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

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welcome

...to all new and continuing CWEP students!
 We wish you the best in your graduate studies!



Director's Comments

"Welcome Back! By now you all are settling in for the new semester, and you already know that we were able to increase both the employee student stipend and the non-employee student stipend by \$500. I know that this will help, but it still leaves some costs that each student will need to cover. We will continue to look at the cost of education and how much we can offer and still keep as many stipends available as possible. This increase is also in response to your fellow students' comments to us in our annual evaluation. As I have mentioned at our annual meeting in August, it is very important to me and to the staff that we receive regular feedback from you about how well we are doing. I know we still seek improvements, but I want to increase our ability to assist you to be successful in your MSW program. And, I can only do so when we hear from you about your issues and concerns. We have a number of ways to communicate with each other, but if I do not know what your issues or concerns are, I cannot provide you the information that you need. So, please let us know what you are interested in or if you have any questions so we can address them clearly and quickly. I hope you have a great semester, and I look forward to hearing from each of you."

Joe Papick, CWEP Director

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CWEP Spotlight



This month we are highlighting Corrine Walijarvi, **LEO Mentor**

1. How did you become involved with the CWEP program?

I became involved with the CWEP program as I entered in the PhD program in 2008, working as a Graduate Assistant for Dr. Monit Cheung and now working with Dr. Patrick Leung.

2. Describe your current position as the LEO mentor.

My role as LEO mentor is to help CWEP students with any questions they may have about course requirements and assignments, especially papers. Having been an MSW student at the GCSW, I am familiar with many of the professors' expectations, and can guide students on how to meet or exceed the standards required for written assignments.

3. What do you like most about being the LEO mentor?

I love reading students' papers – they are always so interesting and address topics that are so important to our society. I also enjoy helping students, whether in concrete ways such as by improving the structure or style in a paper, or by just giving them support if they are anxious about a course.

4. What are some of the challenges you face in your role?

The only challenge has been when a student seeks immediate help on the same day that I have a major project due. I am usually able to respond to a request for help within 24 hours, but that can be tough sometimes. I encourage CWEP students to email me at least 2 days in advance if at all possible.

5. What advice do you have for CWEP students?

I advise students to use assignments to develop critical thinking skills and writing skills. Improvements in these skills are beneficial throughout one's entire life, so it pays off to put in a little extra effort now.

6. How has your involvement with CWEP prepared you for your future plans?

I want to teach in the future, and I believe that the experiences I have had as LEO mentor have helped prepare me for my future role as a teacher.



Announcements

UH-CWEP Listserv

CWEP Listserv has been established to promote better communication among CWEP students, alumni, staff and faculty. Subscribers can send emails to UH-CWEP@listserv.uh.edu when they want to make an announcement (such as wedding or child birth) or update us on recent child welfare related events or policies). Dr. Monit Cheung (PI and faculty of CWEP) has made the first announcement for access to the APA Format for Citations handout. If you haven't received it, you are not yet a subscriber. Please email mcheung@uh.edu immediately to add your email to this family or if you have any Listserv questions. Your CPS field instructors or colleagues are welcome to join too.

Latest Update

The updated version of the APA 6th Edition handout has been posted. Please note that the revised edition requires the inclusion of the abbreviation of State in all US cities include New York, NY and Los Angeles, CA, etc. Also, it does not require a date on your internet retrieval. Go to: http://www.sw.uh.edu/communityoutreach/cwep_students.php (Click on "APA Format for Citation, 6th Edition").

L. E. O.

Learning Enhancement Opportunity Corrine Walijarvi, LEO Mentor for CWEP

Your LEO Mentor is here to help you!

When you want to get a third-person perspective about your academic preparation, or when you need someone to go over your presentation outline or paper format, please email or see Corrine Walijarvi, your LEO mentor for CWEP students.

Corrine's office hours for CWEP students in Fall 2010 are:

Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10:00 am – 2:00 pm

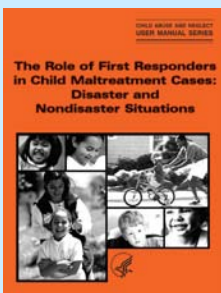
Feel free to email Corrine any time at cmwalija@mail.uh.edu to ask any questions related to your academic preparation or to confirm a specific time for meeting with her. She looks forward to meeting with you in Room 412 and helping in any way that she can.

