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CWEP Website

<http://www.sw.uh.edu/communityoutreach/cwep.php>

Director's Corner



I am very excited about my new position as the CWEP Director. I was accepted into the GCSW program in 1999 as a first year graduate student with a concentration in Families and Children. I was able to take advantage of the Child Welfare Education Stipend Program. As a CWEP student I was able to enhance my skills and knowledge as well as become familiar with various aspects of the Social Work profession. After graduation in May 2003, I became an active member of the CWEP Curriculum Committee and served as a Field Instructor. I was also a guest speaker in the Child Abuse and Neglect class.

I have a total of 30 years of experience in both the Eligibility and Child Welfare fields. The majority of this time (28 years) has been with the Child Protective Services Department. I have worked in all stages of CPS services including Investigations, Substitute Care and Foster/Adopt. I have an extensive background in training as well. My most recent position was as a Child Safety Specialist in which I was responsible for reviewing high risk cases in order to assist staff in working with at-risk families and children.

I understand the importance and significance of Social Workers. It is our responsibility to become the change agents that our society so desperately needs as we represent the most vulnerable citizens within the state of Texas.

I believe in an open door policy, and would like to meet each and every one of you. I welcome your input and ideas on how we can continue to make this great program a success. I look forward to a long and exciting career at the University of Houston GCSW.

Arnitia Mitchell, CWEP Director

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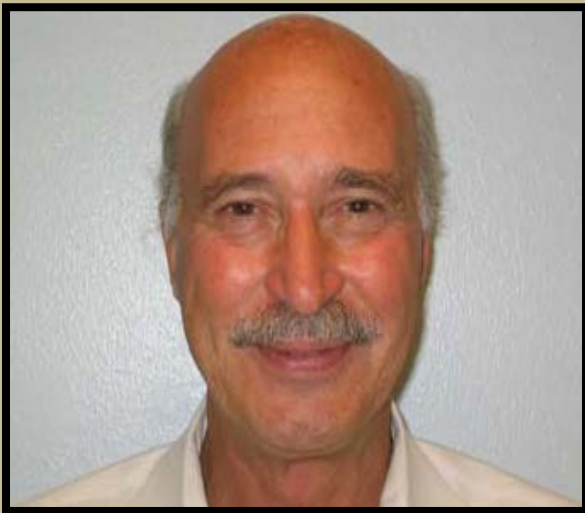
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CWEP Spotlight

This month we are highlighting **Joe Papick**.
Mr. Papick will be retiring this month after 12 years at the GCSW as
the CWEP Director.



It is the start of a new and exciting year for the CWEP program. We will have 10 new students this year, and we welcome back 16 continuing students.

This is also an exciting New Year and adventure for me. I am retiring after 44 years working in the child welfare field. This has been a fulfilling and rewarding experience for me.

I have been so fortunate to work with so many kind and skillful peers over my career. I am also very fortunate that my first supervisor in the field convinced me to get my master degree in social work as I believe it opened so many doors and so many positive experiences for me.

It also allowed me to develop skill that I hope I have used and that these skills have benefitted those that I have served. My last 12 years here working in GCSW have been so fulfilling. I have worked with so many knowledgeable and skillful social workers. I will miss the relationships that I have here daily, and sometimes, I am sure I will miss the work. However, I will play and relax for the next 5 months; something, I have never done before. Then I will decide about my next career activities which I know will lead me into volunteering in areas that continue to involve serving families and children and advocating for improvements and resources for the field of child welfare.

I wish for each of you much success and that your experiences will be as rewarding to you as mine. Thank you all for what you do daily and for the positive impact you have on the families and children that you serve.

-Joe Papick

Farewell, Mr. Papick

Wednesday, August 24th, was Mr. Papick's Going Away Party. He will be retiring after 12 years at the GCSW.



Mr. Papick wants to be the first one to get a piece of cake.



Mr. and Mrs. Papick enjoying Dean Colby's tribute to Mr. Papick.



Dean Colby and Mr. Papick reminiscing about the good old days.



Mr. Papick sharing his retirement plans with Emily Messa, the Assistant Vice President for University Services.

Announcements

CLINICAL SUPERVISION IN SOCIAL WORK

- A 40 hour LCSW Supervision Course approved by the Texas State Board of Social Worker Examiners
- Sponsored by the University of Houston Graduate College of Social Work Continuing Education

Course Faculty:

-Sandra A. Lopez, LCSW, ACSW, DCSW
-Kay G. Schiller, LCSW, DCSW
-Patricia Taylor, Ph. D., LCSW

Dates:

-October 14 & 15, 2011
-November 11 & 12, 2011

Registration Fee:

-\$525 (Early bird registration)
-\$575 (Registration after October 5, 2011)

For more information, or to register:

Contact Ann McFarland, LMSW-AP
amcfarland@uh.edu or 713-743-8145

Consists of 30 hours of face to face classroom work & 10 hours of supervised independent study

Register early – Space is limited!

Do You Know L.E.O.?

Learning Enhancement Opportunity

- LEO is a mentorship program providing academic support for Child Welfare Education Project (CWEP) students
- Under the supervision of Dr. Monit Cheung, Social Work Doctoral Student, Jackie Duron, LMSW, will serve as a mentor to the CWEP students.

Areas of help include:

- APA formatting
- Paper content and structure
- Preparation of presentation materials
- Research skills
- Other academic consultations

*We don't provide editing services, but we offer suggestions to improve paper structure and organizational style.

Get to know L.E.O.
You'll be glad you did.

