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As the pages of the current issue of The Bridge testify, this has been another eventful year for the School reflecting its achievements in professional education, scholarly activity and social engagement, locally and globally.

Not only have all faculty continued to advance their research and its dissemination through journal articles and book publications, celebrated by a successful book launch, but some have also received wider recognition: Dr. Dan Perlman has been elected President elect of the Canadian Psychological Association; Dr. Jim White has been appointed as Fellow of the National Council on Family Relations, and Dr. Paule McNicoll was invited to give the Sumner Gill Memorial Lecture ‘Group Work and Globalization: a Post-colonial Reflection’ at the International Symposium of the Association for the Advancement of Social Work with Groups; (Detroit 2005). Many congratulations to them and to Dr. Miu Chung Yan, Dr. Grant Charles, Dr. Pilar Riaño Alcalá, Dr. Sheila Marshall, Dr. Jim Ponzetti, Dr. Anne Martin-Matthews, Dr. Susan Cadell, Dr. Edward Kruk and Dr. Deb O’Connor for their recent SSHRC, SSHRC-CURA and CIHR research grant awards; and to Dr. Tim Stainton, Dr. Carrie Yodanis and Dr. Grant Charles for significant research funding from the BC Ministry of Children and Family Development. Dr. Pilar Riaño Alcalá was also recognised as a Junior Early Career Scholar by the Peter Wall Institute for Advanced Studies. Special congratulations also to Kimberly Ayzan, President of the Social Work Alumni Association for her Blythe Eagles Volunteer Service Award by the UBC Alumni Association and to Kristin Schopp, Assistant to the Director, for her receipt of the Dean's Award for Staff Excellence.

At the same time, and of particular note, are the accomplishments of our students - undergraduate and graduate - reflecting their commitments to global citizenship and learning through field education placements; to research and scholarship through international and national conference presentations; and for the quality and range of MSW and MA theses. Janice Murphy (MSW) received a national fellowship award from the Metis Centre at the National Aboriginal Health Organisation; Christina Campbell (MSW-CUSO placement...
Nigeria), Dennis Villanueva and Tineke Saul (BSW-Multicultural Faculty Centre/Vancouver) and Gabrielle Williams (BSW - Child Welfare League of Canada, Ottawa) each gained significant insights from their practicum experiences linking human rights and citizenship needs; Michelle Cameron and Niel Selt (BSW), Alice Balter (MA), Tim Dueck and Cameron Murdock (MSW) report on their learning from the 2004 Conference on Health and Wellness for Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgendered Peoples held in Ottawa, and facilitated by Dr. Brian O'Neill; BSW students Michelle Cameron, Tara Jarvis and Krista Sigurdson presented papers at conferences at Cornell, UBC and the University of Colorado; MSW students Marian Anderberg, Carla Alexander, Tim Dueck, Cameron Murdock, Bobbi Preston and Paula Anni presented papers at conferences hosted by York University, Family Services Canada, the Canadian Association of Psycho-social Oncology and the Sixth International Interdisciplinary Conference in Edmonton, 2005.

Peter Monk’s (MSW, 1997) research was recently published in the Journal of Family Issues.

Based on these accomplishments it is therefore no surprise that the time has arrived for the introduction of the PhD program commencing this Fall with the admission of nine doctoral students! We received 40 applications and now look forward to welcoming our first cohort of PhD students. Many thanks are due to the PhD Committee and particularly Dr. Tim Stainton (Coordinator), Rosemary Usher (Program Advisor), Dan Perlman and Marjorie Paukner, for ensuring a successful implementation.

On a sadder note, I have to report the passing away of two professors emeriti who gave much to the School, Dr. John Crane (1965-1999) and Hal Goodwin (1963-1991) who in their different ways and over many years contributed their scholarship and learning to the advancement of social work education - John through his scholarship and expertise in research and Hal through his teaching, knowledge and practice wisdom. Both are greatly missed.

Other noteworthy developments include further consultations (in Vietnam and at UBC) forming a partnership with the University of Dalat on the development of a MSW program; welcoming the proposal for a new MSW at the School of Social Work at UBC-Okanagan; and the commitments of many people to the establishment of The Henry Maas Memorial Scholarship Fund (for doctoral students) and the 75th Social Work Anniversary Global Learning Endowment Fund to assist students to advance their learning and citizenship in globally challenging contexts.

The School’s programs and developments could not succeed without the professional expertise and commitment of our staff. To all of them many thanks: Suzanne Moore, Rosemary Usher, Debbie Erickson, Derek Dong, Kristin Schopp, Ivy Chan, Marjorie Paukner and Pasceline Nsekera.


In terms of the future I would like to invite all alumni, field educators, social work faculty in BC and across the country to the 75th Anniversary Celebrations of the School. There will be two major events (back-to-back) held in conjunction with the Annual UBC Alumni Days. The first is a public symposium on ‘Food and Human Rights: Hunger, Health and Social Well-Being’ (Sept. 28 [evening] and Sept. 29 [all day]) followed by the 75th SW Alumni Anniversary Celebration (Sept. 30, 05). Details of these events are to be found on page 19 of The Bridge.

International speakers from the UK, Norway, Malawi, Brazil are among those invited to address the ‘Food and Human Rights’ symposium, and Dr. Martha Piper, UBC President will give the keynote address at the Alumni Anniversary Celebration the following day.

We would like to welcome as many of you back to revisit the School, renew acquaintances and learn about the new and exciting developments and challenges at the School of Social Work and Family Studies.

It will be a pleasure to welcome each and every one of you.

Best wishes.

Graham Riches
Professor and Director
The Canadian Psychological Association (CPA) announces that Daniel Perlman, Associate Director of the School of Social Work and Family Studies, has been elected President-elect. The twelve members of the Board are responsible for the governance of the Association. CPA has over five thousand members from all areas of the diverse discipline of psychology and from all provinces and territories in Canada.

