

**MSU Sesquicentennial
150 years of teaching,
research and service**

It is hard to believe when you travel through campus today—given the size and development of the University—but Michigan State University began in 1855 as an agricultural college with a small group of students and faculty located in the middle of the state of Michigan. In 1862, early in the Civil War, President Lincoln proposed the legislation that established the country’s land grant



universities.* MSU was the pioneering land grant institution. Today, MSU is the seventh largest university in the United States. It is a member of the American Association of Universities and is recognized as one of the universities most involved in and contributing to research in the United States. Our land-grant tradition continues as the University strives to have its research

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Autumn on MSU’s East Lansing campus. Photo courtesy of University Relations.



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Facing challenges, advancing our mission

As a new School year is underway, I am impressed again with the privileges and the challenges that face the School of Social Work. We have a terrific student group this year, with almost 70 new juniors in our BASW program, over 300 MSW students in programs across the state (in East Lansing, Flint, Gaylord, Saginaw, and soon in Marquette again), and we are welcoming an incoming cohort of six doctoral students. There are more than 60 faculty members teaching this year, with a talented and veteran support staff. And some new initiatives—such as an expanded Continuing Education program and the new KIDS KORP volunteer program based at the School of Social Work.

It is a privilege to welcome and work with our students, faculty and program leaders. Even though some of the School programs are larger or different than when many others attended MSU, some things are the same—there continues to be a genuine interest in each student and a

commitment to providing the best educational experience possible.

We have challenges. With continued state funding cuts, providing a sufficient number of faculty members is difficult, particularly when we believe we should be expanding and accepting more students into our BASW and MSW programs. With rising tuition, we need to be able to provide more financial aid for our students so they can devote more time and energy to their studies and professional preparation. With increasing needs in the community, sometimes it seems that we are so stretched to meet our teaching and advising obligations that little time and few resources remain to support us to be the good and active partners we would like to be with the many agencies and organizations that we value and want to support.

We are very proud that our reaccreditation efforts were completely successful. However, our curriculum remains in a constant state of examination and improvement so that we



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teach best practices and increasingly use research- and evaluation-informed evidence to anchor our knowledge and interventions. And we are working to expand our research efforts to contribute to the social work knowledge base, to provide information and insights useful and applicable to practice and policy.

This is a special time at MSU as we celebrate our 150th year. This issue of the School's newsletter will introduce some of the faculty and students involved in the efforts to strengthen the School. Hopefully, this will affirm and expand your connection to MSU and the School of Social Work. ■

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serve the citizens of the state and to provide an accessible education for Michigan residents.

In the midst of this large, diverse university is the MSU School of Social Work. We continue to function as part of the College of Social Science—the largest College at MSU. The School has a special role in advancing knowledge of value to Michigan citizens, in preparing professionals to serve children, families, communities and organizations, and in service through our field

education, faculty outreach and programs.

As the University begins celebrating its 150th birthday, you are welcome to participate in many of the events in East Lansing and around the state. There is a special section for the sesquicentennial celebrations on the MSU web site at www.s150.msu.edu.

*For more information on Land Grant Universities, go to www.nasulgc.org/publications/publications.asp and click on The Land Grant Tradition.

Chance at Childhood program reaches capacity, looks for way to expand next year

By Joseph Kozakiewicz, JD, MSW
Director, Chance at Childhood

The Chance at Childhood program is off to a successful start this year. Applications for this year's program were very competitive, and for the first time, a number of students had to be turned away due to lack of space. After careful deliberation, six social work students and 12 law students were admitted to the program. Social work students are placed in the clinic for a full year, while law students are placed there for only one semester. This two-to-one ratio allows the clinic to be staffed by an equal number of students from both schools for the first time. We are looking for creative ways to admit 12 students from both schools for next year's program.

In addition to the 18 students admitted to the program, five additional students were given special permission to register for the *Seminar in Integrated Law and Social Work*. Given the interest in the seminar among students not admitted to the program, and given the current size of the seminar class, we are adding a second section of the seminar next year and opening registration to all MSW and law students. In addition, we are developing a more general course in Law and Social Work for those students not specifically interested in child welfare issues, but who are interested in the

broader nexus of interdisciplinary law and social work practice.

The Law and Social Work Clinic is currently receiving a variety of Court appointments from Eaton, Ionia and Genesee Counties. We are in the process of developing a program for supervised parenting time with Ingham County following a successful grant application written by Program Coordinator Kim Steed and Angelique Day, who has been both a student and graduate assistant in the program. Clinicians also provide advice and refer-



The Chance at Childhood Clinic is located at 541 East Grand River Avenue, East Lansing, on the lower level of the Campus Town Mall, directly across from the MSU campus.

als to families and professionals in the community in a wide variety of matters affecting the interests of children. In one case, the FIA Office of Family Advocate asked the Clinic to advise a local family on how they might obtain custody of a niece and nephew who had been placed in foster care in Puerto Rico. Most recently, the Livingston County Family Court has asked for a meeting to discuss how that court may develop a relationship with the Clinic. The immediate goal for the Clinic is to establish a manageable caseload for students that will provide a sound educational experience in a variety of cases, in a variety of local courts.

