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Annual Report



Leading Kentucky, Leading the Nation....

Leadership in social work requires a great deal of commitment and effort. We must be ever present in the lives of our students and engaged with every fiber of our being in the life of our communities, our commonwealth, and around the globe. Our College is responding to these multiple challenges through faculty-led research, student engagement, and community, national, and international partnerships. Without question, the College lives up to its leadership reputation. Consider our CATS project.

Long committed to the safety and well-being of vulnerable children in the Commonwealth and across the nation, the Comprehensive Assessment and Training Services (CATS) project has reached an important milestone and is moving forward in high

gear. Thanks to the generosity and kindness of Bruce and Carol Bacon of Cadillac, Michigan, the H. Otto Kaak Chair in Early Childhood Mental Health was established. The Bacon's chose to honor Dr. Kaak, professor of psychiatry and social work through the chair's name and are also behind a great effort to expand our CATS program. We aim to establish a Center on the Study of Violence against Children and call on the expertise of our faculty, Dr. Ginny Sprang and Dr. Jim Clark to lead that effort. There is no center in the nation designed to study children whose lives are changed by trauma and the circumstances that surround these events in the same way our faculty engage. A truly holistic approach, gathering partners from our sister professions in medicine, nursing, law and psychology sets our work apart and puts us on a path toward national prominence.

You will read about the establishment of UK iWin, a research and training program designed to help people where they are—in the workplace. The workforce has changed drastically in the last two decades. iWin assists both small businesses and large corporations to create a work place where everyone can flourish and where workers can meet their family obligations. The College is a leader throughout the country in work life and with our official establishment of the Institute, the director, Dr. Jennifer Swanberg can take this program forward.

Our work in public child welfare continues on an upward trajectory, addressing key practice and policy issues. Dr. Crystal Collins-Camargo received a five million dollar grant from the Children's Bureau to study the place of privatization in child welfare. Is it a good idea? When does it work? How do our systems of care respond to privatization? Dr. Collins-Camargo is leading this effort and is becoming one of the nation's prominent researchers in public child welfare, bringing impartiality, highly developed research skills and a fine research team to this effort.

The College of Social Work has enlisted partners to serve our students. You will read about our fellowship endowment provided by one of Kentucky's most respected foundations—the Kentucky Social Welfare Foundation. The Project AGE grant, aimed at developing gero-competent MSW students to serve the elderly population of Kentucky speaks to our leadership in this important area of social work practice. In addition, we are fortunate that one of our current faculty members, Dr. Melanie Otis, has chosen to fund the William H. Otis and Marquita Sivilis Otis Professorship in Gerontology and Inter-generational Social Work to honor her parents—people who made a difference in her life and whose names and ideals will be kept alive in the form of a named professorship. This professorship will help us attract a faculty member who can continue our leadership in social work with older persons.

Throughout this annual report, you will read about the exciting work of other faculty members—the work on bioterrorism, the Suicide Prevention Proj-

ect, our violence prevention work and our beginning work in international social work. You can see for yourself through a graph of our growth in external funding, arguably one of the most distinctive benchmarks in reaching UK's Top Twenty Goal, a goal to which the College of Social Work contributes.

Every person in the College, whether a student, a staff member or a faculty member shares a sense of pride in our accomplishments, in our vision and in our certainty that we are the leaders we set out to be and that the best is yet to come.



Dean and the Dorothy A. Miller Professor in Social Work Education



Dean Hoffman, faculty, alumni and friends at a dinner in Washington D.C.

Philanthropist Endows H. Otto Kaak Chair in Early Childhood Mental Health



Dr. H. Otto Kaak

The College will be able to advance the research and work of its Comprehensive Assessment and Training Services (CATS) Clinic in early childhood mental health through the establishment of the H. Otto Kaak Chair in Early Childhood Mental Health. The creation of the Kaak Endowed Chair was made possible through a pledge of \$3 million in financial support from R. Bruce Bacon of Michigan. The College of Social Work and the CATS Clinic, a collaborative program of the College and the Department of Psychiatry, College of Medicine, will see the impact of Mr. Bacon's gift doubled as it is eligible for matching funds from Kentucky's Research Challenge Trust Fund.

Mr. Bacon, a native of Cadillac, Mich., and his wife, Barbara, have a strong commitment to im-

proving the lives of impoverished children and families. Mr. Bacon decided to create and endow the chair after attending a lecture given by Dr. Kaak on childhood attachment disorders and the work of the CATS program at UK. He noted that he was inspired by Dr. Kaak and CATS, visiting Lexington to learn more about their work.

"Mr. Bacon's generous contribution to fund the H. Otto Kaak Chair in Early Childhood Mental Health creates the research infrastructure that will support and enhance efforts in developing and evaluating programs to address the needs of disadvantaged children across the country," said Ginny Sprang, the Buckhorn Endowed Professor in Child Welfare and Children's Mental Health and CATS co-director and principal investigator. "The University of Kentucky CATS project looks forward to partnering with Mr. Bacon to bring state-of-the-art technologies to address the complex biopsychosocial problems plaguing our youngest citizens. This type of academic-private-sector collaboration is one way that the University of Kentucky demonstrates its commitment to the public life of the community."

CATS is an innovative assessment and treatment program, focusing on early intervention in the lives of at-risk children, ages 0-6. Their mission is to improve the lives of maltreated and traumatized children through early intervention and specialized services that are unavailable anywhere else in the state. CATS is highly regarded across the nation due to their recognized expertise in early childhood mental health. In recognition of their promise as a center of excellence, the CATS project will be part

of the emerging Center for the Study of Violence Against Children (CSVAC).

Dr. Kaak is a 35-year professor of psychiatry and pediatrics at UK College of Medicine and UK Chandler Hospital. He is also one of the principal investigators at the CATS Clinic and holds a joint faculty appointment with the College of Social Work. Dr. Kaak served as the training director of UK's Triple Board Residency Program for 15 years and

is a founding member of the Kentucky Attachment Project which educates, advocates and provides training for professionals working with children with attachment disorders.

For more information on the H. Otto Kaak Chair in Early Childhood Mental Health or the CATS Clinic, call (859) 543-0078 or visit online at www.uky.edu/SocialWork/trc/cats.

Institute for Workplace Innovation Established at UK



In January 2007, the University Of Kentucky Board Of Trustees approved the establishment of the Institute for Workplace Innovation (iWin) in the UK College of Social Work. "The Institute for Workplace Innovation is committed to assisting Kentucky-based organizations into developing high performance work environments that align organizational policies, practices and work cultures with the demands of employees lives on and off the job," said Jennifer Swanberg, executive director of UK iWin.