National Council on Family Relations Announces 2004 NCFR Fellows

James M. White, PhD, Professor, Family Studies, University of British Columbia has distinguished himself as a person responsible for the survival and endurance of family development theory. Subjected to harsh criticism in the 1970s, this legacy model went into serious decline in academic circles. With the publication of the book Dynamics of Family Development: A Theoretical Perspective (Fulford Press, 1991), as well as the chapter on family development in the Sourcebook of Family Theories and Methods (Plenum, 1993), Dr. White successfully overcame some of the limits of such a theory, developing newer concepts in the process. These publications in addition to his co-authored book, Family Theories (Sage, 1996, 2002) have been described as classics in the field. His most recent book, Advancing Family Theories (Sage, 2004) also seems destined to become another seminal theoretical work. Dr. White has served as President of the Northwest Council on Family Relations and a member of its Board of Directors. He co-chaired NCFR's Life Span Focus Group, served on the Board of Directors of the Theory Construction and Research Methods Workshops, and was a member of the Reuben Hill Award Committee.

NOTES FROM THE FIELD

Social Work Graduate Practicum: CUSO Nigeria Cooperant

I recently returned from a four month graduate placement with CUSO at the Justice, Development, and Peace Commission (JDPC) in Ijebu-Ode, Nigeria. CUSO is a Canadian-based international development organisation and one of the leading volunteer-sending agencies in Canada. Its mission is to strengthen global networks and alliances for social justice by sharing knowledge, human and material resources, and by promoting policy alternatives. The UBC School of Social Work and Family Studies has had a partnership with CUSO since 2001 that enables social work students to complete short-term overseas placements for practicum credits.

The JDPC is a non-governmental social justice organisation committed to the promotion of sustainable development projects. In my position as a Sustainable Development and Environmental Rights Advisor, I was a contributing member in a collaborative research project involving two JDPC departments: the Human Rights Programme and the Micro-finance Programme. The purpose of the research was to explore the potential for increasing women's effective participation in civil society by implementing a human rights training component as part of the agency's micro-credit programme.

Our team collected research data between July and September 2004 in the communities where loans are dispersed, which are both urban and rural. The research process involved individual interviews with micro-credit programme members. It also included focus group discussions with loan-group leaders, and an interview with a key informant – a loan-group leader trained in issues of gender and leadership. Further, data was retrieved from the JDPC Micro-Credit Scheme loan application forms and group meeting attendance. We employed both qualitative and quantitative research techniques. The research resulted in a written draft report – Programming for Women's
Empowerment – A preparatory study for the introduction of a comprehensive empowerment component to micro-credit programming. The research results will be used to facilitate further programme developments at the JDPC in order to advance the agency's social justice objectives.

The research project also generated two in-house workshops. In the first workshop, we outlined the results of the research project to the JDPC Director, the Micro-finance Programme staff, and the JDPC Department Coordinators. In the second workshop, we shared the research findings and received input on the report's recommendations with the key stakeholders: group leaders, credit officers, and branch managers from the JDPC Micro-Credit Scheme.

My practicum experience brought invaluable personal and professional growth. It enabled me to gain first-hand knowledge of Nigeria, its culture and its people. In addition, it provided an opportunity to improve my research and report writing skills as well as to acquire skills in workshop development and facilitation. In particular, I found the fieldwork for the research project extremely rewarding: it was a privilege to engage with the micro-credit participants and to learn about their thoughts on human rights' issues.

Christina Campbell
Master of Social Work Candidate

Social Work Undergraduate Practicum (3rd Year): Multicultural Family Centre, Vancouver

The two are us are doing our third year placement at the Multicultural Family Centre in Vancouver. We started at the end of October and are at MFC two days a week. MFC is an agency that serves the African, Latin American, and Vietnamese communities. Its mandate is to try to help people in these communities access health and other social services in BC. After spending four months at MFC, we have come to see that this agency's mandate is far broader than what we initially thought. At MFC we have been involved in working with drop-in clients to assist them in filling out government forms, building their resume and portfolio and linking people to other health, community and social services. After our first month at MFC we recognized the need for a citizenship preparation class. This class assists those wishing to write the Canadian citizenship exam. We also teach an English conversation class where people can practice speaking English in a friendly, informal setting. Tineke has been participating in the African Women and Children's Program which provides information sessions and speakers on adaptation issues including topics determined by the group. The environment at MFC is informal and unstructured. This has required us to work independently and take the initiative to start our own programs and/or assume responsibilities within the framework of the agency. Because of this, we have taken many risks. Some of these have resulted in success and others which have resulted in failure but all of which have increased our learning.

Dennis Villanueva and Tineke Saul
3rd Year BSW Practicum Students


As a fourth-year BSW student, I was fortunate enough to be given the opportunity to do my final practicum placement with the Child Welfare League of Canada in Ottawa. Situated in the heart of downtown Ottawa just a few blocks from Parliament Hill, the CWLC is a member-based national child welfare agency specializing in policy development and analysis, advocacy and research with the goal of promoting the health and well-being of Canada's children and youth. Under the guidance of my placement supervisor and Executive Director of the CWLC, Peter Dudding, I participated in several highly interesting and challenging policy and research projects during my two months with the agency.

One such project was a policy analysis of the proposed Citizenship and Immigration Canada Guardianship Protocols, a series of guidelines designed for CIC and other immigration officials dealing with 'separated children', child refugees who arrive in Canada unaccompanied by either parent. More than a thousand such children arrive in Canada every year, and my role in the project was to create a report highlighting some deficiencies in current immigration policy and outlining recommendations for changes to the Protocols to ensure the best interests of these highly vulnerable children are protected.

Another major project I undertook while at the CWLC was a literature
In all, my time here has been a fantastic experience – I have had the opportunity to work and learn in a challenging and fascinating environment at the Child Welfare League of Canada, met many interesting people, and gotten to know (and love!) the city of Ottawa. I am very grateful to Grant Charles, my faculty liaison at UBC, and Peter Dudding, my placement supervisor here at the CWLC, for their help in making this placement possible, and I would highly recommend the experience to any social work student.

