Message from Acting Dean Kathleen Pottick

Greetings School of Social Work alumni and friends,

Earlier this month I had the privilege of visiting classrooms to support an important student initiative, Students Supporting Students. This campaign, now in its second year, seeks contributions from faculty and students to provide fellowships to MSW students. Last year, 100 percent of faculty and 46 percent of students participated – a tremendous statement about the value we place on one another’s growth, both personally and professionally.

I am also pleased to announce a partnership between the Center for Nonprofit Management and Governance and the Price Family Foundation to support youth transitioning out of the foster care system towards attainment of a college degree. Through this grant-funded program, ten fellowships will be awarded to Rutgers students who have current or former experience in the New Jersey child welfare system to help them successfully graduate from college. This program truly reflects our school’s mission, Partnering for Change.

Many exciting things are happening at our school – research that is receiving national attention, events that engage and inform, and partnerships with local municipalities to provide continued support to families affected by Hurricane Sandy.

I look forward to sharing more with you in the months to come.

Sincerely,
Kathleen J. Pottick, MSW, MA, PhD, LCSW
Acting Dean

School of Social Work Faculty In the Press

Deborah Carr, Professor in the Department of Sociology with a secondary appointment in the School of Social Work, recently published an article examining self-esteem and weight,
and was highlighted in New York Magazine. From the article, "Deborah Carr, a sociologist at Rutgers, observed something similar about adults of a normal weight: They are far more likely to have higher self-esteem if they were a normal weight, rather than overweight or obese, in late adolescence (Carr was using sample data that tracked weight at age 21, but she notes that heavy 21-year-olds were also likely to be heavy in high school)."

Dr. Carr also appeared on radio show, The Current, where she discussed "Chimpanzees, the midlife crisis and us."

Read New York Magazine and Listen to The Current (Dr. Carr appears at 14:15)

In addition to the recent article in The Huffington Post, Michael C. LaSala, Associate Professor and Director of the MSW Program, received national coverage for his exploratory study of African American gay youth and their families. The study, “African American Gay Youth and Their Families: Redefining Masculinity, Coping with Racism and Homophobia,” was published in the Journal of GLBT Family Studies and co-authored with Damien T. Frierson from Howard University.

Read U.S. News and World Report, BET and Windy City Media Group.

Bill Waldman, Professor and Executive in Residence, appeared on EBRU TV to discuss his column about child welfare.

Watch the video.

Liliane Windsor, Assistant Professor and Director of Community Wise, recently spoke with The Star-Ledger about the program, which graduated 24 participants in January.

If you're unfamiliar with Community Wise, it's a three-month substance abuse program for ex-convicts run at Rutgers-Newark and the North Jersey Community Research Initiative by the Newark Community Collaboration Board and is financed by Rutgers’ Center for Behavioral Health and Criminal Justice Research, which is supported by the federally funded National Institute of Mental Health in Bethesda, Md.

Read the article.

Recent Publications


Karun Singh, Director, Newark MSW Program and Lecturer, together with his former MSW research assistant and graduate Patricia Lundgren, recently published the article, "Tertiary diversity management: A critical success factor in modern nonprofit human services
leadership,” in Journal for Nonprofit Management.


Assistant Professor Karen Zurlo published a sole-authored article, which recently appeared in the Journal of Sociology & Social Welfare. The article, “Private pension protections since ERISA: The expanded role of the individual,” examines the private pension system and highlights a few practice, policy, and research considerations.


CENTER FOR NONPROFIT MANAGEMENT AND GOVERNANCE

By providing critical scholarship, training, research and consultation, The Center for Nonprofit Management and Governance is committed to the growth and development of the nonprofit and public management sectors in New Jersey, across the U.S., and globally.

We are pleased to highlight some key opportunities – events, strategic partnerships and scholarly publications – and invite you to learn more about the Center by visiting our Web site.

Price Fellows Initiative
The Center is pleased to partner with the Price Family Foundation to support youth transitioning out of the foster care system towards attainment of a college degree. The program will launch in September with a cohort of ten students, who will gain critical skills to thrive, and develop self-awareness to improve their overall cognitive and decision making skills.

AmeriCorps Healthy Futures
Since its inception in 2010, The Rutgers AmeriCorps Healthy Futures Initiative has provided over 70,000 hours of service to the community. This initiative promotes healthy lifestyles for residents of Camden through nutrition education, physical fitness and community gardening.

Transitions for Youth
Transitions for Youth is a multifaceted program utilizing a positive youth development framework to address the needs of youth transitioning to adulthood. At the core of the program is the Summer Housing and Internship Program, a twelve-week summer program that offers an alternative to recipients of the New Jersey Foster Care scholarship who lack the financial, family and social connections to secure safe and stable housing during the summer months.

