Competence in Justice Management” scheduled to be released in the 2011 Spring Semester, co-instructed with the Federal Interpreter in Corpus Christi, Texas. His strong interest in cultural diversity was further exemplified when he presented at the 2010 Gerontology Symposium sponsored by South West General Hospital on Aging, Health Care and Long-term Care Professional this summer on the topic – “Developing Cultural Competency in Health Care: Starting With Yourself”.

Resulting from a well-received student participant response and attendance, Dr. Tsagaris will be presenting the online component again at the JM-Program’s course on Special Topics in Executive and Agency Administration: The Administrator as an Educator: Developing an Online Training Module (an 8-week special project) at the National Center on Knowledge in Law this March 2011 in Reno, Nevada. He continues to serve on the NJCSA Board as a Member-at-Large and in the role as the NJCSA Newsletter Editor.

Dr. Tsagaris was honored this summer along with other Past Presidents of the Greater Cleveland Chapter of the American Society for Training and Development (ASTD). He received regional awards for exemplary Chapter Leadership. Professor Edith Anderson is also a Past President of the Greater Cleveland Chapter of ASTD.
Cleveland State University’s University Partnership Program in Child Welfare

If you are interested in working in the field of child welfare and would like to be considered as being among the best trained and best educated child welfare workers in the nation, Cleveland State University’s Partnership Program in Child Welfare is for you! It is a collaborative partnership between the Ohio Department of Children and Family Services, the Public Child Service Association of Ohio, the Institute for Human Services, the Public Child Service Agencies of Ohio, and Cleveland State University School of Social Work.

Some of the goals of this program are to introduce students to the realities of the child welfare profession, create a supportive atmosphere that allows transfer of learning to occur, and reduce staff turnover in public child service agencies. The benefits of this program for social work students are to have specialized educational training within this area, have core training waived once hired at a public child service agency, incur various employment opportunities within the field of child welfare, network with other child welfare professionals within the State of Ohio and receive $5,000 to $10,000 financial reimbursement. If this sounds like the program for you, please contact Dr. Lisa Workman Crenshaw, telephone at (216) 687-4568; lworkman-crenshaw@csuohio.edu.

Notes from the Field Coordinator

Professor Valerie Treisch-Chirdon

During Fall Semester 2010, the Field Education Department in the School of Social Work placed 69 BSW and 131 MSW students into 105 different social service agencies across northeastern Ohio. Students at the BSW level must complete 16 hours of field service each week for a total of 15 weeks in order to obtain the required 240 hours needed each semester in the completion of a BSW degree in Social Work. For one semester only translating those hours into labor costs at $10.00 per hour would equate to a total of $165,600 being given back to the community by CSU students in pursuit of their undergraduate degrees. In addition, students at the MSW level must complete 16 hours at the Foundation level and 17 hours at the concentration level of field service each week for a total of 15 weeks in order to obtain the required 200 and 250 hours, respectively, each semester in the completion of a MSW degree in Social Work. Again, for one semester only translating those hours into labor costs at $15.00 per hour would equate to a total of $438,000 being given back to the community by CSU students in pursuit of the graduate degrees.

School of Social Work News

Andre Anderson

On behalf of the School of Social Work at Cleveland State University, we would like to congratulate Andre Anderson who is an Advanced Standing Graduate Student for receiving a gift of $20,000. On Wednesday, September 29, 2010, ABC and Extreme Makeover Home Edition announced that Andre and his family had been selected as the newest recipients of a new home. The Anderson family, who lives at 5101 Anthony Street, in Maple Heights, was selected because the “family of four has inspired their community by heightening their awareness of the obstacles facing the disabled in their community.” The Andersons found out about the decision one morning around 9:50 a.m., when they got on a bus to go to work and the show’s host Ty Pennington was on the bus to greet them. Andre and his wife Jasmine are both blind, and they run a center for people with disabilities. The couple lost their sight after already giving birth to two sons, Jason and Jahzion, and one of the children is hearing impaired.

The School of Social Work is proud to be a part of this wonderful experience and is excited for Andre and his family. In addition to receiving this once in a lifetime blessing, Cleveland State is proud to announce that not only is Andre receiving a scholarship which will cover the remainder of his MSW Degree tuition, Cleveland State University has also offered his two children four-year academic scholarships upon successful completion of high school.

