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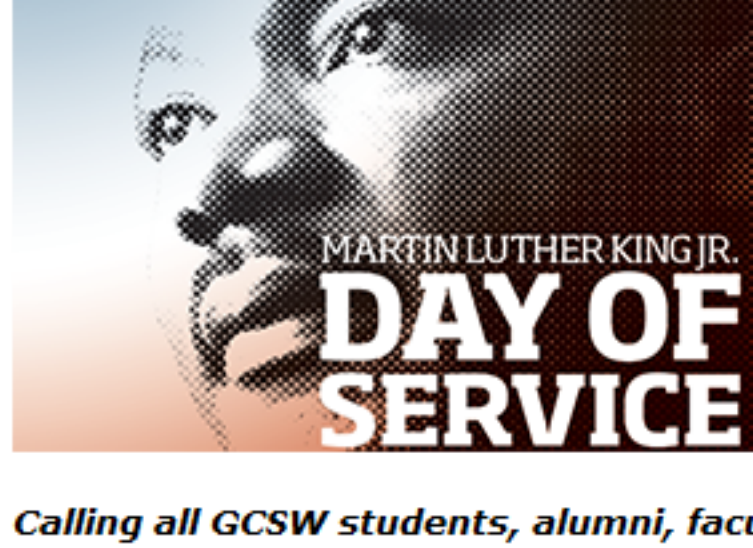


"Life's most persistent and urgent question is: What are you doing for others?"

-Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Ready, Set, Celebrate Social Work! Well, not quite yet. But we are moving fast and furious into that time of year when we honor the social work profession. We will continue our tradition of providing opportunities to connect with our community of students, alumni, faculty, donors and friends as we recognize the contributions of the social work to our local, national and global communities. Read on for opportunities to connect!

MLK Day of Service



Calling all GCSW students, alumni, faculty, staff and friends!

From Dr. Larry Hill: Join us on Saturday, January 17, 2015 at 8:30am at the American Red Cross at. Groups of volunteers will then team up and travel out to the highest fire-risk areas in Houston. We will go door-to-door to inform residents of fire safety tips and take a home fire-risk assessment. Designated volunteers will then install fire alarms in the home.

Fires are the #1 disaster in the United States. Two-thirds of fire-related deaths in the U.S. are attributed to not having a "working fire-alarm" during the time of the fire. For the past six years we have done our part to decrease the risk of these preventable deaths through a day of volunteer service. On the Martin Luther King Jr. holiday weekend and September 11th weekend we partner with Houston Fire Department, American Red Cross, HOPE worldwide, and other entities for a day of service.

UH and the GCSW has been increasingly involved in this volunteer effort over the last couple years. This volunteer project is part of the reason that the University of Houston was listed on the "President's Community Service Honor Roll with Distinction" for the second year in a row. This one of the highest federal recognitions that a university can receive for its community service. Please consider joining us in this meaningful effort.

Families are welcome to attend. Children can participate in volunteer projects with their parents at the American Red Cross headquarters while everyone else is out canvassing.

EVENT INFORMATION

Location: American Red Cross
Address: 2700 Southwest Fwy, Houston, TX 77098
Time: 8:30 a.m.-12 p.m.
Date: January 17, 2015
Dress Code: Comfortable shoes, HOPE worldwide t-shirt

*We will be canvassing, please dress appropriately for the weather
**Breakfast and lunch will be provided

For More Information: Call **Dr. Larry Hill** @ 661/304/2282

Alumni News



"And so, before she could get out of bed each morning, she had to sit up and down 42 times; she had to move her foot back and forth 42 times before taking a step; when washing her hands, she had to turn the faucet on 42 times; pump the soap 42 times, rinse her hands 42 times."

So begins a moving article on PhD alumna Dr. Elizabeth McIngvale's journey from a teenager with OCD to spokesperson for the Peace of Mind Foundation an organization dedicated to OCD Advocacy and Awareness that provides assistance to others in finding ways to understand and deal with the illness. Kudos Elizabeth for a wonderful story on your continued efforts! Read the article in this month's Houstonia magazine.

Alumni Nominations

Nominations are open for the 2015 Outstanding GCSW Alumni. Nominees should exemplify the principles and values of the social work profession as demonstrated by any or all of the following: Service To The Community; Commitment To Client/Families Focusing On Self-Determination; Dignity & Self-Worth Of Clients, Communities & Populations Focusing On Cultural Competence & Social Diversity; Social Justice; Importance Of Human Relationships; Personal Integrity; Competence

Visit our website to download the application form. Please fill out the application fully and email to UH.GCSW.AA@gmail.com The chosen alumni member will be nominated for University of Houston Alumni Association Outstanding Alumni Nominations in September 2015.

Questions? Contact UH GCSW Alumni Association Board President, **Tony Fernandez, LCSW, CCM** at 713-882-9373 or tonyf@bridgesolutionshealth.com

The deadline is January 30.

Save the Date!



The 15th annual Social Work Awards Breakfast will be held Friday, March 06, 2015.

