

FIELD EDUCATION AS SIGNATURE PEDAGOGY

With the passing of the new Educational Policy and Accreditation Standards (EPAS), the Council on Social Work Education deemed Field Education as the Signature Pedagogy of Social Work Education. Field Education for social workers is synonymous with student teaching in education, residency in medicine, etc. With Field Education recognized as being the cumulative academic experience for the development of professional social work competencies, it is important that field experiences be designed to challenge students. Field Education is the supportive environment where students, guided by field instructors and practicum faculty, observe, practice and reflect on social work concepts and theories and how to put them into practice. Students further develop critical thinking skills grounded in social work knowledge and values to make ethical judgments and inform practice strategies. Field education is where students learn the essence of being a professional social worker.

Changes will occur in the evaluation forms to incorporate the specific competencies required by the new EPAS. You may review these competencies already by looking in the back of the Field Handbook. The Field Education Office will be reviewing and considering possible changes in the coming months to increase the rigor and deliberateness by which we go about socializing our students into the profession to further ensure they develop solid foundations in the social work core competencies.

PRACTICUM CALENDAR

10/11/10 - 10/12/10	Mid - Term Break	
10/22/10, 12 noon - 1 pm	Field Forum for Practicum Supervisors	Day Spring
11/19/10, 12 noon - 1 pm	Field Forum for Practicum Supervisors	BBBS
12/6/10	Last Day of Fall Practicum	
1/10/11	First Day of Spring Practicum	
2/11/11, 12 noon - 1 pm	Field Forum for Practicum Supervisors	Gilda's Club

MEET OUR NEWEST FACULTY MEMBERS



Adrian Archuleta, PhD joined the Kent School faculty this Fall as an Assistant Professor. His research interest include acculturation, social networks and community integration, mental health of Hispanic and Latinos, refugee and immigrant populations and culturally competent social work practice. Dr. Archuleta can be reached at ajarch01@gwise.louisville.edu.



Toni Miles, MD, PhD joined the Kent School faculty this year. Dr. Miles comes to Kent from the UofL School of Medicine. Her research interests include primary health care, health inequalities and the development of frailty in middle and older adults. She is the Founding Director of the Metro Louisville Practice-based Research Network. Dr. Miles can be reached at tpmile01@gwise.louisville.edu.

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2009-2010 PRACTICUM AWARDS

BSW Outstanding Practicum Student



Joyce Garrett, BSW completed her practicum at the Center for Advocacy and Support in Elizabethtown, KY.

MSSW Outstanding Practicum Student

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Joseph Feldman, MSSW completed his practicum at the office of LGBT Services at the University of Louisville.

Outstanding Practicum Supervisor



Edgardo Mansilla, MSW, M.Div. is Executive Director of Americana Community Center. He supervises BSW and MSSW students. Students express much appreciation for the structure

and challenges provided by his supervision.

Lifetime Service Award



April Duval, MSW is Executive Director of the Council for Developmental Disabilities. She has been supervising Kent School students for 37 years. She is currently collaborating with

Dr. Sharon Bowland, Kent School on an initiative involving volunteer citizen advocacy for people with mental retardation, similar to the CASA—Court Appointed Special Advocate program for abused and neglected children.

Outstanding Practicum Faculty Award



Deborah Rattle, MSW is highly rated for her accessibility, and quick responses to questions. She challenges students, promotes the integration between class and

practicum, and is an excellent advocate.

KENT SCHOOL HAPPENINGS

The **BSW Program** had its final accreditation site visit by the Council of Social Work Education this September. The site visitor expressed highly favorable remarks regarding the program. Thanks to all students, community partners, alumni, staff, and faculty who helped make this visit a success. The Council of Social Work Education will make a final decision regarding accreditation of the BSW program this coming February. Stay tuned!

Congratulations to **Drs. Anita Barbee, Becky Antle, Dana Christenson, Eli Karam and Bibhuti Sar** who led the research team that has been awarded a 5 year, \$4.8 million grant from the Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Adolescent Health on Teen Pregnancy Prevention. The Research project will compare the impact of two evidence based interventions aimed at teaching healthy relationship, violence prevention and pregnancy prevention skills. The target population will include immigrant, urban and former foster youth ages 14-19 years of age.

Congratulations to **Dr. Annatjie Faul**, Associate Dean who is a part of an interdisciplinary team that was instrumental in the University of Louisville receiving a \$1.5 million National Institute of Health grant for the development of an interdisciplinary oncology palliative care education program. The multidisciplinary team developing the program includes representatives from the schools of social work, medicine, nursing and clinical pastoral education programs of three local hospitals.

Dr. Ruth Huber, Director of the PhD program announced plans to retire this spring. She has been a beloved member of the faculty and will be greatly missed. We wish her well as she embarks on this exciting new phase of her life.

Kent School and the Kent School Student Association will host the Spring Conference of the **Kentucky Association of Social Work Educators (KASWE)** April 7-8, 2011. The conference is focused on students. Students from social work programs across Kentucky will come to Louisville to showcase

their work in paper and poster presentations. This will be a great opportunity for practicum students to share projects they are working on in their practicum agencies. Please encourage your students to consider presenting, and come and join us at the conference. Conference information will be forthcoming in January.

Congratulations to **Deborah Rattle**, MSSW Practicum Faculty who was honored by the NASW-KY with the Social Worker of the Year Award for her outstanding accomplishments exemplifying the values and mission of professional social work practice. Nominators of Ms. Rattle commented on her as a "tireless instigator of social change in the areas of housing and mental health; an advocate for homeless people and older adults with mental illness; instrumental in securing and implementing grants for research projects aimed at reducing depression, stress, and addressing mental health needs of older adults in rural Kentucky; she is the current president of both the state and KIPDA Region Mental Health and Aging Coalition.