Gabrielle Williams
4th Year BSW Practicum Student

Family Studies Arts Co-op Program, Hong Kong

As a Family Studies major I have decided to enrich my degree with 16 months of paid work experience in the Arts Co-op program. I completed my first 8 months in Ottawa working in the Social Policy and Program Development Division in the Selection Branch at Citizenship and Immigration Canada and I am currently finishing my last 8 month work term in Hong Kong with Time Warner in their Public Policy and International Relations office.

My primary project in Hong Kong was to develop Time Warner’s Corporate Social Responsibility framework for the Asia Pacific Region. In order to do this effectively and in a manner that is culturally sensitive and relevant to each region, I examined the predominant religions, social needs, government structure and government interests of 14 countries in the Asia Pacific.

This project has not only increased my awareness of the way in which multi-national corporations, governments, and non-government organizations operate, but I have recognized the implications of their policies on society and in the family.

As a result, I look forward to returning to my last year and a half at UBC, as I am interested in studying further the role of the family in the dynamic relationship between corporations, governments and non-government organizations and their obligation to society as socially responsible citizens.

Lisa Soderlund
4th year BA student, FMST Major

BSW Student Orientation, First Nations House of Learning
RECENT MA GRADUATES

Desfosses, Danielle  
Examining Premises of Boundary Ambiguity and proposing Boundary Consensus as a Concept

Lin, Cynthia  
"Are We There Yet?" Investigating Factors associated with Youths' Self-concepts of Adulthood

Miyazaki, Rena  
"I am Just Teasing You": Parental Use of Teasing in the Context of Parent-Child Relationships

RECENT MSW GRADUATES

Bauer, S. Renee  
Deconstructing the Early Retirement Myth: Implicit Ageism in Corporate Downsizing Strategies

Boutilier, Jennifer  
Navigating the Maze: The Experience of Parents of Children with Autism with Formal Support Systems

Cooper, Polly  
Community and Individual Constructs and the Labelling of Mentally Disordered Offenders: An Alternative Community Approach

Cruickshank, Devina  
Understanding Sexual Abuse in the English-speaking Caribbean: A Critical Look at Cultural Norms Relevant to Sexual Abuse

Donnerborg, Carolyn  
Hitting Home: Community Mental Health Social Workers' Experiences with Client Suicide

Du Moulin, Gretchen  
The Lives of Single Mothers and the Government Policies that contribute to their Poverty

Dueck Plett, Luanne  
Adult Daughters as Caregivers of Older Adults and their Experiences in Caregiver Support Groups

Dyson, Tammy  
Lesbians with Cancer: Community and Post-traumatic Growth

Fester, Jennifer  
A Critical Analysis of Rehabilitation Practices: Child Protection Social Workers and Stress Related Leave of Absence

Giustino (nee Daley), Andrea  
Exploring the Role of Nature as a Source for Healing with Individuals Living with HIV

Inglis, Andrea  
The Youth Agreement Program: What are the Perceptions of Professionals Regarding its Effectiveness?

Jones, Lynn  
Exploring the Debate between Grassroots, Anti-Violence Feminists and Proponents of Restorative Justice

Kambere, Edith  
Mental Health in African Immigration and Refugee Women: The Impact of Pre- and Post-Migration Traumas on Their Integration

Lemire, Marthe  
Developing Creative Potential through Art Therapy in Feminist Social Work Practice

Mounsey, Allison Jennifer  
There Are Some Things that Go Off in My Head: an Exploration of Social Work Ethics in Practice

O'Brien, David  
Youth Psychosis and Family Involvement: Narratives of a Working Alliance

Porlier, Sherisse  
A Shared Responsibility: Inter-agency Collaboration to Address Maternal Mental Health and Child Care Needs
EXPANDING ACCESS: DECENTRALIZED MSW PROGRAM
THE LATEST FROM THE DECENTRALIZED MSW PROGRAM

Student Receives National Award

Janice Murphy, an MSW student in the Decentralized MSW program, received a fellowship award from the Métis Centre at the National Aboriginal Health Organization (NAHO). “The Métis Center is a knowledge-based organization dedicated to improving the mental, physical, spiritual, emotional, and social health of Métis people.”

Three awards are granted, annually, to graduate students of Métis ancestry conducting research to contribute to the health and wellness of Canada’s Métis people. Janice’s research focused on Métis women healing from psychological trauma and substance dependency. The correlation between historical trauma and contemporary wellness is emphasized in the study.

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Students Graduating

The final course in the second offering of the the Decentralized MSW program is currently wrapping up. Students are busy completing their directed field studies, graduating essays or theses. Nine students will be graduating at the May Congregation. It is anticipated that the remaining members of this cohort will be completed by the Fall. Planning for a celebratory event is underway.
RESEARCH ROUNDUP

Celebrating Social Work and Family Studies Scholarship

About his research, Thomas Edison once said: “Results! Why, man, I have gotten a lot of results. I know several thousand things that won’t work.” Also claiming that “Genius is one percent inspiration and 99 percent perspiration,” he perspired enough to eventually invent an incandescent light bulb and improved several other aspects of our lives. With a bit of the perspiration Edison mentioned plus some of the joy of discovery that he undoubtedly experienced, research in the School continues to move forward, shedding new light on issues that have faced people for generations.