LOCATION:
Elizabeth D. Rockwell Pavilion
MD Anderson Library (2nd Floor)
University of Houston

REGISTRATION COSTS:
\$40 - Early Registration
\$25 - Students (with ID)
\$50 - Late Registration

REGISTRATION SCHEDULE:
Open: Friday, February 06, 2015
Closed: Friday, February 27, 2015

EVENT SPONSORS:
Mental Health and Mental Retardation Authority - Houston Chapter, National Association of Black Social Workers - Houston Chapter, National Association of Social Workers - Houston Branch, Society for Social Work Leadership in Healthcare - Texas Chapter, Texas Southern University, Department of Social Work, University of Houston - Clear Lake, Social Work Program, University of Houston - Downtown, Social Work Program, University of Houston, Graduate College of Social Work, University of Houston, Graduate College of Social Work, Alumni Association, University of Houston, Graduate College of Social Work, Student Association

For questions regarding this event, please call **Renia Butler** at 713-743-8475 or rsbutler@uh.edu

Events

Texas Family Engagement Conference 2015



Dr. Luis Torres is headlining the 2015 Texas Family Engagement Conference - Building Hispanic and African-American Engagement February 4-5, 2015 at the University of Houston. Conference Attendees should expect:

1. To learn culturally competent engagement strategies for Hispanic and African-American families
2. To see examples of effective engagement in various industries and populations
3. To develop engagement plans relevant to your context

Presenters Include: **Dr. Wade Boykin**, Howard University; **Dr. Luis Torres**, University of Houston; **Dr. Scott Van Beck**, Houston A+ Challenge; **Robert Rivera**, FACE Specialists; **Elena Marks**, Episcopal Health Foundation; **Lisa Hall**, Houston Endowment; **Reverend Pedro Lopez**, St. Peter Episcopal Church; **Patrick Patterson**, ICF International; **Dr. Robert Austin**, RJ Austin Consulting; and others.

More conference details and registration information can be found [here](#).

Field Marketplace



The 27th Annual Field Agency Marketplace will be held Friday, **February 27, 2015** from 10:00 – 2:00 in the Houston Room, University Center at the University of Houston.

The Marketplace is a signature GCSW Community event that serves to **FACILITATE** the field placement process for advanced curriculum MSW students, **COMMUNICATE** directly with students about agencies & opportunities available, allows for **NETWORKING** with other area social service providers and offers the opportunity for agencies to **ADVERTISE** any current job opportunities available. Please contact the GCSW Field Office with any questions about how to participate. See you there!

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Working Today...Changing Tomorrow

- Social Workers: Heroes Every Day



We are excited to announce the 2015 UH GCSW Spring Luncheon will be held on Tuesday, March 31 from 11:30am – 1:30pm at the Hilton Americas- Houston, 1600 Lamar St, Houston, TX 77010.

Our guest speaker will be **Bruce Perry, MD, PhD** of the Child Trauma Academy. **Mary Beth Arcidiacono** and **Elizabeth McIngvale Cegelski** are serving as chairs for the luncheon.

11:30am-12:00pm - Reception
12:00pm-1:30pm - Luncheon and Program

For more information, contact **Renia Butler** at rsbutler@central.uh.edu or call 713-743-8475.

Registration is Now Open!

Clinical Supervision in Social Work* Dates: January 28-29, and February 5-6, 2015.

Times: 8:30 AM – 4:30 PM

Place: University of Houston Graduate College of Social Work

Course Fee: (Early Bird Registration) \$550. After January 16, 2015 \$600

Brief Description: This 40- hour course fulfills licensing requirements to be an approved LCSW supervisor (as set forth by the Texas State Board of Social Worker Examiners 781.102). Course consists of 5 modules and 12 hours of structured, independent work to be completed throughout the course period.

This class will fill up almost immediately. Visit our website to register today!

****The Clinical Supervision in Social Work (40 hrs/Includes 6 hrs. Ethics Training) is open for registration to meet TX State Licensure Board audit deadline on the following dates: January 28 - 29 and February 5 - 6.***

January

1/16: Intermediate/Clinical Level Exam Part 1
1/28: Intermediate/Clinical Level Exam Part 2
1/28-1/29: Clinical Supervision in Social Work*

February

2/5-2/6: Clinical Supervision in Social Work*

March

3/27: Why Conversations? Why Now?

April

4/17: Eight Guiding Principles for Professional Growth and Supervision

May

5/15: Intermediate/Clinical Level Exam Prep (LMSW, LMSW-AP, LCSW) Part I
5/8: Intermediate/Clinical Level Exam Prep (LMSW, LMSW-AP, LCSW) Part II

Community Events

Visit the Community Events page on our website for details and information on how to submit your event to be included in these listings. Current listings include:

Feb 4-5: Texas Family Engagement Conference
Feb 5: Hospice Summit Seminar

Feb 12: Real Life Situations That Social Workers Face in Health Care Today

Feb 23-24: 20th Annual Conference on the Prevention of Child Abuse

Mar 3: Social Work Advocacy Day 2015

Mar 12: Describe the Ethical Decision Making Processes

ONGOING: Adolescent Social Anxiety Study Recruitment Visit our website for even more listings.

Please use the links to our calendar and website to stay current with all the exciting happenings at GCSW!

Featured Events

Continuing Education Courses

Visit our website for a full listing of opportunities

Upcoming CE offerings:

• Jan 16:
Intermediate/Clinical Level Exam Part 1

• Jan 23:
Intermediate/Clinical Level Exam Part 2

• Jan 28-29:
Clinical Supervision in Social Work

• Feb 5-6:
Clinical Supervision in Social Work

• Mar 27:
Why Conversations? Why Now?

• April 17:
Eight Guiding Principles for Professional Growth and Supervision

• May 1 & 8:
Intermediate/Clinical Level Exam Prep (LMSW, LMSW-AP, LCSW) Part I and II



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