

School of Social Work

Good News, Updates, and Announcements – April 2011



Legislative Lobby Days pictures courtesy of SWGSA

Sang Lee. Sang has a manuscript accepted for publication in *Clinical Gerontologist*: Lee, S. E., & Casado, B. L. "Attitudes Toward Community Services Use in Dementia Care Among Korean Americans."

Kathy Lemon Osterling and Meekyung Han. Meekyung and Kathy have a manuscript accepted for publication in *Children and Youth Services Review*: Lemon Osterling, K., & Han, M. "Reunification Outcomes Among Mexican Immigrant Families in the Child Welfare System."

Ed Cohen. Ed was interviewed and quoted for KQED's California Report on juvenile offenders and mental health needs. Listen to Ed through the link at: <http://www.californiareport.org/archive/R201103240850/a>

Maria "Nelly" Chavez. Nelly, our Field Education Program Administrative Support Coordinator, will be serving on a university level committee to review and improve the process of Student Placement Agreements. These agreements, which are contracts between SJSU and agency sites, are vital for programs that offer field internships and practica as part of the curriculum and degree requirements. Thanks Nelly for representing the School of Social Work!

Helen Pong. Helen, a final-year MSW student, was awarded the "2011 Lighting the Candle Award" by the NASW, California, Asian Pacific Islander Social Work Council (APISWC). This was in recognition for her leadership efforts to step forward and help make a difference for the API social work community. Congratulations Helen!

USWA. The Undergraduate Social Work Student Association held a successful fundraiser at the Flames restaurant. The USWA has also been active through activities such as co-sponsoring the BASW Town Hall meetings, readying the next group of officers who will begin duties in Fall 2011, and preparing apparel for fundraising, including sweatshirts and tote bags.

Legislative Lobby Days (Pictured Above). Lobby Days was an excellent success! 105 students represented SJSU, our School of Social Work, and the social work profession. This fantastic weekend could not have been done without the efforts of Lobby Day Cohort Leaders, the Undergraduate Social Work Association, the National Association of Social Workers San Jose and Region B Units, Policy Professors, and the Social Work Graduate Student Association. Congratulations and thank you to all the delegates for helping to promote change and for your advocacy!

Faculty Service Recognition. Four of our faculty members are being recognized for their service at SJSU this month - 15 years: Lisa Arieta, Alice Hines, and Gil Villagran; 20 years: Fred Prochaska). Congratulations!

2011 Title IV-E Student Day Conference. On April 15th, our Title IV-E program participated in the annual Title IV-E Student Day, a one-day conference in the spring planned by Title IV-E student representatives from throughout the state alongside the California Social Work Education Center (CalSWEC). This is an exciting opportunity for students to hone their professional skills and to network with other students and professionals. This year's Student Day, held in Southern California at the Westin Hotel, had the theme "*United Change Agents to Promote Resilience.*" The conference was a success with approximately 250 students and faculty in attendance, including 10 students from our IV-E Program. Keynote Speakers were: Chris Mathias, CalSWEC Director and Barbara J. Solomon, DSW, Professor Emerita, USC. Workshops included: Strategies for Supporting Fatherhood Involvements; Resiliency & Motivational Interviewing; Foster Youth Drowning in the School-to-Prison Pipeline; Parents in Partnership (PIP); Drug Endangered Children; and Emancipating Foster Youth AB12. Thank you to our faculty, staff, and students engaged in social work through our Title IV-E Program!

