



Kent Students in New Orleans

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The Kent School MSSW Practicum Program developed an innovative practicum opportunity for students this past academic year. Two students, Aaron Armstrong and Leslie Hester, practiced in the area of community revitalization. During the fall semester, the students worked under the tutelage of Judy Heitzman, PhD. here in the Louisville area. The students focused on social concerns in the Smoketown and Shelby Park neighborhoods as these communities experienced the relocation of its residents in efforts to revitalize the areas. This served as a great foundation for the students before they moved to New Orleans for the spring semester. The students took their classes with Carol Tully, PhD and worked with Central City Community Center to continue in community social work practice. The lessons learned and skills developed will serve them well wherever they may practice in the future as there are disenfranchised neighborhoods everywhere.



Aaron Armstrong (left), Carol Tully, Leslie Hester, Martha Fuller (right)

It's Happening Here: Kent School Updates

Accreditation Update:

The BSW, MSSW, and MFT programs all had accreditation visits this past academic year. All three programs received highly positive remarks from the reviewers. The BSW Program was granted a second year of candidacy. The MSSW program and the MFT specialization expect to be granted reaffirmation this year.

Recognitions

Dean Terry Singer was awarded the Distinguished Service Award by UofL President Ramsey in recognition of his career of community service. Dean

Singer was also recognized by Louisville Central Community Center as the 2009 recipient of the Lyman T. Johnson Distinguished Leadership Award for his active voluntary commitment in the Louisville Metro area.

Andy Frey, PhD was recognized by UofL President Ramsey with the Distinguished Teaching Award.

Ruth Huber, PhD was recognized by the University of Washington, School of Social Work as the 2009 Distinguished Alumna.

Other News

Dean Terry Singer and Ann Whitaker

secured the final pledge for funding the Oncology Social Work Chair which will be the first Chair of its kind in the U.S. The Chair will serve the community and institutions that provide services to individuals and families coping with cancer.

The first cohort of students graduated from the **BSW program** this spring. Congratulations and well wishes to them and all of Kent School's graduates.

Farewell to **Carol Tully, PhD** who is retiring this year after much dedicated service to the Kent School and the Louisville area.



Nancy Potter, PhD
University of Louisville

Spring Conference 2009

The Annual Spring Conference held in appreciation of all our practicum supervisors was held at the Hotel Louisville Downtown (formerly Holiday Inn Downtown) May 8, 2009. Approximately 75 individuals were in attendance. Our Keynote Speaker was Nancy Potter, PhD. Dr. Potter is an associate professor in the Department of Philosophy at UofL. She serves on several hospital ethics boards in the Louisville Metro area and is a member of the healthcare team of UofL Emergency Psychiatric Services.

Dr. Potter presented “Cartographies and the Moral Compass: Finding Your Way”. She covered various ethical concepts as well as a framework for moral reasoning, distinguishing moral from non-moral issues, and working with Codes of Ethics. The session was quite dynamic involving case scenarios, group discussion, and a debate.

Outstanding Practicum Supervisor



Kelly Schroerlucke
LCSW

Kelly Schroerlucke is this year’s recipient of the Outstanding Practicum Supervisor Award. Kelly is a Social worker for Jefferson County Public Schools. She has supervised between one and three Kent students each year for the past eight years.

Kelly works in collaboration with Lisa Aavig Hirsch, Family

Resource Coordinator at J.B Atkinson Elementary School, to provide a school social work specialization practicum that has such a wonderful reputation that this practicum site and supervisor are highly sought after according to Andy Frey, PhD, Director of the School Specialization Program here at Kent.

One of her students shares “Kelly has really been someone I look up to...she understands what practicum students go through. She is very genuine and approachable...she makes it so easy ...to ask questions and get help.”

Outstanding Practicum Faculty



Carl Enoch
MSSW

Carl Enoch was selected as this year’s recipient for the Outstanding Part-Time Practicum Faculty Award for excellence in teaching and advocacy for student’s education.

Carl has been a member of the practicum faculty for eleven years. He has participated on subcommittees to evaluate practicum curriculum , conduct

research, evaluate scholarly literature in order to help improve the practicum program. Carl has also conducted various workshops for practicum supervisors. In fact, “Students and agency supervisors alike have requested Carl be assigned to them.” Martha Fuller.

Carl is a social work supervisor with Louisville Metro human Services.

Outstanding MSSW Practicum Student



Jamie Issis

This year Jamie Jihad Issis was awarded the Mary Ann Millet Field Practicum Award for outstanding performance in MSSW field practicum. Jamie completed her practicum year at J.B. Atkinson Elementary Family Resource Center., Louisville, KY. Jamie worked under the supervision of task supervisor Lisa Aavig-Hirsch and practicum supervisor Kelly Schroerlucke.

Jamie's practicum faculty Andy Frey shares: "Along with evaluating ... she is creating new and innovative ways to do things ... she goes about gaining support for the new innovation and she almost immediately starts implementation. Jamie is passionate about education and social work, and cares deeply for the children..."

Outstanding BSW Practicum Student



Matthew Weaver

Matthew B. Weaver is the first recipient of the Outstanding BSW Practicum Award for outstanding performance in field practicum. Matt completed his practicum year at St. Vincent de Paul, Louisville, KY. Matthew worked under the supervision of Christopher Raley, MSSW.

Matthew's practicum supervisor Christopher Raley remarks "Matt has shown tremendous drive for learning, social justice, and dedication to his study of social work while here ... He has never backed down from a challenge ... Matt possesses the core ingredients: compassion, tolerance, diversity, ethics and responsibility."

Kent Addition: Meet Katie Radmacker

Katie Radmacker joined the Kent School of Social Work as the Program Assistant for the BSW Program. Katie is a UofL Alumni with a BS in Business Administration.

Katie assists with practically every facet of the BSW Program from recruiting and admissions activities to support for the field program. She

can help you locate BSW information and the BSW faculty and staff.

Katie remains a die hard Cards fan. She is quite the athlete herself participating in the mini-marathon, and planning to participate in short triathlons and skydiving this summer.

She is an avid pool player, and holds the top spot in

ranking for female players in her pool league.

Katie's office is located in room 04-01, the lower level of Oppenheimer, the first office when you step inside the building. Stop in and meet her on your next visit at Kent.



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*Many thanks to all
the agencies and supervisors who partnered
with us in educating yet another group of
social work professionals.
Words cannot capture the gratitude
for all that you do.
We salute you.*

<https://louisville.edu/kent/>

Coming this summer!

Preparing 4 Practicum

An online information session for practicum supervisors who want more guidance in preparing for the practicum year.

Free CEUs will be available

Be on the look out for the announcement!

Practicum Calendar

- 8/1 Students to begin contacting supervisors for final instructions before practicum
- 8/14 **Supervisor Practicum Orientation**, 8:30-3:00, McConnell Technical Training Center, 401 Industry Drive, Louisville, KY, Free CEUs and lunch provided; available to those who have not taken the Orientation in the past three years.
- 8/19 **Student Practicum Orientation**
- 8/24 **Supervisor Practicum Orientation**, 8:30-3:00, McConnell Technical Training Center, 401 Industry Drive, Louisville, KY, Free CEUs and lunch provided; available to those who have not taken the Orientation in the past three years.
- 8/24 **First day of Practicum**
- 8/28 **Supervisor Practicum Orientation**, 8:30-3:00, McConnell Technical Training Center, 401 Industry Drive, Louisville, KY, Free CEUs and lunch provided; available to those who have not taken the Orientation in the past three years.