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Monthly Newsletter

University of Memphis Department of Social Work



Job Postings

Are you a new graduate seeking employment? Looking for new job within the social work field?

Don't forget that you have access to many local and current job postings when you visit the Career Center for the Department of Social Work. Tons of great information is just a click away! Visit the Career Center for the Department of Social Work today at

<http://deptofswrkuofmemphis.wordpress.com/>



Happy spring!

We might have seen a lot of snow so far this month, but spring flowers are just around the corner!

If you win an award, start a study, want to promote a community event for social workers or other individuals, or anything else you feel is relevant, please send the information to Dr. Susan Elswick at selswick@memphis.edu. Thank you!

Catherine Clubb-Brown,
Newsletter Manager

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Field Instructor of the Year Award

Nominate your field instructor for the Field Instructor of the Year Award. This is a prestigious honor for field instructors and a great way for students to thank their field instructors for all of their guidance and supervision. The Field Instructor of the Year will be announced at the Field Instructor Luncheon. Please take the time to nominate your field instructor by completing a brief evaluation by **March 31, 2015**: https://memphis.co1.qualtrics.com/SE/?SID=SV_b1loC270h4fboPj

Social Work Field Agency Fair

The University of Memphis' Department of Social Work will host its Annual Field Agency Fair on **Friday, March 27, 2015** from 9am – 12pm in the Rose Theater on the University of Memphis campus. This is a wonderful opportunity for BA and MSW students to meet clinicians from the community, discuss agency programming, identify potential field placements and job opportunities, distribute resumes, and network with other local clinicians and agencies.

Second Year Field Internships

It's that time of year again – Field Internship preparation! Complete the following form by noting your top three preferences for field placement next year. Completing this form does not mean that you are guaranteed your preferred agency, but all requests will be reviewed and your placement will be based on the MSW Field Directors decision, the agency's interview findings, and the agency's capacity to accept the student. Reference the online directory (found on our website under field placement, click on directory) to identify agencies you are interested in. Online form:

https://memphis.co1.qualtrics.com/SE/?SID=SV_b8IWG1HQtdBDqW8d

Information for field instructors

Student of the Year Nominations

Nominate your social work student intern for the Student of the Year Award. This is a prestigious honor for students and a great way for Field Instructors and agencies to thank their interns for all of their hard work and dedication. The Social Work Student of the Year will be announced at the Student Graduation Ceremony and dinner party. Please take the time to nominate your field instructor by completing a brief evaluation by **March 31, 2015**:

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Field Agency Fair Registration

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https://memphis.co1.qualtrics.com/SE/?SID=SV_6YfU1ak7NR2Weix



Faculty and Student Spotlights



Dr. Gregory Washington

Congratulations to our own Dr. Gregory Washington for joining the faculty “millionaires” club. He has served as the PI on more than \$1 million in externally supported research during his time here at the University of Memphis.

Tennessee Equality Project Volunteers

Students from Dr. Lennon-Dearing’s Assessment, Diagnosis, and Psychopathology students recently volunteered for the Tennessee Equality Project’s Gumbo Contest on February 8, 2015 at Bridges. Pictured from left to right are Victoria Maher, DeAvila Bennett, DeAnn Smallwood, Roslyn Brewer, Darnetta Ware, Takindra Worles, and Lauren Reed.



2015 NASW-TN State Winners

The University of Memphis’ Department of Social Work congratulates NASW-TNM’s 2015 Social Work Award Winners Mildred Richard (Friends for Life); Representative Antonio Parkinson (TN District 9); Michael Valdes, LCSW; Roberta Renee Brown, LCSW, BCD, CFAE; Amber Crockett (BSW student); and our very own Megan Broadstreet [pictured at left] who will be honored with the MSW Student of the Year award. Congratulations to the recipients!

Upcoming events

Health Law & Policy Symposium

You are invited to the 2nd annual Institute for Health Law & Policy Symposium, *Building Blocks for a Healthier Community*, to be held at the Law School on **Friday, March 20**.

This year's focus will be on making the critical connection between health and community development, with national speakers, including a senior officer of the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation. The afternoon will shift to the local context, and how innovative faith leaders are already trying health to community development, followed by reflection on the community assets we could leverage to use policy to promote health and development.

Registration begins at 8:30am and the program runs from **9am – 4pm**. A continental breakfast and lunch will be available to registered guests. This event has been approved for 4.75 credits (general) of CLE. There is a \$50 fee for those seeking CLE credit, but it is free to all others.

To register, please go to:

<http://www.memphis.edu/law/currentstudents/ihelpmemphis/healthlawsymposium.php>

Memphis Crisis Center needs Volunteers

The Memphis Crisis Center will hold its next New Volunteer Training this month. They need volunteers and interns to staff their crisis lines. This is a great opportunity to gain experience, build skills, build your resume, and secure references and recommendation letters.

New Volunteer Training (Parts One and Two):

WHEN: Monday & Tuesday March 23rd & 24th 6:00pm-9:00pm

WHERE: MCC Training Facility, 70 North Pauline

(Next to Lenny's Sandwich Shop at the corner of Pauline & Jefferson)

All Training Materials Provided. Dinner will NOT be provided.

These sessions represent parts one and two of the classroom portion of the training. There are a total of 4 classroom sessions offered on a monthly basis (Parts 3 & 4 will be March 30th & 31st). We strongly encourage you to take the sessions in order. Parking is available directly in front of the facility (ignore the tow-away signs). If these spaces are filled, please use the parking garage directly behind the facility. Parking coupons will be available at the training.

Please RSVP to mike.labonte@crisis7.org or <mailto:mike.labonte@crisis7.org> if you plan on attending the upcoming classroom sessions. If you have any questions about volunteering or interning call Mike LaBonte at (901) 351-9986.

Upcoming events

Students Helping Students

Drs. Barnes, Elswick, Lennon-Dearing, and Washington have received a TBR grant to fund Students Helping Students. Students Helping Students pairs undergraduate social work students with graduate social work students.

If you are interested in improving your academic skills, we invite you to be screened for this new program. The initial assessment takes approximately one hour. You will be assessed on your study skills, writing skills, reading fluency, stress level, and coping skills.

For a screening appointment call (901) 678-1748 or email studentshelpingstudents@memphis.edu.

Social Work Day on the Hill


This year the Social Work Department at the University of Memphis will participate in Social Work Day on the Hill on March 25, 2015 in Nashville, TN.

You may register for SWDOTH here:

http://naswtn.site-ym.com/events/event_details.asp?id=525657&group= Cost of lunch is \$6/

The Graduate Organization of Social Work is holding an interest meeting on February 12, 2015 at 4:30 in McCord 207/209.

If you have any questions, please contact Dr. Delavega or Roslyn Brewer, GO!SW president.




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Save the Date
for the Department of Social Work's 3rd Symposium
150 Years after Appomattox:
Social Work & the Reconstruction of Human Dignity
Friday, April 24, 2015 • 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Featuring
Beverly Robertson
Celebrated Former Director
of the National Civil Rights Museum

Social Work CEU's will be offered, and ethics hours will also be available.



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