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Family Connections Honored with MLK Diversity Award



The Graduate Interns of Family Connections were selected by the UMB campus to receive the 2004 Martin Luther King, Jr. Diversity Award (student category). They were honored at a campus celebration February 3.

Dr. Frederick Strieder made the nomination, and in its support said, "The eleven student social workers placed at Family Connections for the 2003-2004 academic year demonstrate a profound and exceptional dedication to improving the quality of life for some of the most desperately poor and isolated families in West Baltimore." Congratulations to: **Laura D. Bakule; Heather Chorney; Njeri Clay; Sherlyon D. Doolin; Mary Drey; Robin Akehurst Dusza; Gillian Kemba Gregory; Maureen Harkness; Tarahn Harris; La'Tonuia P. Knox; Erin Marsden; and Mae Wilkes.** Congratulating the group was Maryland Lt. Governor Michael Steele, back row center, and UMB President Dr. David J. Ramsay, back row right.

The following is from the nomination narrative: "The Family Connections program is a collaboration of the University of Maryland School of Social Work and the West Baltimore community to help families who are struggling to meet the needs of their children. It is a community-based, strengths-oriented program that seeks, through culturally competent interventions, to empower vulnerable families. A combination of individual, family, group, and community-level services is provided because, as Dr. King taught us, change on the individual level, without attention to the broader social dynamics that foster inequities in opportunity, is limited. Challenges addressed with families include unsafe housing, substance abuse, domestic violence, school adjustment or learning problems, parent-child conflict, lack of social support, job training and

employment, and inadequate access to health care. Family Connections services are provided by eleven graduate level social work interns, supervised by faculty from the School of Social Work. Every year students make a profound commitment to not only providing quality services to families, but also to immerse themselves in the community practice of Family Connections to develop skills and related capacities to become effective social workers. The majority of these interns are participants in the Title IV-E School of Social Work Education for Public Child Welfare Program, which prepares social work students for careers working on behalf of vulnerable children and families.

The accomplishments of these interns are evident on a daily basis, one child and one family at a time. They have helped cognitively limited and mentally ill mothers with a history of humiliating encounters with public agencies to seek benefits to which they are entitled. They have ensured that dozens of children receive the supplementary educational services they need to learn. They have supported clients in insisting that landlords repair leaky roofs or furnaces and, if those efforts failed, aided families in relocating to safe, affordable housing. In weekly children's groups held at George Washington Elementary School, the interns are counseling boys and girls with an incarcerated parent or others who have witnessed the violent death of a family member.

They worked tirelessly to raise funds to hold a holiday party that featured a home-cooked meal, African dance and drumming, and bags of gifts for every member of every family served by the agency. As social programs fall to budget cuts, they make endless phone calls to locate alternate resources while at the same time preparing to take their clients' stories to the NASW Social Work Advocacy Day in Annapolis. Their energy and commitment are palpable and reminiscent of that of freedom fighters and anti-poverty workers of an earlier decade. This is a group that will not cease its advocacy until 'justice rolls down like waters and righteousness like a mighty stream.'

The impact of the work of this group of interns is evident on multiple levels. It has, of course, a profound effect on individual families, many of whom have histories of adversarial encounters with helping professionals. The respect the interns demonstrate for each client's right to self-determination both empowers clients and encourages them to reach out to other community agencies, no longer assuming that the response will inevitably be demeaning or dismissive. In many cases, the interns, through modeling, instill in paraprofessionals in West Baltimore the notion that a respectful, culturally sensitive, compassionate approach is more likely to foster a productive partnership than one focused on deficits and pathology. Moreover, there have been spillover effects in West Baltimore neighborhoods as families complete the six-month Family Connections program and become active in PTA's, church, or community associations."

