Greetings School of Social Work alumni and friends,

2013 promises to be an exciting year, as we continue to develop cutting-edge social work research, education, and training programs to promote social and economic justice and strengthen individual, family, and community well-being, both at home in New Jersey and around the globe.

I would personally like to invite you to attend one of the many events we have planned for the spring of 2013, most notably the Blanche Grosswald Memorial Lecture and a statewide symposium, the first of its kind, hosted by the Center for Nonprofit Management and Governance. Our school's events and lectures offer something for everyone, with topics ranging from health care and aging, to family dynamics and how to develop meaningful collaborations within the nonprofit sector.

We have events planned across the state, on the Newark, New Brunswick and Camden campuses. Come network with old friends and meet one ones.

I hope to see you soon.

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

Marcos Leiderman, beloved scholar, professor and friend, died peacefully at age 80 on December 8, 2012 at his daughter's home. Mr. Leiderman, Professor Emeritus at Rutgers University, will be remembered for his spirited and energetic devotion to social activism.
Mr. Leiderman joined the faculty at Rutgers during the 1960s, where his passion for social issues and community leadership inspired numerous students.

“He had a background as a social activist and the School of Social Work wanted a person with his group work and community organization skills to help students and the faculty build bridges to the community,” recalled Dr. Len Brown. “He worked mostly in Perth Amboy where there was a large Puerto Rican population, helping to support local community leadership in making positive community change.”

“Professor Leiderman will be remembered for his deep concern for those who are socially disadvantaged, for his commitment to group work and community development,” said Acting Dean Kathleen Pottick. “He was an early trailblazer, a true watchdog, and he will be deeply missed.”

Mr. Liederman was predeceased by his loving wife Sara. Mr. Leiderman is survived by his daughter Betina Goldberg-Rappoport, son-in-law Scott Rappoport, grandchildren Emanuel, Daniel and Hannah Goldberg and a son in New York with his family.

Funeral Services were held in December at Temple Sholom in Bridgewater, N.J. Donations can be made to the American Cancer Society, Friends of IDF or in his memory to Rutgers School of Social Work.

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**FOCUS ON GIVING**

Students Supporting Students Establishes Legacy Gift

Did you know that the Students Supporting Students Class of 2012 Campaign was the first campaign in the history of the Rutgers School of Social Work that requested student support to accomplish its dual mission of assisting peers through scholarships, and establishing a culture of philanthropy?

Through this campaign, 46% of MSW students in the Class of 2012 gave gifts. The Class of 2013 is continuing this tradition by creating scholarship awards that will make a difference for MSW students who follow in their footsteps.

Your participation matters! Acting Dean Pottick is matching funds based on Class of 2013 participation. The more students who participate, the greater the amount of the matching funds - up to $2,500! This translates into more scholarship funds for MSW students.

For more information, visit [here](#).

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Dean Pottick joins students in raising funds through Rutgers Telefund

Acting Dean Pottick recently joined students in making calls to alumni as part of the Rutgers Telefund, a university-wide program that raises support for Rutgers colleges and
schools, art museums, libraries, institutes and centers.

“It was very humbling to watch,” recalled student Olivia Yacoub. “I overheard conversations Dean Pottick had with alumni and I’m certain that, from their standpoint, it was very much appreciated. It was definitely not something that she had to do, but by doing it, the Dean really exemplified what it is to care about the future of this university and all of its wonderful programs.”

The Telefund is an integral part of the university's overall fundraising efforts and your support matters. For more information, visit here.

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.
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.**
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](http://grosswald2013.eventbrite.com) to register.

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Child Welfare Lecture Series

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

**Monday, February 11, Time TBD**
“Back to the future: Using Social Work Research to Improve Child Welfare Practice”
Diane DePanfilis, Ph.D, MSW
For more information, please visit the event page.

Friday, March 8, 12-1:30 p.m.
Akiko S. Oishi, Ph.D
Professor, Faculty of Law and Economics, Chiba University
For more information, please visit the event page.

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. Lewis, 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 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 a national expert, 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, keyword DSM-5.
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 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.

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PEOPLE, POLITICS AND POLICY

Applying Lessons Learned in Federalism - Pathways Off the Fiscal Cliff

*This column by William Waldman examines timely and relevant issues affecting the policy and practice of the human services in New Jersey and beyond.*

It is clear that the long term fiscal health of the United States requires a combination of new tax revenues and reforms and cost controls for the health and social welfare entitlement programs that form the safety net for American citizens. A variety of strategies will undoubtedly be required to achieve the necessary public support for changing the programs and insuring their ultimate financial sustainability.

Continue Reading >>
MSW Student Darrien Rich records Peabody-nominated song as part of Operation Respect

It's not every day that one of our students rubs elbows with Grammy-nominated songwriter, but for Darrien Rich it's all in a day's work.

Ms. Rich, a Rutgers School of Social Work MSW student, recently recorded a song and participated in Operation Respect, a foundation that teaches youth around the world how to get along with each other. The song “Don't Laugh at Me,” highlights the issue of bullying those with disabilities. Ms. Rich and the songwriter have been nominated for a Peabody Award and were interviewed by Allan Wolper at Jazz Public Radio.

Watch the video [here](#).

Listen to the podcast interview with Allan Wolper at Jazz Public Radio [here](#).
ALUMNI

Smile. You went to Rutgers School of Social Work.

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

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

- Licensed Clinical Social Worker at Palisades Medical Center
- President and CEO at Gateway Rehabilitation Center
- Program Staff at Shore House

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

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**Doing cool stuff?** 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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