Symposia on the Nonprofit Sector of New Jersey
As collaborations and partnerships within the social welfare field develop, it is increasingly important that our community work together to provide services to clients while maintaining prosperous businesses and work places. To that end, the Center is presenting a one day, two-part symposia on April 8th to offer ideas and strategies for developing meaningful collaborations. To learn more about the event and to register, please visit here.

**Journal for Nonprofit Management**
The Center, in partnership with the Support Center for Nonprofit Management, is proud to bring you the Journal for Nonprofit Management. Designed to make you a better manager and help your nonprofit reach its full potential, the journal gives nonprofit practitioners and academics an opportunity to tell the story of how they help individuals, groups, communities, villages and nations to change. Submissions for the fifteenth edition will be accepted until March 1, 2013.

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### FOCUS ON GIVING

**Students Supporting Students Kicks Off Annual Campaign | A Letter from Campaign Chair Rena Brandeis**

Dear Faculty, Students, Alumni and Friends,

The 2013 Students Supporting Students campaign has officially begun!

Last year 100% of the School of Social Work faculty supported the campaign and we are hoping for that same support this year, as well as increasing the number of student donors. Your donation makes a significant impact on continuing MSW students’ academic experience, and the School of Social Work as a whole. By making a gift, you will be able to help students while also improving the School of Social Work’s rankings, which boosts the value of every degree!

Please make your gift to the 2013 Students Supporting Students campaign today. Every donation makes a difference and will count towards our goal of 100% faculty, and student participation.

Thank You,
Rena Brandeis
MSW Class of 2013
Campaign Chair

For more information, visit here.

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**Hurricane Sandy Relief Initiative**

Through a grant from The Robin Hood Foundation, Rutgers School of Social Work is working to directly serve those impacted by Hurricane Sandy in New Jersey. Our team of faculty, staff, students, and partner agencies will be collaborating locally to meet the
needs of individuals in Monmouth, Ocean, Atlantic and Cape May Counties.

Our students will be able to get hands-on field experience as they help those affected by the Storm to receive the services they need in order to get back on their feet and return to normalcy. With additional funding to this initiative, we will be able to extend the outreach of our program by lengthening services or providing emergency financial assistance to those in need.

To make a gift to support this important work, please visit Rutgers School of Social Work Giving.

UPCOMING EVENTS

2013 Grosswald Lecture - "Biosocial Perspectives on Gender and Health"

Kristen Springer, Associate Professor in the Department of Sociology and an affiliate of the Institute for Health, Health Care Policy, and Aging Research will present "Biosocial Perspectives on Gender and Health."

Professor Springer's research centers on health and aging in the context of gender relations and families. She is particularly interested in examining health as a fundamental and sensitive indicator of gender inequality.

Blanche Grosswald was a professor at the School from 2001-2003. She was engaged, passionate about her beliefs in human rights and autonomy, and a dedicated researcher and teacher. Her family and friends established this annual lectureship to honor her memory.

Thursday, February 28, 5-6:30 p.m.
5:00 Reception | 5:30-6:30 Lecture
Brower Commons, 145 College Ave., 2nd floor, New Brunswick, NJ

Click here to register: http://grosswald2013.eventbrite.com

Symposia on the Nonprofit Sector of New Jersey

This one day, two-part event, presented by the Center for Nonprofit Management and Governance, offers leaders, executive directors, and decision-makers the opportunity to learn about two important topics facing New Jersey: the Rutgers and UMDNJ Integration, and opportunities for meaningful collaborations within the state's nonprofit sector.

Integration of Rutgers with UMDNJ will impact not only the Rutgers and UMDNJ communities, but also the surrounding areas and New Jersey as a whole. The symposia will provide social work decision-makers and leaders with information regarding the process,
details, and what to expect in terms of this Integration and its effects.

In addition, as collaborations and partnerships within the social welfare field develop, it is increasingly important that our community continues to work together to provide services to clients while maintaining prosperous businesses and work places. Through panel discussions and keynote speakers, the symposia offers ideas and strategies for developing meaningful collaborations.

**Monday, April 8, 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.**
Registration and Continental Breakfast will begin at 7:30 a.m.
Rutgers University Cook Campus Center, 59 Biel Road, New Brunswick, NJ

Morning Symposium
“The Joint Rutgers and University of Medicine & Dentistry of New Jersey Integration: Opportunities for Collaborations within the New Jersey Nonprofit Sector”

Plenary Luncheon Speaker
Jim Padilla, former president of Ford Motor Company “Leadership during Organizational Change: Opportunities and Challenges”

Afternoon Symposium

Click [here](#) to register.

