



## Join Us at NASW Texas!

We hope you are planning to attend this year's NASW Texas Conference! If so, don't forget to include the **Happy Hour Reception with GCSW Friends** in your itinerary. Join us on Saturday, October 18th from 6-7:30 pm at the Embassy Suites Conference Hotel in San Marcos. Visit with GCSW Alumni from all over Texas for networking, light bites and more! It is also a great opportunity to help us toast GCSW Alumni **Sandra Lopez** and winner of the **2014 NASW TX Lifetime Achievement Award!**

Sponsored by the GCSW Office of Alumni & Career Services. Please RSVP to Ann Liberman: [alberman@uh.edu](mailto:alberman@uh.edu) See you there!



## COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS

### A S.M.A.R.T. Approach to Combating HIV/AIDS



A new effort from the GCSW partners with **Houston Area Community Services (HACS)** and **Change Happens!** to stem the increasing number of minority youth diagnosed with HIV/AIDS. Led by **Dr. Luis Torres**, SMART Cougars is a three-year project to prevent and reduce the transmission of HIV/AIDS among minority youth by making free, rapid-HIV testing and counseling available.

Read more about this project funded by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration.

## Ready, Set, Count!



**Youth Count 2.0** is a community generated project funded by the **Houston Community Foundation** and led by the **University of Houston Graduate College of Social Work** in collaboration with the **University of Texas School of Nursing** and the **University of Houston Downtown** to count youth in unstable housing in Harris County.

The project led by principal investigator and GCSW Professor **Dr. Sarah Narendorf** kicks off **October 27 - November 21, 2014**. We are enlisting the help of the community, our neighbors and friends to locate and count youth who:

- Are unsure where they can sleep tonight
- Are staying with a friend or a place that is not their own
- Stay in a shelter or transitional housing
- Do not have a place to go

To learn more visit the Youth Count 2.0 page on our website.

## Preparing Global Leaders



Congratulations to **Dr. McClain Sampson**, GCSW Professor and principal investigator of the **Global Leaders of Behavioral-health Education (GLOBE)** program. The program was recently awarded \$1.4 million in funding for the next 3 years. The grant strives to increase the number of culturally competent social workers who deliver behavioral health services to children and youth up to age 25. More details to come on this exciting announcement. Kudos!

## Featured Event - Policy Insiders Series



The **Policy Insider Series** continues for its third year this fall with three informative sessions with expert local advocates and lobbyists to discuss key policy issues in Texas and across the United States. Join the GCSW, **One Voice Texas**, and the **GCSW Student Policy Insider Advisory Committee** for informative discussions.

The first session, **"Understanding US and Texas Policy Regarding Unaccompanied Minors"** will be presented by **Hillary Larsen, JD** - Catholic Charities Unaccompanied Minors Program on **Tuesday, October 14, 2014**, from 11:45-1:00 in Social Work Room 110J. Lunch will be provided by our session co-sponsor, the **GCSW M.A.C.R.O. Network**.

Free CEUs are available. RSVP to [alberman@uh.edu](mailto:alberman@uh.edu)

Through the "Policy Insider Series," we hope to help prepare GCSW students, faculty, staff, and the broader Houston social work community to understand and navigate the many policy issues facing vulnerable populations in Texas and the U.S., as well as to engage in legislative and electoral advocacy around these issues.

## 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!](#)

## More Events

Mark your calendars for these upcoming GCSW events.

### October

- 10/9-10/10:** Clinical Supervision in Social Work Part II
- 10/15:** Advanced Clinical Supervision in Social Work Refresher Course
- 10/15:** Idealist Grad Fair
- 10/15:** GCSWAA Speaker Series: "The A, B, C, Ds & F of Medicare: Overview of the Four Parts of Medicare Including Fraud"
- 10/18:** NASW TX Conference Reception
- 10/24:** Developing a Successful Private Practice in Social Work
- 10/28:** Scholarship Donor & Recipient Luncheon
- 10/28:** Alliance Religiosity Panel
- 10/30:** Ethics, Leadership & Organizational Culture: Why Good People Do Bad Things

### 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
- 11/21:** LMSW Prep Course

### December

- 12/5-12/6:** Social Work Research Conference

## 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: **Oct 10: Chronic Kidney Disease 2014 Professional Symposium** **Oct 15-17: Eliminating Chronic Disruptive Behavior** **Oct 17: 2nd Texas Summit on Elder Financial Exploitation** **Oct 17: Continuing Education: HIV/AIDS**. Visit our website for even more listings.

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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:

- Oct 3: Sexuality, Values and Ethics in Social Work Practice**
- Oct 9 & 10: Clinical Supervision in Social Work**
- Oct 15: Advanced Clinical Supervision in Social Work Refresher Course**
- Oct 24: Developing a Successful Private Practice in Social Work**
- Oct 30: Ethics, Leadership and Organizational Culture: Why Good People Do Bad Things**
- Nov 14: The Mosaic of Self-Determination: Professional, Client, Agency and Society**



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