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GREETINGS *from the DEAN*

The School of Social Work is committed to providing ongoing learning opportunities for our alumni and the larger social work community. In our effort to support alumni at every step of their career, we have expanded certificate and continuing education programming. Our current certificate offerings include School Social Work (Type 73), Nonprofit Management and Philanthropy Sector, and Advanced Practice in Schools, and we will soon provide a certificate in Multicultural Domestic Violence Counseling.

As we increase our internal certificate programs, we also continue to expand our international programming, including new graduate courses at Loyola's Rome and Beijing centers. Some of these classes will be taught in collaboration with Italian or Chinese universities. If international travel and graduate-level learning interests you, find out more about these unique offerings in this issue.

In addition to supporting lifelong learning for our alumni, we are equally concerned about our graduates and the current job market. During these tough economic times when agencies are cutting back programming and staffing, recent graduates and seasoned professionals are looking for meaningful work now more than ever. If you are experiencing or anticipating employment challenges, visit LUC.edu/alumni/career. You'll find resources regarding career services, job fairs, events, and networking opportunities to assist in your career development needs and job search.

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Above: Dean Jack C. Wall, PhD, with Joyce West-Stevens (PhD '93, MSW '64), alumni board member and Boston University professor emerita

Thanksgiving 2008 Donor Reception

Jimmy Fuerst and his late wife are sponsors of the Jimmy and Dorothy Fuerst Award. This annual writing contest gives a stipend to the student who best demonstrates a comprehensive understanding of complex policy issues.

Pictured with Fuerst are Michele Duszynski (MSW '02), alumni board vice president, and Blythe Landry (MSW '05, MEd '02), SSW enrollment advisor.



Society of the Shield member Charles Cooper established the Miriam Cooper Endowed Scholarship Fund in memory of his late wife, Miriam Cooper (MSW '76). Based on the intent of the Cooper family, the School of Social Work annually selects student recipients who demonstrate outstanding academic achievement and express a desire to improve the lives of children and families.

Cooper is pictured with Katie Reifenberg (CAS '01), SSW director of development.

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Institute for Intergenerational Studies and Practice Launching Multiple Initiatives

As the age demographic rapidly shifts, the School of Social Work is responding actively through educational programming, research, scholarship, and service to older adults and their families. The SSW's recently created Institute for Intergenerational Studies and Practice supports faculty and student research and scholarship.

"The institute focuses on intergenerational families, including diversity of cultural and religious affiliations, family styles, economic conditions, and health challenges," says Marcia Spira, PhD, associate professor and institute director. "It's a place for study, research, training, and partnership with other agencies and universities to foster collaborative efforts in research, programming, and services."

Spira partners with numerous SSW colleagues for visioning and implementation of institute projects (pictured below). "We have a very energetic and creative group of faculty members who are excited about the institute's direction and opportunities," says Spira, who notes that alumni are welcome to attend all programs sponsored by the institute. Future institute projects that may interest alumni are a volunteer program and a potential certificate program.

Current programs and initiatives of the institute:

- The annual Summer Institute on Aging is scheduled for Monday, July 27, through Thursday, July 30. This year's theme will be abuse of older women. As in past years, the interdisciplinary program, open to students, faculty, and professionals, will consist of lectures, panel discussions, and group discussions. "This year's program will be even more experiential and interactive, as we've invited some women to share their own stories," Spira says. Continuing education units are available (see back page).
- In concert with several agencies and programs on Chicago's West and South sides, several faculty members are

developing a fall workshop addressing the increasing numbers of grandparents raising grandchildren. "We're interested in issues affecting these grandparents, including aging, legal status, substance abuse in the family, and cognitive changes that may make others question their authority," Spira explains. The goals of the project include fostering support groups and partnering with agencies to train professionals in these issues.

- One project will develop training techniques to assist older adults and caregivers in the access and use of personal health records. "The traditional training for using this software often isn't adequate for older adults. We want to help them get comfortable with the changing technology," Spira explains.