The School is proud of its other nominees for the award. There were two nominees in the employee category: **Dr. Aminifu Harvey** and **Ms. Andrea Judson**. There was one other nominee in the student category: **OASIS**, the Organization for African American Students in Social Work. The qualities these individuals and organizations bring to their work here at the School are commendable and exemplify the mission of the School and the spirit of social work.

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Spring 2004

Remembering Assistant Dean Julee Kryder-Coe



Julee Kryder-Coe

Julee Kryder-Coe, MSW, assistant dean for Continuing Professional Education at the University of Maryland School of Social Work died on December 31, 2003 at the Gilcrest Center for Hospice Care following two years of treatment for uterine cancer.

Kryder-Coe, 55, a native of Buffalo, NY, relocated to the Baltimore area in 1977 to attend the University of Maryland School of Social Work where she earned a master's degree in social work in the community organizing and social policy specialization in 1979.

Assistant Dean at the School since 1992, Kryder-Coe directed the continuing professional education program for social workers and other human service professionals in Maryland and the region, a program

that serves more than 3,000 annually.

"Assistant Dean Kryder-Coe established one of the finest social work continuing education programs in the country. She was an outstanding contributor to the profession and was widely admired and respected by her colleagues," says Jesse J. Harris, PhD, dean of the School. "Julee's consultation work with the AIDS Administration was instrumental in securing Maryland's continued Federal funding for HIV-prevention planning," he adds.

Kryder-Coe also served as principal investigator for an HIV Prevention/Community Planning Project for the Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene since 1996. She managed a six-member team providing consulting to the administration on community planning for AIDS prevention. She developed strategies to expand the community planning for AIDS prevention to the state's five regions, provided technical assistance to the regional planning groups to include and increase citizen participation, and wrote annual prevention plans for the state based on the planning results which were submitted to the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) for the continuation of Maryland's federal funding.

"Julee sought out top-notch, nationally recognized experts in the field to present new perspectives and cutting edge practice tools for practitioners. Her goal was to provide professionals with new skills to implement in their daily practice settings and experience a renewed sense of purpose. Julee's illness never deterred her from her vision for the program," says Patricia Boland, MSW, who has been named director of the program.

Prior to joining the faculty/administration at the School, Kryder-Coe worked at the Institute for Policy Studies at Johns Hopkins University where she coordinated special programs, including the International Fellowship in Philanthropy program and the Hopkins Policy Leadership Program. In addition, at the Policy Institute, she coordinated the National Conference on Homeless Children and Youth in 1989.

Kryder-Coe published extensively on a variety of social work topics, including homeless children and youth, professional development for social workers, and community partnerships for HIV prevention. She worked as a consultant for a number of non-profits such as Fellowship of Lights, Independent Sector in Washington D.C., and the Public Justice Center. The indefatigable Kryder-Coe also volunteered for various organizations, among them the Day Care Coalition for Homeless Families, Windsor Hills Neighborhoods, National Network of Grantmakers, the Maryland chapter of the National Association of Social Workers, and the National Mental Health Association's Committee on the Chronically Mentally Ill.

Kryder-Coe earned her bachelor's in sociology at Michigan State University in 1970 and was named among the most outstanding young women in America in 1976. She is survived by her husband John C. Coe, children Kirsten Kryder Coe Mouton and Justin Lauritsen Coe, son-in-law, Deon Mouton, her mother Margaret Price Kryder, and brothers, Chris Kryder, MD of Boston, MA, and Ralph Kryder of Houston, TX.

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Broad Spectrum Of Events at the SSW This Spring

We invite you to attend a number of wonderful events this spring at the School of Social Work. Here is the schedule:

Monday, March 8

2004 Ephraim T. Lisansky Lecture & Reception "Early Diagnosis of Alzheimer's Disease" with Dr. Marilyn S. Albert: 11 a.m., SSW Auditorium, Free. Registration required. CEUs available for \$15. Call 410.706.5354 to register.

