



MONTHLY MEMO

January 2011

Director's Corner

Welcome back for the spring 2011 semester! It will be a very busy start to the semester for all of us. The faculty and staff are preparing for the Council on Social Work Education program accreditation visit on February 2-3, 2011. Please lend us your full support while the School undergoes this important event to determine our continued accreditation.

In addition to the site visit, I am very happy to announce additions to our faculty and staff:

Professor Malikah Marrus, MSW, LMSW begins January 10, 2011. She is an expert in juvenile justice and has worked for the University of Houston Law Center for the past five years. Professor Marrus holds a tenure-track Assistant Professor position and will complete her PhD from Case Western Reserve in 2011. She'll teach undergraduate and graduate level policy courses in spring 2011.

Carrie Lines, MPH, will begin in early January as an administrative assistant for the Senior Health University grant project. She'll work 20 hours weekly while also teaching **GEP 101**. She'll be located in **PUMM303A**.

Also new to the School is **Stephanie Kubiak** who will serve as a Graduate Administrative Assistant. Stephanie is a graduate student in the Dept. of Communicative Sciences and Disorders.

Best regards,
Susan C. Dollar, PhD, LCSW
Director, School of Social Work

Announcements

Three credit hours of continuing education will be offered Friday January 28th from 1-4pm "Spirituality in Social Work Practice" presented by Dr. Renee White, at the Library Station 2535 N Kansas Expressway in Springfield.

Workshop is free to MSU and Evangel Social Work Students, \$25 for MSU Social Work Alumni and Field Instructors, and \$45 for all other attendees. Registrations accepted until Friday January 21st.

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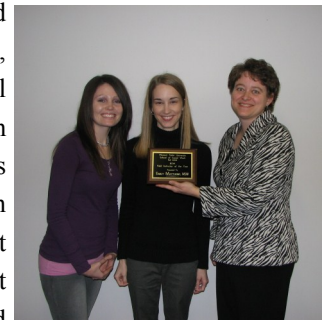
Congratulations to the Fall 2010 BSW Field Education Award Winners.



Outstanding BSW Student is Terra Lamb who was placed at Ozarks Food Harvest and helped monitor member agencies. Terra was noted as being professional and enthusiastic, a self-starter with a strong commitment to social work. Photograph is left-to-right: Field Instructor Mary Zumwalt and

Terra Lamb, BSW.

Outstanding Field Instructor is Emily Matthews, MSW who works at All Blessings International, an adoption agency. Emily was nominated by student Meryah Haddock who noted that Emily modeled and taught social work values and helped her grow professionally. Photo is left-to-right: Emily Haddock, BSW; Field Instructor Emily Matthews; and Field Education Coordinator Lisa Street.



Outstanding Agency is Community Alternative Sentencing Program (CASP), which was nominated by BSW student Rachel Trip, who noted that CASP staff demonstrated a willingness and flexibility to help her meet learning goals. Staff offered feedback, constructive criticism, and encouragement. Photo is left-to-right: CASP Executive Director Gaye Collins and Field Education Coordinator Lisa Street.

January Events

"Dr. Martin Luther King Celebration"- Free admission!!!

A celebration featuring musical tributes, guest speaker and much more.

where: Covenant of Grace Christian center

when: January 17th 2011-3pm

Sponsor: Covenant of Grace

"Dr. Martin Luther King Freedom March"- Free admission!!!

Assemble at Mediacom Ice Park and proceed north across MLK bridge to Central High School

where: Mediacom Ice Park

when: January 18th 2011-9:30am

Sponsor: Springfield Chapter NAACP

"Dr. Martin Luther King Freedom Rally"- Free admission!!!

A rally and program featuring Springfield city officials, guest speakers, music and awards

where: Central High School

when: January 18th 2011-10am

Sponsor: Springfield Chapter NAACP

"Springfield Multicultural Festival"- Free admission!!!

An opportunity to gather information, see multicultural performances and to Celebrate ethnic and cultural diversity.

where: Hammons Hall for Performing Arts-Missouri State University

when: January 18th 2011- 1pm to 5pm

Sponsor: Unite of Southwest Missouri

" An Evening of Reflection" - Free admission!!!

A celebration of Dr. King's life and legacy, featuring guest speakers, music and poetry and dance

where: Plaster Students Union Theatre -Missouri State University

when: January 21st 2011- 7pm

Sponsor: Multicultural Students Services, Missouri State University

" An Evening of Jazz featuring for Russell Malone Quartet" - Admission \$16-\$26

Russell Malone is one of the most commanding and versatile guitarists performing. He can move from blues to gospel to pop to R&B and jazz without hesitation, a rare facility that has prompted some of the highest profile artists in the world.

where: Hammons Hall for Performing Arts-Missouri State University

when: January 22nd 2011- 8pm

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VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: to provide health education to seniors in rural areas. We are seeking educators, health care providers, and students to assist with training computer literacy and health promotion to senior adults, The training sessions begin in March through July.

Instructor training takes place at St. John's Cancer Center 2055 S Fremont Ave Springfield, MO on FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 25TH from 1-4pm. To register call Carrie Lines, 417-836-6359 or EMAIL CLLines@MissouriState.edu. Continuing education hours will be provided for training.

BSW STUDENTS: Would you like a field experience with rural senior health and an exposure to research? Volunteer for a 20 hour field exposure learning to teach with para-professionals about health literacy (understanding and managing your own health care). May be eligible for CASL credit contact Carrie Lines at CLLines@MissouriState.edu

The College of Health and Human Services 15th Annual Student Research Symposium will be held on Thursday, March 31st

This symposium is open to all graduate and undergraduate students enrolled in programs within the Colleges of Health and Human Services and Natural and Applied Sciences. The purpose of this symposium is to allow students to present scholarly or creative projects they have completed during the past year.

The Graduate Interdisciplinary Forum will be held on Saturday, April 2nd.

The Interdisciplinary Forum is a venue allowing graduate students to share the research and creative work they have completed in their graduate programs with students and faculty from across campus and from area colleges and universities. For more information, click on <http://graduate.missouristate.edu/IDF.htm>