Finally, we have also begun to actively work with Michele Brock, Continuing Education Coordinator for the School, to begin developing a Continuing Education curriculum focusing on interdisciplinary practice in child welfare. As part of this process, the program's proposed poster presentation, *Interdisciplinary Education and Practice in Child Advocacy*, has been accepted for the 2005 Annual Colloquium of the American Professional Society on the Abuse of Children, to be held June 15-18, 2005 in New Orleans. The presentation will focus on the benefits and challenges of interdisciplinary social work and law education in the classroom and in a clinical setting. We will also discuss considerations for starting programs similar to Chance at Childhood at other institutions. ■

Continuing Education program to facilitate professional development

By Michele Brock, MSW, ACSW
Continuing Education Coordinator

Social work is a dynamic profession rich with everyday challenges and opportunities. The MSU School of Social Work understands social work education is a lifelong process. This year, the School has created a Continuing Education (CE) program to support the postgraduate learning needs of social workers. Conferences and workshops we have held in years past like Ruth Koehler and Dorothy Harper Jones will continue to be offered, along with new workshops and seminars in topical areas the practice community guides us to offer. We are committed to offering face-to-face CE throughout the state as well as online.

Development of a CE program comes at a momentous time in Michigan's social work history. In April 2004, Michigan joined the rest of the nation in passing legislation (PA 61 of 2004) requiring anyone who practices as a "social worker," to be licensed. According to the Association of Social Work Boards, the association of boards that regulate the social work profession, "the most important aspect of licensure is what it does for the people social workers help every day." Licensed social worker practice is backed by a legal guarantee of competent, ethical and responsible services. While the specifics of the act are still being developed

Education is for improving the lives of others and for leaving your community and world better than you found it.

—Marian Wright Edelman

by colleagues such as NASW-Michigan and others designated by the State Board of Social Work Examiners, we do know the law will take effect July 2005, and licensed social workers will be required to obtain 45 contact hours of CE within a three-year licensure renewal cycle. Detailed information about licensure is available through the Michigan Department of Community Health or on the School's website at: <http://www.ssc.msu.edu/~sw/ceu>.

Professional development not only helps us to survive in an ever-changing environment but to thrive. The School is taking the lead by developing a program and providing offerings rooted in best practice standards set forth by ASWB and NASW. The School's CE Program is designed to respond to the practice community's needs. Information about licensure and upcoming programs is updated on a regular basis on the School's web page. Please tell us what advanced training would best help you by completing an online survey at: <http://www.ssc.msu.edu/~sw/ceu/>. *All surveys completed between December 10, 2004 and December 20, 2004, with a name and mailing address in the "Comments" section, will receive a small token of our appreciation.*

Current programs: "Contemporary Issues in Aging: A Professional Seminar Series: Advanced training," (face-to-face, in East Lansing; see related article page 9), was created in response to the School's Hartford Advisory group identifying unmet training needs in gerontological social work in Michigan. The Seminar series includes workshops that span from September 2004 through April 2005. The response to programs offered in the series thus far has been overwhelmingly positive. Registrations are now being accepted for the remaining programs: February 26—*Managing Chronic Illness*; March 19—*Wellness*; April 16—*Substance Abuse*.

If you are interested in registering for an upcoming program in the series, you can view the brochure online or contact Michele Brock at 517-353-8620 or brockm@msu.edu. ■

Save the date!

Ruth Koehler Mini Conference

Dottie Ward-Wimmer, RN, MA, LPC, RPT

Friday, April 1, 2005

at the Gateway Holiday Inn in Flint

Sponsored by the MSU School of Social Work

Dottie Ward-Wimmer, a pediatric nurse and bereavement counselor, has been working with and for children, teens and their families for over 30 years on issues of loss, life threatening illness, transition, violence and abuse. This offering is part of a memorial tribute to Ruth Koehler, retired professor at the School. For more information, contact Jacqueline Humphrey at the School at 517-432-6171.

Newest faculty bring wealth of experience

The School is pleased to introduce its newest faculty members:

Michele Brock, MSW, ACSW, joins the School as our first Continuing Education Coordinator. After receiving her MSW from University of Michigan in 1994, Michele worked as a clinician, trainer and program director in the nonprofit sector. Her particular areas of expertise include clinical intervention with survivors of child abuse and sexual assault, reflective supervision, and sexuality education throughout the lifespan. This year, Michele is developing and administering the School's Continuing Education Program and teaching an undergraduate Field Instruction course.