Swanberg, also an associate professor of social work, is a national leader in academic workplace-based research, making her well-suited to direct the new institute.

iWin's mission is to enhance workplace productivity in the changing economy by providing employers with knowledge and strategies about innovative practices that promote quality work environments while ensuring work-life effectiveness.

The institute is committed to:

- Engaging employers in adoption, implementation and utilization of innovative workplace solutions which benefit employers and employees;
- Developing a regionally based research agenda focused on the workforce and economy in the 21st century; and
- Affecting public discussion about the employer, employee and economic benefits associated with innovative workplace options.

UK iWin will utilize a number of services to engage the state's employers in innovative workplace solutions. "The vision for iWin is that this institute will be a catalyst for organizational change, economic and workforce development within the Commonwealth," said Swanberg. For more information on the Institute for Workplace Innovation, contact iWin at (859) 296-1089 or visit online at: <http://iwin.uky.edu>.

College Receives \$5 Million for Quality Improvement in Child Welfare



A major grant is allowing the University of Kentucky College of Social Work to lead the nation in determining the impact of efforts to privatize child welfare services. The College in partnership with Planning and Learning Technologies, Inc. (Pal-Tech) is the recipient of a \$5 million grant from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Children's Bureau. The funding will be used to establish a quality improvement center to evaluate the impact on children and families of using private agencies to provide child welfare services.

The National Quality Improvement Center on the Privatization of Child Welfare (QIC PCW) will serve as a resource for information on child welfare privatization and provide lessons learned from these efforts. Additionally, through the initiative,

research and demonstration projects will be administered to test the effectiveness and efficiency of selected privatization models.

The QIC PCW is an important initiative of the UK College of Social Work as it strives to integrate research and service, responding through outreach to the priority needs of communities within the Commonwealth and the nation. The grant, part of the Children's Bureau Competitive Cooperative Agreements Awards for fiscal year 2005, is under the direction of Dr. Crystal Collins-Camargo, the principal investigator on the grant and clinical assistant professor of social work. Dr. Collins-Camargo feels UK and Pal-Tech garnered the funding due to the wealth of experience and services their partnership provided, "We competed against a number of other qualified institutions, but UK has already demonstrated with a prior program, the Southern Regional Quality Improvement Center for Child Protection, the University's unique ability to facilitate the cross-site evaluation of child welfare programs. Likewise, our partnership with a business, Pal-Tech, brings a model for collaboration to the table in evaluating privatization in child welfare."

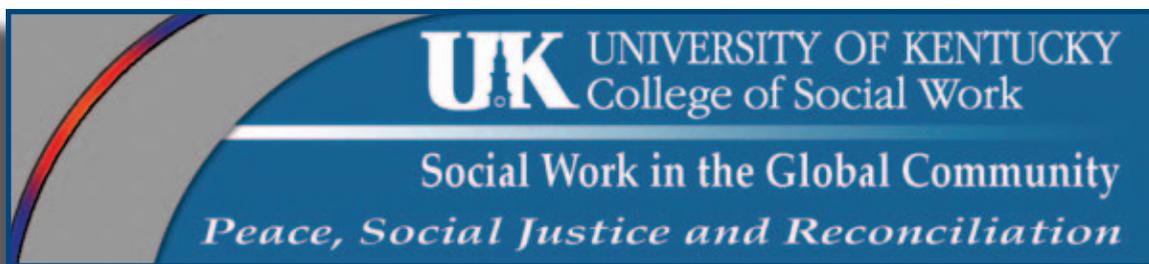
Over the course of the five-year grant, the QIC PCW will conduct a nationwide needs assessment and gaps analysis evaluating the status of privatization in the current public child welfare system, which will help to identify potential research questions to be answered and demonstration projects to study regarding privatization of child welfare services. The center will then fund, monitor and eval-

The Kentucky Society for Clinical Social Work Founders' Scholarship

The Kentucky Society for Clinical Social Work (KSCSW) is a voluntary association with the purpose of developing and promoting high standards in clinical social work. The Society began in 1970 through the efforts of a number of Kentucky social workers – Gwynn Goldberg, Helen Herring, Bill Jett, Arvil Reeb, Sally Rhoads, Lane Veltkamp, Pat Wellons, Richard Butch" Welsh, and others – who have been leaders at the national level in efforts to secure licensure, to develop the profession

and to ensure consumer protection legislation for persons seeking mental health services. To honor these founding members, The Kentucky Society for Clinical Social Work Founders' Scholarship was established. The scholarship will be awarded to a University of Kentucky Master of Social Work student with a clinical social work focus. For more information on the Founders' Scholarship or KSCSW, contact kscsw1@yahoo.com.

International Social Work Week



The College of Social Work with its community partners sponsored a colloquium on Peace, Social Justice and Reconciliation: Our Work in the Global Community. We consider this our premier event examining the role of social work in the international community and in eliciting the interest of students to study issues fraught with complexities that come with international work. During our first international week in 2006, our concentration was on ways to learn about social work's role in research in international venues. Dr. Lengwe Mwansa, Professor of Social Work from the University of Botswana,

was our special guest. He lectured throughout the university and community on his work in establishing an organization of social work programs throughout Africa, joined in the common goal of creating curriculum and of partnering with each other and with Schools of Social Work around the globe. In 2007, we focused on refugees throughout the world. Representatives from non governmental organizations in Indonesia and Kenya helped our students and community gain a greater understanding of how loss of home and place affects the human condition.

At both events, our international students were instrumental in carrying out the week's events. The opening ceremony, a celebration of diversity and an occasion to develop relationships with people from across the University and community, is framed by our students. They present themselves and

celebrate by sharing their delicious food from their native lands. We sampled food from Nigeria, Romania, Mexico, Ghana, Iceland, India, Hungary and Brazil. What a great experience and what a wonderful way of commemorating our College's commitment to internationalism and to diversity.

Bioterrorism Preparedness and Response Training Project



The University of Kentucky Behavioral Health Disaster Response Project is part of a Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) funded program that serves to disseminate training curriculums to enhance and increase the capacity of health and mental health professionals to respond to events of disaster, terrorism or a public health emergency.

To accomplish this task, the project utilizes innovative and evidenced-based health care system training strategies (i.e. telemedicine and existing training networks) to assist health and behavioral health providers in the detection and treatment of psychological distress following events of disaster, thereby reducing the risk of acute and chronic post-disaster psychopathology. As of March 2007, approximately 2500 healthcare providers across the nation have been trained by this project.

