

Alumni News and Information for Future Newsletters

We're interested in what you're doing now. Please take a moment to complete the following and return it to us via fax, e-mail or US mail to:

Wayne State University School of Social Work
4756 Cass Avenue
Detroit, MI 48202

Fax: (313) 577-8770
e-mail: aa2851@wayne.edu

Name _____

Year of Graduation _____

Degree _____

Your current position (title and employer) _____

Your news _____

Visions

Nonprofit Org.
U.S. Postage
PAID
Detroit, MI
Permit No. 3844

WAYNE STATE
UNIVERSITY
SCHOOL OF SOCIAL WORK
4756 Cass Avenue
Detroit, MI 48202

Visions

a publication of the WAYNE STATE UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF SOCIAL WORK

www.socialwork.wayne.edu

WINTER/SPRING 2011

inside

- 2 Message from the Dean
- 3 Danita Echols Delivers Diversity Lecture
- 4 News from the Center
- 5 Patterson Awarded \$474,000 Grant
- 6 Alumni Updates
- 7 Jaffee Lectures in Hong Kong
- 9 Alumni Association News
- 10 Join the Alumni Association
- 11 Contribute to the School

WAYNE STATE UNIVERSITY
SCHOOL OF SOCIAL WORK

Visions is published by the Wayne State University School of Social Work and the WSU Office of Marketing and Publications.

Dean: Phyllis I. Vroom, PhD

Editor: Al Acker

Photographers:

Rick Bielaczyc, M. J. Murawka

Wayne State University is an equal opportunity/affirmative action employer.

March 25 Annual Alumni Association Luncheon to Honor Saunteel Jenkins and Sonia Plata

The annual awards luncheon hosted by the Alumni Association will be held Friday, March 25, 2011, from 11:30AM-1:00PM at the McGregor Memorial Conference Center. To be honored are Alumna of the year

Saunteel Jenkins and Citizen of the Year Sonia Plata. Jenkins was nominated by Anwar Najor Durack, Director of Field Education at the school and Plata was nominated by Dr. Joanne Sobeck, Associate Dean for Research and Director of the Center for Social Work Practice and Policy Research. The honorees were chosen by the Alumni Association Board of Directors, under the leadership of President Phyllis Edwards. Dr. Geneva Williams, recently retired President and CEO of City Connect Detroit, will be the guest speaker. Her topic will be "Social Work's Role in the Revitalization of Detroit."

Shaunteel Jenkins, who earned her BSW from the school in 1998, and her MSW in 1999, was elected to Detroit City Council last year. Sonia Plata is Director of Community Capacity Building for New Detroit, Inc.

Councilwoman Jenkins is a lifelong Detroitier who was educated in Detroit Public Schools, and graduated from Cass

Technical High School. She has spent her professional career serving the community, and, prior to her election to Council, was the Director of the residential



Alumna of the Year Saunteel Jenkins



Citizen of the Year Sonia Plata

Social Worker Danita Echols to Deliver 5th Annual Diversity Lecture March 31st

The Fifth Annual Dean's Diversity Lecture is scheduled for Thursday, March 31, 2011 from 2:00-4:00 PM at the Partrich Auditorium at the WSU Law School. Details on page 3.

Wayne State University Board of Governors

Tina Abbott, Chair; Debbie Dingell, Vice Chair; Eugene Driker; Diane L. Dunaskiss; Danialle Karmanos; Annetta Miller; Paul E. Massaron; Gary S. Pollard; Allan Gilmour, ex officio

Continued on page 2

MESSAGE FROM THE DEAN



Dean Phyllis I. Vroom

To begin the New Year, we present a very “newsy” issue of Visions. The Alumni Association brings news of this year’s Annual Luncheon to be held on Friday, March 25 at the McGregor Memorial Conference Center, which will honor Alumna of the Year Detroit City Councilwoman Saunteel Jenkins and Citizen of the Year Sonia Plata from New Detroit, Inc. Congratulations to these very deserving women. It has also just been announced that the speaker for the Fifth Annual Dean’s Diversity Lecture, scheduled for Thursday, March 31, 2011 at the Partrich Auditorium at the WSU Law School will be Danita Echols who is a trainer for the Child Welfare Training Institute. I encourage you to attend these two events that have traditionally highlighted Social Work Month.