Angie Kennedy, PhD, has approximately 10 years of experience in the field, primarily working with children, youth and families in both micro and macro settings. She received her PhD from the Jane Addams College of Social Work at the University of Illinois at Chicago, with a focus on social policy and a graduate concentration in gender and women's studies. Her research and advocacy interests focus on poverty/inequality and welfare policy, violence exposure among pregnant and parenting adolescents, the relationships between violence exposure and school outcomes, risk and resilience, and feminist and mixed methods. This year, she joins us as Assistant Professor and is teaching a policy course and a macro practice course at the BSW level, and the



Human Behavior in the Social Environment sequence at the MSW level.

Dawn Lehman, PhD, is the co-founder of Kids Korps USA, a national nonprofit youth volunteer organization that engages young people, ages 5-18, in community service. Kids Korps at MSU, the regional division, is housed in the School of Social Work. Currently, she is working with two second-year Social Work graduate students, Monaca Eaton and Audrey Makokha, to design and implement the Kids Korps volunteer program in Lansing and East Lansing schools. Dawn, Monaca and Audrey also are working on service curricula that can be implemented in after-school programs in Michigan next year. Dawn, a cultural anthropologist, has 14 years experience conducting medical research associated with stress, hypertension, depression, menopause, obesity and childhood immunization. In addition to her interest in child development, she enjoys working on research and outreach projects related to women's health.



Marya Sosulski, PhD, attended the University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign, where she received a BS in General Biology in 1992 and her MSW in 1998. Her PhD in Social Welfare is from the University of Wisconsin-Madison. She has joined the School as Assistant Professor and currently teaches introductory social policy issues at the Master's and undergraduate levels, and meso/macro policy with a focus on community organizing. Originally from the Chicago area, she lived in Champaign for about 10 years before moving to Madison. She is currently working on studies of welfare

reform, concentrating on access to higher education and health care for low-income women. In the classroom, she is thinking about innovations for connecting social work policy and practice for students.



Karen Swinehart, MSW, received a BA in Women's Studies from the University of Colorado, a BASW from Saginaw Valley State University, and her MSW from MSU. Her work history has been focused in clinical social work practice, with an emphasis on substance abuse treatment, and particular attention to women's treatment and recovery issues. The developmental and spiritual aspects of rebuilding lives from the destruction of addiction, both for those in recovery as well as their family members, have been areas



of personal interest throughout her work in the field. Prior to joining the School in July, she worked in the substance abuse department of Ingham County Community Mental Health. Previously, she was a clinical therapist at Brighton Hospital Adult Unit and with the National Council on Alcoholism/Lansing Regional Area residential treatment program for women. Currently, she is serving the School as Graduate Advisor to MSW students in the distance education programs and Part-time East Lansing students, as well as an instructor, teaching the substance abuse course. ■

School welcomes PhD students

Please join us in welcoming the 2004 incoming cohort of PhD students. They come to the School of Social Work with a wide variety of research interests as well as a variety of job experiences to draw from.

Joan Ilardo Deller, MSW (MSU), currently is Student Services Coordinator, a Graduate Advisor and a Clinical Instructor for the Michigan State University School of Social Work. Her research interests include long-term care policy and financing for older adults.

Margaret Dimond, MSW (Boston College), currently is an Assistant Dean at the Michigan State University College of Human Medicine as well as a Clinical Instructor for the School of Social Work. Her research interests include health behaviors, treatment compliance and end-of-life issues.

James (Jim) Edwards, MSW (Western Michigan University), currently works for Grand Valley State University as the Director of MSW Field Education and is a King-Chavez-Parks Fellow there. His research interests include social work and technology and co-occurring disorders, specifically mental health and substance abuse.

Karen Phillips, MSW (MSU), currently works for Spring Arbor University as an academic advisor and is assisting Dr. Sally Rypkema in teaching Human Behavior in the Social Environment at MSU via Distance Education media. Her research interests include foster care, with an emphasis on attachment, and program development.

Linda Schmidt, MSW (University of Michigan), currently works for the Family Independence Agency both as a Family Advocate and in the Legal

Affairs office. She also teaches program evaluation at Saginaw Valley State University. Her research interests include value-based small group decision-making and the impact of social programs and cultural definitions on "problems."

Shelley Schuurman, MSW (Western Michigan University), currently works for Grand Valley State University in the School of Social Work. She teaches classes in both the MSW and the BSW programs. Her research interests include creative teaching techniques in social work education, particularly related to teaching practice, work with children and families, and "sexualized children."

For information regarding our PhD in Social Work program, please visit <http://www.msu.edu/user/sswphd/index.html>. ■

The Master of Social Work (MSW) Program is returning to the Upper Peninsula!

All required courses for the fully-accredited MSW degree will be offered at Northern Michigan University, and field education can be arranged close to where you live or work.

