

"The time is always right to do what is right."

--- **Martin Luther King** –

The BUSSW Class of 2008 has Voted!

Ellen Devoe

will receive

The BUSSW Teaching Excellence Award

She will be presented with this award at the Convocation ceremony

Janice Furlong will be the Reader

Cassandra Clay & Lee Staple will be Hooders

Luz Lopez & Melvin Delgado will be the Faculty marshals

NETWORKING EVENT HELD AT THE TYNGSBORO CAMPUS

Attendance at the event included several alums (1987 and beyond), agency field instructors, current students, one prospective applicant, Dean Gail Steketee, Associate Dean Ken Schulman, Assistant Dean Mena daSilva-Clark, several faculty and administrators from BUSSW. Two, soon to be graduates, connected with agencies for job interviews and two current students connected with possible field agencies. Twenty-five alums signed up to for the alumni mentoring program. Everyone enjoyed the event and several attendees asked if we could do it again. We were also able to recruit several individuals for the OCP Advisory Board. Special thanks go to Yen who updated the entire OCP alumni database and Quiana who coordinated the event.

GRADUATES

THE DUGOUT DEAL...

What: BUSSW Graduation Party 2008

When: Friday May 16, 2008, 8pm to close

Where: The DugOut, 722 Comm Ave

Cost: SO will cover pizza and perhaps platters.
The DugOut is a cash only bar.

This party is open to friends, family, and partners.

**Tell the world why it's important for
social workers to get trained in
suicide prevention!!!!**

*****Your Creative Energy is*****

WANTED!!!

We want your stories, poetry, reflections, artwork, slogans, essays, narratives and perspectives that articulate why it's important for social workers to know about suicide and get trained in suicide prevention!!!

**Reward: 1st 25 entries will receive
\$15 gift card to Barnes & Noble**

Send us an entry (8.5 x 11 or smaller). Entries can be as personal as you like, but please don't give other people's names or identifying information. Your work will be displayed publicly. Bring your submission to Betty Ruth or Jordana Muroff's mailboxes on the second floor. Questions: Email SEEP team members Betty J. Ruth @ bjruth@bu.edu or Jordana Muroff @ jmuroff@bu.edu

Sponsored by: The Suicide Education Enhancement Project, which is a DPH-funded training grant based at BUSSW. Since 2007, BUSSW has been involved in developing training and conducting research on how to best include suicide prevention and intervention into the MSW Curriculum.

Masters of social work students who have focused their studies in the AREA OF GERONTOLOGY can apply for the Louis Lowy Certificate in Gerontological Social Work

The requirements are that the MSW student has completed a total of 16 graduate credit hours in aging relevant courses. For example:

- a minimum of 8 credit hours in aging-focused courses including a field placement
- a minimum of 8 credit hours in courses that devote a significant proportion of the course content and/or course assignments connected to aging theory, practice and/or research.

May 2008 MSW graduates, please submit the application form no later than April 12, 2008

Obtain an electronic form from jgonyea@bu.edu

Students and New Professionals:

***Join us for
Social Networking!***

Joshua Tree

256 Elm Street, Somerville, MA

MBTA Accessible:

Red Line @Davis Square
www.joshuatreebarandgrill.com

Tuesday, April 15th
from 6:00 to 8:00 pm!

Network, share what you've been up to, and talk about issues important to early-career social workers. Also, find out about upcoming Spring and Summer events, loan forgiveness updates, and what resources are available for students and new professionals from NASW-MA!

*Interested in attending? RSVP to roderick@naswma.org.
We'd love to see you there!*

**The AIDS Epidemic and the
Politics of Invisibility**

**Tuesday, April 22, 2008
Free**

**5:30 pm - Reception
6:00 - 8:00 pm - Program**

**[Jorge Hernandez Cultural Center](#)
85 West Newton Street, Boston
RSVP to jcooley@glad.org**

**Don't miss our next [audio podcast](#) and [case history](#)
coming April 15: the story of GLAD's historic victory for HIV+ people at the U.S.
Supreme Court in *Bragdon v. Abbott**

**Come find out how pediatricians and lawyers work
together to keep kids healthy!**

This conference will bring together the next generation of physicians, lawyers, nurses, public health specialists, social workers and

other professionals for an interactive forum on how interdisciplinary collaboration works to promote child health and family wellbeing.

Students will have the opportunity to participate in multiple workshops facilitated by experienced clinicians and attorneys. Case studies

will include nutrition and income supports, healthy and affordable housing, access to education, immigrant rights, health insurance

and safety.

Thursday, April 24, 2008

4:30-8:00 p.m.

Pound Hall, Room 332

Harvard Law School

Please RSVP by Friday, April 18

<http://app.formassembly.com/forms/view/12409>

For more information, contact Samuel Senft at 617-414-7497

Sponsored by:

Medical-Legal Partnership for Children at Boston Medical Center

and the Child Advocacy Program (CAP) at Harvard Law School

Supported by Equal Justice Works/ AmeriCorps

***Black Women's Health Imperative
celebrating 25 years***

"Black Women's Health," Friday, June 20, 2008, in Washington, D.C.

Join more than 1,500 Black women, government officials and health and health care professionals, including practitioners, advocates, educators, researchers and funders, in the debate and discussion on the unequal health burdens borne by Black women in three health areas that impact them disproportionately: mental health, HIV/AIDS and overweight and obesity.

For more information about this milestone event, please visit BlackWomensHealth.ORG/25thAnniversary, where you can register, become an Imperative member, review our abstract submission guidelines and much more.

A full-length

LCSW PRACTICE EXAM is now available online

People who are registered to take the licensing exam can purchase the practice exam for \$75 and take it online. The content is drawn from 'retired' exam questions, and reflects the content outlines for the licensing exams. The online practice version functions just like the licensing exam, and is scored. After completing the questions, the candidate can go back over the exam and see all the questions, the correct answers, and the rationales.

Available on the ASWB website: www.aswb.org.

Licensing Test Prep Courses!

2008 Schedule

Saturday, May 10th; 9am-4pm: Western New England College, Springfield

Friday, June 6th; 9am-4pm: JF&CS, Waltham

Saturday, June 7th; 9am-4pm: Salem State School of Social Work, Salem

Saturday, August 2nd; 9am-4pm: Smith College for Social Work, Northampton

Friday, August 22nd; 9am-4pm: JF&CS, Waltham

Friday, October 3rd; 9am-4pm: JF&CS, Waltham

Register for this information-packed course which includes lecture, review book, effective test-taking strategies, and practice questions designed to help you pass the ASWB Licensing Examinations.

*Register online at www.naswma.org or
Mail with payment to: NASW-MA, 14 Beacon Street, Suite 409, Boston,
MA 02108*

BUSSW Career Services

LICENSING INFO, JOBS, JOB SEEKING TIPS, etc.

<http://www.bu.edu/ssw/career/index.shtml>

“B sure U” are REGISTERED FOR FALL COURSES

***September Grads: IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN
WALKING AT COMMENCEMENT IN MAY PLEASE
CONTACT Quiana@bu.edu***

For a “Dean’s Approval Form”. You must meet the following requirements: have a 3.0 or higher GPA and 6 credits or less to complete (or no more than 2 courses with incomplete grades, including field placement).

Your faculty advisor or Mena daSilva-Clark must sign-off on this form.

Completed forms must be returned by April 18th

Please send all notices for the newsletter to: ssw/ptp@bu.edu

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