On November 5th during the Phi Alpha National Social Work Honor Society Induction Ceremony, Andre will be receiving the President’s Volunteer Service Award and a silver PIN from the White House.

Andre is an exceptionally gifted human being and excels in all of his academic endeavors with the utmost integrity and fortitude. On behalf of the faculty, staff, and all of Andre’s peers, we wish Andre nothing but success and are proud to have the opportunity to share this moment with him and his loved ones.

Alex Khoramshahi

Words about Music Therapy

I’ve been playing in the field of Percussion for the past twelve years, and in these past twelve years my mind has flourished in the Cleveland State University School of Social Work BSW program. What I’ve been able to do within the last semester is to find a common ground between music and our wonderful field of social work. When we think of our helpful profession, we think of ways in which our personal creativity may be utilized in our work in the field. SWR 350 Basic Generalist Practice Course, taught by Edith Anderson, helped me open my eyes about the idea of Music Therapy. To me, Music Therapy is the art of using Music as a form of therapy to help people with whatever issues they may have. With my Service Learning Project, I was at the Cleveland Music School Settlement working in the Music Therapy Program that had a heavy focus with adult clients that have Developmental Disabilities. Not only is Music Therapy geared toward the Developmentally Disabled, but it’s used within in Hospice, Hospitals, and other settings. The idea of Music Therapy has helped me with utilizing and expanding my knowledge, skills, and values as it pertains to our field as a form of an alternative therapy in which we can improve the welfare and well-being of our clients.

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Cleveland State University First in Ohio to Receive State Board Accreditation for Master’s Level Chemical Dependency Counseling Program

Cleveland State University is the first Ohio institution to receive master’s level accreditation from the Ohio Chemical Dependency Professionals Board for its Chemical Dependency curriculum. The joint program in Chemical Dependency Counseling is a 12-credit-hour certificate sponsored by the Counseling and Social Work programs at Cleveland State University. The program is designed to provide master’s level students in social work with all the academic training required for licensure as a chemical dependency counselor. State accreditation is important because it signals that the program is providing state-of-the-art training in addictions work with individuals, groups, and families, and it ensures that persons who complete these degrees will meet educational standards for licensure.

Please contact the social work coordinator for this program, Dr. Patricia Stoddard Dare with any questions.

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Dr. Ralph Brody Memorial Endowed Phi Alpha Social Work Honor Society Scholarship

Every year this scholarship is awarded to our BSW graduate with the highest GPA continuing the MSW program at CSU.

Peace Corps

Put your social work degree to good use in the Peace Corps! Help a community by engaging in projects related to at-risk children or youth, adult literacy, health education, environmental awareness, development of libraries and resource centers, and information technology. Interested candidates can apply online at: www.peacecorps.gov/application.

Benefits including making a difference for others, and for the individual, combining service with graduate school for credit/financial assistance; providing paid living expenses, full health and dental coverage in service, vacation days; $7,425 readjustment allowance upon service completion; deferment or partial cancellation of some student loan payments; job placement support and federal employment advantage; international work experience and cultural exchange; affordable health insurance after service; and a network of libraries and resource centers, and information technology. Interested candidates can apply online at: www.peacecorps.gov/application.

Dr. Elizabeth Lewis Scholarship

We are happy to announce the establishment of the Dr. Elizabeth Lewis Scholarship in the School of Social Work. Professor Lewis taught more than 30 years at the School of Social Work. She is instrumental in introducing the community development and group work sequence in the curriculum. Her friends and colleagues established the Dr. Elizabeth Lewis Scholarship fund to honor her long and dedicated services to the social work profession.

