



Thank you!

We cannot seek achievement for ourselves and forget about progress and prosperity for our community... Our ambitions must be broad enough to include the aspirations and needs of others, for their sakes and for our own. - Cesar Chavez

Even though you've surely eaten your last slice of pumpkin pie by now (or not!), we want to take the time to say thank you to our community of friends. It is through our unique partnerships and shared efforts that we are able to have an impact on communities throughout the Houston area. We'd also like to share a bit of recognition for the GCSW from the University of Houston President's report to the Board of Regents this month:

*"UH continues to engage our surrounding community. This year, as is the case every year, Graduate College of Social Work students are interning with **Community Cloth**, an umbrella organization comprising dozens of organizations and churches interested in enhancing the Third Ward. Our students are helping develop program elements for the \$30 million renovation of the historic Emancipation Park, while others are working with Wheeler Avenue Baptist Church's transitional living program for the elderly in the poorest part of Third Ward, and with the widely acclaimed Project Row Houses, among others."* - UH President Renu Khator

In the News



"It strikes me as someone who is thinking about the big picture...It's a social inequity he's trying to remedy." - Dr. Paul Raffoul

You may have heard the story about the recent victims of a home invasion that offered to pay the college tuition of the perpetrators. Interim Dean Dr. Paul Raffoul offered comments in a story for the Houston Chronicle for all who wondered what may have motivated such an unexpected response. [Read the story here.](#)



"...deportations have deep ripple effects on U.S. communities, where these families work and live. More critically, removing the children from their country of citizenship could be perilous. Latin America has the highest homicide rate among children and adolescents in the world." - Dr. Jodi Berger Cardoso

Read more in [A Strong Case for Executive Action](#), Dr. Berger Cardoso's Op Ed in the Houston Chronicle.



Dr. Patrick Bordnick's virtual reality research and lab were the focus of a recent Local 2 news segment. [Watch here.](#)

Kudos



Congratulations to first year doctoral student, Shu Zhou. She is featured this month in the University of Houston's [Women's Resource Center's Spotlight](#).

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.

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: **Dec 3:** GCSWAA: Ethical Considerations for Multi-Cultural Competency **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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