- The Dr. Scholl Foundation again has funded the SSW's interdisciplinary collaboration with the law school via the Elder Law Clinic. A SSW doctoral student and a law fellow supervise teams of students addressing issues including guardianship, surrogate decision-making, elder abuse, and more.
- Fifteen Loyola students received stipends this year from the John A. Hartford Foundation for the Hartford Partnership Program in Aging Education. Designed to increase interest in the study and practice of geriatric social work, this program helps to develop a workforce that can effectively serve older adults. Spira is hopeful that this initiative will grow into a permanent gerontology scholars program at Loyola.
- This year Anne Millheiser (MSW '09) and Kristen Pavle (MSW '09) are Judy Berg (MSW '72, MSIR '78) Scholars. The scholarship supports student research in gerontology issues to develop best practices for older adults.
- Assistant Professor Philip Hong, PhD, received a Loyola summer stipend to study the social exclusion of post-retirement workers.

For more information, contact Marcia Spira at [mspira@luc.edu](mailto:mSPIRA@LUC.EDU) or 312.915.7580.



SSW FACULTY MEMBERS
(left to right) Caleb Kim, John Orwat, Terri Kilbane, Jack C. Wall, Marcia Spira, Edward Gunz, Shirley Simon, Philip Hong, Priscila Freire, and Susan Grossman

Graduate Certificate Programs

Loyola's School of Social Work certificate programs allow graduate-educated professionals to advance their training in specialized areas of practice. Please visit our Web site for more detailed information: LUC.edu/socialwork/certificates.

Family and School Partnership Program — Certificate in Advanced Practice in Schools (CAPS)

This postgraduate program is the only one of its kind in the Midwest and is designed to help school-based mental health professionals better assist students in their academic and psychosocial development. Participants learn an integrated "whole-school approach" and are trained to do high-quality, innovative, evidence-based and strength-based work with students, their families, and the systems in which they work. The FSPP/CAPS program offers 225 continuing education units. In most school districts, this is the number of CEUs needed for lane advancement.

Length of Program: Two years

Program Requirements: One biweekly consultation group for two consecutive years (40 hours/year sufficient for LCSW licensure).

Two online courses over a two-year period.

Eight workshops, four hours each, over two consecutive years (20 hours per year; usually offered on Saturday mornings).

Two intensive summer training conferences (three days each).

Online Format: Two online courses over a two-year period.

Certificate in School Social Work — Type 73

This program is for MSW degree holders seeking the required courses and field placement for certification as a school social worker in Illinois (Type 73 Certificate).

Length of Program: One semester to a year, depending on experience.

Program Requirements: Minimum of two courses and a supervised field placement in an approved school.

Online Format: Several of the courses can be pursued online.

Certificate in Nonprofit Management and Philanthropy Sector (NMPS)

This program is open to professionals who want to further their knowledge and expertise in nonprofit management, strategic planning, utilization of foundation

resources, and grantmaking. The NMPS certificate is ideal for people interested in public service, policy, and community building. This innovative educational program combines formal classroom instruction with internship learning experience and draws on the rich array of knowledge and expertise found in nonprofit organizations and philanthropic institutions in the Chicago area.

Length of Program: One year

Program Requirements: This nine-credit program requires three courses, one of which includes an internship or specialized independent study project. Past intern sites have included the Chicago Bar Association, the Chicago Community Trust, and the United Way of Metropolitan Chicago.

Online Format: Many elements of the NMPS may be pursued online.

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Advanced Knowledge in Multicultural Domestic Violence Counseling

This certificate program, which advances knowledge on domestic violence from a social work perspective, is the only one of its kind in the Chicago area and one of only a few nationwide. Participants gain continuing education units for licensure renewal requirements and for renewal of certification for Illinois Certified Domestic Violence Professionals.

Eligibility: Applicants must possess the 40-hour domestic violence training. (This certificate program is NOT related to the certification process done by the Illinois Domestic Violence Professionals Board.)

Length of Program: Six months

Program Requirements: 10 face-to-face half-day sessions every other week, plus 15 capstone hours for a total of 50 (CEU) hours. Ideally, this program will use a cohort model and will be offered twice a year.

Continuing Education Workshop

Learn about globalization and migration with SSW professor and Immigration Studies Institute Director Maria Vidal de Haymes, PhD.

