



School of Social Work

THE OCP E-PAPER

Wednesday, June 04, 2008

Greetings, OCP students, faculty and friends!

Students, faculty and faculty advisors please forward items for the OCP newsletter to sswptp@bu.edu

OFF-CAMPUS PROGRAMS EVENTS

Congratulation class of 2006!

A successful halfway celebration at Tyngsboro Campus was held last Saturday, February 9, 2008. The halfway celebration for Fall River Campus and Cape Cod Campus are in the planning stages. The Fall River Class of 2009 halfway celebration is on March 8, 2008. The Cape Cod Class of 2009 halfway celebration is on March 22, 2008.

OCP CAMPUS UPDATE

OCP cohorts have voted to take the following electives:

Cape Cod	Fall River	Tyngsboro
HB 723 Summer 08 Adult Psychopathology	HB 723 Summer 08 Adult Psychopathology	HB 723 Summer 08 Adult Psychopathology
	WP 710 Summer 08 Family Law/Childr Rights	WP 710 Summer 08 Family Law/Childr Rights
CP 809 Fall 08 Sustance Abuse	CP 794 Fall 08 CPract w/Childr& Adolents	CP 809 Fall 08 Sustance Abuse
CP 795 Fall 08 Cognitive Behavioral Tx	CP 785 Fall 08 Family Therapy	CP 799 Fall 08 Brief Treatment

FIELD EDUCATION INFORMATION

We are currently in the process of placing the off-campus students in the practicum portion of the program. We would like to share some of our experiences and observations with you. As part of the placement process we speak with our agency contacts, who are usually the training directors of the placement sites. As in previous years, we learned that agencies are very pleased to have BUSSW students as interns. We also noted that increasing numbers of agencies require writing samples, multiple interviews, health immunization records, and/or complete Criminal record checks (CORI). These requirements vary considerably. For some of you, the interview process will involve all of these conditions and for others it may be less encumbered. As part of the interview for the advanced year placement students should bring their portfolios with them as they showcased the previous work of the students and the students' expanding clinical skills. Some of our new graduates brought their portfolios to interviews for employment and report receiving very positive feed back for these. The portfolio has proved to be a very useful learning tool for skill acquisition, increased capacity for student self-reflection and further understanding of personal learning style.

Further field placement information is available via the seminar courseinfo site for your campus.

TECHNOLOGY INFORMATION

We recently received emails from several students informing us that they have changed their home email address. The following information will ensure that you continue receiving email communication from BU:

BUSSW Off-Campus students have a login name and a Kerberos password and a distance education email account. What this means is that any email sent to your login name (such as student@bu.edu) will be forwarded directly to you home email account (such as student@homeemail).

IF YOU CHANGE YOUR HOME EMAIL ADDRESS PLEASE FOLLOW THESE DIRECTIONS TO ENSURE THAT YOU WILL CONTINUE TO RECCEIVE EMAIL FROM BU:

- 1. Go to:** www.bu.edu/computing/email/forwarding/. When you set up forwarding, mail sent to *yourusername@bu.edu* and/or *yourusername@acs.bu.edu* will be passed on
- 2. PLEASE BE SURE TO CHECK THAT YOU DO WANT NOT KEEP A COPY OF EMAILS ON THE BU SERVER**



INFORMATION FROM THE BUSSW WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

REGISTRATION INFORMATION

The Student Link will have public information for Fall courses as of Monday, Feb 11, 2008.

However, the details are **not final for SSW classes**.

We should be finished with changes and corrections by March 3.

Registration for Fall courses starts on April 2.

You will get Registration information in your mail files during the week of March 3.

Last day to change status (from credit to audit) February 21

Last day to drop a class (without a "W" grade) February 21

BLACK HISTORY MONTH

"The African-American experience is one of the most important threads in the American tapestry."

- Bill Frist-

SOCIAL WORK SALARIES



Panel / Discussion

Wednesday, February 20, 2008

12:15-1:45PM Student Lounge

- **How did we get here?**
A salient history; understanding social work salaries in a context.

- Betty Ruth, MSW, MPH-LCSW; *Clinical Associate Professor & Director of Prof. Education at BUSSW*

- **Where are we now?**

A brief report on a state wide survey of social work employment, compensation, and working conditions.

- Christopher Hudson, PhD, ACSW; *Professor, Salem State College SSW, NASW Board of Directors*

- **What can we do as a profession to increase salaries?**

What social workers can do increase our salaries; strategies for a social work movement.

Carol Trust, LCSW; *Executive Director MA NASW (If Carol can't attend, a staff member of NASW will speak.)*

- **What can I do to negotiate my own salary?**

Salary structure & what to ask when interviewing; one Director of Outpatient Mental Health's insight.

- Jennifer Gearhart, LICSW; *Director of Clinical Services, South Bay Mental Health*

Sponsored by the Boston University School of Social Work Career Services

The Puerto Rican Experience

Travel Course *Summer in Puerto Rico*

Dates: Summer Session II: Saturday June 28 to Sunday July 20, 2008.