A variety of disaster-related services have been developed by the project to comprehensively address the needs of mental health and healthcare providers working with disaster

affected populations. Multiple training curriculums have been created on topics such as providing care to individuals exposed to disaster across the lifespan (children, adults, older adults), managing compassion fatigue and burnout in disaster responders, responding to disasters in rural areas, and improving clinical decision making skills when working with disaster-exposed populations. Additional services provided by the project include ongoing consultation with community agencies, research dissemination regarding trauma practices and the impact of disasters, and community education in times of disaster or public emergency. The project's efforts this year have focused on expanding the availability of web-based learning opportunities and the development of more advanced training curriculums to meet the needs of mental health practitioners specializing in the long-term treatment of disaster exposed individuals and families. College of Social Work associate professor, Ginny Sprang, is the PI and associate professor, Jim Clark, is Co-PI.



Project AGE Grant Awarded

The Social Work Leadership Institute (SWLI) at the New York Academy of Medicine recently announced grants awarded to 25 schools of social work, including the University of Kentucky College of Social Work, as part of the Practicum Partnership Program (PPP). The \$75,000, three-year award will help to develop a university-community partnership that provides master's of social work students with aging-rich field experiences across a range of care methods.

Funded by the John A. Hartford Foundation, the SWLI trains and advocates for a qualified social work labor force to provide support for older adults and ensure they have an opportunity to stay in charge of their own lives. Through PPP, the in-

stitute is pioneering a new field education model that prepares professional social workers to assume leadership roles in provision of services to the increasingly older population and their families. UK College of Social Work Project AGE, the name of UK's PPP grant program is directed by Janet Ford, director of graduate studies and principal investigator for Project AGE, and Beth Mills, director of field education and project coordinator for the grant. "Kentucky's aging population will double by the year 2030. The goal of Project AGE is to educate leaders in the field of geriatrics to meet the needs of this growing population, their families, and the communities in which they live," said Mills. For more information on Project Age, contact Beth Mills at beth.mills@uky.edu.

William H. Otis & Marquita Sivis Otis Professorship in Gerontology and Intergenerational Social Work

The College has its first endowed professorship focused on aging and intergenerational social work thanks to the efforts of Melanie Otis, associate professor in the College of Social Work. As a scholar and member of the academy, Dr. Otis is keenly aware of the importance of faculty research support. As the population of older adults rapidly expands, there is a critical need for scholarly work addressing the unique challenges and needs of our changing demographic landscape. Beyond her awareness of the need for scholarship in the area, based on her personal experience with aging family members,

she is committed to gerontology education for all social workers. This amalgamation of factors led Dr. Otis to endow a professorship in honor of her parents.

"The William H. Otis and Marquita Sivis Otis Professorship in Gerontology and Intergenerational Social Work is a tribute to the human spirit and the myriad struggles we encounter as we move through the many stages of life. This Professorship represents generations of two joined families who, like so many families, have much in common while

also experiencing unique trials and joys. For me it is fitting that this tribute bears the names of two people whose own lives represent divergent experiences with the process of aging,” she said.

Dr. Otis continued, “When my father, William H. Otis, died shortly after his 60th birthday, he ended a nearly two-year battle with Alzheimer’s disease and Parkinson’s disease. Although he experienced a rapid progression of Alzheimer’s-related dementia, in the early stages of the disease we were able to take advantage of adult day care services provided by the Helping Hands Program and their Best Friends™ approach to care. The program, started in the early 1990’s by UK MSW graduate Virginia Bell, and her colleague, David Troxel provided much needed respite for my mother, my sister, and me as we worked to coordinate a multitude of caretaking activities. The combination of Parkinson’s and Alzheimer’s diseases along with the accelerated disease progression associated with early on-set made the provision of my father’s daily care quite challenging. The Helping Hands Program was a lifesaver for us, but availability of such programs remains limited. With the growing number of aging baby boomers, the need for programs such as Helping Hands becomes even greater.”

“My mother, Marquita Sivis Otis, has had a very different journey from the one my father traveled. She remains busy and is, like so many of her generation, engaged in post-retirement employment. Moving into her seventies, she provides support for her own mother – thriving at age 89 – while living a busy life of her own. She represents the second-generation in a family with members that span five generations.” Dr. Otis added, “Meeting the varying needs of a family whose ages span nearly ninety years requires intergenerational engagement and support.”

In creating this professorship it is Dr. Otis’ hope that an endowed professorship in gerontology and intergenerational social work will support research, teaching, policy development, and practice dedicated to improving our understanding of how best to meet the needs of an aging population.



Today, the once rare phenomena of five-generation families and centenarians are becoming more common occurrences. With these demographic shifts come increasing demands for social workers with the knowledge and skills necessary to respond to the complex interplay of biopsychosocial aspects of aging throughout the individual life course and across generations. It is essential that social work begin to prepare and graduate gero-competent social workers who can effectively meet the ever-changing needs of people and communities – locally and globally.

The William H. Otis and Marquita Sivis Otis Professorship in Gerontology and Intergenerational Social Work, like all professorships, is a statement about the importance of asking questions and developing knowledge that will contribute in some positive way to the lives of individuals and the communities in which they live. “Although my parents did not attend college, their belief in the importance of education and a commitment to continued learning and exploration was always evident. In naming this professorship after them, I honor those values which have become such a guiding force in my life” said Dr. Otis (UK alum – BASW 88, MSW 89, PhD 99).

Kentucky Suicide Prevention in Youth – A Collaborative Effort



The Commonwealth of Kentucky recently was notified that it was awarded one of the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) grants for suicide prevention presented to 11 states across the country. The grant provides \$400,000 a year over three years and aims to dramatically improve Kentucky's youth suicide prevention services. The grant was submitted by the Kentucky Department for Mental Health and Mental Retar-

ation Services (KDMHMRS) with support of the Kentucky Suicide Prevention Group (KSPG). **Julie Cerel**, an assistant professor in the College of Social Work and KSPG vice-chair, was instrumental in the grant submission and will serve as the grant's evaluation director.

KDMHMRS, as recipient of the state's grant, will execute the Kentucky Suicide Prevention in Youth - a Collaborative Effort (SPYCE) project, which includes both public and professional education on suicide risk factors and protective factors for suicide prevention, as well as training in prevention, early intervention and postvention methods. Dr. Cerel and a social work graduate student will help implement the state programs and develop ways to evaluate how grant-funded suicide prevention efforts change public awareness, professional practice, suicidal behavior in youth, and services for those family members who survive a suicide. For more information on Kentucky's suicide prevention initiatives, contact Dr. Cerel at (859) 257-8602 or by julie.cerel@uky.edu.