Join us for networking and professional development. CEUs available.

3-6:30 PM, Friday, April 24, 2009 | Maryville Academy, 1150 N. River Rd., Des Plaines, IL

REGISTER AT
LUC.edu/alumni/events

SUPPORT OUR SCHOOL

Agnes Piszczek Endowed Scholarship Fund Created



The School of Social Work is pleased to introduce a new scholarship fund. The Agnes Piszczek (MSW '61) Endowed Scholarship Fund

will be awarded annually to students pursuing a social work degree. Piszczek received scholarship assistance while attending Loyola and recently created this scholarship to give back to students who will become the future leaders in the social work profession.

Piszczek took the opportunity to make a tax-free gift from her IRA (available through December 31, 2009) so she could begin to watch her philanthropy take

shape while helping provide financial assistance to students at Loyola.

Piszczek spent her entire 30+ year career with the State of Illinois Department of Children and Family Services as an advocate for children. She retired as an administrator in the Juvenile Court Liaison Unit.

Committed to service and philanthropy, Piszczek is truly a "person for others" who continues to serve in many capacities that embody Loyola's Jesuit values. She currently serves on the SSW's Advisory Council and the board of directors for Maryville and is the 1959 class secretary at St. Mary-of-the-Woods College, where she received her undergraduate degree.

Thank you, Agnes, for all that you do!

MAKING CONTRIBUTIONS THROUGH YOUR IRA

By making a gift of up to \$100,000 from your IRA during this year, you can see your philanthropic dollars at work. You can fulfill any outstanding pledge you may have already made to Loyola by transferring that amount from your IRA.

The opportunity to make a tax-free gift from your IRA is only available through December 31, 2009. The legislation also requires you to reach age 70 by the date you make the gift.

EXTRAORDINARY PARTNER

Ivan Medina

After a successful career in the social service sector, Ivan Medina (MSW '98, BSW '81) decided to join Loyola's faculty and staff to teach students interested in philanthropy and leadership.

"I grew up at Loyola," says Medina, who serves as professor and director of SSW's Nonprofit Management and Philanthropy Sector program and Leadership Development in the Social Services program.

Recently, Medina became a Society of the Shield member, a giving society that recognizes donors who make planned gifts to Loyola. "It's easier than one would think to make planned gifts. I would like to help other students receive the financial assistance that I was so grateful for when I was a student," says Medina. "I feel that

I have received so much from Loyola—it's exciting to be back at my alma mater and to give back to Loyola." Medina is an extraordinary partner of the SSW—an alumnus, professor, and donor—all of which contribute to helping prepare future leaders in the social service field.

If you are interested in learning about becoming a Society of the Shield member, giving through your IRA, or establishing a scholarship fund, please contact Katie Reifenberg, SSW development director, at kreifen@luc.edu or 312-915-7250.



From left are Ivan Medina, Jack C. Wall, Jeanne Kracher, executive director of the Crossroads Fund and the 2008 Louis T. Delgado Social Justice in Philanthropy Award recipient, and Luis T. Delgado, founder and former director of the Nonprofit Management and Philanthropy Sector Program.

SAVE THE DATE

6TH ANNUAL PHILANTHROPY FOR ALL SEASONS RECEPTION

Thursday, June 18, 2009

Visit LUC.edu/philanthropy for more details.

INTERNATIONAL RESEARCH AND LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES

Professor's international research focuses on collaboration, divergent perspectives



Assistant professor Shweta Singh, PhD, is expanding the School of Social Work's international focus through a series of research projects on community collaboration and accessibility to both academic and nonacademic audiences.

With a grant from Loyola's Graduate School's Global Initiative Fund, Singh has created an online class, *India Reader*. The

course features 22 lecturers, both academics and practitioners, selected for discussions of various aspects of social service in India. "Imagine getting that many lecturers in one class," Singh says. "The perspectives from these different institutions, nonprofits, and agencies are fascinating, and include discussions of philosophy, sociology, and other fields to supplement the social work view."

