

SOCIAL WORK NEWS

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SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- The BASW program has grown from 68 Seniors enrolled in 2002 to 85 in 2006.
- In a ten year period the MSW program has grown 55% in enrollment
- THE BASW program has a 100W Writing Workshop course starting Fall 2007 teaching specific writing skills relevant to the profession
- The SSW has hired 7 new tenure-track faculty in the last 3 years

GREETINGS FROM DR. ALICE HINES, DIRECTOR

Welcome to the School of Social Work's fall 2007 newsletter! I would like 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.

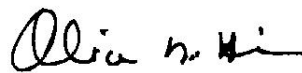
During the last three years, we hired seven new tenure-track full-time faculty, bringing us to 13 full-time faculty – providing permanence and continuity for the future.

We are currently wrapping up our

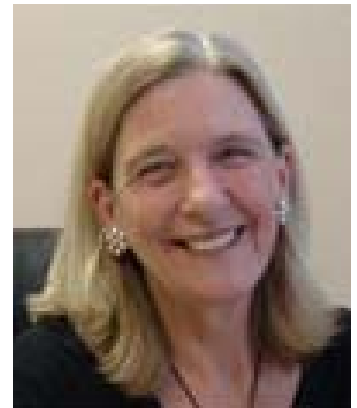
reaccreditation process, with a site visit from our accrediting body - the Council on Social Work Education – slated for February 2008. During this process, the faculty worked hard to reaffirm and expand our historic mission that focuses on preparing social workers to meet the needs of the region and 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
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Dr. Alice Hines, Director
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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

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FACULTY AWARDS

Congratulations to Dr. Sadhna Diwan the recipient of the 2006 – 2007 SJSU 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

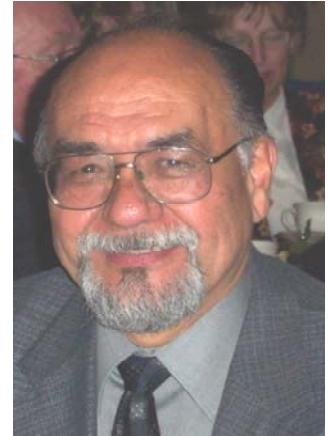
the CASA Outstanding Professor for 2007.

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 Chi-

cano / 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.



Professor Emeritus Simon Dominguez

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

Natalie Mitt, Matthew Shepard House (Services for Homeless GLBTQ Youth)

Amy Paulsen, Transitional Housing for Substance Abusers

Hillary Pleasants, The Bob Gil Student Family Health Center, Santa Teresa High School (A Needs Assessment)

2007 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

Kanako Goto, The Effectiveness of Neurological Screenings for Developmental Disabilities in a Child Protective Services Setting .

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

RETIRING 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-Ai Kai/ Japanese American Community Senior Service of San Jose and a member of the Community Impact Council of the United Way Silicon Valley. Dr. Karjala serves on the Community Advisory Council

for 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.



Dr. Yoko Karjala

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

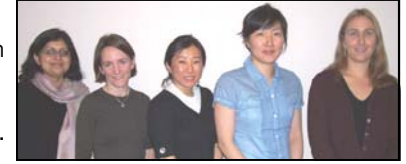
Human Behavior and Social Environment courses in the BASW program. She received her PhD from Case Western Reserve University.

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

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From left to right: Dr. Sadhna Diwan, Dr. Amy D'Andrade, Dr. Meekyung Han, Dr. Sang Lee, Dr. Kathy Lemon-Osterling

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.



San Jose State University School of Social Work students rally in front of the Sacramento State Capital

FACULTY RESEARCH AND COMMUNITY PROJECTS

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.

In Fall 2007 **Dr. Amy D'Andrade** along with Dr. Kathy Lemon-Osterling will be conducting a study in Santa Clara County investigating how child welfare public agencies help parents successfully reunify with their children. The study is funded by the California Social Work Education Center (CalSWEC). Several graduate student research assistants will

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STUDENT AWARDS AND RESEARCH PROJECTS

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Ute Howland, The Relationship Between Social Support and Depression in the Elderly: Role of the "Friendly Visitors" Program

Leslie Hunter, The Effects of Animal Assisted Therapy in the Elderly Population in a Long-Term Care Facility

Emily Jacobs, Custody Mediation: the Influence of Domestic Violence, Substance Abuse, and Other Factors on Reaching a Full Mediated Agreement

Suad Jama, Predictors Influencing Somali Refugee Women's Attitudes Toward Seeking Professional Psychological Help

Teiana Lani Johnston, Factors Influencing Self-Sufficiency of Emancipated Youth

Yanhui Luo, Domestic Violence in Asian American Gay Males and Their Partners

Melinda Oliver, Content Analysis of Dependent Children who AWOL from Care

Erika Rubinstein, The Effect of Client and Clinical Ethnic Matching on Mental Health Outcomes

Our MSW Program remains one of the few in the country to offer Spanish Language Counseling Certificates and Credentials.

NEW FACULTY

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dynamic and child well-being, immigrant community profiles, and the evaluation of cultural competence and evidence-based practices. Dr. Han teaches social work practice sequence courses at the undergraduate level and research methods at the graduate level. She received her PhD degree from U.C. Berkeley's School of Social

Welfare.

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.

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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.

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FACULTY RESEARCH AND COMMUNITY PROJECTS

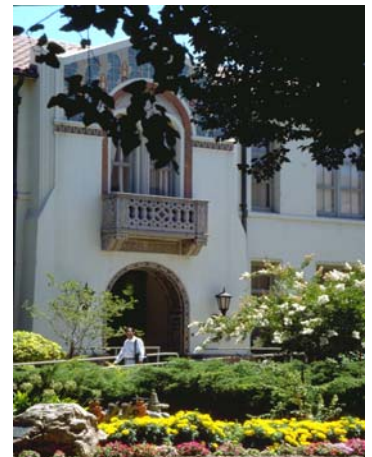
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assist with data collection and analysis. Graduate students will use data collected to complete their Social Work 298 Masters program research projects. The study will inform the development of a CalSWEC curriculum module on effective reunification services for families involved in child welfare.

Dr. Emily Bruce, Cecilia Martinez, MSW L. Michael Clark, JD, Stanley Lee, MSW and **Dr. Peter A. Lee** have completed the first leg of their exploratory research project evaluating the Forensic Human Ser-

vice Program (FHSP) offered at the Santa Clara County Department of Family and Children's Services and submitted their project for publication. The purpose of this study was to explore the influence of a forensic child welfare social work training program. The project sought to assess whether the professional ability of public child welfare social workers was improved as a result of their participation in the training program. The FHSP provides public child welfare social workers with training in courtroom procedures and prac-

tices to improve workers' effectiveness in the Juvenile Court. The research team found that the more training study participants had, the stronger workers' felt about their improved professional ability. This provides a framework for future exploration of the effectiveness of different child welfare training programs.



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