School of Social Work Alumni News

“Reflections of an alumnus”

Moreed Kamal

Moreed began his journey at Tri-C East campus, with aspirations to complete an associate’s degree with a certificate in chemical dependency counseling. During his time at Tri-C, he met a professor of social work from Cleveland State who became his mentor, and eventually convinced him to transfer to Cleveland State’s School of Social Work. There, Moreed joined the Phi Alpha National Honors Society and eventually became President in 2007, the same year he graduated with his Bachelor’s Degree. His grades were so impressive that professors in the School of Social Work encouraged him to apply to the Advanced Standing Master’s Degree Program. Moreed was accepted and completed that degree within one year and comments, “the school of social work is like a family to me . . . all of the professors have been very supportive and helpful. I would like to encourage any student that has a love for helping individuals in need, during stressful times or crises, to join this program.” Currently, Moreed is studying for the LISW exam and should be finished just in time for Christmas. Moreed runs support groups and individual counseling at Camp Hidebrook for the Blind in Chardon area. Did we mention Moreed is legally blind himself? “If I can do it being visually challenged, anyone can do it.”

Social Work Licensure Examination Review Sessions

Licensure Questions – Contact Professor Nair: 216-687-4570 or m.nair@csuohio.edu

Study Abroad, India Experience

June 18–July 18, 2011

To preview hundreds of digital pictures of former participants, their reflections and several documentaries, visit Professor Nair’s media website: http://academic.csuohio.edu/nair_m

e-mail: m.nair@csuohio.edu

Practice Wisdoms of Senior Social Workers

Information collected by our Social Work seniors from their field agencies.

• Understand what the barriers are to complete the desired outcomes.
• Understand what opportunities the agency has to be successful.
• You have to have passion for this work. It’s undervalued, underappreciated and under supported. You will never get rich from it. But, it will change your life.
• Find healthy outlets.
• Know your limitations and stay within your scope of practice. Always ask for help. Remember you do not know everything.
• “Know when to ask for help from your co-workers, supervisor, or other helping professionals.”
• “It’s not about you. It all depends on where the client is and where they need to be, not where you want them to be. They have the right to self-determination.”
• Be willing to work on your own issues-with colleagues. Have a strong support system: a counselor for therapy or other social workers in the field.
• “If you start becoming very negative about things, know when to ask for time off.”
• “Don’t take everything too seriously.”
• “Know when to separate work from your personal life.”
• “Always respect the dignity and worth of your clients.”
• “It’s important to be flexible and creative; if you see the need to think outside of the box; come up with new solutions and ideas.”
• “Don’t take everything too seriously.”
• “Having strong connections to people in your life and being able to turn to them for support if needed.”
• “Learning how to maintain professional and personal boundaries and learning how to keep them healthy while maturing as an individual and as a professional.”
• “Being aware that there is not just one single way of reaching a good outcome. There are many ways and we have to be open and flexible to be able to see them all and pursue them as possibilities.”
• “Trying to achieve good relationships with co-workers and clients, so that people feel valued and respected.”

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Your participation is greatly appreciated.

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News Letter Editor: Dr. Larry Foster

CSU Library News Update
The Cleveland State University Library now has a new name, the Michael Schwartz Library. Stop in the Library’s lobby to see the newly decorated entrance with former President Schwartz’s wonderful oil paint portrait.

These days libraries are much more than places to keep books and the Michael Schwartz Library is no exception. Did you know that the Library:
• lends students digital cameras, camcorders, and audio recorders for a 1-day loan period?
• has a Presentation Practice Room (304) for students and anyone else in the CSU community to rehearse group or individual presentations; it has a Smart Board and a PC.
• Has a new Student Collaboration Room (402) with a large screen monitor, laptop hook-up, large work table and 6 chairs. The perfect place for students’ group meetings.

Call Multimedia Services at (216) 687-9337 for further information or to reserve the rooms.

And, remember, the library come to you every Tuesday and Thursday from 1:15-3:00 p.m. when Fran Mentch is available in the adjunct faculty office in the School of Social Work on the 3rd floor of the Chester Building. Stop in with your questions and concerns, or just to say hello.
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Social Work Honors Program
The purpose of this didactic, interactive program is to encourage students to develop a closer identification with social work scholars, practitioners, and academicians. The Honors program is designed for social work majors during the junior/senior year of study for an undergraduate degree. In order to qualify for this program, applicants need a 3.50 cumulative GPA in all courses. The successful completion of the requirements for this program (four credits) with a grade of B or better leads to graduation with Honors in Social Work. Please note that these credits are not counted towards your graduation requirements. For more information contact: Professor Nair at 216-687-4570.