Study Finds What Type of Parents Tend to 'Spare the Rod'

A University of Kentucky College of Social Work professor and colleague's research on predictors of spanking as punishment for children in the home was recently published in the journal "Family Relations: Interdisciplinary Journal of Applied Family Studies." In response to recent studies that found corporal punishment to be predictive of subsequent

anti-social behavior, Melanie D. Otis, an associate professor of social work at UK, and her colleague Andrew Grogan-Kaylor, an assistant professor at the University of Michigan, examined factors associated with the likelihood a parent would use spanking as a punishment.

Drs. Otis and Grogan-Kaylor analyzed surveys of 800 respondents in the 2000 National Longitudinal Survey of Youth. Their research indicates children who get high levels of intellectual stimulation at home through books, educational games, and the like, had parents who rarely employed physical punishment. Intellectually stimulating home environ-

ments give children opportunities to think through the offense and any consequences that might follow and imagine alternative responses for the future. This opportunity to intellectualize appears to lead to less anti-social behavior in the future. Research found that religious affiliation could also have an impact on how parents punish their children.



Wiehe Provides DJJ Training

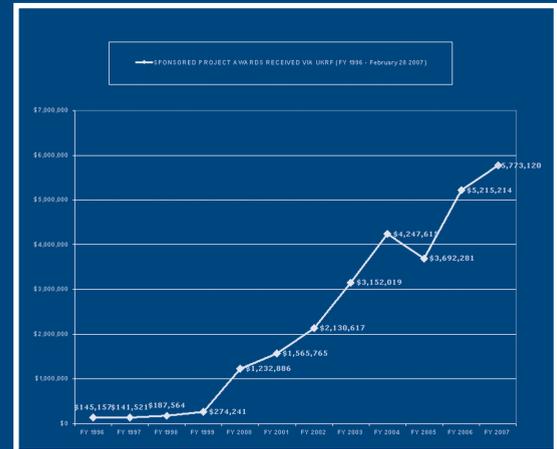
Professor Emeritus, Vernon Wiehe, contracted with the Kentucky Department of Juvenile Justice (DJJ) to deliver staff training in the areas of aggression and sibling rivalry. The workshops, “Understanding Aggression: Implications for Case Management” and “Is It Sibling Rivalry or Sibling Abuse” will be offered several times throughout the year in Lexington.

IASSW Conference

Dean Kay Hoffman attended the 33rd World Congress of the International Association of Schools of Social Work (IASSW), held last fall in Santiago, Chile. Dean Hoffman is a member of the governing board of IASSW and serves as the U.S. representative on the governing board as president of the Council on Social Work Education.



At the event, she moderated a panel in Spanish on graduate education in Latin America. [Photo – Dean Hoffman (far right) with international colleagues]



Special thanks to Whitney Hale, UK Public Relations Specialist, for her many contributions to this annual report.

Lectures/Symposia

Third Annual Ballantine Symposium on Supervision



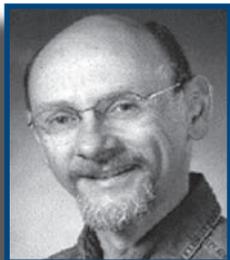
The College hosted the third annual John R. Ballantine Symposium on Supervision, May 9, 2006 at Spindletop Hall. Symposium presenters were Jim Clark and Elizabeth Croney and their presentation was titled, "Ethics & Accountability for Child Psychotherapy Supervisors." Jim Clark is associate dean for research in the College of Social Work and a principal investigator in the UK Comprehensive Assessment and Training Services (CATS) Project. Liz Croney is President of Croney & Clark, Inc., a for-profit agency that specializes in the community based assessment and treatment of mentally ill chil-

dren and their families. Their presentation was based on their chapter on ethics and accountability in the book Helping Others Help Children: Clinical Supervision of Child Psychotherapy, published by the American Psychological Association (2007).

The symposium is held in memory of Associate Professor Emeritus John R. Ballantine who served the college for nearly 24 years. He is remembered at the college for his unwavering commitment and generosity to students and his passion for practice and supervision.

The seminar is held in conjunction with the Appreciation Luncheon for Field Instructors and the presentation of the John R. Ballantine Excellence in Supervision Awards to outstanding field instructors. The honorees for 2006 were: Bibi Roberts, social worker senior, LFUCG Day Treatment Program; Mahjabeen Rafiuddin, associate executive director, Kentucky Conference for Community and Justice; and Karen Guffy, child guidance specialist, Squires Elementary School. The symposium and luncheon were sponsored by professor emeritus, Joanne I. Bell and the Field Education Office.

Youth Violence Expert Presents on Origins of Aggression at Rosenstein Lecture



The College of Social Work presented the 4th annual Irma Sarett Rosenstein Lecture on Early Childhood Interventions on October 11th at W.T. Young Library. Leading authority on child development and youth violence, James

Garbarino, spoke to a packed auditorium on the topic "The Origins of Aggression in Girls and Boys."

Dr. Garbarino is a professor and holds the Maude C. Clarke Chair in Humanistic Psychology at Loyola University Chicago. He is an American Psychological Association fellow, and serves as consultant or advisor to a wide range of organizations. In 1991, he



Irma S. Rosenstein

assessed the impact of the Gulf War upon children in Kuwait and Iraq for the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF).

The Rosenstein Lecture, sponsored by the College of Social Work, is designed to bring nationally known

speakers to UK. The lecture topics include child and family welfare issues of significance to our community, state, and society as a whole. The prestigious annual lecture is made possible by a generous gift from Irma and Irving Rosenstein, Lexington business leaders.

Peace, Social Justice and Reconciliation Lectures

“Genocide”

March 5, 2007

Panel discussion led by Carl Craig, assistant professor, College of Social Work

“Trauma Healing”

March 6, 2007

Doreen Jemutai Ruto, a Fulbright Scholar from Kenya

“Engaging Youth in Social Justice Work”

March 6, 2007

Transylvania University Diversity Council

“Complexity and Impact of Poverty on Children in Developing Countries”

March 7, 2007

Carol Sasaki, director of International Humanity Foundation

“The Challenges of Serving the Bluegrass's Latino Community: The Human Service Provider's Perspective”

March 8, 2007

Panel discussion led by Richard Sutphen, associate professor, College of Social Work

Summit on Child Welfare Supervision

The College was funded by the Children's Bureau in the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services over the past five years to conduct a multi-site study on the impact of a more clinical approach to frontline supervision in public child welfare. This study concluded in September 2006, and to highlight the findings, the SR QIC sponsored a Summit on Child Welfare Supervision in Memphis, TN. It brought public child welfare administrators, frontline supervisors, trainers and researchers from thirty-six states, the District of Columbia, Canada and Puerto Rico together to share information on the use of clinical supervision in child welfare, professional development for supervisors, and the use of university-agency-community partnerships to enhance the child welfare system.

