

EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

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Happy Social Work Month!

"The good we secure for ourselves is precarious and uncertain until it is secured for all of us and incorporated into our common life." -Jane Addams

It is with a sense of excitement and gratitude that we embark upon this very special month. March is the time to acknowledge the noble cause of social work which connects us all. In keeping with this year's theme, we'll share how our GCSW community is *Paving the Way for Change!* And we'll keep the good news rolling all month long. Do you have a story to share? Send an email to our Communications Office at cwarren@uh.edu to share your good news!



Good Times, Great Work...

We are happy to report the success of two recent events in keeping with our mission of community engagement. These events build connections and provide resources for both our students and the greater Houston community.



Over 300 people attended our *27th Annual Field Agency Marketplace* including 80 agencies and more than 150 students. Connecting students with agencies to build better, stronger communities is at the heart of our mission. We are committed to offering diverse and unique field opportunities for MSW students to not only inform their development as social workers but also to serve the Greater Houston community. Thank you to all of the agencies for their long standing commitment and partnering with us as we help prepare students to Change the World! [Check out some pictures from the event on our Flickr page.](#)



The Global Leaders of Behavioral Health Education (GLOBE) presented a workshop on "Behavioral Health Among Youth and the Juvenile Justice System" that explored important issues for social workers. The panel was moderated by Dr. McClain Sampson and featured panelists Danielle Parrish, Ph.D., Assoc. Prof. GCSW, Rebecca Beyde, MD, MS, UT Med School, Pediatrics & Adolescent Medicine, Brandon Sylvester, Psy.D., Gang Court Clinician & Alexandra Tellez, Ph.D., postdoc in Forensics, Harris Co. Juvenile Probation.

The GLOBE program is part of our new Health and Behavioral Health Specialization. [Learn more on our website.](#)

Kudos...

We are proud to share the recent accolades of two of GCSW's own! Our faculty member, Dr. Susan Robbins and our alumna, Melanie Pang were recently recognized for their work. Congratulations! We look forward to highlighting more news of how our community contributes to the social work profession.



"It don't matter if you're down and out! If you believe in yourself then there's no doubt you're a survivor" -lyrics from "Survivor"

In honor of #SocialWorkMonth, the New Social Worker magazine is featuring our very own Dr. Susan Robbins and her song, *Survivors* on its website. Not only is she a long time GCSW faculty member and current **Editor-in-Chief of the Journal of Social Work Education**, Dr. Robbins is also a talented guitarist and singer songwriter with a music career spanning over 40 years. [Take a listen to this song well suited for Social Work Month and social workers everywhere.](#)



#Register to vote! and then vote! -Melanie Pang

Recognized this month by Out Smart magazine as one of Houston's emerging LGBTQ Women Leaders, GCSW alumna, Melanie Pang has become known for her activism throughout the city of Houston which she says began during her days as president of the UH's LGBT organization which she now says, *"to me on an incredible path"*

[Read more of her feature here.](#) In addition to that, Melanie is featured in the new Texas Wins campaign aimed at keeping discrimination out of Texas. [Go here to sign the pledge.](#)

Way to go, Melaniel!

In Memoriam...



"I am a walking American dream, and I love, cherish and appreciate the U.S.A. All of us are witnesses to the most tragic chapter in human history, and we must never, never allow a Holocaust again!" -Dr. Walter Kase

We were saddened to learn of the recent passing of a very dear friend of the College, Dr. Walter Kase. He was awarded an honorary degree from the University of Houston for his extraordinary commitment to sharing his experiences as a Holocaust survivor. The degree was conferred by the Graduate College of Social Work, with whom he enjoyed a very special relationship, at our commencement ceremony in May 2011.

We extend our deepest condolences to Dr. Kase's family, friends and to all whose lives were touched by his incredible story. We are deeply grateful to have experienced his example of the courage, dedication and tenacity it takes to fight for social justice, respect and dignity for all. For us, he embodied the heart of social work. We will never forget his words and his deeds. Dr. Kase's light will continue to shine bright in our memories as a true example of the noble sacrifice, determination and care it takes to change the world.

A memorial service will be held Sunday, March 8, 4:30 p.m. at Congregation Beth Israel, 5600 N. Braeswood Blvd, Houston, TX 77096.

[Read more from the official GCSW statement on Dr. Kase's passing on our website.](#)

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