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**Child Welfare Lecture Series**

This second part of a two-part series discussing child welfare, both domestically and internationally, features lectures from leading scholars in our field.

**Friday, March 8, 12 - 1:30 p.m.**
“Child support and the economic well-being of lone mother households in Japan”
Akiko S. Oishi, Ph.D
Professor, Faculty of Law and Economics, Chiba University
For more information, please visit the [event page](#).

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**Are You Ready for the DSM-5?**

We are pleased to offer three compelling seminars to help you prepare for the DSM-5.

**Monday, March 25, 6 - 8 p.m.**
“Highlights of Anticipated Changes for the DSM-5: Stress Reduction for Mental Health Professionals”

In this workshop Dr. Susan J. Lewis, Ph.D, JD, a forensic and clinical psychologist as well as an attorney, will pare down the information to include the essentials you need to be aware of. She
will highlight some of the anticipated changes to the DSM-5 including those changes of major significance, such as to personality disorders, and changes that may only encompass a different sentence or two but may still alter your practice. Dr. Lewis has travelled the country to educate professionals in the anticipated changes to the DSM-5.

**Thursday, May 2, 9:30 a.m. - Noon**
“Update on the DSM-5”

The new DSM-5 is arriving with many questions and some controversy. This seminar, given by Javier I. Escobar, M.D., M.Sc., Associate Dean for Global Health, UMDNJ Robert Wood Johnson Medical School and a physician on the task force that developed the DSM-5, will provide insight on why the changes from the DSM-IV were made. It will focus on areas that may be particularly relevant to outpatient practice (depression, anxiety, somatic symptom disorders and possibly, personality disorders).

**Wednesday, June 12, 9:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.**
“DSM-5: Controversies, Changes, and Clinical Implications”

Led by former SSW faculty Jerome C. Wakefield, Ph.D, DSW, LCSW, University Professor, Professor of Social Work, Professor of Psychiatry, and Affiliate Faculty in Bioethics at New York University, this seminar will cover essential information on the changes in the new diagnostic manual. This workshop will present an overview of selected major changes and their rationales and clinical implications. We will then delve in greater depth into some controversies over proposed changes (e.g., depression and grief, sexual paraphilias, substance disorders, personality disorders) in order to understand the “why” in addition to the “what” of DSM Task Force decisions and to have a fuller sense of their clinical meaning. Concerns, criticisms, and limitations of which the clinician should be aware will be emphasized in this presentation along with the details of the new rules themselves. The seminar is sure to be both interesting and provocative.

For more information and to register, please visit [socialwork.rutgers.edu/ce](http://socialwork.rutgers.edu/ce), keyword DSM-5.

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**Continuing Education**

The Spring/Summer catalog from the Office of Continuing Education will be mailed out in late 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](mailto:ce@ssw.rutgers.edu) or call 732-932-8758 x12 to receive your catalog.

You can also register for workshops online beginning February 1st at [http://socialwork.rutgers.edu/ce](http://socialwork.rutgers.edu/ce).

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**Addiction Counselor Training Program Now Accepting Applications**

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 March 1 – 30.

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.

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### Violence Against Women and Children Spring Events

**Monday, April 8, 6-7 p.m.**

*VAWC Speaker’s Series | The Role of the Media in Preventing Violence Against Women and Children*

Many people form their opinions about violence against women based on what they see in the media. Panelists will discuss the misconstructions of violence against women as portrayed by the media and how to use the media as an ally in helping prevent violence against women and children.

**Panelists:**

Sarah McMahon, Rutgers, Center on Violence Against Women & Children  
Jennifer Nix, New Jersey Coalition Against Sexual Assault  
Chrisula Tasiopoulos, healingSPACE, YWCA of Bergen County  
Moderator: Nicole Morella, Jersey Battered Women’s Services (JBWS)

Rutgers University, Newark Campus  
Paul Robeson Campus Center  
Somerset 235

To register for this event, visit [here](#).

**Thursday, April 18, 6-7 p.m.**

*VAWC Speaker’s Series | Learning How to Work with Complex Trauma*

Dr. Christine Courtois, a veteran Psychotherapist, will speak on complex trauma. Dr. Courtois has 30 years of experience in working in the trauma field and has earned international recognition for developing treatment approaches for complex post traumatic and dissociative conditions. She will discuss issues relating to incest, child sexual abuse, and general information about complex traumatic stress and ways to treat such trauma.

