

Alice Hines. Alice has been appointed Interim Associate Dean of the College of Applied Sciences and Arts. Her term of service begins June 1st. Thanks Alice for your leadership and service to the School of Social Work, and congratulations on your new position!

Sandy Hirsch and Alice Hines. Alice and Sandy (Director of the School of Library and Information Sciences) have been awarded a CASA Research Incentive Grant for 2011-2012. Their project "Online graduate programs in Vietnam: A model for global citizenship" was one of three recognized this year.

Ed Cohen. Ed will be appointed Acting Director of the Silicon Valley Center for Global Innovation and Immigration during the Fall 2011 Semester.

Amy D'Andrade. Amy gave the keynote presentation last month at the Fresno IV-E symposium: "Engagement in reunification services: Differences by parent and service type." This was part of the 12th Annual Harry Specht Memorial Child Welfare Symposium hosted by the CSU Fresno Title IV-E Child Welfare Program.

Meekyung Han, Sang Lee, and Peter Allen Lee. Meekyung, Sang, and Peter have a presentation accepted, "Role of personal attributes on burnout among entering MSW students", at the Annual Program Meeting of the Council on Social Work Education (CSWE), October 28-30, 2011, in Atlanta, GA.

Huong Nguyen. Huong has a paper accepted for presentation at the Social Work and Social Policy International Conference in June in Shanghai, China, focusing on the use of Buddhist temples as liaisons between social work centers and people in need of social services in Vietnam.

Vietnam Connection. Huong Nguyen and **Tuan Tran** are also excited that the first student trip to Vietnam through ScWk 285 will happen this summer. Also, on May 16 and 17, CASA will host **Dr. Yen Nguyen**, Vice-Director of the Vietnam Institute of Educational Sciences. The institute supports the Ministry of Education and Training in developing and implementing education policies and programs in Vietnam. As part of her trip, Dr. Nguyen will also visit autism clinics in San Francisco, arranged by **Dr. Ed Cohen** and his wife **Mariam**.

Auda Rivera. Auda has a manuscript accepted for publication, "Exploring Social Capital: An Ethnographic Evaluation of CommUniverCity Methods." This was a project also presented as part of the Proceeding of the Southwestern Anthropological Association at the University of Nevada.

Laurie Drabble and Soma Sen. Laurie, Soma, and alumnus **Sergio Oppenheimer** (MSW 2009) have a paper in press regarding the School's Transcultural Perspective in the *Journal of Teaching in Social Work*, "Integrating a transcultural perspective into the social work curriculum: A description and exploratory study."

Laurie Drabble. Laurie has four other recent publications, one article including two MSW alumnae **Megan Condit** and **Kailynn Kitaji** (MSW 2010):

Condit, Kitaji, Drabble, & Trocki, "Sexual Minority Women and Alcohol: Intersections between drinking, relational contexts, stress and coping" in *Journal of Gay and Lesbian Social Services*.

Drabble, Poole, Magri, Tumwesiguy, Qing, & Plant, "Conceiving risk, divergent Responses: Perspectives on the evolution of the construction of FASD in six countries" in *Substance Use and Misuse*.

Drabble & Epstein, "Prescription Drug Use and Misuse among Women: California Women's Health Survey 2008-2009" and also "Screening and Brief Intervention for Alcohol Consumption and Alcohol-Related Problems: California Women's Health Survey 2008 and 2009" both with the California Department of Health Services, Office of Women's Health.

USWA and SWGSA. Congratulations to the Undergraduate Social Work Association (USWA) and the Social Work Graduate Student Association (SWGSA) for their "Excellence in Collaborative Programming Award" presented at the 2011 Sparta Awards event. Their inspiring, joint work to host the "Voices" event in November 2010 was the reason for their recognition. The event was an opportunity for people to hear stories of struggles and success of those who immigrated to the United States, and to discuss ways to advocate within our communities to help immigrants.

17th Annual Celebration of Community Connections. On May 9th, the School hosted this annual event to honor outstanding student research and community projects (17 total), exceptional student performance in the field (MSW students **Judy Chiang** and **Richard Tran** as Dorothy A. Miller scholars, and **Janet Ruiz** as the BASW scholar), outstanding field agency (**Community Solutions**), and outstanding Field Instructor (**Emma Lucas** of Community Solutions). We thank all the Field Instructors and agencies for their support of our students. We also thank the Field Education Program, Scholarship Committee, and our professors, staff, and students for helping make this event a success once again. Indeed, we can continue to celebrate our wonderful community connections!

