Message from Acting Dean Kathleen Pottick

Greetings School of Social Work alumni and friends,

This month marks the end of my tenure as acting dean, two years that seem to me more like two minutes. Cathryn Potter, associate provost for research at the University of Denver, takes the helm at the Rutgers School of Social Work on Aug. 15. I have known Cathy for 20 years and am confident she will lead the school to new heights.

Building on the foundation established by former Dean Richard Edwards, I am proud of the school’s growth since July of 2011. We have reorganized and activated resources to provide support for research proposal success. We have fortified our field operations and improved students’ experiences there. We have developed a culture of philanthropy and created a new sense of community in the school that includes significantly improved alumni relations. The quality of our student body went up, as evidenced by a higher overall entering GPA.

I’m proud of our superb faculty and staff, who inspire me with their commitment to the future of social work education and the reputation of our school, and who have developed new programs aimed at meeting the needs of modern learners and continued to collaborate with international colleagues. I am equally proud of you, our alumni, who have sustained the school by giving generously and investing in the lives of future social workers.

I thank all of you for your support and wish incoming Dean Potter great success.

Sincerely,
Kathleen J. Pottick, MSW, MA, PhD, LCSW
Acting Dean and Professor
In Sandy's Wake, RU SSW Continues to Help New Jersey Rebuild

In the weeks and months following Hurricane Sandy, New Jersey residents — many of whom were displaced themselves — continued to offer help and support to their neighbors. Faculty, staff and students at Rutgers School of Social Work, too, were eager to provide support.

"As social workers, we understood the need for targeted services aimed at the newly needy and we wanted to focus on the counties that were hardest hit — Monmouth, Ocean, Atlantic and Cape May," said Sandra Moroso, the project's coordinator. "Through a grant from the Robin Hood Foundation and a partnership with the New Jersey Association of Mental Health, we developed the Sandy Disaster Relief Initiative (SDRI) to provide targeted outreach to community members in counties most affected by the storm."

Read the rest of the article [here](#).

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William Waldman's Column - People, Politics and Policy, Issue 9

**Evolving Venues of Social and Health Service Delivery: From Home to Community to Office to Cyberspace**

As a lecturer at the Rutgers School of Social Work, I teach my management students that executives of both public and private social welfare organizations have many issues competing for their attention. To help them prepare for real-world social work practice, I instruct them to prioritize their focus on the six Ps of management:

Publics – Identification of the organization's stakeholders, their needs and expectations, and their likely reactions to organizational actions or decisions.

Read the rest of the article [here](#).

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Responsible Gambling for the Future

On June 27, the Center for Gambling Studies and the Council on Compulsive Gambling of
New Jersey (CCGNJ) co-sponsored the Responsible Gambling for the Future Working Group meeting at the school.

The purpose of this ongoing work group is to generate recommendations related to the development of state policies on gambling expansion and internet gambling in New Jersey and its effect on problem gambling. Along with Lia Nower, director of the Center for Gambling Studies, and Donald Weinbaum, executive director of the CCGNJ, participants in the working group included:

- Lisa Spengler, Administration/Public Information, New Jersey Division of Gaming Enforcement
- David Scanlan, Chief of Staff, NJ Casino Control Commission
- Mary Ann Rivell, Public Information Officer, New Jersey Lottery
- Celina Gray, Acting Executive Director, Governor’s Council on Alcohol and Drug Abuse
- Raymond Molski, New Jersey Racing Commission
- Jennifer Shatley, Vice President of Responsible Gaming, Caesars Entertainment
- Martin Silva, New Jersey Legalized Games of Chance Control Commission
- Israel Posner, Executive Director, Lloyd Levinson Institute of Gaming, Hospitality and Tourism, Richard Stockton State College of New Jersey
- Jeffrey Beck, Assistant Director for Clinical Services, Treatment and Research; and Gary Schneider, board member, of the CCGNJ.

Addiction Counselor Training Program Application Period Begins Next Month

The Addiction Counselor Training (ACT) Program, which provides 270 educational hours through six graduate-level courses, supervised field hours toward the LCADC, and a stipend to all participants who complete the requirements, will be accepting applications from Sept. 15 - October 15.

ACT has made several changes for postgraduates that will now make it easier to participate. Qualified applicants with a clinical graduate degree like the MSW will receive a financial award of $1000 per course to help defray tuition costs. Because ACT has a work requirement — to work for pay for two years or to complete a field placement in a state-licensed substance abuse treatment organization — we have developed several ways to fulfill this requirement. We can assist participants in finding a suitable work site, and we can provide LCADC and LCSW supervision through specialized field placements that require between 8 and 22 hours per week.

ACT, funded by the Division of Mental Health and Addiction Services, is a collaboration between the School of Social Work and the Center of Alcohol Studies. All clinicians with a clinical masters or doctoral degree are eligible, as are all students participating in a clinical graduate program like the MSW or PsyD. For information, please visit the ACT website or contact Heidi Rodrick, LCSW, LCADC, CPS, at ACT@ssw.rutgers.edu.