This winter the spotlight twice shone on researchers from the School. The first occasion was a reception held February 28th for authors from the School who had published books during 2003-2004. Dean Nancy Gallini attended. Seven volumes were honored:

Left-right: Miu Chung Yan, Dick Splane, Jim Ponzetti (back) Pilar Riaño-Alcalá (front), Jim White, Sheila Marshall

Families in Canada: Social Contexts, Continuities, and Changes, by James White et al. (published by Prentice-Hall Canada)
Advancing Family Theories, by James White (published by Sage Publications)
Social Work in China: A Snapshot of Critical Issues and Emerging Ideas, by Miu Chung Yan et al. (published by University of Toronto, Faculty of Social Work).
Multiple Lenses Multiple Images: Perspectives on the Child Across Time, Space and Disciplines, by Sheila K. Marshall et al. (published by the University of Toronto Press).
International Encyclopedia of Marriage and Family, by James Ponzetti, Jr. (Editor-in-Chief, James White

Associate Editor, published by Macmillan reference), and arte, memoria y violencia: reflexiones sobre la ciudad, by Pilar Riaño-Alcalá et al. (published by Corporacion Region).

Besides the reception honoring book authors, Pilar Riaño-Alcalá’s research was featured on the UBC Faculty of Arts home page. As the web page indicated, she utilizes memory workshops to examine the cultural dimensions of violence and the politics of memory, witnessing and reconciliation. Through the storytelling, art, music and — principally — reflective sharing between the participants, Pilar examines the way individuals and communities cope with violence, reconfigure their cultural worlds in new environments and, at the same time, remember the past. Her work also illuminates immigration processes: in particular, how fear, social memory and the public representations of forced migrants influence their integration into the new — and often alien and hostile — host society.

In addition to these celebrated activities, several other faculty accomplishments are also noteworthy.

SUSANCADELL has two ongoing projects: coping with spinal cord injury with Anita DeLongis and a New Emerging Team in Transitions in Pediatric Palliative Care with various co-investigators. She is now part of a SSRHC CURA investigating the experiences of lone mothers from a social inclusion framework in Halifax, Toronto and Vancouver. Susan is also a member of two recently funded SSHRC grants. A 1-year multicultural grant, with Sheila Marshall among the collaborators, will examine language interpretation in cancer care. A SSHRC standard grant, with Cindy Patton of SFU, will study various aspects of the aging HIV positive community in the West end of Vancouver.

GRANT CHARLES has an article co-authored with Jane Matheson, “The use of involved neutrality with self-mutilative behaviour among young people in residential settings”, currently in press with the Journal of Residential Treatment for Children and Youth. He has also published this year three chapters in an Irish textbook “Applied Social Care: An Introduction for Irish Students”. He is co-editing a supplementary issue of the Journal of Interprofessional Care with Lesley Bainbridge of the School of Rehabilitation Sciences. The journal will highlight key papers from the All Together Better Health conference held in Vancouver this past year. Grant also presented a number of papers at conferences this year. Among others this has included “Interprofessional education in rural communities” at the Interior Health Annual Clinical Innovations Conference in Kelowna (with Linda Sawchenko), “Educating emerging health profession-
als for collaborative patient-centred care” at the Pacific Health Care Forum in Vancouver (with Kathy Copeman-Stewart), and “Reciprocity in caring relationships” at the Family Services Canada National Conference in Sydney, Nova Scotia (with Carla Alexander). Grant and TIM STAINTON have received an SSHRC grant for “An Exploratory Study of the Phenomena of Young Carers in British Columbia”. They will be investigating the impact upon young people who have to parent their parents due to disability, mental illness or a range of other factors.

PHYLIS J. JOHNSON and MA graduate in Family Studies, Kathrin Stoll, completed their research with Sudanese refugee men. They had a poster at the American Council on Consumer Interests Conference in Columbus, Ohio in April. The poster on remittance behaviours identified the role of social support and religious values on the financial and emotional strain of sending money to family in Africa. The researchers are beginning a similar study with women from the Philippines.

EDWARD KRUK has been active on the media front over the past two months, with a national CBC radio broadcast, National Post editorial, Fairchild TV broadcast, and several local and national CKNW radio features on the subject of shared parenting after divorce, a law reform campaign gathering increased momentum. In addition he has published an article (with Gordon Finley), “Social Movements and Paradigm Shifts,” in the winter 2005 edition of Children News, and presented a paper at the “Let’s Talk About Addictions” conference in February (with MSW student Kathryn Sandberg) on “The Development of a Women’s Addiction Treatment Facility, from the Perspective of Hard Drug Users in British Columbia.”

SHEILA MARSHALL and GRANT CHARLES have been awarded a one-time only project grant ($35,000) to evaluate the Vancouver Coastal Region Family Development Response program. The program, based on similar projects in the United States, was established to try and reduce the recidivism of child protection reports.

ANNE MARTIN-MATTHEWS is a co-investigator on an interdisciplinary research team, based at McMaster University, which has recently been awarded a SSHRC Major Collaborative Research Initiative grant of $2,498,047 over five years. The project is entitled “SEDAP II: Canada in the 21st Century: Moving towards an older society”; it builds on and extends five years of research already conducted by this team on “SEDAP: Social and economic dimensions of an aging population”. Anne’s involvement in this research program involves two studies: one of ethno-cultural variability in the experience of widowhood in later life; and the other an inter-provincial comparison of patterns of job recruitment and retention amongst home support workers serving elderly clients. Anne is also a co-investigator on a project recently funded by CIHR and the University of Western Ontario, entitled, “Double-duty caregiving: Development of the Role Augmentation Scale”. This one-year project, with $16,920 in funding, will develop and test a research instrument which examines the health impacts and outcomes when health care professionals also have family care responsibilities.

PAULE McNICOLL gave the Sumner Gill Memorial lecture, an invited plenary presentation entitled ‘Group work and globalization: A post-colonial reflection’ at the Annual International Symposium of the Association for the Advancement of Social Work with Groups in Detroit on October 22, 2005. She published ‘Putting social justice on the agenda: Addressing habitual and social barriers ’ in C. Carson, A. Fritz, E. Lewis, J. Ramey and D.T. Sugiuichi (Eds.) Growth and Development through Group Work and a book review of Handbook of community psychology, by J. Rappaport and E. Seidman (Eds.) in the Canadian Journal of Community Mental Health. The paper she co-wrote with Kate Doyle and the original Abreast in a Boat crew, ‘As if by magic: Women with breast cancer, dragon boats, and healing in a group’ has been accepted for inclusion in L. Berman-Rossi, M. Cohen and H. Fischer-Engel (Eds.) Creating connections: Celebrating the power of groups. Also forthcoming is Paule’s book review of Against common sense: Teaching and learning toward social justice, by Kevin K. Kumashiro. It will be published in Social Work with Groups. Other aspects of Paule’s work, done with FRANK TESTER, are mentioned below (see Tester). Together, they are creating a web site – soon to be launched – describing thousands of archival documents on Nunavut social history they have retrieved from across Canada, thereby making them accessible to other researchers. This project was funded by SSHRC.