SR QIC Director and UK College of Social Work faculty member, Crystal Collins-Camargo, remarked “It is hoped that the Summit will be followed by ongoing national discussion, information sharing and knowledge development. The future of child welfare and the children and families it serves is in our hands.” The closing address on the importance of collaboration between university-based social work education and public child welfare was provided by

Dean Kay Hoffman.



Awards/Recognition

Betsy Nowland-Curry Inducted Into Hall of Fame



Betsy Nowland-Curry (BASW 1974), CEO of the Curry Consulting Group, was inducted into the College Hall of Fame in 2006. She has over 30 years experience in leadership training, association management, communications, performance enhancement skills, and public speaking.

Betsy joined the governor's staff in 1998 as Director of Communications and Training for the EMPOWER Kentucky project. In 2000, she was appointed CEO of the KY Commission on Women and the Commission on Small Business Advocacy. She worked to introduce legislation related to early childhood development and prenatal care programs, the creation and establishment of the Office of Women's Physical and Mental Health, women's health insurance issues, domestic violence issues



and legislation protecting and benefiting Kentucky small business owners. In 2001, she established the Governor's Task Force on the Economic Status of Kentucky Women, followed by the statewide Summit on the Status of Kentucky Women. Her long career reflects her dedication to the safety and security of women and children, to reproductive rights, and to ensuring that all women have a voice in community and political life.

The Hall of Fame also recognized two other outstanding social work alumni, **Peggy Sogar** and **Russ Williams**, for their contributions to the field of social work. For additional information on the Hall of Fame, visit <http://www.uky.edu/SocialWork/Alumni/hallfame/welcome.htm>.



Hall of Fame

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| 1999 | Jean Ritchie
Elizabeth DuMez
Doris Wilkinson |
| 2001 | Irma Sarett Rosenstein |
| 2002 | Linda A. Harvey |
| 2003 | William F. Beaven
Willis K. Bright, Jr. |
| 2004 | Virginia Marsh Bell |
| 2005 | Robert Walker |
| 2006 | Betsy Nowland-Curry |

Lyman T. Johnson Awards

Each year, the University of Kentucky Lyman T. Johnson Alumni, an African American affiliate of the UK Alumni Association, hosts its annual homecoming award banquet. Colleges are invited to recognize one African-American alumnus, faculty, or staff person and one undergraduate student to receive the *Torch of Excellence* and *Torch Bearer* Awards. The College of Social Work is honored to present this year's award winners.



Marie-Antoinette Sossou is an assistant professor and teaches courses in social policy, social welfare, and social work practice. Originally from Ghana, she joined the faculty in 2003 after earning her Ph.D. in Social Work Research from the University

of Denver. Dr. Sossou's areas of interest and expertise include social justice and human rights, humanitarian assistance, poverty, cultural diversity, empowerment theory, feminist theory, gender development integration, developing effective social support systems, and working with oppressed and minority populations such as refugees, immigrants, children, and low-income women. She is an affiliated faculty in the department of Gender and Women's Studies at UK and serves on the board of Virginia Place, a home serving one-parent families. She is a member of NASW, the Ghana Social Workers Association, the West African Research Association, the Africa Studies Association, and the School Social Workers

Association. It is our pleasure to recognize Dr. Marie-Antoinette Sossou, as the recipient of the *2006 Torch of Excellence Award*.



Marquita Smith is a first generation college student who appreciates her community roots, supportive family, and the opportunity to attend the University of Kentucky. She excels academically and is an active campus

and community volunteer. Marquita is interested in macro level social work and is particularly passionate about AIDS prevention and treatment, service provision to children, and training and employment services for special populations. Marquita describes social work as a "profession of service," and values her involvement in social work because it not only empowers her to help others, but the work helps her remember the strengths and positives in her own life. Ms. Smith's long range plan is to "become a philanthropist" while pursuing her social work career and "prove a lot of people wrong... that you can earn enough money and donate to others when working as a social worker!" The College of Social Work proudly presents undergraduate student, Marquita Smith, as the recipient of the Lyman T. Johnson *2006 Torch Bearer Award*.

Awards/Recognition

Excellence in Service Award



The Department for Community Based Services (DCBS) presented **Carrie Saunders** (BASW 2000, MSW 2001), program director for Adoption Support for Kentucky (ASK) at the UK College of Social Work Training Resource Center, an Excellence in Service Award at Kentucky's first Adoption Confer-

ence last fall. Carrie was presented with the award for her work in promoting and supporting Kentucky's adoptive families. This was the only award given to a social work professional; all other awards were to adoptive parents.

DCBS recognized Carrie for her support of the adoption and foster care process and her work with ASK within the College of Social Work. ASK is a program of the Foster/Adoptive Support and Training Center (FAST) which recognizes foster care and adoption as a unique commitment to the safety and well-being of children. "I enjoy working with adoptive families and seeing the progress adopted children make through a loving, caring and supportive family," Saunders said. "Adoptive families are changing the world one child at a time. It is our duty and privilege to help them succeed," she said.

Hunn Receives Postdoctoral Fellowship

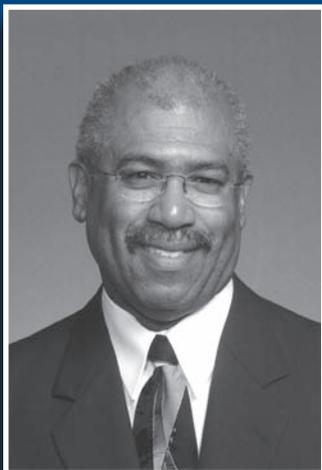


Vanessa Hunn (MSW 1990, PhD 2006) was the only recipient selected nationwide by the Council on Social Work Education (CSWE) to receive a Postdoctoral Fellowship in Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services Research, funded by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA). This CSWE minority fellowship is for doctoral students preparing for leadership

roles in the mental health and substance abuse fields. Hunn is currently doing postdoctoral work at the UK Center for Poverty Research (CPR), where she is focusing on "Depression, Self-Efficacy, Income, and Child Outcomes in African American Welfare Recipients." Her fellowship runs through August 2007.