*An academic mentorship program offered by
Child Welfare Education Project
A Title-IV-E GCSW/CPS Partnership Grant*

For academic mentorships, please contact:

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713-743-8107, GCSW Rm. 424

For the 2011-2012 academic year, please email:

-Jackie Duron, jfduron@mail.uh.edu Rm. 420

Office Hours: Monday 1:00-5:00pm

Wednesday 1:00-5:00pm



HEALTHY MINDS HEALTHY MOMS HEALTHY FAMILIES

Examining the Collaborative Care Model to Address Maternal and Postpartum Mental Health

Featuring keynote speaker:

Dr. Asim A. Shah
HCHD Deputy Chief of Psychiatry

and special guest:

Carol Blocker, Advocate & Mother of
Melanie Blocker Stokes

Wednesday, September 28
8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

United Way of Greater Houston
50 Waugh Drive
Houston, Texas 77007

Fees:

- \$40 - Professionals requiring CEUs (including students)
- \$25 - Professionals not requiring CEUs (all other attendees)
- **FREE** - College students and active consortium members (College Students must present a valid ID.)

*Consortium members must have an application on file and must have attended at least 50 percent of the SFHS hosted meetings in the last 12 months

*Light breakfast and lunch provided

*Register online today at

www.neighborhood-centers.org/ims

Conference Hosted by

Neighborhood Centers Inc.
Sunny Futures
Healthy Start Consortium

Social Work, LPC and LMFT CEUs
provided by:



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Child

No partial CEU credit can be given



United Way of Greater Houston



The 2nd Annual Center for Family Strength Symposium

“Strength in the Face of Challenges”



Keynote Speakers:

- Dr. Roger Friedman, Psychologist
- Mr. Cedric S. McKenzie
- De Shaun Ealoms, Family Expert Keynote Panel Moderator

Workshops Include:

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| -The Challenge of Substance Abuse: Using Evidence Based Practice to Build on Family Strengths
*Presented by: Dr. Susan P. Robbins | -Finding and Using the Strengths in Families
*Presented by: John Ronnau |
| -Engagement: Knowing the Family
Presented by: Lori Lewis-Conerly & Ellen Letts | -Working with Adjudicated Youth and Their Families: Rewards and Challenges
*Presented by: Kimberly Beatty |
| -Children and Families with Mental Illness in the Welfare System: How Can I Help?
*Presented by: Ada Gomez | -Male Victims and Survivors of Partner Abuse: Hearing their Voices
*Presented by: Dr. Monit Cheung, Dr. Venus Tsui |

● Regular Registration \$265.00

● Student Registration \$90.00

*Please make checks payable to UH-Downtown Center for Family Strengths

For any question, contact:

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University of Houston – Graduate College of Social Work Study Abroad: Expanding International Social Work Horizons

By: Ashleigh Scinta

This summer, I had the opportunity to study abroad in Hong Kong and Mainland China. During my eight weeks abroad, I completed both a Field Elective and an independent study course with Dr. Cheung. For my field practicum, I was placed in a community-based agency in Hong Kong. As Hong Kong struggles to promote social integration and equal opportunities for ethnic minorities from South Asia, I worked predominantly with Pakistani women and children.

I had the opportunity to engage in numerous home visits and assessments; participate in team meetings to enhance service delivery, ethical practice, and cultural competence and sensitive; conduct and participate in volunteer trainings; and develop and facilitate my own nutrition and fitness group. This experience improved my cultural competency with Asian populations and illustrated the importance of intercultural collaboration.

For my independent study, I accompanied Dr. Cheung and Dr. Leung on an eleven-day cultural and historical tour of Mainland China. Our tour concluded in Shanghai; however, the next phase of my experience with international social work had only begun. In Shanghai, I attended my first international social work conference, where esteemed social work educators and researchers from throughout the world were in attendance.

At this conference, I also had the opportunity to present in conjunction with Dr. Cheung and Dr. Leung the findings of their study on Help-Seeking Behaviors among Chinese Americans with Depression. Additionally, I was able to develop a term paper focusing on comparative policy analysis of domestic violence policies in the United States and the People's Republic of China.

As my specific research and practice interests center on domestic violence, this independent study enabled me to further my knowledge of international policies and practices for this endemic social problem.

However, the focus of the term paper and independent study remains open to the interests of the student.

For anyone interested in international social work and enhancing their cultural competency, I would highly recommend this once in a lifetime opportunity.

Not only were the professors from the Graduate College of Social Work exceedingly helpful and hospitable, but also the staff from the agency, the faculty at the City University of Hong Kong, and the students from the City University of Hong Kong who previously engaged in an exchange semester at the Graduate College of Social Work contributed to making my summer abroad a positive and memorable professional, educational, and personal experience.



From left: Ashleigh Scinta, Dr. Patrick Leung, and Dr. Monit Cheung at the Social Work and Social Policy International Conference.

For future study abroad opportunities in Hong Kong and China, contact Dr. Patrick Leung at pleung@uh.edu, or Dr. Monit Cheung at mcheung@uh.edu



CWEP Listserv

CWEP Listserv is a means to communicate with all CWEP students and Alumni. We will be sending our September 2011 NewsLine through CWEP Listserv. All NewsLine issues are also posted on the CWEP current student website.

http://www.sw.uh.edu/communityoutreach/cwep_students.php

If you do not receive the CWEP Listserv via your email on September 2, 2011, please contact Dr. Cheung (mcheung@uh.edu) with your name and current email address.

Our CWEP Connection depends on your participation.