Monday, March 15

Social Work Month Lecture with Jody Olson '72, MSW, Deputy Director of the Peace Corps: 12:15 p.m., SSW Auditorium, Free. Call 410.706.2919 for more information.

Friday, April 2

The 14th Annual Louise Rainer Makofsky Lecture on Child Welfare, Alex Kotlowitz, author of *There Are No Children Here*, "The Things They Carry: Growing Up Poor in the World's Wealthiest Nation," SSW Auditorium, 8:30 a.m. - Reception, 9:30 a.m. to Noon - Lecture, Free. CEUs available. Call 410.706.6102 to register.

Thurs., April 22 & Fri., April 23

The Fifth African American Contributions to Social Work Conference, "Models of Self-Determination and Liberation for the Social Welfare of People of African Descent," For more information visit: www.ssw.umaryland.edu/aacsww

Wednesday, June 23

Continuing Professional Education Summer 2004 Seminar featuring Margie Little Jenkins speaking on "Life's Last Adventure: Preparing for the End of Life with Grace and Gusto," CEUs available, contact: Continuing Professional Education at 410.706.1839 or www.ssw.umaryland.edu/cpe

Donna Howard Named Director of Development



Donna J. Howard

Donna J. Howard joined the University of Maryland Baltimore late this past fall as the new Director of Development for the School of Social Work.

Howard was most recently at the Independence Seaport Museum in Philadelphia, where she was Director for Development. Previously she was the National Director for Individual and Planned Giving at the United Negro College Fund, where she grew that program and successfully closed 7-figure gifts. Prior to this, Donna served in several positions in Boston area organizations.

Prof. Abraham Makofsky “Righting the Wrongs”



Abraham Makofsky, a former professor at the University of Maryland School of Social Work and an advocate for world peace and racial and social justice, died of cancer this past January. He was 90.

“He fervently believed in righting the wrongs of the underdog. He was not a clinician but a community organizer who believed in change. That is what he always believed in,” said Lily Gold, associate dean of the School of Social Work and friend of 40 years.

Dr. Makofsky was born in New York City and raised in Harlem, the son of Jewish immigrants from Poland. His father, a tailor, was also an active unionist. He earned a bachelor’s degree in history from City College of New York in 1931 and a master’s in history from Columbia University in 1936.

He enlisted in the Army in 1943 and served in Europe as a radio operator with the 387th Infantry, earning two battle stars. After the war, he returned to New York and studied social work at Columbia on the GI Bill, earning a master’s degree in 1948. He earned a doctorate in anthropology in 1971 from Catholic University of America.

After holding several social work positions in New York City and Springfield, MA, he moved to the Loch Raven area of Baltimore County in 1952. He was a social planner from 1953 to 1962 for the Health and Welfare Council of Central Maryland.

He was director for five years of the Health and Welfare Council of Washington, until joining the faculty of the School of Social Work in 1967, where he taught community organizing. He retired in 1979. “He was a peaceful man and he truly believed that nothing was ever solved by going to war,” Dean Gold said.

Dr. Makofsky was married for 32 years to the former Rose Katof, a social worker who died in 1967. In 1969, he married Louise Rainer, director of the Baltimore County Department of Social Services, who died in 1989. The School’s annual Louise Rainer Makofsky Lecture is held each year in her honor. The 14th Annual Louise Rainer and Abraham Makofsky Lecture on Child Welfare is scheduled for Friday, April 2 and will feature Alex Kotlowitz, author of *There Are No Children Here*, “The Things They Carry: Growing Up Poor in the World’s Wealthiest Nation.” The event is free and will be held in the SSW Auditorium beginning with a reception | at 8:30 a.m. followed by the lecture from 9:30 a.m. to noon. CEUs available. Call 410.706.6102 to register.