- ◆ Classes begin in January, 2005*
- ◆ PART-TIME program with late afternoon, evening and weekend courses designed for working students
- ◆ A name you can depend on, with past successful MSW programs in Marquette, Traverse City, Gaylord, Alpena, Saginaw, Flint, Lapeer and Sault Sainte Marie

For further information, call toll-free 1-800-306-2249,
e-mail us at swdisted@msu.edu
or visit our web site at <http://www.msu.edu/~swdisted/>

The deadline for Early Decision is December 15th (assuming all required material has been submitted), while the final deadline for completed applications is February 1, 2005.

*As with past successful MSU programs, the complete degree program will be offered assuming academic, technical, financial, and certification requirements can be met.

Field Education reaches across Michigan

By Jo Ann P. McFall, MSW, ACSW
Associate Director for Field Education

During the 2003-2004 academic year, 254 students were placed in 157 field agencies in 43 cities and towns in Michigan. Forty-three of the agencies hosting students were newly affiliated with the School, which helps to expand our more than 800 agency statewide database. The School currently has programs not only in East Lansing but Flint, Saginaw, Gaylord and soon another cohort in Marquette.

Our current liaison/seminar model works well in support of the expanding field program. Field liaisons maintain an average liaison load of eight students and are paid, on a per student/academic year basis. Their responsibilities include facilitating seminars, visiting students in their agencies and generally supporting students and the field curriculum.

In addition to developing, monitoring and evaluating placements, the Field Office also works to develop and sustain collaborations. The exciting partnership with Catholic Social Services of Lansing/St. Vincent Home continues to evolve, and a new collaboration with Clinton-Eaton-Ingham Community Mental Health is in its beginning stages.

These are the goals and areas of special attention we have developed for 2004-2005:

- Create a task force to review/revise curricular objectives within all field courses;
- Continue development of the placement pool, particularly for Saginaw and Gaylord;
- Implement pre and post surveys to evaluate outcomes within all field courses;
- Monitor and participate in licensure implementation; and
- Conceptualize and incorporate continuing education into field events. ■

If you and your agency are interested in becoming a part of the MSU School of Social Work Field Education team by hosting a student or becoming a liaison, email joann.mcfall@ssc.msu.edu or call 517-353-8631.



Students canoeing on the Red Cedar River, which runs through MSU's East Lansing campus. Photo courtesy of University Relations.

Third annual Michigan Indian Day Event "Healing Across the Generations: Body, Mind and Spirit"

The Michigan State University School of Social Work and Lansing Community College collaborated to host *Healing Across the Generations: Body, Mind and Spirit*, a one-day conference held on September 24 at the Erickson Kiva on the MSU campus.

The event was scheduled in recognition of Michigan Indian Day, designated as the fourth Friday of September by

Mark your calendars for next year's event:
Friday, September 30, 2005

Governor William G. Milliken's (1969-1982) Administration to acknowledge the contributions American Indians have made to the State of Michigan.

This is the third annual event organized by the School of Social Work. We were very pleased to have Lansing Community College collaborate with us this year. In addition, we had many wonderful sponsors (see box).

The focus of this year's event was on historical traumas and current social and health issues and the healing across generations that needs to be addressed to enhance the well-being of American Indians and First Nations people in the State of Michigan, the United States and Canada. The event brought to the forefront the importance of understanding healing from several cultural perspectives. Highlighted during the conference and discussed throughout the day were the tribal nations' strengths in family, culturally-grounded traditions and teachings, self-reliance and spirituality.

Conference presenters represented 10 tribal nations and bands from the United States and Canada. In addition, two non-Native graduate students shared their experiences working with a Native professor in field research. All of the presenters came together for one day to share a valuable learning opportunity for anyone interested in American Indians and cultural competence. In addition, there were 16 undergraduate and graduate students who volunteered and participated in the day-long event.

The attendees included undergraduates and graduate students, faculty and staff members, and individuals from the community. All sessions were most often evaluated as "excellent." Evaluations also included comments such as: moving and powerful, honest and thought-provoking, many lessons learned, powerful revelations of personal accounts of the boarding school experience, good teachings, thank you so much, it was really wonderful!

A special thank you goes to Dr. Suzanne Cross for her leadership and coordination of this event. ■



Thank you to the 2004 Michigan Indian Day event sponsors

Michigan State University:

School of Social Work
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Families and Communities Together (FACT)
Coalition
Geriatric Center of Michigan

Lansing Community College:

American Indian Student Association
Counseling Services Department-Multicultural
Center

Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe:

At-Large Program

Seminars focus on contemporary issues in aging

The School of Social Work, the Institute of Geriatric Social Work, and NASW–Michigan Chapter have partnered to offer a series of Saturday seminars about contemporary issues in aging. The first seminar, held September 25, 2004, focused on dementias, with Mary Mareck, School of Social Work alumna and private practitioner, presenting. The seminar covered current trends in research on dementia as well as successful practice techniques to use with older adults diagnosed with dementia.