Willis K. Bright, Jr.
“Creative Extremism”

15th James A. Joseph Lecture on Philanthropy



In 1971, the Association of Black Foundation Executives (ABFE) was founded as the first affinity group of the Council on Foundations. Today it is a non-profit membership and professional organization of philanthropic professionals. ABFE's members include donors, trustees and staff of grantmaking institutions, as well as individuals concerned with ABFE's mission – to promote effective and responsive philanthropy in Black communities.

ABFE gears its programs towards promoting sustainable philanthropy in Black communities and encouraging Black leadership and participation within organized philanthropy.

The James A. Joseph Lecture on Philanthropy was established in 1991 as a tribute to James A. Joseph, ABFE

co-founder and distinguished leader in the field of philanthropy and former Ambassador to South Africa. The Lecture recognizes an outstanding individual whose leadership and contributions as a visionary philanthropic leader have helped advance progressive philanthropic ideals, strengthen grant-making institutions and build vital Black communities. ***In 2006, Willis K. Bright, Jr. was selected as the 15th James A. Joseph Lecturer.*** He delivered his address, “Creative Extremism,” at the Council on Foundations Annual Conference, May 2006, in Pittsburgh, PA.

In 1966, Willis graduated from the College of Social Work at the University of Kentucky and was the first Black student to receive the Sullivan Medallion – the University's highest honor for a graduating senior. He currently serves on the College Advisory Board and was inducted into the College of Social Work Hall of Fame in 2003. For the past 11 years, Willis has been the Director of Youth Programs at Lilly Endowment in Indianapolis. To learn more about Willis Bright or to view the lecture monograph, visit:

<http://www.abfe.org/publish/15thAnnualJamesAJosephLectureWillisKBrightFINAL.htm>

Awards/Recognition

Coretta Scott King Award

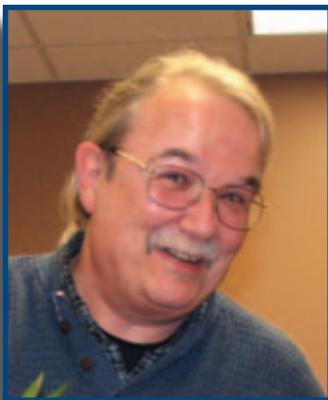


Dr. Doris Wilkinson (BASW 1958), a professor in the UK College of Arts and Sciences Department of Sociology, received the Coretta Scott King award from Alpha Kappa Alpha (AKA) sorority in January. According to AKA, Dr. Wilkinson received the award for her “commitment to service, for providing inspiration and for being a positive influence in the lives of the citizens of

greater Lexington.” AKA defines the Coretta Scott King award recipient as “a leader by nature, advocating for social justice and equality and helping others reach their highest potential.” In 2006, Dr. Wilkinson received both the local Black Achievers Community Service Award and the Ida Lee Willis Award from the Kentucky Heritage Foundation for her efforts in historic preservation. In 1999, she was inducted into the UK College of Social Work Hall of Fame.



Edwin Hackney Presented Lifetime Service Award



Edwin Hackney (MSW 1987) was the recipient of the 2007 Kentucky Society for Clinical Social Work Lifetime Service Award. Edwin was presented the award at KSCSW’s February membership meeting with a moving introduction that chronicled his illustrious and influential career as an inno-

vative clinical social worker and a faithful social reformer. Though partially retired, Edwin continues to teach in the College of Social Work and provide clinical supervision. Our sincere congratulations to Edwin for being honored for his many professional contributions!

Swanberg Recognized as Work-Life Rising Star



The Alliance for Work-Life Progress (AWLP®), a global network of professionals committed to advancing work-life effectiveness, recognized five recipients for their emerging leadership and potential as major contributors to the work-life community. Jennifer Swanberg, associate professor in the UK College of Social Work and executive director of UK's Institute for Workplace Innovation

(iWin), was selected as one of the first five recipients of the Work-Life Rising Star Award.

Dr. Swanberg is a nationally respected work-family expert. She is a past nominee for the Rosabeth Moss Kanter Award for Excellence in Work-Family Research and is a recipient of funding from the Ford Foundation for research on responsive workplace cultures.

“Jennifer Swanberg’s Rising Star Award perfectly describes her place among researchers and innovators in the work-life field,” commented Dean Kay Hoffman. “Her work with iWin is reaching out to the Commonwealth, helping businesses by assisting them in creating nourishing and effective workplaces that will, in turn, benefit Kentucky. We congratulate Dr. Swanberg on receiving this award.”

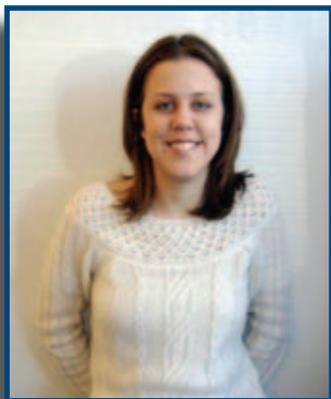
Emeriti Faculty and the College of Social Work

When faculty members retire, the loss for everyone is palpable. We miss the people with whom we worked and those whom we deeply admire. Emeriti faculty may not miss the daily routines of meetings, grading papers and grant proposal deadlines, but we like to think they miss us too. Though social work emeriti faculty may have retired, they remain active through their enormous generosity and their support of the work we are doing. Their individual and collective gifts created the following professorships: *The Constance Wilson Professorship in Mental Health; The Richard K. Brautigam Professorship in Criminal, Juvenile, and Social Justice; The Joanne I. Bell Professorship in Critical Thinking and Social Policy Analysis; The Vernon R. Wiehe Professorship in Family Violence; and The Dorothy A. Miller Professorship in Social Work Education*. These are gifts to last a lifetime and provide an opportunity for us to attract and retain the very best faculty and to insure that our work is relevant, cutting edge and vital. Our entire College family joins together in saying thank you. Professors Wilson, Brautigam, Bell, Wiehe, and to the family of Dorothy Miller (Jerry, Rachel & Greg)! Our gratitude springs from our respect and admiration for your work.

Student News

New PhD Graduates

Linda Wermeling, August 17, 2006. Committee: Dean Kay Hoffman, Chair, Drs. Dale Albers, Martin Tracy, Surjit Dhooper, and Terri Singer (Dean, U of L). “Why Social Workers Leave the Profession: A Study in Retention.”



Lisa Shannon, January 17, 2007. Committee: Drs. David Royse & TK Logan, Chairs, Drs. Seana Golder, Carl Leukefeld, Nancy Schoenberg, and Jennifer Swanberg. “Understanding Motivations and Intentions for Long-term Substance Abuse Treatment Among Pregnant, Drug-Dependent Women.”