Phi Alpha National Social Work Honor Society Delta Zeta Chapter
The purposes of the Phi Alpha Honor Society are to provide a closer bond among students of social work and promote humanitarian goals and ideals. Phi Alpha fosters high standards of education for social workers and invites into membership those who have attained excellence in scholarship and achievement in social work.

Qualifications for membership
An undergraduate student is eligible for membership after the following requirements:
• Declared social work major;
• Completed 12 semester hours; or,
• Achieved an overall grade point average of 3.0 (on a 4.0 scale);
• Achieved a 3.25 grade point average in required social work courses.

A graduate student is eligible for membership after completing at least 12 hours of course work and achieved a minimum grade point average of 3.5. For additional information, contact Professor Nair.

Orientation to the Social Work Major
Every month we offer an orientation session in Chester Building Room 315. Next session:
Wednesday, November 10, 11:00 a.m.
In case you cannot attend this session, call 216-687-4560 to make an appointment or come to Chester Building # 303. Professor Mallett is the faculty advisor to all students who have not yet declared their major in social work.
The School of Social Work 
Invites you to attend 

Phi Alpha National Social Work Honor Society 
Delta Zeta Chapter 
Induction Ceremony

Friday, November 5th 
5:00 pm – 6:00 pm 

Hors d’oeuvres will be served after the ceremony

Student Center 
3rd Floor Ballroom (Rm 311) 
2121 Euclid Avenue 

RSVP 
216-687-4560 
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Special Recognition
Andre Anderson, who is visually impaired, is being presented with The President's Volunteer Service Award and a Bronze pin from the White House.

ABC National Television selected The Anderson family for "Extreme Makeover: Home Edition".

Inductees

BSW
Jacqueline Allyn Montgomery
Sharon Renee Burns
Heather A. Capretta-Pacino
Cassandra J. Drake
Kimberly Dawn Dubroc
Cristin Garcia
Alexandra González
Angel C. Graham
Caley Haehn
Michael D. Kelly
Allison Christian Kennedy
Alex Ali Khorramshahi
Sara R. Massey
Vivian Jean Miller
Classie Miller-Jackson
Sara Denise Riddle
Eric John Soeder

MSW
Allison Arnosti
Carmen M. Atkins
Carme L. Fosh
Denise Geoch
Emily August Haristine
Jill M. Hall
Nadie Esther James
Christina Ann Kainicki
Elisabeth K. Korosec
Gary Lavellie Kempson
Adrienne Elinor Lisan
Melissa Anne Loesch
Darius W. Doblu
Shauna Miller
Jo-Ann Anderson Neal
Donald C. Potter
Phyllis J. Price
Marian Rucker
Crystal Mae Smetts
Adrian Springfield
Sarah Ann Vidovich
Stephanie W. Wardlow
Sharon Whitaker
Sarah M. Widmer
Shauna Lynn Will
Riccardo S. Willis

School of Social Work 
Milestones

- One of the largest undergraduate and graduate programs at CSU.
- Three faculty members are Fulbright scholars (a national honor awarded to selected professors in recognition of their respective profession)
- More than two hundred and fifty social service agencies serving diverse population in the Greater Cleveland area provide internship opportunities to social work students.
- The Phi Alpha Social Work Honor Society, CSU Chapter, won one of the five outstanding chapter service awards in 2009. This was in competition with 324 other nationwide chapters.
- One faculty member received the CSU Distinguished Faculty Service Award, 2010.
- Most graduates are successfully employed at social service agencies in Northeast Ohio.
- All full-time professors have Doctoral degrees.
- BSW graduates passage rates for the social work licensure examination of eighty-two percent is above national average of sixty-eight percent.
- BSW student association “Social Work in Action” won the Best Student Association of the Year Award, 2008.
- One faculty member received the CSU Distinguished Faculty Teaching Award, 2009.
- Large percentage of BSW graduates pursues MSW degree.
- Two of our BSW students received second place at The National Conference of the Council on Social Work Education (the national accrediting body for all BSW and MSW Social Work Programs) for their poster presentation session.
- The School of Social Work has one of the lowest attrition rates at CSU.