Now Online:

Two New User Manuals on Child Abuse and Neglect

The final two manuals of the third edition of the *Child Abuse and Neglect User Manual Series* are now available for download from the Child Welfare Information Gateway website:

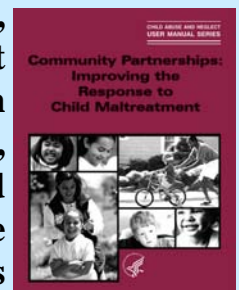
The Role of First Responders in Child Maltreatment Cases: Disaster and Nondisaster Situations



This manual describes types of child maltreatment and signs that indicate maltreatment has occurred. It provides an overview of the initial response and investigation in cases of suspected maltreatment, explains how first responders should prepare and provide testimony in court for maltreatment cases, and outlines how first responders and their agencies can prepare for and respond to child maltreatment cases in emergencies and disasters. www.childwelfare.gov/pubs/usermanuals/first_responders

Community Partnerships: Improving the Response to Child Maltreatment

This manual offers guidance on how diverse community agencies, organizations, and individuals can work together to form a web of support for families and create safe, healthy environments where children can thrive. The manual describes the benefits of community partnerships, outlines the steps for establishing and sustaining partnerships, and demonstrates how to measure results. In the appendices are valuable resources such as checklists, sample forms, and success stories. www.childwelfare.gov/pubs/usermanuals/partners



The entire *User Manual Series* is available at www.childwelfare.gov/pubs/usermanual.cfm



New Editor for NewsLine

Amanda Ford began her official role as editor this fall. She is a second year Ph.D. student at the GCSW. Amanda has an undergraduate degree in art and a master's degree in counseling, and she recently graduated from the GCSW with her MSW. Amanda is very interested in the role of CWEP at the GCSW and looks forward to her involvement with CWEP this semester.

EVENT

25th ANNUAL CONFERENCE ON THE PREVENTION OF CHILD ABUSE

February 28-March 1, 2011

Westin Park Central Hotel Dallas

Presented by

Prevent Child Abuse Texas

A statewide Conference designed to offer quality training and information on topics and model programs of interest to leaders in child abuse prevention: social workers, counselors, educators, child care and youth workers, law enforcement personnel, medical & legal professionals, foster parents, child welfare board volunteers, elected officials, and other interested child advocates. Participants may attend their choice of a variety of workshops on child abuse and neglect prevention and educational programs or may select workshops for specialized training credits and professional development. The conference is featuring Harvey Karp, MD, George W. Holden, PhD, Jenna Quinn, and The Amazing Spiderman.

**To be a part of the conference, please complete the appropriate form(s) at:
<http://www.preventchildabusetexas.org/forms.html>**

For additional information:
Toll-free: 800-CHILDREN
www.PreventChildAbuseTexas.org

CWEP Calendar of Events

FALL 2010

September

- 1st - CWEP New Student/Supervisor Meeting (Murworth, RM C107 from 1pm-3 pm)
6th - **LABOR DAY HOLIDAY**
15th - CWEP New Student/Supervisor Meeting (Murworth, RM D16 from 10am-12 pm)
4/10-1/10 - Applying for Fall Graduation Deadline (\$50.00 Late Fee Charged from 10/2/10-10/29/10)

October

- 7th - 9th - TX NASW state meeting in Houston, TX
23rd - Educational Contracts due for Foundation Students
25th-29th - CWEP Student Advising for Spring 2011

November

- 1st - Field Applications due for Spring 2011
5th - Brown Bag at CPS from 12:00pm-1:00pm (combined with "CWEP Social" originally scheduled for Oct 13)
25th - 28th - **THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY**
TBA - **GCSW/ Licensing Prep Class**

December

- 4th - Last Day of Classes and Field Instruction

SPRING 2011

January

- 17th - **MARTIN LUTHERN KING, JR., HOLIDAY**
18th - **Classes Begin for Spring Semester**
TBA - Brown Bag at CPS from 12:00pm-1:00pm

February

- 5th - Field Educational Contracts Due
TBA - Applying for Spring Graduation Deadline (\$50.00 Late Fee Charged)
TBA - Social/Networking Event (Self Care)

March

- 11th - CWEP Symposium
14th - 19th - **SPRING BREAK WEEK**
21st - 25th - CWEP Student Advising for Summer/Fall 2011

April

- 6th - Field Agency Marketplace
15th - Field Applications Due For Summer/Fall 2011

May

- 2nd - Field Evaluations Due / Last Day of Classes
11th - Preference Forms for Concentration Year Summer/Fall Placements Due
14th - **CONVOCATION**

CWEP WEBSITE

For Students:

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

CWEP Program Details

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Scholarship Opportunities

APA 6th Edition Format (Prepared by Dr. Cheung)

CWEP Library Catalog

Link to GCSW Course Syllabi

For IV-E Partners and National Child Welfare Resources:

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

Title IV-E Stipend/Payback Matrix

Title IV-E Framework

Journal Submission Information

Research Articles

Video Library

Child Welfare Training Resources

Child Welfare Web Links