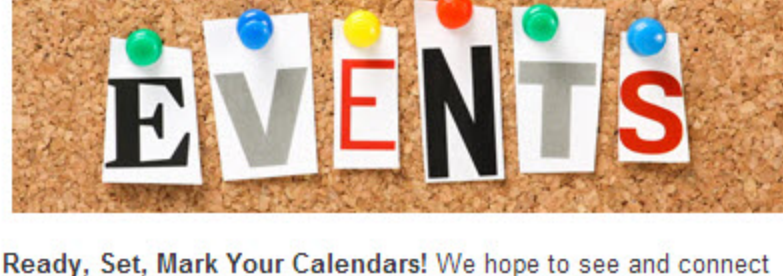


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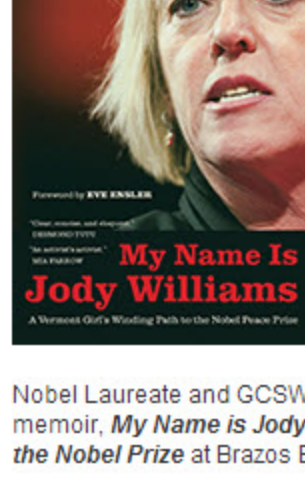
Join the discussion on legislation, how to advocate and more!

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Ready, Set, Mark Your Calendars! We hope to see and connect with you at one of our many exciting upcoming events featuring GCSW faculty, alumni and students that the very best of our social work community.

Jody Williams Book Signing



Nobel Laureate and GCSW Professor Jody Williams will discuss her new memoir, *My Name is Jody Williams, A Vermont Girl's Winding Path to the Nobel Prize* at Brazos Bookstore on November 20 at 7pm.

"Her engrossing account...demonstrates how one woman's commitment to freedom, self-determination and human rights can have a profound impact on people all over the globe."

GCSW is one of the only social work programs in the world to have a Nobel Laureate as a faculty member. We are proud of this distinction and the opportunity it offers our students. [Click here for more details](#) and join us for what is sure to be a inspiring event!

Social Work Research Conference



Registration Now Open for the 2013 Social Work Research Conference, **(Dec 6-7)** the GCSW's annual showcase of student and faculty research. GCSW Professor **Dr. Allen Rubin** and **Cathy Crouch, Executive Vice President at SEARCH Homeless Services** will give keynote addresses.

Also, this year a series of panel discussions will highlight collaborations between GCSW Faculty and the community.

- Dr. Luis Torres and Houston Area Coalition (HACS)
- Dr. Sarah Narendorf and MHMRA
- Dr. Danielle Parrish and the Harris County Probation Office
- Dr. McClain Sampson and Sunny Futures, Healthy Start
- Dr. Yoonsook Ha and The Homeless Youth Network

Register today! The \$25.00 registration fees includes **12.75 CEUs** and meals for both days of the conference. [Download the registration form and get all the details on our website.](#) We look forward to seeing you there!

Policy Insider Series



Fear, Need and Humanity: Moving Immigration Policy Forward in the US is the topic of the next Policy Insider series. Join us at the GCSW on Tuesday, November 19 from 11:30am - 1:00. **Geoffrey Hoffman, JD** from UH Law Center will present and lead the discussion on this important issue. The GCSW is proud to partner with One Voice Texas for this series which provides timely information and an open forum for conversations on policy, advocacy and politics. Visit our website [for details and upcoming topics.](#)

Alumni Speaker Series

GCSW Alumni Association 2013 - 2014 Speaker Series

Who says there's no such thing as a free lunch? Make plans to attend the next installment of the GCSW Alumni Association Speaker Series on December 3 from noon-3pm at St. Luke's Hospital. Steve Cochran, LCSW, BCN will present **What is Neurofeedback?** A complimentary lunch will be served beginning at 11:30am. A .01 Social Work CEU credit is available for a \$10 donation to the UH GCSWAA. [Get all the details and a list of future events in the series.](#)

Kudos

UPDATE: Last week we shared that six students in Professor Jody Williams's Global Justice course have had their opinion pieces published. Well, we are even more excited to share that the number is now up to nine students (so far!) who have been published this semester. A class assignment was given to pen an op-ed and these students have not only demonstrated a level of excellence in executing the assignment but they are also making their voices heard on issues pertinent to social work and the community. Today we share **Arielle Stephens** and **Christianna Burwell** whose Op-Eds were published in The Daily Cougar.



"Political efforts alone will not be enough to end human trafficking. Many Houston restaurants and small businesses are still forcing individuals to work for free while loyal customers turn a blind eye..." -

Arielle Stephens [Read More!](#)



"...it's time to make a change. It's time for women from all backgrounds, cultures and political affiliations to come together to fight for our futures - to fight for equality." -

Christianna Burwell [Read More!](#)

We will continue to share Op-Eds from our students here in the coming weeks. [Also, you can view a complete listing \(so far!\) on our website.](#)

Kudos!

In Memoriam



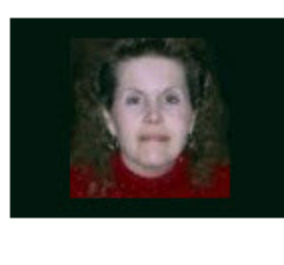
Last week, the City of Houston mourned the loss of **Leonel Castillo**, a social worker and outstanding citizen who made a tremendous impact with his work in the community.

"Leonel Castillo was a former city council member, social worker and a good friend to the GCSW. He was a member of the Dean's Advisory Council (DAC) for many years and also taught for the College. He was a true gentleman who loved this city and the profession. We were indeed fortunate to have Leonel as a colleague and friend." -Dean Ira Colby

Read more about the life and work of Leonel Castillo and tributes from community members [here](#) and [here](#).

We were saddened to learn of the recent passing of GCSW Alumna, **Kimberlee Daniels McElfresh ('05)**.

She was a proud graduate of the GCSW and a devoted social worker in the Houston community.



Contributions can be made in Kimberlee's name to the [Lone Star MS Society.](#)

Community Events

[Visit our Community Events page on our website](#) for details and information on how to submit your event to be included in our listings.

Current listings include Nov 15-[CEU Ducks in a Row: HIPAA & HB300 for Therapists](#)

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

