Greetings School of Social Work alumni and friends,

As many of you know, March is Social Work Month. This year, students on all three of our campuses—New Brunswick, Camden and Newark—will provide free financial tools and tips to individuals and families in local communities, many of whom continue to feel the effects of Hurricane Sandy. In addition, Dr. Rebecca Davis, Director of the Center for International Social Work, will represent our school at the UN Planning Committee at the 30th Annual Social Work Day.

Dr. Davis and the Center for International Social Work continue to be at the forefront of social issues in other countries and I encourage you to read about the Center’s programs and initiatives in this newsletter. The Center aims to be a leader in responding to global interdependence and highlighting the role social workers can play in global actions around social justice, policy development and community interventions.

I am very proud of our faculty and students, who continue to meet the needs of individuals and families in New Jersey and around the world. Their research and innovation reflect our school’s commitment to promote social and economic justice.

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

School of Social Work Faculty Updates
Francis Barchi, together with her colleagues, published “Building research capacity in Botswana: A randomized trial comparing training methodologies in the Botswana Ethics Training Initiative,” in BMC Medical Education. This study examined the extent to which
capacity-building programs in research ethics prepare trainees to apply ethical reasoning skills to the design, conduct, or review of research.


**Maureen Braun-Scalera** was selected to present at the 8th annual conference of The Center for Child Advocacy, "The Forgotten Child: Multidisciplinary Approaches to Child Neglect," which will be held Friday, April 19 at Montclair State University.

**Ericka Deglau** and the Intensive Weekend MSW Program were recently featured in Rutgers Today. The article also profiles two MSW students, **Cristina Melgarejo** and **Mark Halliday**.

**Antoinette Farmer** was named Plenary Speaker at the 9th International Conference on Evaluation for Practice, to be held May 20 & 21 at the Chautauqua Institution, Chautauqua, N.Y.

**Andy Germak** authored a letter to the editor that was published in The Wall Street Journal today.

**Christine James** was recently awarded a Part-Time Lecturer Professional Development Fund Award for her to attend and present at the Southwestern Social Science Association Conference. The Fund was established to assist PTLs in pursuing professional development activities related to their instructional role at Rutgers. Together with **DuWayne Battle**, Christine will present "Leadership Through a New Lens," which examines new ways of looking at leadership in the social work field with an emphasis on diversity and social justice.

**Myungkook Joo** published an article in Children and Youth Services Review. The article examined the factors that explained large differences in child poverty rates between noncitizen and naturalized citizen families using decomposition analysis of 18 years of Current Population Surveys.


**Jeounghee Kim**'s study examining the protective effect of higher education on divorce rates among white and African-American women was recently featured on Futurity.org.

**Michael LaSala** was interviewed by BBC Radio DJ Adele Roberts about the challenges of coming out. Michael spoke about African American gay youth and their families; his comments are around the 18- and 33-minute marks.

**Michael LaSala** joined Amy Dickinson, who writes the advice column "Ask Amy," to respond to a 13-year-old boy seeking advice about coming out to his parents. Ask Amy is a nationally-syndicated column appearing in 200 newspapers and is published daily.

**Lia Nower** published an article in Addiction, the top-ranked journal in the addiction field. The article, "Subtypes of disordered gamblers: results from the National Epidemiologic
Survey on Alcohol and Related Conditions," identified three subtypes of disordered gamblers, roughly corresponding to the subtypes of the Pathways Model.

*Citation: Nower, L., Martins, S.S., Lin, K-H, & Blanco, C. Subtypes of disordered gamblers: results from the National Epidemiologic Survey on Alcohol and Related Conditions. Addiction (online-first edition).*

**Cassandra Simmel**, together with former and current PhD students, co-authored two recently published articles. The first, co-authored with **Svetlana Shpiegel**, an SSW graduate now with the Center for Child Advocacy, Sociology, Montclair State University, examined case-level characteristics of sole occurrences of emotional maltreatment Child Protective Service (CPS) reports in an effort to address how caregiver and child risk correlates affect the substantiation of these allegations. The second, co-authored with current students **Kerrie Ocasio** and **Cory Morton**, explores state difference in child welfare investigation disparities using the National Child Abuse and Neglect Data System and data from the U.S. Census Bureau.


*Citation: Corinne Warrener, Julie M. Koivunen & Judy L. Postmus (2013): Economic Self-Sufficiency Among Divorced Women: Impact of Depression, Abuse, and Efficacy, Journal of Divorce & Remarriage, 54:2, 163-175*

**Allison Zippay**, **Beth Angell**, **Bill Waldman** and **Karen Zurlo** were awarded a grant from the New Jersey Department of Human Services, Division of Mental Health and Addiction Services (DMHAS) for an Evaluation of Discharges from Hagedorn State Hospital into the community.