The second seminar, held October 23, 2004 and presented by Dr. Susan Maixner of the Department of Psychiatry at the University of Michigan Health System, examined current research and practice in geriatric psychopharmacology. The third seminar, scheduled for November 20, 2004, will explore the mental health needs of older adults.

Three additional seminars—



More students are being equipped with tools needed to understand the complex issues that confront older adults and their families and the policies, programs and services designed to assist and support people in their later years.

Managing Chronic Illness, Wellness, and Substance Abuse—will be presented during the 2005 Spring semester.

The *Contemporary Issues in Aging Seminars* are open to social work

practitioners in the community on a non-credit basis and to students in the Michigan State University School of Social Work for credit. The seminars are credited as electives toward Certificates in Social Work with Older Adults at the School of Social Work.

Funding for the series is provided by the Institute for Geriatric Social Work at the Boston University School of Social Work and the Hartford Foundation. The series represents the increasing commitment of the Michigan State University School of Social Work to gerontology education both for current students and practitioners in the field.

For more information on the seminars, contact Michele Brock, Coordinator of Continuing Education, at 517-353-8620 or brockm@msu.edu. If you have ideas or interest in specific seminar topics, contact Sue Bowden at 517-432-3728 or Sally Rypkema at 517-432-5509. ■

Master of Social Work (MSW) Program in FLINT

We want to hear from potential students who want to earn the fully-accredited MSW degree without traveling to East Lansing. All required courses will be offered at the MSU Extension Building on Pasadena Avenue, close to US-23. The Flint branch program has been enrolling students since Fall 2001. Special features include:

- ◆ Classes begin in July or August, 2005
- ◆ Concentration (major) in Clinical social work or Organization & Community Practice
- ◆ Courses taught by MSU faculty
- ◆ Three-year PART-TIME program with evening courses designed for working students
- ◆ Required field education can be arranged close to where you live or work
- ◆ A name you can depend on, with past successful distance MSW programs in Traverse City, Gaylord, Alpena, Saginaw, Marquette, Flint, Lapeer and Sault Sainte Marie

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Faculty work reaches around the world

The MSU School of Social Work faculty expertise extends far beyond the East Lansing city limits.

DeBrenna Agbenyiga, MSW, **Rena Harold**, PhD, and MSW student **Gwen Taylor** worked with Director **Gary Anderson**, PhD, on a new grant from the federal government to support vocational training for women in Ghana, one of the first international grants awarded to the School. This

grant is in conjunction with the Center for Advanced Study of International Development in the MSU College of Social Science.

Susan Bowden, MSW, remains president of the Michigan Baccalaureate Social Work Educators group and has been busy helping to plan the national Baccalaureate Program Directors Meeting being held in Detroit this fall. She also received an award from the MSU School of Social Work for

her efforts in helping to get licensure passed.

Michele Brock, MSW, won a Hartford grant this summer to support continuing education in gerontology, one of our first grants to support continuing education! (See story on page 9.)

Suzanne Cross, PhD, had published "In honor of the lessons of the elders" in *Reflections: Narratives of Professional Helping*, and "Legal options for grandparents raising their Grandchildren" in NASW's *Aging Section Connection*. In addition, she gave presentations on older adult learners and Native American issues at the 22nd Annual Baccalaureate Social Work Program Directors Meeting in Detroit and 16th Annual Arizona Indian Council on Aging Conference at Gila River (AZ) Indian Reservation.

Joan Ilardo Deller, MSW, worked with a faculty group on three new Medicaid projects approved for 2004-2005. This is our second year of Medicaid funding.

Rena Harold, PhD, received the award from the Faculty and Professional Women's Association for Outstanding Woman Faculty Member for 2004.

The School's collaborative initiative *People and Animals Within the Social Environment* (PAWSE) has been expanding. Besides forming an advisory group for PAWSE last Spring semester, **Linda Lawrence**, MSW, and **Peg Whalen**, PhD student, visited a new Veterinary Social Work Services project at the University of Tennessee in Knoxville. Linda and Peg are pursuing on-campus collaborations and current research projects. Watch future newsletters for more information. ■

Dr. Mary Alice Collins retires

It is with deep appreciation and some sense of loss and sorrow that we announce that Dr. Mary Alice Collins will be retiring in January 2005 from the MSU School of Social Work faculty. Mary Alice has been an extraordinary faculty member at the School since 1987. Having earned her PhD at MSU School of Social Work in 1974, she has been a faithful and talented clinical professor having served many hundreds of students over the years. She has taught practice classes each semester, including summers, and has been a skilled teacher devoted to students at distance sites as well as in East Lansing. This skillful teaching has been informed by her continuing clinical practice of social work—through which she has also helped many people in the community. She has contributed significantly to the School by working alongside her colleagues on task forces and School committees.