Hale Center at the Rutgers Football Stadium, Team Meeting Room Busch Campus
To register for this event, visit [here](#).

**Thursday, May 16, 6:30-9:00 p.m.**

Honoring our Scholars | Colloquium of the Violence Against Women & Children Certificate Program

Our three scholars will present their research conducted during the past year in the program. We will also honor all those graduating from the program. Faculty, staff, students, family, and community members are all invited to attend.

Ruth Dill Johnson Crockett Building
Douglas Campus

Light refreshments will be served.

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Center for Gambling Studies Co-Sponsors 15th International Conference on Gambling and Risk-Taking

The Center for Gambling Studies is proud to co-sponsor the 15th International Conference on Gambling and Risk-Taking to be held May 27-31, 2013, at Caesars Palace in Las Vegas.

The primary objectives of the conference are to contribute to the base of scientific knowledge about gambling in all its dimensions, to stimulate further research, and to facilitate discussion and dialogue about gambling and commercial gaming as it has developed and continues to evolve throughout the world. For more information and to register, please visit [here](#).

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**STUDENT SPOTLIGHT**

Graduate Student Association Builds Relationships at Rutgers and Across the State

*Megan Nelson is co-chair of the SSW [Graduate Student Association](#) and will be graduating this spring. Following graduation, she hopes to work with community-dwelling older adults as part of an aging-in-place program.*

*We recently sat down with Ms. Nelson to talk about the Graduate Student Association.*

**You’ve been working with the GSA since 2011, it must be very rewarding.**
I have the opportunity to work with a really wonderful group of dedicated students. I have been so impressed by the creativity and cooperative spirit of those who are on the executive committee this year – it’s a great team to be a part of.

**Of what projects is the SGA most proud?**
Our mentor program continues to be a highlight of the Association’s work and an important part of the MSW experience at Rutgers. Similarly, our work this year on behalf of Covenant House—
selling School of Social Work merchandise and organizing a Hurricane Sandy relief drive around the holidays—is an important part of what we do.

**Tell us about Covenant House.**

One of our committee members nominated Covenant House for our support at the start of the year, and it really was a great choice. We’re proud to be supporting a charity that helps homeless youth in Atlantic City and Newark – communities that are close to home for our Camden and Newark classmates. We’re also proud that our donations are directly helping to launch a new Covenant House program right in Camden.

**Tell us a bit about the Mentor Program.**

The most rewarding aspect of the Mentor Program is the enthusiasm that the advanced-program students have for becoming mentors. Some of them had very proactive mentors last year, and wanted to give back to the program; some of them didn’t have mentors and wanted to provide that kind of support for another student. It’s very moving to hear from students about how important the program is to them, both as mentees and as mentors.

**Your faculty advisor is Dr. Findley?**

We simply could not do the work that we do without the support and guidance of our faculty advisor, Dr. Patricia Findley. Because so many students complete the MSW program in two years, there is naturally a high rate of turnover on the SSWGSA executive committee. This makes a dedicated faculty advisor very important! Dr. Findley gives us sound advice and continuity between academic years – and she is our greatest cheerleader!

We are also grateful for the support of Acting Dean Kathleen Pottick, Associate Dean for Student Affairs Arlene Hunter, and Field Coordinator Nancy Schley. All three have been wonderful supporters of our work.

We welcome fresh faces and new ideas, and invite any student who is interested in becoming involved in the Committee to contact us at sswsa@ssw.rutgers.edu.

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**ALUMNI**

**Newly-formed Council Seeks to Engage Alumni**

In order to increase alumni engagement, involvement and networking opportunities, the newly-formed Alumni Council met earlier this month to begin developing programs to increase financial support of the School of Social Work and provide resources to our alumni community.

Updates from the Council will follow in the coming months. In the meantime, for more information and to be notified of Council developments, please email Danielle Chirico.
Stay Connected.

**Just graduated?**
Congratulations! Make sure you update your email address at Ralumni.com so that you can continue to get updates from the School.

**Looking for employment?** We host an electronic job board where you can search for a job. Recent posts include:

- Post-doctoral Fellow at Virginia commonwealth University
- Associate Dean at Touro College Graduate School
- Admissions Director at Health and Science Center, Inc.

This service is free to job seekers and employers. [Click here](#).

**We'd love to hear from you.** Email us and we will put your updates in an upcoming issue of our print newsletter and online.

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Make an impact! Make your gift to the Rutgers School of Social Work. Find out more about [giving to the school](#) or [make an annual gift online today](#), and join your fellow SSW alumni who provide vital support for the people and programs that make the school a leader in education and research.

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