Congratulations to MSW-IW Graduates!
Two cohorts of students admitted to the Intensive Weekend program in 2010 and 2011 recently completed their studies and were awarded an MSW degree. The graduates, all employees of human service organizations, represent public child welfare, behavioral health, county social services, health care, gerontology, corrections/re-entry, substance abuse treatment programs, and various not-for-profit community agencies throughout the state. They attended classes at Rutgers at Atlantic Cape Community College and Rutgers EcoComplex in Bordentown. We wish them continuing success as they practice as MSWs.

The Intensive Weekend program offers a manageable way for full time human services employees to pursue their MSW while maintaining full time employment. Please visit our website to learn more.

Faculty Updates

*We congratulate our colleagues on their recent promotions. Thank you to Lia Nower, associate professor and director, Center for Gambling Studies, for her work as chair, Reappointments and Promotions.*

Chien-Chung Huang, Professor
Allison Zippay, Professor
Cassandra Simmel, Associate Professor with tenure
Jeounghee Kim, Associate Professor with tenure
Emily A. Greenfield, Associate Professor with tenure
Patricia A. Findley, Associate Professor with tenure
Karen A. Zurlo, Assistant Professor tenure-track reappointment for 3 years

We invite you to read news articles in which faculty were highlighted and learn about recent faculty publications on our website.

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Support Future Social Workers and Make Your Gift Today

Make a difference by supporting our students with a gift to the Academic Excellence or Fellowship Funds. Your gift will have a direct impact by allowing us to offer more scholarships and fellowships, and hire more student research assistants who gain valuable work experience, while networking with our distinguished faculty.

Click here for more information and to make a gift.

UPCOMING EVENTS & LECTURES

Basic Training in Divorce Mediation

14 Mondays, August 26 - December 2, 5:00 to 7:50 p.m.

This highly interactive mediation training, through Rutgers Camden Mediation Center and Rutgers Institute for Professional Education, provides a firm foundation in the communication, negotiation and mediation skills necessary to become an effective mediator. For School of Social Work and School of Law alumni (in the south Jersey area) and other interested students and professionals. Cost: $1,500.

For more information, click on 2013 trainings at Camden Law, or Register now online. To learn more about CLE in Camden, contact Carol Shaner at cshaner@camden.rutgers.edu. To learn more about Mediation Services, contact Nancy Hawn at 856-225-2975 or nhawn@camden.rutgers.edu.

Bowen Family Systems Theory Clinical Certificate & Workshop Series

10 Mondays, September - June, First Session is Sept. 23.

Now in its third year, this well-received institute level training program is open to only 12 participants and features small group supervision, live national webinars and individualized work with instructors.
Bowen theory is one of the most widely respected and enduring family therapy theories. This institute-level certificate program, offered in conjunction with the Center for Family, Organizational, and Natural Systems Education, is designed for individuals who want to develop a solid understanding of Bowen theory and learn how to apply it in their clinical and personal endeavors. This theory is highly useful in therapeutic work with families and is widely used in working with individual clients in therapy and coaching.

Each of the 10 full-day workshops examines one of the theory's eight interlocking concepts or one or more of the theory's foundational hypotheses. Click here to learn more and apply.

Continuing Education

The Spring/Summer catalog from the Office of Continuing Education was mailed in February and will offer over 140 dynamic workshops on a wide range of social work topics.

If you are not on the mailing list please email ce@ssw.rutgers.edu or call 732-932-8758 x12 to receive your catalog.

You can also register for workshops online at http://socialwork.rutgers.edu/ce.

Considerations for conducting research with women living in tribal communities in the U.S.

Presented by Dr. Jane Palmer and hosted by VAWC
September 26th, noon - 1 p.m.
536 George Street, Room 209

After decades of grassroots advocacy by American Indian (AI) and Alaska Native (AN) women, the reauthorization of the Violence Against Women Act of 2005 included a provision that directed the National Institute of Justice (NIJ), in collaboration with the Office on Violence Against Women, to conduct a national baseline study on violence against AI and AN women living in tribal communities. In addition, NIJ was directed to evaluate the tribal, local, state and federal criminal justice responses to these crimes. This presentation will highlight the process NIJ undertook in collaboration with representatives from tribal communities and sovereign tribal governments to develop and test a culturally-informed survey instrument, culturally-appropriate survey administration, and community-specific sampling strategies.

Click here for more information about this brown-bag lecture and to register.

ALUMNI UPDATES

In Memoriam | Patricia Anne Nagle
Patricia Anne Nagle, beloved professor and social worker, died June 28, 2013 at age 80. Ms. Nagle, former president of the New Jersey Association of Social Workers and the 1999 New Jersey Social Worker of the year, will be remembered for her commitment to social work and social work policy, to which she devoted more than 30 years.

In addition, Ms. Nagle made Rutgers her home, serving as a Rutgers School of Social Work Adjunct Professor and the first woman president of the Rutgers University Alumni Federation.

Ms. Nagle's family has established a scholarship fund and you are invited to honor her by contributing to it. Your gift will help provide critical financial support to future social workers and uphold Pat's legacy. [www.support.rutgers.edu/Nagle](http://www.support.rutgers.edu/Nagle)

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