Message from Dean Cathryn Potter

Dear School of Social Work alumni and friends,

With great pleasure, I share with you the September Newsletter. As the incoming dean I am continually amazed at the reach of the school into local, state, national and international communities, and the depth of the relationships that support that work. Many of you are a part of that work, and we thank you for your support of the school.

It was that breadth of work and dedication to advancing social work practice and research that drew me to Rutgers. We have a very accomplished faculty, and it will be a pleasure to support their work. The institute and centers are doing the kind of integrative research and practice work that the profession is calling out for. There is much to keep an eye on at Rutgers these days; please keep in touch with us throughout the year at alumni@ssw.rutgers.edu.

I am honored to be joining the Rutgers social work faculty, staff and students as we prepare social workers for the profession, create knowledge for social work practice, and serve the many communities in which we live and work. It will be a pleasure to meet you over the coming months and years. We hope you will be able to join us for the Alumni Reception on November 7.

Sincerely,
Cathryn C. Potter, MSW, PhD
Dean and Professor
Improving the Lives of Older Adults: MSW Aging Fellow Addresses Sexuality and Aging

As a teenager, Shaina Goldberg (SSW ’13) had her first experience volunteering with older adults, an experience that sparked her interest in the field. Goldberg elevated her interest in improving the lives of older adults by participating in the Rutgers MSW Fellowship in Aging, a competitive program for MSW students who demonstrate exceptional commitment to and leadership potential in social work and aging.

During her 2012-2013 fellowship, Goldberg's field-based leadership project tackled a particularly taboo subject: sexuality and aging.

Read the rest of the article here.

If your organization works with older adults and is interested in hosting an MSW Fellow in Aging, or if you would like to support a fellow in some other way, please contact Emily Greenfield at egreenf@ssw.rutgers.edu.

Center for Gambling Studies Leads International Research

From state-sanctioned internet gambling to virtual gambling in Ontario, the Center for Gambling Studies (CGS) is influencing research and policy from its Jersey roots on a global scale.

The only gambling studies center in a school of social work, the CGS has recently partnered with the Compulsive Gambling Council of New Jersey and state policymakers to sponsor a workgroup to design responsible gambling strategies in response to state expansion of legalized gambling. In February, New Jersey became the third state after Nevada and Delaware to legalize internet gambling.

Read the rest of the article here.
ACT Certificate Program Application Period Begins Sept. 15th

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.

Join us at the first-ever Alumni Reception, November 7th. Learn more and RSVP here.
YOUR GIFT MATTERS

Support Future Social Workers and Make Your Gift Today

Scholarship applications were recently sent to all students. Make a difference by supporting them with a gift to the Fellowship Fund. Your gift will have a direct impact by allowing us to offer more scholarships and fellowships, and helping us meet our goal to increase awards by 10%!

Click here for more information and to make a gift.

UPCOMING EVENTS & LECTURES

Continuing Education

The Fall/Winter catalog from the Office of Continuing Education was recently mailed and offers 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.

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

12:00 PM - 1:00 PM, September 26, 2013
Rutgers School of Social Work
536 George Street, Room 209
New Brunswick, NJ

Learn more and register here.

Domestic Violence: How Workplaces Get Hurt and How They Can Help

8:45 AM - 4:30 PM, October 18, 2013
Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey
Busch Campus Center
Piscataway, NJ

Learn more and register here.

Engaging Diverse Populations

8:30 AM - 4:00 PM, November 08, 2013
Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey
Busch Campus Center
604 Bartholomew Road
Piscataway, NJ 08854

Learn more and register here.

"Let's Talk Adoption" Conference

8:30 AM - 4:00 PM, November 09, 2013
Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey
Busch Campus Center
Piscataway, NJ

Learn more and register here.
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Congratulations! Make sure you update your email address at ralumni.com so that you can continue to get updates from the School.

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Like us on Facebook! We recently launched a new Alumni Facebook page. Get connected, be inspired and stay informed.

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We'd love to hear from you! Email us and we will put your updates in an upcoming alumni magazine.

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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