PIilar Riaño-Alcalá was awarded a SSHRC Standard Research Grant and a grant from the International Development Research Centre (IDRC) for the research “Forced Migration of Colombians: A Comparative Study on Fear, Historical Memory and Public Representations.” This study examines the forced migration of Colombians both within Colombia (internally displaced persons) and outside (Colombian refugees in Ecuador and Canada). Pilar is the principal investigator of this research which is conducted in collaboration with Corporación Región in Colombia and the Latin American Faculty of Social Sciences (FLACSO) in Ecuador. In Canada the research is sup-

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ported by the Canadian Council for Refugees (CCR) and MOSAIC (Vancouver).

Pilar presented a paper at the IXth Conference of the International Association for the Study of Forced Migration (Sao Paulo, January 2005) and at the International Seminar Territorialities, Places and the Urban Space held at the University of Antioquia in Medellin, Colombia (November 2004). Pilar’s next book “Dwellers of Memory. Youth and Violence in Medellin, Colombia (1985-2000)” is currently in press with the Series “Memory and Narrative” of Transaction Press. A Spanish version of this manuscript will be published by the Instituto Colombiano de Antropologia e Historia (ICANH) and the University of Antioquia Press.

MARY RUSSELL’s work in developing, delivering and evaluating an inter-disciplinary web-based course, Violence across the Lifespan, was presented in a paper delivered at the Council on Social Work Education APM in New York City in February. Her study on intensive interventions with high risk parents continues with follow-up of families who have been referred for parent training by child protection services. Similarly the study of the experiences of abused immigrant and refugee women with the criminal justice system continues with interviews being collected in six sites across the province.

RICHARD SULLIVAN is part of a research consortium funded by the B.C. government through the Human Early Learning Project. His research explores the experience of caregivers rearing infants prenatally exposed to substances and the impact of supported caregiving on the development of these infants. With Janet Douglas MSW, Richard is also examining the health effects of living in mari-

juana grow ops. In addition, Richard serves as consultant to a research team at Trinity College Dublin, Ireland, studying intercountry adoption.

FRANK TESTER continues his work with Inuit communities in the eastern Arctic. Frank recently received funding from the National Homelessness Initiative for a study of homelessness in Kinngait (Cape Dorset), Baffin Island. The participatory action research includes the training of eight Inuit youth as researchers. The grant also includes funds to produce a documentary film on the problem in the community which, in this context, amounts to overcrowding. Frank is doing the research with his graduate student, Marnie Sticklely, and an undergraduate research assistant. In Kinngait, Frank is working with Michel Petit, a former graduate student who is now the community social worker and with a committee of Inuit elders.

Frank has also received a large Humanities and Social Sciences grant in support of this research initiative.

MIU CHUNG YAN was awarded a research grant by RIIM (Research on Immigration and Integration in the Metropolis) to study the roles and functions of neighbourhood houses in bridging newcomers to the community. The project is in collaboration with nine neighbourhood houses in the City of Vancouver. It will last for 14 months. Internationally, Miu had also actively engaged with social work educators in China. He presented a paper, Three Controversies in North American Social Work Profession: Implications to Social Work Development in China, at the annual conference of China Association of Social Work Education in Beijing China in December. As a recipient of the BC Scholars to China Travel Grant, he will be visiting China in May to attend a provincial conference and visit schools of social work in four cities at Shandong China. In terms of publication, Miu published a new article, Bridging the fragmented community: Revitalizing settlement houses in the global era, in the Journal of Community Practice, which has also been translated into German and will be published in Rundbrief, a journal published by the German Federation of Neighbourhood Centres.

CARRIE YODANIS continues her work on inequality in marriage from a cross-national perspective. In particular, she has been studying the relationship between the deinstitutionalization of marriage and marital equality. A paper entitled, “Divorce culture and marital gender equality: A cross national study”, is accepted for publication in Gender & Society. In collaboration with Sean Lauer, she has also presented papers in Orlando FL and Philadelphia, PA on the management of money in marriage. This spring, she received a HSS Large Grant for a study of relationship dynamics among cross-language couples, on which three undergraduate students will collaborate. She is also finishing a study of au pairs in Switzerland and France. Results from the research were presented at a conference in San Francisco.
After I became director of the school, I sat in on a couple of John’s classes, ostensibly to appreciate how he taught research to social work students but primarily (I must confess) to learn what I could myself. Being a younger academic than John, I also decided to challenge some of his talk about the limitations of regression analysis in research. It was a big mistake.

At the time, I was rather enthralled with quantitative methods in research and skeptical about qualitative methods. John quickly disabused me of any conviction I may have had about the superiority of quantitative methods by launching into a lecture on the probabilistic assumptions behind beta coefficients in regressions. I am not sure to this day that I fully understood his rebuttal of my presumption regarding the merits of quantitative analysis but I did come away intellectually chastised.

Not surprisingly, given his strong interest in research methodology, most of John’s publications (both books and articles), during his academic career, were closely related to research. At the same time, he never simply looked at research in abstraction. He was deeply committed to the utilization of research in social work and the social services. Because of that commitment, he willingly gave his time, through consultancies and commissions, to agencies and individuals who wanted to use research to understand the social impact of their programs and practices. His own research was also rigorously applied in nature.

