Welcome to the School of Social Work’s fall 2007 newsletter! I would like to take this opportunity to briefly update you on some of the School’s recent highlights. In fall 2005, the combined social work programs were elevated in status and became a School of Social Work and joined the College of Applied Sciences and Arts (CASA). We are excited about the opportunities for collaboration with similar disciplines also housed in CASA including Justice Studies, Nursing, Occupational Therapy, Gerontology and Health Sciences.

Our enrollment continues to grow. This past spring, we received more applicants for our MSW program than any time in the School’s history! We currently enroll about 375 MSW students and 175 BASW students.

During the last three years, we hired seven new tenure-track full-time faculty, bringing us to 13 full-time faculty – providing permanence and continuity for the future.

We are currently wrapping up our reaccreditation process, with a site visit from our accrediting body - the Council on Social Work Education – slated for February 2008. During this process, the faculty worked hard to reaffirm and expand our historic mission that focuses on preparing social workers to meet the needs of the region and the state through ethical, transcultural social work practice.

Thank you and I hope you enjoy our newsletter and the chance to learn more about exciting events in the SSW!

Sincere good wishes,

Professor and Director
San Jose State University
School of Social Work

GREETINGS FROM DR. ALICE HINES, DIRECTOR

NASW LOBBY DAYS

On April 15th San Jose State social work students drove to the Sacramento Capitol in support of the National Association of Social Workers (NASW) Lobby Day Event.

The two-day event took place at the Radisson Hotel and the Capitol. It was sponsored by the California chapter of NASW and was attended by social work students from universities across California.

The conference consisted of introductions to bills NASW would be lobbying for during this election year: SB 2 (Fair Share Housing), AB 190 (Child Welfare Workload Relief), and SB 849 (Universal Healthcare Act). NASW will also be working to oppose the governor’s CalWORKs cuts.

Information about these bills was presented by a number of social workers and representatives from local legislative offices. Lobby Days attendees met in appointed groups to discuss bills they would be lobbying for. On Monday, students lobbied at the Capitol in groups. Student Laura Donahue lobbied for AB-190, a bill proposing to reduce case loads of child welfare workers. She and other students lobbied
**SOCIAL WORK NEWS**

**FACULTY AWARDS**

**Congratulations** to Dr. Sadhna Diwan the recipient of the 2006 - 2007 SJU Early Career Investigator Award. Dr. Diwan is recognized for outstanding research and scholarship to date. Her scholarly work focuses on issues related to the physical and psychological well-being of older adults. Dr. Diwan’s impressive record of publications, presentations, and grant awards speaks to the importance and relevance of her work in this area.

**Congratulations** to Dr. Peter Lee for being selected NASW Social Worker of 2007. Dr. Peter Lee was also awarded the CASA Outstanding Professor for 2007.

**Congratulations** to Blanca Tavera who was awarded the CASA Distinguished Alumni Award for 2007.

**Professor Emeritus Simon Dominguez [1934-2003]** was inducted into the 2007 Social Work Hall of Distinction on May 4, 2007. Professor Dominguez was instrumental in developing, organizing and advocating services and programs to better serve the Chicano / Latino population in California. His contributions to social work included the advancement of education for Latino social workers, exemplified by his role in the creation of the SSW. He served as a mentor for social work students, faculty and members of the community for 33 years.

**STUDENT AWARDS AND RESEARCH PROJECTS**

**OUTSTANDING MSW FIELD STUDENT DOROTHY A. MILLER SCHOLARSHIP:**

Linnette Peralta Haynes

**OUTSTANDING BASW FIELD STUDENT UNDERGRADUATE SCHOLARSHIP:**

Japera Moses

2007 OUTSTANDING BASW RESEARCH PROJECTS:

Diana Jauregui, The Mayfair Community

Chris Jones, Work-to-Live, Live-to-Work

**OUTSTANDING MSW RESEARCH PROJECTS:**

Kristin Boomer, Behavioral Referral Differences Among Ethnic Groups

Mari K. Evers, The Influence of the Involvement of Family Members on Quality of Life Among HIV-Infected Latinos


**RETIREE FACULTY**

Dr. Yoko Karjala has worked for San Jose State University’s School of Social Work for the past 18 years. During her time at the School of Social Work she taught Social Work 110 – Introduction to Social Work Practice, Social Work 111 – Generalist Social Work Practice I and Social Work 112 – Generalist Social Work Practice II. She earned her MSW from the University of Connecticut and her Ph.D. in Education from Arizona State University. Her research and practice interests include culture and cognition, instructional methodologies, aging, and non-profit organizations. She is deeply involved with community organizations. She is president of Yu-Al Kai / Japanese American Community Senior Service of San Jose and a member of the Community Impact Council of the United Way which aids in contributing to United Way’s understanding of the issues and complexities of their diverse regional community. She has been a valuable member of the SSW community and will be missed. We wish her a happy retirement.