The faculty has been making news as well. Assistant Professor Debra Patterson, PhD, was recently awarded a \$475,000 grant by the National Institute of Justice (NIJ). A short time ago

Assistant Professor Royce Hutson’s comments were recently featured in article in the Windsor Star on the aftermath of the Haiti Earthquake. At the end of October last year, Associate Professor and MSW Program Coordinator Dr. Kim Jaffee spoke on neighborhood effects and race at the Department of Applied Social Studies of City University of Hong Kong.

And, as usual, there is also news from the Center for Social Work Practice and Policy Research, which is teaming up with WSU School of Medicine’s Project CARE to conduct a regional needs assessment for the Southeast Michigan Community Alliance (SEMCA), and the Neighborhood Service Organization of Detroit has contracted with the Center to perform a needs assessment funded by the Judge David L. Bazelon Center for Mental Health Law.

These are just a few of the many interesting articles you’ll find inside...Happy reading from your colleagues at the School of Social Work! ■

Sincerely,

Phyllis Vroom, Dean

Alumni Luncheon Continued from page 1

treatment program at Mariners Inn, a shelter and treatment center for men who are homeless and drug addicted.

Jenkins’ history of service to the community also includes working with the Boys and Girls Republic as an adolescent therapist, Detroit Edison as a community educator, Healthy Start, an infant mortality reduction program and Focus: HOPE Food Program.

According to Jenkins, “one of the greatest highlights of my career was serving as a policy analyst and chief of staff to the late Maryann Mahaffey, President Emeritus of Detroit City Council.” During her six year tenure in Mahaffey’s office, Jenkins served as a liaison to the business community. She also worked on issues including affordable housing, predatory lending, the ethics ordinance and the casino agreements. Jenkins adds, “Maryann was an inspiration to me and served as a true example of how a public servant should govern with integrity and the people’s best interest in mind.”

As Director of Community Capacity Building, Plata administers New Detroit’s Compassion Capital Initiative to strengthen more than 90 community-based organizations, devoted primarily to human and

social services, so that they can more effectively fulfill their missions. In addition, she is responsible for New Detroit’s participation in the Skillman Foundation’s Good Neighborhoods Initiative, an intensive community-based revitalization effort in Detroit, and New Detroit’s participation in the federal government’s Compassion Capital Fund.

Prior to joining New Detroit in 1996, Plata was director of the Detroit Leadership Development Program for the Mexican American Legal Defense and Educational Fund. As an advocate of Latino rights, she serves as board chair of Latino Family Services in Detroit. In addition, she is an advisory board member for the Chicano Boricua Center at the Wayne State University in Detroit.

Plata holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in elementary education from the University of Michigan. She is a graduate of the National Hispana Leadership Institute, Center for Creative Leadership, and John F. Kennedy School of Government at Harvard.

Alumni interested in attending the March 25 luncheon should contact Loren Hoffman at 313-577-4429 to register. Registration fee is \$25, which includes a buffet luncheon. ■

Alumna Danita Echols to Deliver 5th Annual Diversity Lecture March 31st



Diversity Speaker Danita Echols

The Fifth Annual Dean's Diversity Lecture is scheduled for Thursday, March 31, 2011 from 2:00-4:00 PM at the Partrich Auditorium at the WSU Law School. The lecture will be presented by Danita A. Echols, a 1998 MSW graduate of Wayne State University School of Social Work, who is a Human Resources Developer with the Michigan Department of Human Services and is a trainer at the Department's Child Welfare Training Institute. Prior to her

training role, Echols worked for the Department of Human Services as a children's foster care specialist, case manager and social services specialist for more than fourteen years.

The lecture, titled *Invisible Children: Minorities and the Child Welfare System*, will also feature a panel discussion, including, as panelists, five former and current foster youth transitioning out of foster care. The five will share their stories and discuss personal

experiences encountered in the child welfare system, such as placements, labels, separation issues, current life situations, barriers in negotiating a way through the foster care system, and challenges experienced when leaving the system. The audience will have an opportunity to ask questions of the panel in response to the personal stories.

Echols has had a variety of experiences in foster care, including working in private agencies. She has been a statewide, national and international presenter and keynote speaker discussing youth transitioning out of the foster care system. She is a voice of experience in that she aged out of foster care in the state of Michigan herself, bringing a unique perspective to her current position as a foster care trainer. Echols also has contributed a chapter to the book *Growing Up in the Care of Strangers: The Experiences, Insights and Recommendations of Eleven Former Foster Kids* published by the William Gladden Foundation Press.