Still, I must confess that my warmest memories of John come, not from observing his teaching at the school or my association with him as a colleague and director but from his engagement in the peace movement. John was one of many academics, and thousands of

Vancouverites, who participated in peace marches in the 1980s in order to stop nuclear proliferation when tensions between the West and the Soviet Bloc were extremely high.

More than that, though, John was a leader, challenging colleagues and students to become involved, bringing representatives of ‘End the Arms Race’ to campus and raising money for various peace campaigns. But the leadership he demonstrated was typically John-quiet and unobtrusive, determined and unpretentious. It was not difficult to follow his lead because he quickly made you feel like a leader yourself.

From early in his career in social work, John demonstrated a scholarly bent toward the understanding of social welfare issues. After graduating from the University of Manitoba in 1945, he worked for a short period of time in the social services of that province and Saskatchewan before going on to earn a MSW at McGill and a PhD at the University of Minnesota where he also taught for a couple of years.

Finally, in 1965, he took an appointment at the University of British Columbia where he remained for the rest of his career. Even after he retired in 1990 (not of his own volition), he continued to undertake research with colleagues at the School of Social Work and in the community. My sense is that he would have willingly continued to contribute to social work knowledge and practice through his research if death had not gotten in the way.

Hopefully, though, death will not mean that he is easily forgotten.

Glenn Drover
Director, UBC School of Social Work 1983-1990
Professor, UBC School of Social Work 1990-1993

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I knew Hal as an elder in the gay community, a social work educator, and a committed volunteer. My first encounter with Hal occurred prior to my coming to UBC. As a doctoral student at Wilfrid Laurier University in Waterloo, Ontario, I was planning on doing a dissertation on social work education and gay issues. I asked various people I knew in Ontario who I should talk to about such a project. Several social workers and professors recommended I talk to Hal, saying that he was knowledgeable and experienced in the area. I discovered that at that time, Hal was one of the few social work educators known across the country for his interest in the social work response to gay, lesbian and bisexual people. Hal was very helpful to me in getting that research project going. I found that Hal had supported many gay and lesbian students at UBC over the years. He not only provided guidance regarding professional issues, but as an older gay man, was an accessible role model for younger gay people. The esteem in which he was held was evident in the tributes expressed at the memorial service held for him.

The other context in which I knew Hal was as a board member of the McLaren Housing Society of British Columbia. This organization was the first to provide social housing for people living with HIV/AIDS in Canada. Hal was well aware of the direct effect affordable housing had on people's health. Hal was a tireless volunteer, secretary of the Board, fund-raiser, and all round supporter. As soon as I joined the faculty of the School, Hal approached me about joining the Board. After a very enjoyable lunch (Hal always liked to make business enjoyable), I was on the Board. Over the years Hal participated in the annual AIDS Walk, now known as the Walk for Life. One of my fondest memories is of...
Hal riding in the McLaren Housing “float” in the Gay Pride parade, enjoying himself immensely. I will miss his grin in the parade this year, as will many others. I know that Hal would be smiling if he knew his friends and colleagues were continuing to fund raise for McLaren Housing Society, be it collecting pledges for this year’s Walk for Life, or by a direct donation. Donations in Hal’s memory may be sent to the McLaren Housing Society of B.C. For more information contact them by phone at (604) 669-4090 or www.mclarenhousing.com.

Brian O’Neill
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Celebrating Social Work Week 2005
“Stand Up for Others”
Carmen Rodriguez, keynote speaker at Celebrating Social Work Week 2005 “Stand up for Others”. The BC Association of Social Workers and the School of Social Work organized an evening of celebration that featured the research posters of the Master of Social Work Class of 2005 and Carmen Rodriguez, a Chilean Canadian writer and popular educator, who spoke on the topic of “Critical Consciousness and the Experiences of Immigrants and Refugees”.

SUNRUN TEAM – 2005
Congratulations to the School’s 2005 SunRun Team, placing 20th in the Education category of the SunRun Corporate Team category. We beat many other worthy UBC opponents, such as the Departments of English, Physiology, Foundations/Arts One, Pediatrics and the Bookstore. Congratulations to the 21 who successfully completed the course, and to Kristin Schopp who organized the Team!


PEOPLE PROFILES
This is our alphabetical series of profiles of our sessional instructors – our thanks to them for their many contributions to the educational work of the School.

Barbara Casson
Barbara Casson has been instructing with the School of Social Work since 1999. She also teaches Communications Skills in the Faculty of Medicine and co-teaches Health Care Team Development in the College of Health Disciplines.

Originally from Newcastle, England, Barbara obtained her B.S.W from UBC. She then moved to New York City where she obtained her M.S.W. from Fordham University and a Post-Graduate Diploma in Social Work Supervision and Training from Hunter College. During this time, Barbara worked at The New York Hospital, Cornell Medical Centre, was a Field Instructor for Columbia University MSW candidates, and a Tutor for Cornell medical students.
While spending the majority of her career working in an acute care hospital setting as a front-line social worker, Barbara also held the position of Educator for the Department Social Work at Vancouver Hospital. She was recently hired into the new position of Coordinator, Professional Practice Initiatives for Vancouver Coastal Health. Currently, Barbara is leading a pilot-project with the teams in the Intensive Care Unit and the Acute Spine Unit. This staff-involved initiative is focused on improving the practice environment and enhancing patient outcomes by creating a culture of employee empowerment.

Barbara is a clinical faculty member of The Bayer Institute for Health Care Communication and has conducted numerous workshops for health-care professionals. Barbara maintains a private practice specializing in team development and interpersonal communication.

CONGRATULATIONS TO ...

Kristin Schopp, Secretary to the Director, recipient of the Dean’s Award for Staff Excellence

STUDENT NEWS AND VIEWS

Student Conference Presentations

Michelle Cameron, 4th year BSW student, for presenting a paper at the LBG Studies Program’s 10th Anniversary Conference: “Quotidian Quarness” at Cornell University in Ithaca, NY and for being a successful applicant to the Millennium Scholars Program in Atlanta Georgia.