Mary Alice has been devoted to her students, and this has extended to leading field liaison groups in recent years. Her special interest in spirituality has been shared with classes and the alumni association breakfast workshops. (See *Spring 2003 News*, p. 4.) Her strong commitments to ethics and to self-reflection and self-knowledge have been important themes in her teaching and work. She has lived out and displayed the values that she has taught. She has demonstrated a strong and positive identity as a social worker while also championing interdisciplinary work and valuing the perspectives and contributions of other professionals. Her sense of humor, fairness, kindness and encouragement have been consistent and welcome. For all of these reasons and more, we are grateful to her and will miss her so much. There will be a retirement celebration in mid-January; for details, please contact the School at 517-353-8616.

Here's what you're up to!

This may be the most-read column in the *News!* Why do we think so? Because with each subsequent issue, we have so much more to report! Please continue to share your news with us!

Dottie Brown, MSW 1953, is currently working at the Humanistic Counseling Center in N. Olmsted, Ohio. She works with couples, families and kids with learning disorders. Since 1996, she has hiked the Alps, Andes, Dolomites, Himalayas and the High Tatras, among others. She plans to do this kind of work and play until she drops. She has fond memories of MSC as a naïve 18-year-old from Massachusetts in 1949 riding the train to Lansing and then taking her first cab to North Campbell Hall. She wonders if anyone remembers "late minutes."

Dana Carley, MSW 1999, is currently in her third year coordinating the Bay County Juvenile Detention Diversion Project sponsored by the Michigan Department of Community Health and is employed by Bay Arenac Behavioral Health in Bay City. She is also a Board Member for the Bay County Council for the Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect. She coordinates group therapy for the children's department at BABH and "lots, lots more!" This year was her first time supervising an MSU MSW student.

Wm. Totten (Tod) Egan, 1954, is retired from his own design-and-build business. He is now mentoring a 13-year-old boy in a YMCA program.

Barbara Gagnon-DeGayner currently resides in Fenton, Michigan.

Carol Fowler, MSW 1977, maintains a full-time private practice with children and families. She is active

in local infant mental health endeavors and is interested in promoting Greenspan's DIR approach to working with children with Autistic Spectrum Disorders.

Patricia Bernard Haber, MSW 1968, has a solo practice in psychotherapy and conducts workshops in Ann Arbor and Traverse City.

Christine Hardway, MSW 1995, is self-employed as a licensed clinical social worker in Florida. She is providing psychotherapy in two facilities where older adults reside as well as having a part-time private practice of her own.

Dr. Stephen D. Hart, MSW 1971, has a busy psychoanalytic and psychotherapy practice in Greenfield and Elm Grove, Wisconsin, in the metro Milwaukee area. He is otherwise engaged in his passions for bicycling, gardening and the culinary arts.

Donnie R. Jones, BA 1980, received his MSW from the University of Texas at Austin in 1985. He worked for the Los Angeles County Department of Adoptions for eight years and the Institute for Black Parenting since 1987. He currently is employed by Muskegon Public Schools and is a lifetime member of the National Association of Black Social Workers.

Barbara Jenner Kellogg, BA 1964, is retired. She and three others co-founded a therapeutic horseback riding program eight years ago, and the program is going strong. She serves as president of the board of directors for this program and uses her horses in the program.

Lindsay McDonnell, BA 2003, is currently working for Doulos Ministries, a Christian group home for teenagers in Westminster, Colorado. Her

job title is Residential Child Care Facilitator. She is assigned to one girl as her "big," and the girl is considered her "little." She notes, however, that all "bigs" are responsible for all "littles." For more information, she invites you to check out www.douloscorp.com.

Karen C. Medve, MSW 1997, is currently working for Aroostook Mental Health Center in Madawaska, Maine. She was hired as Employees Assistance Program Coordinator to Fraser-Nexfor Paper Mills and looks after 950 employees and their families. She states that it is a "very full-time job, no specializing in here.... You have to be a specialist in everything."

Jill Messer, MSW 1978, is working full-time as a school social worker for the Shiawassee Regional Education Service District and has a part-time private practice in East Lansing.

Colleen Milligan, MSW 1993, is an Assistant Professor at the Central Michigan University Counseling Center. She runs Stress Management Education Groups/Yoga for Stress Management Group and also does individual therapy. She writes and makes presentations on campus on various topics.

JoAnn Webb Moore, MSW 1979, states that after 20 years of clinical work, she is enjoying the classroom again, teaching Sociology & Human Services at Danville (Virginia) Community College, and taking courses toward a post-graduate Certificate in Aging at the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill. She is married to Dr. Fred Moore, who is the Caswell Co. (North Carolina) Health Director, and they have two daughters, ages 9 and 13.

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Anne O'Neill, MSW 1998, is a Children's Protective Services Worker for the State of Michigan Family Independence Agency in Munising, Michigan. She is a Distance Education Initiative Alumnus—Marquette, and started there in August 1994. She states that gardening keeps her sane.

Laurie Powell, MSW 2001, works part-time as a contractual therapist for Catholic Charities in Flint. She does therapy with adults and children in an outpatient setting. Most of the clients

are low-income. She also facilitates a grief self-help group and volunteers as a counselor at the Gerholz Center in Flint.