Informational Meetings: There will be two Informational meetings and presentation by students who went last year:

When: Wednesday February 20th, 2008 from 4:30 to 6:00pm
Thursday February 21, 2008 from 6:00pm to 7:30pm

Where: Conant Lounge, BUSSW, Second floor.

For more information contact Luz Lopez luzlopez@bu.edu

First Year and Part Time Students
Don't miss this exciting opportunity!

**The deadline for preliminary
Application to the MSW/MPH Program
is March 7, 2008.**

If you're interested, but need to know more, please go to the web site at
www.bu.edu/ssw/mswmp

Pre-applications are available outside Room 210

Questions? Email Program Director Betty J. Ruth at bjruth@bu.edu

Social Work Exchange
Students and New Professionals

Join us for Social Networking!

Tavern in the Square
730 Massachusetts Ave., Cambridge, MA
MBTA Accessible
www.taverninthesquare.com

**Thursday, February 21st
6:00 to 8:00 pm!**
Interested in attending? RSVP to roderick@naswma.org

Trauma, Loss, & Attachment: Implications for Clinical Practice

Thursday, February 28 - 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Museum of Our National Heritage, Lexington, MA

CEUs available for social workers, psychologists, and counselors/MFTs

Reduced student registration rate available

Attachment, Adoption, & Foster Care: Implications for Parenting

Wednesday, February 27, - 7:00 to 8:30 p.m.

Waldorf School Auditorium, Lexington, MA

Additional information is available on The Spiral Foundation website at
<http://thespiralfoundation.org> or by emailing Randi Donnis (BUSSW student)
at rdonnis@thespiralfoundation.org or call Spiral for information at (617) 923-4410.
Pre-registration is required for both programs.

**Association for the Advancement
of Social Work with Groups
Massachusetts Chapter**

**Dear AASWG members, members-to-be and
group work colleagues, a networking event for group workers.**

Where & When

Columbus Cafe

**535 Columbus
Avenue
Boston, MA 02118**

**February 26, 2008
5:30 PM- 7:30PM**

THE DETAILS

- **Light appetizers**
- **Cash Bar**
- **Fun, Fun, Fun!!!**
- **Columbus Cafe is accessible by the MBTA's
Orange Line (Mass Ave stop) and the # 1 Bus**
- **On street parking available**
- **RSVP to maaaswg@yahoo.com**

**Join us for a community forum on pro-equality legislation to learn more about our
2008 Equality Agenda, ask questions, share your thoughts, and find out what you
can do to make a difference.**

[MetroWest MassEquality Community Forum](#)

Tuesday, February 19th

6:30pm - 8pm

First Parish

7 Harrington Rd.

Lexington, MA

For more information about this event or how to get involved, please contact Ryan
Brown at (617) 878-2330 or RyanBrown@MassEquality.org.

BUSSW LGBT students and faculty-

Please RSVP

Dinner & Discussion

Wednesday, February 27th from 5:30PM – 7:30 PM

We will be gathering to discuss students expressed interest in, workplace issues, such as workplace discrimination and professional ethics; the benefits of working at an LGBT focused site vs. a general site, etc. In addition, students are eager to discuss how to develop mentorship for current students and how they and faculty can become mentors for future students.

(If you can't make it then email us anyways as we may change the date to accommodate schedules csolomon@bu.edu)

**THE MASSCHUSETTS ASSOCIATION FOR PSYCHOANALYTIC
PSYCHOLOGY presents:**

**Building a Psychodynamic Private Practice:
Nuts and Bolts for Early-Career Clinicians**

**Saturday, February 23, 2008
9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.**

**Sheerr Room, Fay House, 10 Garden Street
Harvard Yard, Cambridge, MA**

**Please note that this event is open (and free) to MAPP Members only. However, we welcome new members to join MAPP on the day of the event. Paid membership on the day of the event (\$35 for students; \$95 for non-students) will also be counted toward dues for the rest of the academic year.*

International Women's Day

March 8 & 9 with the Feminist Majority Foundation in our nation's capitol!

Two action-packed days of big-name speakers, workshops, and networking with feminists from across the country to discuss our four main campaigns (Get Out Her Vote, Global Reproductive Rights, Crisis Pregnancy Centers, and Birth Control Pricing) and more. Registration is only \$50 for the 2-day leadership conference—and if you register with 5 or more members of your FMLA, we'll give you an automatic 10% discount! Students can also receive need-based assistance if necessary. Contact your National Campus Organizers toll free at 866-444-FMLA (DC office) or 866-471-FMLA (LA office) for more information. We can't wait to see you in March!

DO YOU \$PEAK FRENCH??? Earn \$50

We are looking for someone to do a French translation of an abstract for an article that has been accepted by a professional journal, *Substance Use and Misuse*.

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