

# Monthly memo

## School of Social Work Director receives funding for program

Dr. Susan Dollar, director of the School of Social Work at Missouri State University, has received a grant for another year of the Title IV-E MSW Program. The Missouri Department of Social Services awarded \$84,210 to Dr. Dollar for the project.

For more information, contact Dr. Dollar at (417)836-4367

## Continuing Education for Fall 2011—Students and Alumni are welcome!

### *Social Work Advocacy Skills by Dr. Mary Ann Jennings*

**When:** September 9, 2011 at 1-4pm

**Where:** Library Station-Santa Fe Room, 2535 N. Kansas Expy, Springfield

### *A systemic Planning Model for Practice with Children & Families by Dr. Darryl Haslam*

**When:** October 7, 2011 at 1-4pm

**Where:** Library Station— Frisco Room, 2535 N. Kansas Expy, Springfield

### **Ethical Considerations with Involuntary Clients\*** by Lisa Street, MSW, LCSW

**When:** November 4, 2011 at 1-4pm

**Where:** Library Station— Frisco Room, 2535 N. Kansas Expy, Springfield

**Cost: \$45 Per Workshop**

**\$25 for MSU Social Work Alumni and Field Instructors**

**Free for MSU & Evangel Social Work Students**

### *Register in 3 convenient ways:*

1. **Call: 836-6967**

2. **Email: LSteinshouer@missouristate.edu**

3. **Mail: MSU School of Social Work, 901 S. National, Springfield,  
MO 65897**

**Seating is limited. Registration deadline is one week before workshop.**

**3.0 hours of continuing education units will be awarded to participants.**

**\* This workshop meets the required 3 hours of ethics continuing education for Missouri social work licensees.**

## Director's Corner

Welcome to new and returning students!

The School has been quiet over the summer, which has left time for many of us to conduct research, write grant proposals and articles. Of course, some of us also took vacations, just like I hope you've had a chance to do!

On October 11, 12:30-1:30 in PUMM 305, we'll hold our fall Student Advisory meeting. We have a great bunch of student volunteers. My hope is that the Council will help with recruitment events and provide administrators with input on continual program improvement. If you have suggestions, please contact one of the student representatives below:

**BSW:** Jessica Johnson, Emily O'Laughlin, Christian Shields

**MSW:** Rachel Young & Drew Rogers

If you'd like to nominate yourself or someone else to the Advisory Council, please send a name(s) and email address(es) to :

**[susandollar@missouristate.edu](mailto:susandollar@missouristate.edu)**

For all alumni, we'd appreciate your response to the online Alumni Survey that was transmitted to your email address. Another will be sent this week as a follow-up.

It would be great to hear from you about your current professional work and ideas you may have concerning the school activities.

Have a great semester,

Dr. Susan Dollar

## MSW News

### **Advisors for new MSW Students:**

For new 2011 MSW students, the permanent assignments for your academic advisors have been made. These should now be reflected in your "My Missouri State" account. All existing MSW students should have the same advisor as they had last year.

All students with new advisors are encouraged to look up their current advisor assignments and contact their new advisors to introduce their selves. Please contact Dr. Haslam with any questions.

### **New MSW Handbook to be Released in September:**

The 2011 version of the MSW Program Handbook is in the process of being updated and should be completed in September. The biggest changes in the new version involve expanded details related to existing policies and procedures to help guide students more clearly.

This handbook will be emailed to all MSW students and posted on the MSW portion of the website when completed and approved. Please be looking for this new version of the handbook and contact Dr. Haslam with any questions.

## Announcements

Welcome back, social work students! It's time to start planning for spring 2012 field placements. Mandatory pre-field meetings are scheduled for Joplin and Springfield campuses. Contact Dr. White (Joplin campus) or Ms. Street (Springfield campus) with questions.

### **BSW Pre-Field Meeting:**

Friday, September 9 @ 1 PM in PUMM 308

### **Joplin MSW Pre-Field Meeting:**

Wednesday, September 7 @ 5 PM

### **Springfield MSW Pre-Field Meeting:**

Thursday, September 8 @ 5 PM in PUMM 308

### **Joplin Employment-Based Practicum Meeting:**

Thursday, September 15 @ 5 PM

### **Springfield (BSW & MSW) Employment-Based Practicum Meeting:**

Thursday, September 15 @ 5 PM in PUMM 308

## Master of Social Work Student Association

The MSWSA will be offering "Coffee Talk" in the student lounge once a month on Tuesdays. The coffee will be free for all students, and those who are not members of MSWSA are welcome to attend and get to know other students in the MSW program, as well as learn more about the MSWSA. We welcome all students to join us for some good coffee and great conversation! Our first "Coffee Talk" will be held on Tuesday, September 13<sup>th</sup> at 5pm.

The next MSWSA meeting of the year will also be held on September 13<sup>th</sup> at 5pm during "Coffee Talk". We will be discussing plans for the upcoming year, one of which involves helping a family or children in Joplin by donating gifts and other items around Christmas time. Another idea that has been discussed is COMPS study groups, which will be helpful to all who are preparing for COMPS either this year or in the next year or two. We would love to hear any ideas that others may have, and welcome input from all students.

If you are interested in joining the MSWSA, we meet once a month in the student lounge. All MSW students are welcome to attend. Dues are \$5 per semester, or \$10 for the entire school year. We look forward to having you join us on September 13<sup>th</sup>! If you have any questions, please contact Michele Brown at [michele516@live.missouristate.edu](mailto:michele516@live.missouristate.edu).

## Alumni Association is NOW Online

The online Community is open and we can't wait for you to join this exclusive alumni network. Hundreds of Missouri State alumni are re-connecting with former classmates and long-lost friends, posting their resume, writing Class Notes to share the good news about their career, relationships and additions to their families, and more. Best of all, it's free! Just log on to <http://alumni.missouristate.edu/>

## School of Social Work 2011—2012 Faculty members



**Susan Dollar**  
Director &  
Professor, School  
of Social Work



**Darryl R. Haslam**  
MSW Coordinator  
and Assistant  
Professor



**Joan C. McClennen**  
BSW Coordinator  
& Professor



**Lisa Street**  
Coordinator of Field  
Education & Clinical  
Instructor



**Renee White**  
MSW & Field Education  
Coordinator Clinical  
Instructor, Joplin



**Mary Ann Jennings**  
Professor



**Mallikah Marrus**  
Assistant Professor



**Michelle Day**  
Assistant Professor



**Kellie E. Farmer**  
Visiting Instructor



**Allison O'Dell**  
Visiting Instructor