Student Receives Clinical Society Award

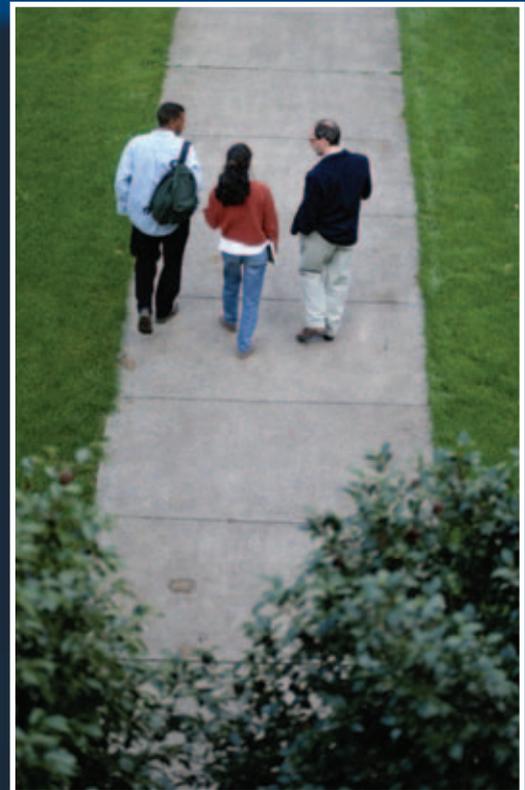
Jennifer Hawkins won the 2007 Ohio River Valley Clinical Social Work Society (ORVCSWS) ‘Rising Star Award’. The ORVCSWS is a professional organization for clinical social workers in the greater Cincinnati area. Their Rising Star Award seeks to recognize an MSW student who has shown a strong commitment to clinical practice and had to overcome significant obstacles to enter and remain in graduate school. Congratulations, Jennifer!



Student Ambassadors and Social Work Association

Social Work faculty have been working with College Student Ambassadors and the Social Work Association to develop a community within the larger University in our undergraduate program. The goal is to create a cohesive unit in which students provide support to one another, participate in community projects, and actively participate in the life of the College. Undergraduate students are now involved in recruitment and orientation activities to help educate others about social work education and the profession. They also have multiple opportunities for civic engagement, participating in community service activities such as painting the Coleman House, a treatment facility for adolescents with substance abuse challenges, serving at the soup kitchen at The Hope Center shelter for homeless men, compiling (in conjunction with Catholic Social Services) a centralized on-line resource directory that covers five counties in Kentucky, working with the Domestic Violence Prevention Board in delivering prevention and intervention resource materials to the public, assisting in the “Silent Witness” project sponsored by Women’s Place, as well as participating in International Social Work Week in March, 2007. Students are invited to extend their

academic discussions to forums outside the classroom by participating in extra-curricular activities such as social awareness and policy discussions as well as film events. Together, the students and faculty have been working to create a learning and social environment within the College that builds community and engagement as students learn about the social work profession.



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Martha J. Perry (MSW 1975) received the Honorary Doctor of Humane Letters from Waynesburg College (Pennsylvania) in May 2006.

Dean Sparks (MSW 1977) is the Executive Director of Lucas County Children Services, a public child protection agency in Toledo, OH. In 2005 he was named the Social Worker of the Year by the Ohio Chapter of the National Association of Social Workers.

Robert Davidson (BASW 1976, MSW 1978) is the Behavioral Health Director at McKee Medical Center in Loveland, CO. He serves as a psychiatric social worker in the emergency department and is skilled in substance abuse counseling and medical social work. Bob, who also obtained his M.Div in 1983 is an Episcopal priest. He may be reached at frbobdav@msn.com.

Kenn I. Hicks (MSW 1979) is a Licensed Clinical Social Worker and a Certified Domestic Violence Facilitator in Palmdale, CA. He recently developed two new programs: the Teen Dating Contract which increases awareness of teen dating violence and what constitutes physical and emotional abuse, and the Domestic Violence Batterers & Abusers Boot Camp in which adult men undergo treatment to learn non-violent methods and techniques. For additional information, email Kenn at mrh384@aol.com.

Carol McMurdo (MSW 1985) is the Director of Behavioral Health at Washington County Memorial Hospital in Salem, IN. She directs the

inpatient behavioral health unit and the psychiatric outpatient department and is responsible for policies, budget, credentialing, grant writing, community relations, and the overall success of both departments. Carol, who is also a licensed clinical social worker, has extensive supervisory responsibilities and carries a small caseload of outpatients. Before employment with Washington County Memorial, Carol worked in community mental health, Employee Assistance Programs, a psychiatric hospital, an outpatient clinic, a commercial insurance authorizing treatment, a private psychiatrist's practice, and her own private practice. She recently moved to Louisville where she is planning to retire later this spring to spend more time with her daughter and her family, including two grandchildren. Carol may be reached at caroljwm2@aol.com.

Brian New (BASW 1985, MSW 1986) has been a U.S. Probation Officer in Louisville, KY since 1995. For 10 years prior, he wrote pre-sentence reports before making the switch to supervision. He now supervises approximately 60 offenders in Jefferson, Bullitt, Hardin, and Meade counties in Kentucky. For the past 12 years, he has also been a part-time supervisor at the Clark County Juvenile Detention Center in Indiana.

Brenda S. Morgan (MSW 1986) is the Executive Director of Come-Unity Cooperative Care, a non-profit charity that "Helps the Needy of Laurel County" in London, KY. Her prior professional experience was largely in the area of mental health therapy. Brenda was selected as a

delegate to the Non-Profit Congress in Washington, DC last October. Her email is bsmorgan@alltell.net.

Anna Lee Hall Otis (MSW 1992) is a mental health therapist with the Bluegrass Regional Mental Health/Mental Retardation Board, Inc. in Cynthiana. She provides services for chronically mentally ill clients in the TRP program, and her areas of expertise include mental retardation, developmental disabilities, and medical social work. She is the mother of three young adult sons and may be reached at annaotis@peoplepc.com.

Kim Griswold Dotson (BASW 1993) is a program coordinator for the University of Kentucky Targeted Assessment Program. The program is located in 24 counties across Kentucky and provides comprehensive assessment and intensive case management services to clients in the welfare and child welfare systems (DCBS), focusing on the areas of mental health, substance abuse, domestic violence and learning problems issues. She may be reached at kgdotson@uky.edu.

Deborah M. Weber (MSW 1993) is an LCSW in private practice in Maysville, KY. She provides counseling services to individuals, couples and families, and is particularly skilled in domestic violence and trauma treatment. She is active in her community, helping to start Bourbon County Hospice and Hospice of Hope in Maysville, and received the Circle of Hope volunteerism award last year.