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Continuing Professional Education



Summer Seminar 2004 June 23, 2004

*Exploring Life’s Last Adventure:
Preparing for the End of Life with Grace and Gusto*

Margie Little Jenkins, MSW, LPC, LMFT

Half of all American families are touched by death each year, yet 70% of those who die are unprepared for death. Although researching costs and services for major life events such as weddings, buying a house, or even a vacation is common practice, planning for life’s inevitable final journey is neglected. Vulnerable family members are left to make important decisions during a traumatic time when wisdom and clear thinking are often in short supply. It doesn’t have to be that way.

Preparing for the end of life with grace and gusto before the need can change that scenario by offering a plan to review life, know options for life’s ending, and encourage enjoyable interaction among family members and friends. Transition from life can be just as profound, intimate, and in some ways, joyful as birth. This seminar is for *all* social workers and helping professionals, especially those who work with seriously ill clients.

Margie Jenkins is a published author, therapist, lecturer, and newspaper columnist. She is nationally recognized for her work with end-of-life planning issues and is noted for her sensitivity, humor, and clinical practicality. She holds an MSW from the University of Houston Graduate School of Social Work. Now 80 years old, she maintains a private practice in Houston, and is a therapist for Cancer Counseling, Inc., working with cancer patients and their families. Jenkins is author of a newly published book, *You Only Die Once: Preparing for the End of Life with Grace and Gusto*. She has been interviewed on national TV and radio about her philosophy and work.

The seminar will be held on Wednesday, June 23, 2004, 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. in the newly renovated University of Maryland School of Social Work Auditorium. **Pre-registration and payment of \$135.00 is required.** This seminar is approved for 6 Category I CEUs for social workers, psychologists, and licensed professional counselors.

Please contact the Office of Continuing Professional Education at 410.706.1839 for registration information and a complete Spring 2004 workshop brochure. Or visit our Web site at www.ssn.umaryland.edu/cpe.

Dunklin ’81 Chosen To Lead Idaho’s New Nonprofit Development Center



Betsy Dunklin ’81, MSW, has been named the first executive director of the Idaho Nonprofit Development Center located in Boise. The Center was incorporated in 2001

to help the state’s nonprofit organizations acquire skills, resources, and capacity to achieve their missions.

Dunklin has worked in the nonprofit sector since the mid 1970s. She moved to Boise in 1981 after earning her MSW degree from the School of Social Work. She most recently served three terms in the Idaho State Senate.

McCune Honored With National Entrepreneur Award

Sara Miller McCune, a major donor to the School of Social Work and Chairman of Sage Publications—a publishing company she founded at age 24—was honored with the Ernst & Young Spirit of Entrepreneurship Award.

According to officials at Ernst & Young, a global leader in professional services, McCune was selected because her extraordinary leadership has created a legacy that has had a positive social and economic impact on her employees, community, and industry.

Professor Paul Ephross Named A Social Work Pioneer



Congratulations to longtime School of Social Work Professor Dr. Paul H. Ephross, shown here. Ephross has been named a Social Work Pioneer by the National Association of Social Workers Foundation. NASW

Executive Director Elizabeth J. Clark and NASW President Gary Bailey note that this certificate is awarded “In recognition of exceptional contributions to the social work profession and its ability to meet the needs of all people.”

A Pioneer Room has been established at the NASW National Office in Washington, D.C.

Georgia Governor Appoints Alumnus to State Board

William “Bill” McQueen ’70, MSW, of Fairburn, Georgia, has been appointed to the Georgia Board of Human Resources by Governor Sonny Perdue.

McQueen currently serves as President and CEO of JEMS Strategic Communications, Inc. He previously served as Director of Planning and Allocations for United Way of Metropolitan Atlanta.



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...There’s a way for Maryland’s School of Social Work to achieve its rich mission of serving the academic needs of students while assisting families and helping communities preserve and restore hope.