Krista Sigurdson, 4th year BSW student, for presenting her paper “A Ruptured Framework of Values: Bringing GM Agriculture to the Developing World” at the Annual History and Philosophy of Science Conference at the University of Colorado at Boulder, April 1 and 2, 2005.


Marian Anderberg, Decentralized MSW student (Kamloops), recently attended a conference in Toronto at York University sponsored by York Association of Research on Mothering. The conference was on ‘Mothering and Social Work’ and Marian presented her research on “Mother’s Experiences with Child Protection following Episodes of Domestic Violence”.

Carla Alexander, MSW student, co-presented (with Dr. Grant Charles) preliminary findings from her thesis research in a workshop at the Family Services Canada conference in Sydney, Nova Scotia, in October, 2004. Her research examined social workers’ experiences of receiving care from clients.

Tara Jarvis presented at a conference in March, 2005, called “Consuming Women”, organized by the Women’s Studies Department at UBC. She presented a collection of photography taken by a women’s group in the Andes in Ecuador. A group of 10 women used cameras to explore nutrition in their community.

Tim Dueck and Cameron Murdock. MSW students, presented their paper “Qualitative Research Utilizing Instant Messaging Technology” at the Sixth International Interdisciplinary Conference – Advances in Qualitative Methods in Edmonton, Alberta, February, 2005. Their presentation focused on the experience of two separate qualitative research studies currently utilizing an innovative instant messaging technology to conduct data collection.

Bobbi Preston and Paula Annis, MSW students, presented their paper “Social Work Perspectives on Spirituality with Palliative Care Clients” at the Canadian Association of Psychosocial Oncology Conference in Victoria in April, 2005.

SWFS Participates in Conference on Health and Wellness for Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgendered People

On Nov. 4th - 6th / 04, five students and one faculty member of the School attended “Improving Access to Care” a conference in Gatineau, Quebec, organized by the Canadian Rainbow Health Coalition, a national initiative funded by Health Canada. The students’ participation was financially supported by the School. Alice Balter an MA student in Family Studies, Tim Dueck and Cameron Murdock, MSW students, and Michelle Cameron and Neil Self, BSW students, attended. In addition, Dr. Brian O’Neill travelled with the group. A highlight described by each person gives a sense of the conference.
Michelle Cameron attended a workshop entitled “Addressing Homophobia in Relation to HIV/AIDS in Aboriginal Communities.” Numerous items of interest were covered, including the fact that Two-spirited people face intersecting oppressions: homophobia within Aboriginal communities and throughout dominant society, and racism within the mainstream queer community. A result has been higher infection rates for HIV/AIDS amongst Two-spirited people. This event left Michelle with a renewed commitment to researching issues unique to two-spirited Aboriginal peoples in Canada. Alice Balter identified the workshop on Planned Parenthood of Toronto’s TEACH (Teens Educating And Confronting Homophobia) program as a highlight of the conference for her. This program examines homophobia and heterosexism existing in mainstream society. Peer educators facilitate workshops in high schools across Toronto, highlighting the harmful effects of homophobia on GLBT communities.

Tim Dueck took great interest in workshops focusing on substance use / abuse concerns within the queer community. In particular, the workshop entitled “Stop Dragging Your Butt: A Smoking Cessation Program for the GLBT Community” provided great inspiration from a pilot project in Ottawa. Having developed a queer smoking cessation program in Vancouver as part of his MSW practicum, this workshop provided a rare opportunity to network with others who have pioneered this kind of addiction service delivery in other parts of Canada.

Another issue of concern in LGTB communities is abuse in intimate relationships. Cameron Murdoch attended a workshop put on by Vancouver’s Safe Choices project. Although violence in relationships is estimated to be occurring at the same rate in same-gender relationships as in other relationships, very few appropriate services exist to break the cycle of abuse. For instance, no shelters exist for men, and women frequently face heterosexist assumptions. Many services do not take into account culturally relevant risk factors, such as the relatively small size of the community, whether or not a person is “out”, or how marginalization affects seeking help.

Neil Self reported that an Ottawa-based program was a highlight for him in that it correlated with his interest in safety concerns of gay males in Vancouver. Ottawa’s “The Wellness Project” addressed some of these concerns in their survey of holistic queer community health and incorporated many of the safety issues that he had explored here in Vancouver. Neil was greatly inspired when the facilitators of the Ottawa survey enthusiastically encouraged the adoption of their experience in other Canadian cities.

Brian O’Neill presented a workshop based on his study of gay men’s experiences with health and social services. During the workshop, directions for change in organizational policies and professional education were identified. This event was well received and facilitated much discussion regarding provocative case examples provided for consideration.

Overall, each participant from the UBC cohort benefited from participation in this dynamic event. A heartfelt ‘thank you’ to the School of Social Work & Family Studies not only for financial support, but also for recognizing the value of addressing queer-specific health care concerns.

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The School would like to thank the following individuals for being financial supporters over the past few months. We apologize to anyone whose name has been inadvertently left off this list.

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The Henry Maas Memorial Scholarship Endowment Fund

The Henry Maas Memorial Scholarship for doctoral students at the UBC School of Social Work and Family Studies has been created to honor his spirit, memory and his strong beliefs in the merits of theory and research informing social work education and practice. This scholarship will enable Doctoral students to develop their own theories and contribute to knowledge building in social welfare.

Roopchand Seebaran Prize

In recognition and celebration of Professor Seebaran’s significant contributions to community development, teaching and practice, and to anti-racist social work education during his academic career, the UBC School of Social Work and Family Studies is pleased to announce the establishment of the Roopchand Seebaran Prize. The prize will be awarded on an annual basis to BSW or MSW student(s) whose essay or project work on the subject of either community development or anti-racist social work education is judged to be of the highest quality.

Family Studies Scholarship Fund

A scholarship fund has been established for Family Studies students. The FMST Student Association, as part of their Class Act 2001, the Association of Home Economists in Business in B.C. and the School has provided initial funds.