**The 13th Annual School of Social Work Celebration of Community Connections, May 16, 2007**

**Dr. Yoko Karjala**

**Professor Emeritus Simon Dominguez**
NEW FACULTY

Dr. Sadhna Diwan began working for San Jose State University’s School of Social Work during the Fall of 2005. Prior to joining the SJSU faculty, Dr. Diwan taught at the University of Chicago. Her primary area of scholarly research focuses on understanding the use of home and community based services among older adults with dementia, depression, and chronic illnesses, and on understanding factors related to the physical and psychological well-being of immigrants. Dr. Diwan teaches the Human Behavior and Social Environment courses in the BASW program. She received her PhD from Case Western Reserve University.

Dr. Amy D’Andrade joined the School of Social Work’s faculty in Fall of 2005. Prior to coming to SJSU Dr. D’Andrade was a research associate at the Center for Social Service Research at UC Berkeley. Her primary area of scholarly research focuses on the child welfare and foster care systems. She teaches social welfare policy courses at the MSW level. Dr. D’Andrade earned her PhD from U.C. Berkeley’s School of Social Welfare.

Dr. Meekyung Han began working for San Jose State University’s School of Social Work during the Fall of 2005. Prior to joining the SJSU faculty, Dr. Han was head research associate for the US Health and Human Services “Work Force Training Project.” Her primary area of scholarly research focuses on practice with immigrants and refugees pertaining to family

ALUMNI

There are over 3,500 alumni of the SSW. The Social Work Alumni Association (SWAA) provides networking, support, and linkages among graduates of the BASW and MSW programs, as well as with current students. We are currently revitalizing SWAA, and are looking for volunteers to support this effort. Please visit http://www.sjsu.edu/socialwork/alumni/ for more information and to access our Alumni Contact Information Form, or send an email to swalum@email.sjsu.edu with your update.

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Assemblyman Joe Coto of District 23. A rally hosted by Cyndy Thomas, LCSW and San Jose Region-B Director of NASW was held Monday at noon. The rally featured legislators who spoke in support of NASW. Assemblyman Joe Coto, from District 23 (including parts of San Jose) was one of the speakers. Some students were busy lobbying while others were able to attend with signs, chants, and spirit. “My favorite thing about Lobby Days was the rally. It physically showed me that there is support in the legislature for social work values. It’s very easy to be discouraged about the political system, however the support was very much apparent to me during the rally,” said MSW student Brian Lai.

“I want to commend the Social Workers and Social Work students (from San Jose) for the MOST spirited group at Lobby Days!! The Spartan Squad t-shirts and signs were awesome,” Thomas said.

According to Melanie Valdez: “I can’t wait to go again next year!”

Article by Elizabeth Macayan, 1st year MSW student.
Stu Hanson is an evaluator for the Alameda County State Incentive Binge Drinking Prevention Project entitled: Environmental Interventions to Reduce Binge Drinking Among 18 – 24 Year Olds in Berkeley and Hayward. He also serves as an evaluator for the Haight Ashbury Free Clinics’ federally-funded five year project to provide Mental Health Services for African Americans with AIDS. He is a member of California State University, East Bay’s ‘Alcohol, Tobacco, and Other Drugs Advisory Committee.

Dr. Laurie Drabble recently completed two research and curriculum development projects focused on collaborative practice between substance abuse and child welfare fields. The project focused on factors that help and hinder collaborative practice among counties in California. The project was funded by the California Social Work Education Center. For access to the free online curricula materials, visit the California Social Work Education (CalSWEC) library web page [http://calswec.berkeley.edu/CalSWEC/Library_Pubs.html] and link to the California Child Welfare Resource library.

Dr. Sang Lee joined SSW Faculty Fall 2006. Her primary area of scholarly research is knowledge and perception of Alzheimer’s disease among minority populations; formal service utilization in care giving for older adults among Asian American populations, and gerontological social work education. Dr. Lee teaches undergraduate policy analysis and research method courses and received her PhD from UCLA.

Dr. Kathy Lemon-Osterling began working for San Jose State University’s School of Social Work during the Fall of 2006. Prior to joining the SJSU faculty, Dr. Lemon-Osterling worked as a grant administrative analyst with the City of San Jose and managed funding contracts to community based organizations through the Healthy Neighborhood Venture Fund and the Community Development Block Grant programs. Dr. Lemon-Osterling teaches in the research sequenced in the MSW program. She received her Ph.D. from U.C. Berkeley School of Social Welfare.
Our Mission

The mission of the School of Social Work at San Jose State University is to prepare social workers for effective, ethical social work practice from a transcultural perspective with Latinos, Asians and Pacific Islanders, African Americans and those individuals, families, groups and communities who are disenfranchised, oppressed, or marginalized. In the service of this mission, we are active in scholarship and professional leadership endeavors that advance a transcultural perspective in social work and promote social justice.