This event is being co-sponsored by the WSU School of Social Work and the WSU Social Work Alumni Association, and has been approved by the Michigan Social Work Continuing Education Collaborative for 2 Continuing Education Contact Hours. Course approval # MICEC-0058. Registration will take place at the event. Seating is limited and will be on a first come, first served basis. ■



Guests at Alternatives for Girls Party

Alumni Association Board Supports Alternatives For Girls Holiday Party

Editor's Note: *Visions* would like to thank Alumni Association Board Member Sarah Barlow for providing this story.

With the help of the school's Alumni Association Board, 86 youth and their families were able to attend Alternatives For Girls' (AFG) holiday party last December. This help couldn't have come at a better time, because many sponsorships, unfortunately, were dropped at the last minute and numerous youth in the program remained without a holiday gift sponsor. Thanks to the Board's

participation, each youth had gifts, and a family gift room was provided for families who were able to pick out gifts to wrap and place under their tree at home.

AFG is a Detroit-based nonprofit serving homeless and high-risk girls and young women. Since 1987, the organization has provided critical services to the girls and young women it serves, including safe shelter, street outreach and educational support, vocational guidance, mentoring, prevention activities, and counseling. The goal is to empower the girls and young women it serves to make positive choices. AFG's mission is to help homeless and high-risk girls and young women avoid violence, teen pregnancy and exploitation, and help them to explore and access the support, resources and opportunities necessary to be safe, to grow strong and to make positive choices in their lives. Each year, sponsorships for youth and their families are a primary source of holiday gifts. ■

NEWS FROM THE *Center*

The Center for Social Work Practice and Policy Research Working with School of Medicine to Conduct Needs Assessment for SEMCA

WAYNE STATE UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF MEDICINE

The School of Social Work's Center for Social Work Practice and Policy Research is teaming up with WSU School of Medicine's Project CARE to conduct a regional needs assessment for the Southeast Michigan Community Alliance (SEMCA). The goal is to provide evidence on the scope and severity of substance-use disorders among youth and adults in the SEMCA service region, which includes 45 municipalities in out-Wayne and Monroe counties of Michigan. Because it is a diverse geographic region, including cities like Hamtramck, Westland, Trenton and Ecorse, the team is using specific strategies to capture the unique needs of the communities and at the same time, represent the SEMCA region as a whole. Documenting the problem and available resources will aid researchers in determining the existing service gap. That knowledge, in turn will inform recommendations to SEMCA for services and strategies that will satisfy needs of consumers in its service areas.

The multi-disciplinary team, led by Drs. Joanne Sobeck and Eugene Schoener, recognizes substance-use disorders as part of a complex network of interactions,

events, perceptions and norms. By using a multi-pronged approach, including both quantitative and qualitative methods, the Center and Project Care hope to present a comprehensive and realistic picture of the needs of SEMCA consumers. The team plans to conduct semi-structured interviews with people in recovery, people with co-occurring disorders, older adults, and persons involved in the drug courts. The team will use focus groups and web-based surveys to gather perspectives from key informants and treatment providers. In addition, data generated from an extensive telephone survey of residents will allow the researchers to understand distinct views and patterns of behavior related to substance use disorders.

Secondary data will also be collected from multiple sources, including the 2010 census, to develop a geographic picture of SEMCA's municipalities. In order to understand substance use among youth in the SEMCA region, statistical data will be collected, including from the Michigan Profile for Healthy Youth (MiPHY) and the Youth Risk Behavior Survey (YRBS). Further, data from the National Survey of Drug Use and Health and the National Survey of Substance Abuse Treatment, among others, will be used to estimate treatment needs in the region. This needs assessment will provide a foundation for SEMCA to engage in data-driven decision-making around substance abuse treatment and prevention efforts. SEMCA will be able to use the findings from this study to effectively target their responses to

substance use disorders in their service region and develop services that are most needed and effective for SEMCA consumers.

NSO chooses Center to Conduct Needs Assessment Funded by Bazelon Center

Neighborhood Service Organization (NSO) of Detroit has contracted with the Center for Social Work Practice and Policy Research for a needs assessment funded



by the Judge David L. Bazelon Center for Mental Health Law. The Bazelon Center for Mental Health Law is a nonprofit organization devoted to improving the lives of people with mental illnesses through changes in policy and law. NSO is one of five sites that are participating in a national project to examine the involvement of law enforcement among people with mental illnesses. The Midtown area of Detroit has been selected as the focus area for this initiative, reflecting collaboration between NSO, Wayne State University School of Social Work, Wayne State University Campus Police and the Henry Ford Health System. The goals are to document the interaction of law enforcement personnel with people with

Continued on page 8

Publications (in print)

Lee, S.J., Kim, J., Taylor, C.A., & Perron, B.E. (2011). Profiles of disciplinary behaviors among biological fathers. *Child Maltreatment*, 16(1), 51-62.