William Harold Robinson (MSW 1996) works for Kentucky's Office for the Blind in Frankfort where he is the Executive Staff Advisor.

Alicia Beck (MSW 1997) recently relocated from Clare-

mont, NH to Champaign, IL where she is the Coordinator for Alumni Relations for the School of Social Work at the University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign. She also works with the University YMCA, coordinating development work as well as the YMCA's lifelong learning program known as Communiversity. Alicia may be reached at ambeck12@yahoo.com.

Katherine Meyer (MSW 2001) is employed by Northern Kentucky University as the Director of Student Retention and Assessment. She is responsible for the University's early alert system that provides intervention, resource referral, and follow-up to students at risk for premature attrition. Her areas of expertise include supervising retention coordinators, linking students to social support networks, and providing self-empowerment frameworks for student-clients. She may be reached at meyerk@nku.edu.

Melody Hickman (MSW 2001) is a full-time clinical psychology doctoral student at the California Institute of Integral Studies, San Francisco. After completing her MSW, Melody worked with Kentuckians living with HIV/AIDS for 4.5 years. Her work in this field "was inspired by my interest in international work and professors I met at UK." Melody participated in the College's Ultimate Home Visit program in Mexico while a student and she has continued to work on her Spanish language and bi-cultural skills. Melody is focused on further developing her clinical skills and on research in the area of self-care for helping professionals. Her email address is melody.hickman@gmail.com.

Jerald Todd Mullins (MSW 2002) has worked at Mountain Comprehensive Care Center for the last 15 years. He obtained his LCSW in 2005 and is currently the Clinic

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Manager at MCCC in Johnson County, Kentucky, where he is responsible for the administrative and clinical operations. Todd has been married for 15 years and has two children, ages 11 and 4. You may email him at TMullins@mtcomp.org.



Veleashia Smith (BASW 2005) was recently appointed director of the Martin Luther King Jr. Cultural Center on UK's campus. Prior to becoming director, Veleashia was program coordinator for Vanderbilt's cultural center. As director of the MLK Center, Veleashia ultimately hopes to

make the center a free-standing organization with its own building that reaches all of UK and has increased visibility; a cultural center that is truly the center point for all diversity efforts. "We should be a part of any diversity event that goes on [at UK]," she said. Visit <http://www.uky.edu/MLKCC/center-mlk-bio.html> for more information on the MLK Jr. Cultural Center.

Christine Miller (MSW 2005) is a Children's Services Ongoing Worker with Hamilton County (Ohio) Job and Family Services. She works with families and children identified as being at risk for future abuse or neglect, trying to reduce the risk factors. If a child has already been removed from the home, Christine works with the family toward the goal of reunification.



Karen Shrock-Jones (MSW 1984) has traversed a "long and winding road" from her years at UK to becoming a realtor affiliated with Keller Williams Realty in Irving, Texas. While in graduate school, she discovered a hidden passion for administration and policy development.

Karen worked for the Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government Council in the late 80's and early 90's where she followed historic preservation, planning and zoning, green-space preservation, and comprehensive planning issues. Today, as a realtor, she works primarily as a buyer's agent, often with first time homebuyers.

Reflecting on her decision to study social work, Karen says, "I have always viewed social work as more a set of values and beliefs and a filter through which one observes and analyzes social structures and relationships. In conjunction with my Catholic principles and a preferential love for the poor, both the Social Work Code of Ethics and the Realtors' Code of Ethics strongly guide my actions. I find myself working with clients who have multiple housing and financial needs, primarily as an advocate, an educator, and a cheerleader . . . I have been able to positively affect several families' lives in a meaningful and sustainable way."

Before beginning her real estate business, Karen undertook post graduate study in both theology and social work. She reflects, “Even as a doctoral student at the University of Texas Arlington’s School of Social Work, I was surprised to discover within me a great loyalty and pride for UK’s College of Social Work. Several former faculty have provided long term guidance by simple acts. My academic advisor was Joanne Bell whose vocation and professional persona inspired me. She introduced me to social policy analysis, research, and development as an advanced generalist area of practice, opening the door to my life’s passion. Maryrhea Morelock was my practicum advisor and diagnosed me with a wry and dry sense of humor. As a radical treatment, she prescribed the simple use of a smile to clue folks in that I was making a joke. A simple and dramatic remedy. And, though I only had Dr. Wiehe for one class, I remember his gentle manner and I have grown to appreciate his efforts to increase awareness of domestic violence and assist families in overcoming violence and building healthy relationships. As my business grows, I hope to be able to contribute substantially to the College’s special funds honoring these former faculty and also to the scholarship fund for non-traditional students – all of which have special meaning to me.”

Karen has strong interests in genealogical research, gardening, and animal rescue. Karen, who has lived in Irving, TX since late 1998, helped start her local neighborhood association, wrote several grant proposals for the association to undertake beautification projects, and currently writes an article on housing and real estate issues for their newsletter. She and her husband, Larry, have two grown daughters and a 2-year-old granddaughter. Karen may be reached at Karen@Shrock.net.

IRA Rollover Provision Offers Donors New Opportunities for Giving

The Pension Protection Act of 2006 may offer you new opportunities for tax-free charitable giving in 2007. With its Individual Retirement Account Rollover provision, eligible taxpayers may donate up to \$100,000 annually from their IRAs tax free to charitable causes.

A few things about the IRA Rollover provision and its limitations:

- Only taxpayers age 70 or older can take advantage of the provision.
- The IRA Provision is in effect until December 31, 2007.
- The maximum amount that can be rolled over tax-free each year is \$100,000.
- The provision only allows for direct, cash gifts to a qualified, nonprofit institution (i.e., a 501(c)(3) charitable organization).
- Gifts must be made directly from the IRA Administrator to the College.
- Donors of qualified IRA gifts do not receive a federal income tax deduction for such gifts because they are not being taxed on the withdrawal.
- You may designate your gift to specifically to the College of Social Work.

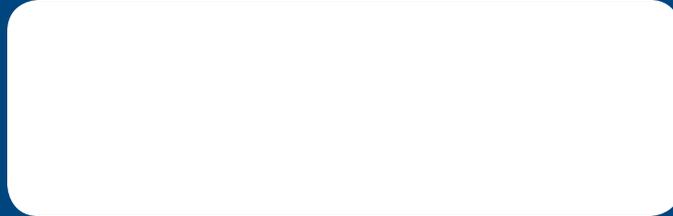
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