**Karen Zurlo** and **Colleen Beach** co-authored the article "Racial disparities in depression care among older adults: Can the perspectives of clinicians and patients be reconciled?," which was recently published in Current Translational Geriatrics and Gerontology Reports.

*Citation: Zurlo, K. A., & Beach, C. M. (2013). Racial disparities in depression care among older adults: Can the perspectives of clinicians and patients be reconciled? Current Translational Geriatrics and Gerontology Reports, 2, 24-30. doi: 10.1007/s13670-012-0036-z*
The Center for International Social Work (CISW) aims to be a leader in responding to global interdependence, which has brought increased awareness of shared human problems across the globe. CISW’s work focuses on advocating for investments to address human vulnerability on a global scale, fostering connections with national and international agencies, building internal collaboration between Rutgers’ initiatives, expanding social work programs to address global issues, and expanding international education and research opportunities for students and faculty.

Social Work Day at the United Nations
Each year, Dr. Davis, CISW Director represents the International Association of Schools of Social Work (IASSW) and Rutgers School of Social Work on Social Work Day at the UN Planning Committee. This year, the 30th Annual Social Work Day at the UN was held on March 25, where students, practitioners, and educators convene to learn about innovative projects and issues related to International Social Work, and the critical role Social Work plays in the international arena.

American Immigration Policy Portal
In partnership with Diversity Dynamics, The American Immigration Policy Portal is a collection of policy-related reports, studies, and information about the challenge and promise of immigrant integration. To access the portal and register for monthly newsletters, click here.

Commission on the Status of Women Side Event
On March 7, CISW’s Director Dr. Rebecca Davis and Rutgers School of Social Work PhD candidate Anasuya Ray presented on a panel at the United Nations on Violence Against Girls Across the World: A Male Socialization Response. A summary of the event is available here.

Technologies Without Borders: Technologies Across Borders—Citizenship and Social Responsibility
CISW and Karun Singh, Newark MSW Program Director, are co-hosting a webinar on April 22 in partnership with the Centers for Global Advancement and International Affairs (GAIA). The documentary entitled “Trapped,” will present the condition of South Asian women in Indian society and discuss the cultural aspects involved in working with women from this region. Guest speaker, Nairrutti Jani, PhD, LLM, MSW, will discuss social work skills required for working with vulnerable and culturally diverse populations, with a special emphasis on victims of sex trafficking.

International Service Learning (ISL): China Summer Study Abroad
CISW and the Huamin Center have extended the China Summer Study Abroad to include a two week International Service Learning (ISL) component, modeled after the Romania Study Abroad ISL Program. ISL is designed to encourage students to immerse themselves into the host country’s culture by serving as interns with one of several social welfare agencies and nonprofit organizations. Students will earn additional credits or field hours. Applications are being accepted until March 31 through Rutgers Study Abroad.
FOCUS ON GIVING

Students Supporting Students Campaign Update

The Students Supporting Students Committee continues their hard work in seeking contributions from graduating MSW students, faculty, staff, family, and friends to provide fellowships to continuing students, and is proud to announce that the campaign just broke $7,000, which means there will be 7 new scholarships for next year. Committee members are urging everyone to make a gift to help continue their success in supporting students. The campaign currently has 36 percent student support, and is striving towards 100 percent support from both students and faculty. Alumni are also encouraged to support the students by making a gift.

We would like to give a special thanks to the student campaign committee, Rena Brandeis, Kaman Cheong-Lau, Lauren Handleman, Jennifer Zajonc, Rafael Fernandez, and Danica Presepe for their continuous hard work and dedication.

For more information, visit here.

UPCOMING EVENTS

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
"Positioning Your Nonprofit Organization for Success in a Rapidly Evolving Marketplace: Alliances, Partnerships, Collaborations and Cooperative Agreements"
Click here to register.

Are You Ready for the DSM-5?

We are pleased to offer compelling seminars to help you prepare for 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, keyword DSM-5.

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.
2nd Annual William Neal Brown Lecture

**Wednesday, April 24, 5 – 6:30 p.m.**
Paul Robeson Campus Center, Newark Campus

The Rutgers School of Social Work is pleased to present the Second Annual William Neal Brown Memorial Lecture. Our guest speaker will be Dean Larry E. Davis of the University of Pittsburgh. He will be presenting on the topic of "Embracing A New Racial and Ethnic Identity—America's Challenge in the 21st Century."