Kate Reed Randall, MSW 1999, works as an elementary school social worker for Allendale Public Schools. She and her husband, Kevin, just welcomed their first baby into the world. Cooper Jackson Randall was born on 11/18/03. They live in Grandville, Michigan.

Chris Root, MSW 1999, was recently appointed Chairman of the Department of Catholic Charities for

the Catholic Diocese of Lansing. He and his wife, Diana, have been married 13 years and are the parents of seven children. He states that he really enjoys putting his social work skills to work for the Church.

Riva (Dines) Rosenberg, MSW 1990, has worked as an adoption social worker for the past 10 years. She is currently employed with Catholic Charities in S. Boston, Massachusetts.

Carlos Ruiz, MSW 1981, states that after 20 years as the director of Lincoln Behavioral Services in Dearborn, Michigan, he is now ValueOptions Detroit

Social work is a Slusher family tradition

Becky (Beck) Slusher Thelen, MSW 1996, sends us the following information on herself and family members:

When **Elizabeth Slusher Green**, MSW 2004, graduated this spring with her MSW, it marked the third daughter of Richard and Wendy Slusher to graduate with a Master's in Social Work from Michigan State University. Elizabeth joined her sister, **Becky Slusher Thelen**, and her sister-in-law, **Angela Deal**, MSW 2002, in what has become a family tradition.

Beck is a graduate of the former CAPE (Concentration in Administration and Program Evaluation) program. While at MSU she did one practicum with the former Council Against Domestic Assault (now EVE) and one with the National Association of Social Workers—Michigan Chapter. Ingham-Clinton-Eaton County Community Mental Health and Holland Community Hospital have previously employed her. While at Holland Community Hospital, she was responsible for expanding social work coverage to the Emergency Department. Beck is currently employed as a Behavioral Health Case Manager at Priority Health Managed Benefits in Grand Rapids. She is married to her high school sweetheart, Brent Thelen, and has three stepchildren (Alek, Moira and Bryar).

Besides being married to Beck and Elizabeth's older brother, Steven Deal, Angela is a graduate of the clinical track. She is currently an outpatient clinician employed by Summit Point Behavioral Health Services where she specializes in infant mental health. Previously, the Boys and Girls Club and Fieldstone Hospital, both in Battle Creek, have employed her. Angela did one practicum at Family and Children Services working with children in the foster care system and one with the Parent and Infant program at Ingham County Community Mental Health. At her graduation, Angela received an award for clinical excellence. She is currently living in Battle Creek with Steven and their daughter, Madeline.

Elizabeth graduated this spring with her MSW degree in Organizational and Community Practice. She enjoyed her practicum placements at The Democratic House of Representatives Policy Staff Office and at the Mayor's office in Lansing. She was previously employed at the Ionia County Community Mental Health as Support Services Coordinator and at the Salvation Army as Family Services Coordinator. She currently lives in Lansing with her daughter, Abigail. She will be moving to Alto, Michigan, to a house that her fiancé, Tim Hess, is building. She will also have three stepchildren (Matthew, Nick and Mary Claire).

Service Center Vice President. Value-Options is a managed behavioral health care company. He has been married to Susan Ruiz, MSW 1981, for 23 years.

Cherie Yaksta Russell, MSW 1998, is Program Supervisor for three programs via Liberty Resources, Inc. One program provides clinical wrap-around services to county foster children; one program is a therapeutic foster boarding home program for severely emotionally disturbed youth; and the third program is a diversion program which acts to prevent placement altogether. You are invited to visit the web site: Liberty-Resources.org.

Joan Schuman, MSW 1969, states she has done many things in social work but loves being in private practice and not having anyone tell her what to do. She specializes in mood disorders in women and has become certified as a cognitive therapist—preventive, early detection of depression. She reminds her classmates that her son, Hans, now 35, was born the first week of her first year in social work classes.... She made it to classes by the 3rd week. She would love to hear from her classmates!

U.S. Senator Debbie Stabenow, MSW 1975, has been honored with the Public Elected Official Award from the National Association of Social Workers for her commitment to the values and ethics of the profession throughout her career. Stabenow, who was awarded an honorary Doctor of Laws degree from MSU last spring, has been serving in elected office since she was first elected to the Ingham County Board of Commissioners in 1974.

Dale Teller, BA 1972, has been working with the Juvenile Program, Macomb County, for 31 years.

Ruth Textor, 1991, works for Holy Cross Children's Services as Operations

Manager for treatment homes, with on-ground schools for young males 11-17 years old in Alpena and Onaway, Michigan.

M. Juanita Walker-McGill, MSW, is retired. She is a community volunteer and a member of New Center Kiwanis in Detroit.

Rita Walters, MSW 2002, works for Holy Cross Children's Services in Clinton, Michigan. She is also employed part-time at Ele's Place as a Family Services Coordinator.