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Class Notes

1974

Kathleen "Kitti" Kestner Haywood, MSW - Community Planning

After a fulfilling 15-year career in social work, ending as Director of Special Programs at Northern Virginia Family Services, I took about 10 years off to parent my daughter, now 17; and two grandsons, now 12. At age 50, I graduated from Physicians' Assistant School. For the past four years, I have been working as a surgical first assistant at Sibley Memorial Hospital. I was exempted from psychology courses in PA school due to my social work background. I still use my interviewing skills daily. I continue to enjoy my family, reading, traveling, gardening, and my cottage in Canada.

Patti Ivry, MSW - Community Planning

I have been a professor of social work at Western Connecticut State University for the past 23 years. I am also the Director of the University-based Executive Forum, a capacity-building initiative in the nonprofit sector.

1975

John D. Herron, MSW - Community Planning

Recently appointed President and CEO of Revisions Behavioral Health.

1977

Linda Nemiroff, MSW - Community Planning

I retired from the Montgomery County Department of Health and Human Services in 2002 after 30 years of service, the last seven years served as an administrator with Child Welfare Services. I immediately started my second career as a Mary Kay consultant and horticultural volunteer, both of which are a lot of fun!

1981

Eleanor Klay, PhD - Community Planning

Ellie Klay, an associate professor at Coppin State College, recently received an award from Boston University School of Social Work for "Outstanding Career in Social Work." Her career has been varied. She directed a senior center in Sydney, Australia; trained staff at the Texas State Welfare Department; and worked as a Community Service Advisor at the Department of Health and Human Services. She now resides in Bethesda, Maryland.

1983

Jack Powell, MCP - Master Community Planning, MSW (1992)

My paper titled, "The Five Stages of Responsible Inmate Behavior," will be published in the *Forensic Therapist*. Dr. William Glassner, author of "Reality Therapy, Conflict Therapy, and Choice Therapy," has endorsed my paper.

1999



John P. S. Sandy, MSW - Clinical Social Administration

Currently pursuing a doctorate in Organizational Leadership from Nova Southeastern University in Miami Beach, Florida. Dissertation Interest: "Leadership Role in Minimizing Social Worker Turnover in Foster Care Agencies." Happily married to wife, Elizabeth who is a nurse with St. Francis Country House in Darry, Pennsylvania. Children are Johnny, Johnette, Johnita, and one goddaughter, Nawatu.

2003

Beth Slepian, MSW

I was hired by my internship site, the Maryland Disabilities Forum, to be their Director. I am the first and only staff in this all-volunteer organization. We do advocacy work statewide on behalf of the cross-disability community. I'm really enjoying my job.

Drop Us A Line, Today!

The School of Social Work wants you to share your news, not only with us, but with other alumni. This news could include a new job or promotion, an award, honor, publication, or conference presentation. It could also include a birth or marriage announcement, new grandchildren to brag about, or almost any other news you care to share. Please fill out the form, return it to us, and it will be published in a "Class Notes" section of a future edition of *Connect* and/or *Connections*. We also encourage you to send pictures!*

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You may also e-mail your "Class Note" to us at alumni@ssw.umaryland.edu.

*Photos may be sent to the address above, or if sending by e-mail, we prefer photos be saved in a tif format at 300 dpi; images sent below that resolution we may not print. Please include your name and mailing address on all photos. We will return all photos.

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Maiden Name _____

Class Year _____

Concentration/Specialization _____

Home Address _____

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Employer _____

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Employer Address _____

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New Alumni Association Membership Rules

Effective immediately, all graduates of the School will receive a complimentary membership to the Alumni Association. We are eliminating the dues structure in an effort to encourage alumni participation in the Annual Fund. The Annual Fund is at the heart of our mission to educate and train the next generation of social workers and goes a long way close the gap between income and what it actually costs to operate the School and provide badly needed scholarships to deserving students. Alumni support is critical to our health and well being.

Your support is what corporations and foundations look toward to gauge our strength and determine whether or not they are going to support our efforts. Please be sure to look for an Annual Fund appeal in the spring and please, be as generous as possible when considering your gift to the School.