To register and for more information, please visit [BrownLecture2013.eventbrite.com](http://BrownLecture2013.eventbrite.com)

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**PEOPLE, POLITICS AND POLICY**

Public Policy Responses to the Tragedy at Sandy Hook

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

A major nation-wide debate is unfolding as to what we should do as a people to reduce gun violence in the United States. As happens so often—tragedy drives public policy. Sandy Hook ironically has provided a once-in-a-generation opportunity to institute reforms and improvements both in gun control laws and in services to the mentally ill.

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**STUDENTS SPOTLIGHT**

Students Share in Social Work Month

Based on Jeounghee Kim's research and led by Patricia Findley and DuWayne Battle, more than 50 students on all three campuses will participate in Social Work Month on March 28 by distributing free financial tools and tips to individuals and families in local communities, many of whom continue to feel the effects of Hurricane Sandy.

We are proud of these students and look forward to updating you on this project next month.
A Conversation with MSW Student Danica Presepe

Danica Presepe is in her second year of field placement for the MSW program, working at the Center for Nonprofit Management and Governance and will be graduating this spring. She is the Secretary of Phi Alpha, The School of Social Work's Honor Society, Global Ambassador for the Study Abroad program having studied abroad in Romania, Italy, and Israel, as well as a Students Supporting Students campaign committee member. She was also selected to be one of three Student Ambassadors for the Network for Social Work Management and is currently serving a 1-year term that will end in January 2014.

We recently sat down with Ms. Presepe to discuss her work with Center for Nonprofit Management and Governance.

**When did you start your work at the Center for Nonprofit Management and Governance?**
I started working for the center in September as my second year field placement for the Masters in Social Work (MSW) program.

**Tell us about the work you do at CNPM&G.**
I presented the April 8th Statewide Symposia to the Center for Nonprofit Management and Governance's Advisory Board. This includes notable professionals from the social work field, Rutgers University Executives and Professors, as well as, local Professionals. Dr. Quincy developed the overall theme of this event and his ideas have bounced off the whole team.

I worked with Dr. Quincy on his role as a panelist for the Graduate School of Applied and Professional Psychology Conference this past Fall 2012, developing talking points and presentations as well as an overarching theme that did not overlap with the other panelists.

**Tell us about the upcoming April Symposia on the Nonprofit Sector of New Jersey.**
The Statewide Symposia is a one-day, two-part event held here at Rutgers on Monday April 8, in which nonprofit leaders and decision-makers are invited to learn about two important topics facing the state. The topics are the Rutgers University and UMDNJ Integration and opportunities for meaningful collaborations within the state's nonprofit sector. The participants of the event will open the floor up to give people a better idea of what's going on.

**You must be very excited about the Symposia. Tell us about the work you have been doing leading up to the event.**
We have been trying to do the Symposia for three years but, due to all the services we offer, it was hard to find the time to put it together. Through the Symposia we are still serving our clients, but we are serving them in a different way in the sense that we are hosting an open Symposia instead of one-on-one services. We feel the Symposia's theme is extremely important to the social welfare field in that many Nonprofits are entering into partnerships in order to avoid overlap in services. Our Symposia will be helpful to our field because we can give them information about what partnerships and collaborations can be like. The Symposia will allow for individuals from Nonprofits to have a better understanding about all the "ins and outs" of partnerships and collaborations.

**You are also involved in the Network for Social Work Management. Tell us a bit more about your work there.**
I held a mixer in the Fall for The Network For Social Work Management and it was to Kick off the New Jersey Chapter and allow the members to network amongst themselves and give perspective new members a chance to learn about the Network. One of our key presenters at
this Event was Richard Edwards, Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs at Rutgers University.

Another mixer for the Network was held Friday, February 22nd at Panico's Restaurant. This mixer was hosted by The Student Ambassadors for the Network- Nkechi Ugoji, Jessica Spooner, and myself. This was a networking event in which individuals from surrounding universities, including Rutgers and Kean, could come and learn about the Network and the Nonprofit Management track of social work. Our key speaker at this event was Walter Kalman, Executive Director of NASW.

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**ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT**

Healy Named UConn Board of Trustees Distinguished Professor

Lynne M. Healy, Ph.D. (SSW '85), a Professor of Administration and the Director of the Center for International Social Work Studies was named a University of Connecticut Board of Trustees Distinguished Professor. At UConn, she teaches courses in administration, human service agency management, international social work and international development, as well as theory and practice. Healy is Secretary of the International Association of Schools of Social Work and is also extensively involved in professional activities related to international social work. Her research interests include Internationalizing Social Work Curriculum, International Social Work, Human Rights, Human Service Agency Management, and Ethics. In addition to her teaching career at UConn with Distinguished Professor Award recognition, Healy has published 11 books and more than 50 articles and book chapters. Healy has made a name for herself through her extensive work and is an internationally known scholar in the field of international social work. She also serves on Rutgers School of Social Work Alumni Council.

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