Though many other American schools of social work have programs in India, most have "top-down, top-heavy" research, Singh says. "Our research is equally shared by the collaborator and Loyola. We told our lecturers what the area of focus is but didn't tell them what their view should be, so we have divergent views presented. India is a multicultural, multireligious society, and our lectures reflect that."

This summer, Singh's book, also called *India Reader*, will be published by Lyceum Publishing.

In development for summer 2010 is a summer immersion trip to India where participants will visit Delhi, Mumbai, Bangalore, and Lucknow. "The program will include both classroom work and visits to social action and nonprofit agencies, with some cultural and social components," says Singh, noting that "these four places offer very different views of what's going on in social work in India."

Singh also has completed the pilot of a research project examining how gender, mental health outcomes, and social service institutions affect Asian immigrant women's experiences in the United States. With the help of Loyola communication students and faculty members, she is creating short video—and, where confidentiality is an issue—audio documentaries about these women's experiences. These documentaries make research available to people who ordinarily would not see policy research in the form of a scholarly paper.

How does she do so much? "Collaboration is really important to me, and the support from my students, who do really good work, is invaluable," Singh says.

For more information, contact Shweta Singh at ssingh9@luc.edu or call 312.915.7249.

Study Abroad with Loyola

There is no substitute for the learning that occurs through international travel. Immersing oneself in another culture is an unparalleled opportunity to enhance and develop one's social work practice.

Through Loyola's continuing educational opportunities in Rome and Beijing, alumni will develop new interventions with clients, expand their clinical skills and interventions, and collaborate with colleagues from countries who deal with international issues.

Alumni and friends can take these courses for a 50 percent cost reduction and earn CEUs (continuing education units).

To earn course credit, alumni will need to register at Loyola as a nondegree-seeking student. Those who are solely seeking CEUs do not need to be admitted as a nondegree-seeking student.

For more information, visit LUC.edu/socialwork/studyabroad.



SUMMER 2009 INTERNATIONAL COURSES

These courses can be taken for three credit hours.

ROME | May 11-15

Seminar Course on Migrations

Maria Vidal de Haymes, PhD, Professor

ROME | May 18-29

Social Work with Small Groups and

Advanced Social Work Practice with Groups

Carlean Gilbert, PhD, Professor

BEIJING | May 18-June 1

Global Social Welfare Issues and

Social Work Responses

Daniel Lee, DSW, Professor

SSW CALENDAR

Continuing Education Workshop

Friday, April 24, 2009

3:00-6:30 PM

Maryville Academy

(1150 N. River Rd., Des Plaines, IL)

Learn about globalization and migration with Maria Vidal de Haymes, PhD. Join us for networking and professional development. CEUs available.

LUC.edu/alumni/socialwork

Founders' Dinner

Saturday, June 6, 2009

Lake Shore Campus

Join us as we recognize Joseph A. Walsh, PhD (MSW '69, A&S '67), former SSW dean, as he receives the Damen Award, one of Loyola's highest honors.

LUC.edu/founders

6th Annual Philanthropy For All Seasons Reception

Thursday, June 18, 2009

6-9 PM

Water Tower Campus

Attend this event to network with Chicago nonprofit professionals.

LUC.edu/philanthropy

Summer Institute for School-Based Mental Health Professionals: Broadening Your Clinical Perspective

Wednesday, July 22 – Friday 24, 2009

Water Tower Campus

Sponsored by Loyola's Family and School Partnerships Program in Advanced Practice in Schools (FSPP/CAPS). CEUs available.

For information, contact Ruth Fuerst at rfuerst@luc.edu.

Summer Institute on Aging: Abuse of Older People

Monday, July 27 – Thursday, July 30

Water Tower Campus

Students and professionals are invited to this four-day interdisciplinary course. Topics will include distinctions between elder abuse and domestic violence, barriers to care, and multidisciplinary collaboration. CEUs available.

For information, contact Marcia Spira at mspira@luc.edu.

NASW—IL Ninth Annual Statewide Conference

**Wednesday, September 9 – Friday,
September 11, 2009**

Downtown Chicago

Loyola will be hosting an alumni reception during this convention. Mark your calendar and plan on attending this gathering!



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