Petra Waters, BSW 1997, MSW 2001, is currently a Case Manager at Foote Hospital in Jackson, Michigan, doing discharge planning and utilization review for medical/surgical

patients. She is an advocate of hospice care and is currently on a committee to implement an inpatient hospice program.

Greg White, BA 1981, is self-employed as a financial planner. He has been a business owner for more than 20 years and is active in community and service clubs.

Jennifer J. Wingard, MSW 1985, helps out as Sunday School Superintendent and teaches Sunday School at her Congregational church. She is also on the Christian Education Board at her church. During the week, she volunteers at the elementary school by helping young children learn how to read and other scholastic activities. ■

Tribute to a donor

The School of Social Work would like to thank all of the friends and alumni who have made contributions to the School to support students and to support the School's programs. In this issue, we would like to acknowledge a gift made this past summer.

Mrs. Marcella Gast Schalón has made a gift of \$100,000 to the endowment that supports the Chance at Childhood Program Clinic, part of the Social Work and Law partnership. Mrs. Schalón is a 1946 alumna of the BASW program and a 1947 alumna of the MSW program. She served as a social worker in a Lutheran child welfare agency. This summer's gift was in addition to an earlier gift that established this endowment. With her support, the clinic program has been successfully launched. Some elements of the Clinic are described in this newsletter (see page 3). The School also has an interest in exploring relationships with Psychiatry and the MSU Colleges of Human and Osteopathic Medicine to expand the partnerships of professionals who work with children and families in the child welfare system. In the fall of 2004, Mrs. Schalón was recognized with the University's Distinguished Alumni Award for her longtime advocacy for education and families and children.

The support of friends and alumni is crucial to providing the resources to start new programs, expand existing programs, provide financial help for students, and increase the ability of faculty to work with agencies to address community needs. *Thank you!*

Social workers and their friends are frequently the most generous alumni!

By Gary R. Anderson, PhD
Director, MSU School of Social Work

Once I sent a letter to a number of alumni asking them to consider supporting a scholarship fund for students, and one of the alumni wrote back asking if we could send some funds to support her! The difficult economic times combined with the oftentimes low salaries for social workers may make it seem inappropriate or intrusive to ask friends and alumni for financial support. We know so many ways in which alumni and friends give of their time and energy, knowledge and skill, and money to help others—at their places of work and in their communities. I see it in our students who volunteer to collect food, winter coats and funds for others, while these same students are also serving in field placements and personally struggling with

tuition payments.

Despite financial challenges, social work alumni and friends have consistently been generous supporters of the MSU School of Social Work. In fact, our alumni and friends are among the most generous in the College of Social Science. Why? I think there are several reasons:

- The same values that moved a person toward a social work education support their giving to students and other persons in need through School-sponsored programs. In other words, our alumni and friends are good, caring people!

- As we get older, in the spirit of caring for the next generation, people financially help new students and new programs. Erik Erikson called this “generativity” in contrast to “stagnation.”

- Individuals care about certain types of issues or social problems or respond to certain types of opportunities that align with their values and interests or their past and personal experiences. Donations can be directed to support areas of particular interest to an alumnus or friend of the School.

- Gifts can serve as a meaningful and active tribute to a friend or family member and contribute to a special remembrance and legacy. For example, when we review the School’s endowments, we remember special people; thankfully, some are very much alive and active and involved in our community, but others have died, and we remember their lives and contributions with affection and appreciation.

- Even when financial times are tough, we have a lot to be thankful for, and generosity is a response to this thankfulness. I remember during my days as a child protective service worker, after making some particularly difficult home visits to families in deep poverty and with severe mental illness and threats of violence, my sense of having been blessed in my personal life and my appreciation for my family and life circumstances grew.

Please consider a gift to the MSU School of Social Work. It can be used for the purposes that you designate or for the general needs of the School. We are particularly eager to provide additional support for students and to develop some new programs that will provide training for students and build relationships in the community. These programs will be featured in upcoming newsletters. Thank you for your consideration. ■

Endowed funds create special opportunities for students and faculty

Two endowments that you can contribute to that honor esteemed former faculty members who are still actively involved in and supporting social work education:

- **Dorothy Harper Jones Endowment in Family Therapy.** This fund enables the School to host some of the most distinguished family therapists in the United States to meet with students and to provide valuable community education.
- **Diane LeVande Endowed Fund for Gerontological Education.** This fund provides support for faculty research, community outreach and education that will strengthen the ability to work with older adults—one of the biggest and growing challenges for our society.

Endowments can be established with a total gift of \$30,000 that can be contributed over a five-year period of time. If you have any questions, please feel free to call 517-355-7515 or e-mail Director Gary Anderson at gary.anderson@ssc.msu.edu.

Donors' generosity enhances School of Social Work's research, services and scholarships...*thank you!*

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