Resko, S.M., Walton, M.A., Bingham, C.R., Shope, J.T., Zimmerman, M., Chermack, S.T., Blow, F.C., & Cunningham, R.M. (2010). Alcohol availability and violence among inner-city adolescents: A multi-level analysis of the role of alcohol outlet density. *American Journal of Community Psychology*, 46, 253-262.

Lee, S.J., Perron, B.E., Taylor, C.A., & Guterman, N.B. (2011). Paternal psychosocial characteristics and corporal punishment of their 3-year-old children. *Journal of Interpersonal Violence*, 26(1), 71-87.

Moss, B.G. & Yeaton, W.H. (2011). Young children's weight trajectories and associated risk factors: Results from the Early Childhood Longitudinal Study - Birth Cohort. *American Journal of Health Promotion*, 25(3), 190-198.

Campbell, R., **Patterson, D.**, & Fehler-Cabral, G. (2010). Using ecological theory to evaluate the effectiveness of an indigenous community intervention: A study of Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner (SANE) programs. *American Journal of Community Psychology*, 46, 263-276.

Fulcher, G. M., & **Smith, R. J.** (2010). Economic and Environmental Correlates of Public Child Welfare Worker Turnover. *Administration in Social Work*, 34(5), 442-457.

González-Prendes, A. A. (2009). The path of anger: Cognitive themes in the conceptualization of anger problems. *The Researcher: An Interdisciplinary Journal*, 22, 1-22.

Campbell, R. & **Patterson, D.** (2010). Medical and mental health services entry. In B. Fisher & S. Lab (Eds.), *Encyclopedia of victimology and crime prevention*. (pp.544-549). Thousand Oaks, CA: Sage.

Patterson Awarded \$475,000 Grant by National Institute of Justice



Assistant Professor Debra Patterson

Assistant Professor Debra Patterson, PhD, was recently awarded a \$475,000 grant by the National Institute of Justice (NIJ). Patterson will serve as the Principal Investigator and evaluator for an online training developed and implemented by the International Association of Forensic Nurses. The staff of the school's Center for Social Work Practice and Policy Research assisted Patterson in developing the proposal which garnered the grant. Competition for the grant was very strong, and only one other proposal

was accepted.

The project, entitled: Delivery and Evaluation of Sexual Assault Forensic (SAFE) Training Programs will use online training to teach

nurses how to respond to sexual assault victims in an empowering manner, how to conduct medical forensic exams, and how to document injuries. The evaluation will examine whether the online training leads nurses to adopt the necessary skills into their practice and to identify any challenges faced by them in learning and applying these skills. It will also track the trainees' skills after they have completed training to ascertain the level of empowering care they have provided to their patients and whether the quality of their medical forensic exam documentation meets the requirements for legal proceedings. The first phase of the project began in January 2011 and will span a three-year period. In the past this type of training was quite expensive and required medical personnel to use vacation time or personal leaves to complete it. This hybrid combination of online course work and a two-day, hands-on workshop is innovative and will help reduce these barriers. Patterson will be involved in evaluating the effectiveness of the online and hands-on training, as well as the post-training evaluation of practice and results. ■

Alumni Updates

Since the last issue of *Visions* we have received updates from these alumni...

Patricia Barlow, MSW 1991 has been employed by the school district of South Lyon, Michigan as a para-educator, working with cognitively impaired students. She recently finished 45 CEU's towards her re-certification. In 1993 she put her social work practice on hold to raise two children. She is now in the process of applying for another social work position.

Maria Barrow, LMSW, MSW 1999 magna cum laude, is currently in private practice, but "semi-retired." She specializes in mental health and substance abuse treatment, and most of her clients are parolees and probationers. Barrow is also vice-president of a non-profit youth organization, APC Cultural Group, a prevention program related to violence and crime. She also presents various workshops on business and mental health topics.

David Manville, MSW 1985 retired from the Michigan 3rd Circuit Court at the end of 2010. Mr. Manville was a Community Liaison and Project Specialist in the Family Assessment Mediation and Education Department of the Friend of the Court. He has worked for the Court in various capacities for 31 years. In notifying the school of his impending retirement, Manville said, "It has been a wonderful privilege and honor being able to work with WSU for the past 20+ years as a Field Instructor, being part of different committees and presenting CEU classes. In the course of sorting through my files I realized I have mentored/instructed over 45 MSW candidates and at least 15 BSW candidates. WOW! Being a Social Worker and having graduated from the BEST MSW program in the state has been a

blessing. I am so glad I was able to give back to Wayne."

