



An Afternoon of Inspiration

"We believe in you and we think your dream is important. You are the perfect person to make a difference in the world and we are glad you are here."
- Rebecca Mauldin, GCSW Ph.D. Candidate



For the third year running, the **Annual GCSW Scholarship Donor & Recipient Luncheon** brought together donors, students, GCSW faculty and staff. The luncheon provides an opportunity for our community to come together to champion the cause of social work we all hold so dear. This year's event included remarks from Director of Development, **Connie Loyd**, Interim Dean **Dr. Paul Raffoul**, Donors and Dean's Advisory Council Members **Victor and Barbara Samuels** and Retired Professor **Sandra Lopez**. But the highlight of the afternoon came from Ph.D. candidate **Rebecca Mauldin** whose speech gave a special window into the hearts and minds of social work students and scholarship recipients everywhere. She demonstrated with humor and illustrative examples the life changing impact donors have on the lives of students when they choose to give. At the end of her remarks, the whole room of students rose in a rousing standing ovation in salute to GCSW donors.

"From the bottom of our dream filled hearts -- THANK YOU!" Please visit our website for the full text of Rebecca's inspiring remarks.

Above, Rebecca is pictured with Dr. Zúñiga y Rivero benefactor of the Zúñiga y Rivero Doctoral Fellowship.

Paws Up! #GoCoogs



The halls of the GCSW are decked in red and white as we prepare for a weekend of fun festivities! Hope you can join us!

Homecoming Party & Bar B Q

When: Friday, November 7
Where: GCSW Lobby
Time: 6:00 – 8:00 pm
Cost: Free with Picture ID
Parking: Stadium Garage – Complimentary – See the map on our website
CEUs: \$10 Take Home Ethics CEU available
*** Sponsored by H.I.S. Cornerstone**

Homecoming Tailgate & Tacos

When: Saturday, November 8
Where: Tailgate Plaza -- Athletic/Alumni Center
Time: Noon – 2pm
Cost: Free with Picture ID
Tailgating: See the map on our website
Parking: Game Day Parking See the map on our website -- \$10 Cash lots available
Tickets: GCSW Block of Game Tickets/\$34 – Click to purchase -- GAME CODE: GCSW
RSVP: to msjwjobs@central.uh.edu

Special Thanks to our Event CoSponsors: UH GCSCW, UH GCSW Student Association, UH GCSW Alumni Association, Nonprofit Leadership Alliance Student Association
BBQ and Beverage Sponsors: The Colonnades at Reflection Bay, Orion EMS, Optimum Personal Care, Family Tree In Home Care, Brookdale Senior Living Solutions, Plaza Specialty Hospital, Heart to Heart Hospice, Silver Eagle Distributors, Bridge Solutions.

FACULTY NEWS

Jody Williams Honored



GCSW Professor and Nobel Laureate, **Jody Williams** was awarded an honorary doctorate in September from Moravia College. This month she is slated to receive another honorary doctorate from la Universidad César Vallejo in Trujillo, Peru. Her recent honors bring the total to 20 honorary degrees from institutions around the world in recognition of her past and continued work for social justice. Kudos!

IN THE NEWS

SMART Cougars Gets Spanish Language Media Coverage



Dr. Luis Torres was recently featured on Mundo Fox to discuss the GCSW's SMART Cougars program. Thanks to KUVN Canal 34 Houston for helping spread the word throughout the community! View the news story here.

About **SMART Cougars:** The Graduate College of Social Work has partnered with Houston Area Community Services and Change Happens to create SMART Cougars, a project that hopes to fight HIV and AIDS in minority youth and students in the Houston area. SMART: Substance Use, Mental Health, and HIV/AIDS Risk Assessment and Testing

EVENTS

College to Community



The agenda has been set for our annual GCSW Social Work Research Conference. This year's theme **College to Community** promises to provide engaging discussion and networking. Program highlights include: Sessions on Community Based Research, a Doctoral Student Research Session, MSW Poster Sessions and two speaker sessions, *Gaps in Hispanic Drug Abuse Prevention Research and Journeys of Joaquin: The Career and Struggles of a NIH Underrepresented Researcher* by **Felipe Gonzalez Castro, Ph.D., MSW**, Director of the Doctoral Program in Health Psychology at The University of Texas El Paso. Click here to read more about Dr. Castro.

When: Friday, December 5 and Saturday, December 6
Where: Leonel Castillo Community Center, 2101 South Street, Houston, Texas 77009
Time: 11:30am - 1:45pm
CEUs: Will be available
Visit our website for the conference agenda and full details.

More Events

OPPORTUNITY:

Dr. Danielle Parrish and Ph.D. candidate, **Micki Washburn** are conducting a study evaluating two exposure treatment interventions for adolescents with social anxiety.

The study is a resource for youth who may be struggling with social anxiety disorder, which is a strong fear of being judged by others or excessive embarrassment that significantly interferes with every day activities that persists for at least 6 months. Youth with social anxiety frequently experience social anxiety in public speaking situations, which can also include speaking in front of their classmates or peers during normal conversation.

One utilizes virtual reality exposure and the other uses in-vivo exposure. Exposure therapy has been identified as an effective approach for treating social anxiety. The interventions are **FREE**, provided by a licensed counselor with 10+ years of practice experience, and qualified participants will receive **FREE PARKING** and up to **\$175 in GIFT CARDS** for participation. This project has been reviewed by the University of Houston Committee for the Protection of Human Subjects (713) 743-9204. If you know of any students ages 13-18 who may benefit from these interventions, please visit our website for details.

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 ceus/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.**

Mark your calendars for these upcoming GCSW events.

November

11/7: GCSW Homecoming Tailgate
11/8: UH Homecoming Game - UH vs. Tulane
11/14: The Mosaic of Self-Determination: Professional, Client, Agency and Society
11/20: Policy Insiders: The Current State of State and Local Policy & Future Opportunities for Improvement
11/21: LMSW Prep Course (GCSW Students only)

December

12/5-12/6: Social Work Research Conference, **College to Community**
12/12: DSM-5: What You Need to Know

January

1/28-1/29: Clinical Supervision in Social Work*

February

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

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: **Nov 1-20:** YouthCount2.0! **Nov 7:** 2014 Gulf Coast of Texas African American Family Support Conference **Nov 21:** Continuing Education: STIs, Hepatitis & Tuberculosis **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!

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Continuing Education Courses

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Upcoming CE offerings:

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