Mary Hill Scholarship

Friends and alumni of the School have established a scholarship in honour of Professor Emerita Mary Hill, a pioneer in the field of social gerontology. Under the leadership of Kathy Hamilton (BSW, MSW) a group of committed fundraisers have raised over $30,000 to endow a scholarship for students in Social Work who are studying in the area of gerontology.

Social Work and Family Studies Annual Giving Fund

This fund allows the School to work beyond our annual operating budget to respond to priorities that arise each year. It supports the production and distribution of the School newsletter to more than 3,000 alumni, the Alumni Reading Room (hiring student assistance and purchasing publications) and the Family, Child, and Community Research Project (hiring a student Coordinator of Volunteers).
International Social Work Day
Department of Social Work and Community Development
Dalat University, Vietnam

In November 2005, the Director Graham Riches and Grant Charles, the School's Field Education Coordinator were invited to Dalat to celebrate International Social Work Day and to participate in a national conference building social work education in Vietnam. We also explored the development of a joint MSW degree in partnership with the Faculty of Social Administration at Thammasat University, Bangkok, Thailand and with Dalat.

The photos provide a brief snapshot of our visit to Dalat accompanied by Professor Peter Boothroyd (UBC School of Community and Regional Planning) and Dr. Titiporn Siriphant Puntasen of Thammasat.

Peter and Titiporn with Dalat Social Work students

View of Dalat University

The conference gets under way...

Dalat Social Work students

Graham and Grant with Professor Nguyen Thi Qanh of Ho Chi Minh City Open University, the dean of Social Work Education in Vietnam

Professor Nguyen Tuan Tai (second from right), Head, and Nguyen Huu Tan (right), Assistant Dean of the Department of Social Work and Community Development, Dalat University

Peter, Graham and Grant performing at the farewell concert!
CONTINUING EDUCATION FALL COURSES

CLINICAL FAMILY WORK

September 23-24, 2005
Heather Whiteford, MSW, RSW

This workshop will explore approaches to practice that integrate and understanding of socio-economic-political systems, neurophysiological systems and family systems in our work with families. An assumption underlying this exploration is that we are most effective when we examine how our own experience of these systems affects us in the work. The workshop will offer ideas about integration and opportunities for discussion of these ideas.

CHILD AND YOUTH MENTAL HEALTH: A PRIMER

November 25-26, 2005
Lorraine Hathaway, MSW and Dr. Susan Lomax FRCP(C)

Participants in this workshop will become familiar with the child and youth mental health network in BC, the role and skill set of the community mental health worker, relevant legislation and policies, the signs and symptoms of child distress and specific DSM IV diagnostic categories, and a variety of Psychiatric interventions (Psychotherapy, Psychopharmacology, Crisis management and Residential/inpatient treatment).

Both courses run from 6-9pm on the Friday evening and 9am-4pm on Saturday.
For a more information visit www.cstudies.ubc.ca/social. Or contact Deena Scoretz at info-health@cstudies.ubc.ca, tel. 604-822-8098, fax 604-822-0388

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Two key events are being held to commemorate the 75th Anniversary of the School of Social Work at UBC, and in conjunction with UBC Alumni Weekend (September 30th – October 2nd), Wednesday evening, Sept. 28th and all day Thursday, Sept. 29th, 2005.

INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM ON ‘FOOD AND HUMAN RIGHTS: HUNGER, HEALTH AND SOCIAL WELL-BEING’

An exciting agenda is being prepared including our two key note speakers, Dr. Tim Lang, Professor of Food Policy, City University, UK and Dr. Asbjørn Eide, Norwegian Centre for Human Rights, University of Oslo and UN Food Consultant. For details of the two-day agenda (times and location), see www.swfs.ubc.ca and www.alumni.ubc.ca for registration and fee information.

Events include:
- Keynote speaker Dr. Tim Lang – ‘Food Needs: What does it take to be taken seriously?’
- Keynote speaker Dr. Asbjørn Eide – ‘The Right to Food: A tool for action’
- A panel of international and Canadian food security academics and activists – ‘Bringing Home the Right to Food’
- Food Policy and Action Workshops addressing local/global food system issues and advancing recommendations for action, resourced by prominent and knowledgeable UBC, international and local experts and practitioners

Do you recognize this building?

If you do, you should be making plans to attend the 75th Social Work Anniversary/Alumni Reunion which will be held September 28, 29 and 30, 2005. Information and registration details can be seen at the UBC Alumni website www.alumni.ubc.ca/upcomingreunions.

75TH SOCIAL WORK ALUMNI ANNIVERSARY

Events include:
- Keynote address by UBC President Dr. Martha Piper
- Panel discussion – ‘All I Really Need to Know I Learned at the UBC School of Social Work (or NOT!)’ – panelists include Susan Mendelson, Darlene Marzari, Sharon Manson Singer, Ray Thomlison, Kim Zapf among others
- Re-dedication of the newly renovated Alumni Reading Room
- Dr. Hugh Shewell publicizing the UBC School of Social Work History Project and book
- Launching an announcement of two new fundraising opportunities: the Dr. Henry Maas Memorial Scholarship for Doctoral Students and the 75th Social Work Anniversary Global Learning Endowment Fund
- ‘Looking to the Future’ – a short film showcasing the School’s new programs and developments

Volunteer Class Reps will be needed to help connect with classmates from each of the decades of Alumni from the 1940’s to 2000. Please contact Dianna DeBlare Ladicos, Programs Officer, Reunions Alumni Association, at ymentor@alumni.ubc.ca or 604-822-8918, if you are interested.
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November, 2004 Graduate Statistics

24 On campus Master of Social Work graduates
3 Master of Arts in Family Studies graduates
6 Bachelor of Arts in Family Studies graduates

3 Off campus Master of Social Work graduates
8 Bachelor of Social Work graduates

44 total

Congratulations Graduates of November, 2004!!

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