Robert K. McMMain, MSW '61. Earned his Ph.D. in counseling psychology in 1973, from the University of New Mexico. Now retired after a varied and rewarding career including serving as: clinical social worker, Veterans Administration Hospital, Battle Creek; school social worker, Colorado Springs Public Schools; clinical social worker/supervisor, Family Counseling Service, Albuquerque; and Professor of Social Work Education, California State University (CSU), Fresno. Additionally: Board President of the Family Counseling Center, Fresno; established and directed the Employee Assistance Program at CSU, Fresno; chair of the Department of Social Work Education, CSU, Fresno; and part-time clinical private practice.

McMMain says, "Greetings to you all in the WSU Social Work Alumni Association! I enjoy receiving and reading *Visions*. I am deeply indebted to the late Dr. Charles N. Lebeaux, along with many other Wayne State faculty members. Dr. Lebeaux was my mentor, whose unceasing encouragement, scholarship, and sense of humor enriched my life and helped prepare me for a multi-faceted career in social work."

In retirement, McMMain and his wife Deanna "enjoy the blessings of six children, three grandchildren, and 3 great-grandchildren, plus: travels in our RV, reading just for pleasure, hiking, and good friendships."

Virginia B. Papania, MSW 1970 retired from private practice in 1995. In 2003 she moved to Oakland California, where she shares a home with one of her daughters. Another daughter, Karen VanAtta, received her MSW from the WSU School of Social Work in 2006 and Ms. Papania was on campus for that Commencement Ceremony. ■

Generous Donors and Grateful Scholarship Recipients Honored at Reception



*Scholarship Reception Student Speaker
Stephanie Hayes-Materazzi*

On Thursday, October 28th last year, the School of Social Work honored the students who are receiving scholarships and the donors whose thoughtfulness makes that financial support possible. In greeting the school's guests, Dean Phyllis Vroom said, "This scholarship reception honors two key stakeholders in our

school: the generous donors who provide much needed financial help for many of our students and the students who are the beneficiaries of that support and who have earned it through their achievements and hard work. All of those who are being honored today deserve our recognition and gratitude."

Following the format developed over the past several years, the program was highlighted by four speakers, two, Carolyn P. Patrick Wanzo and Susan Rogers, spoke on behalf of the scholarship donors. Two student speakers represented those who received scholarships: Sharda Baskin and Stephanie Hayes-Materazzi.

Scholarship recipients historically strive to make the most of their educational opportunities and to use what they learn to better the lives of others in the community as they move from academia into the profession. These contributions are key reasons why the programs of the School of Social Work continue to be highly ranked. ■



*Scholarship Donor Carolyn
Patrick-Wanzo Speaks*

Associate Professor Kim Jaffee Presented Lecture on Neighborhood Effects and Race at City University of Hong Kong



Associate Professor Jaffe in Hong Kong

At the end of October last year, Associate Professor and MSW Program Coordinator Dr. Kim Jaffee was invited to speak on neighborhood effects and race by the Department of Applied Social Studies at City University of Hong Kong. The invitation came after her brother, who is a Fulbright Scholar and visiting professor

there, shared Dr. Jaffee's CV with the department. As it turned out, the event evolved into more of a seminar attended by six faculty members and two doctoral students, followed by discussions both during the seminar and over lunch. Dr. Jaffee's presentation centered on neighborhood effects and race, a topic Jaffee first became involved with in the early 1990's, when she was hired to coordinate efforts in the state of New York to better understand the factors that contributed to low birth weight and infant mortality.

Dr. Jaffee found that the most interesting, richest component of her experience in Hong Kong was really the post-lecture lunch...a very common social convention there...during which a lively discussion ensued about the similarities and contrasts between infant mortality and other child health issues in Hong Kong, compared to the U.S. Because of Chinese laws that strictly limit family size, each birth is very special and, consequently, much emphasis is placed on providing readily available maternal care and keeping infant mortality very low.

Dr. Jaffee came away from Hong Kong with a keen desire to return and possibly engage in research similar to that she has done here, but focusing on child mental health and possible ways of improving services in that area, as well as looking at the differences in maternal and child health care between the Chinese majority and the small (5%) minority population in Hong Kong. ■

In Memoriam: Former BOV Member, Alumna and Scholarship Donor Virginia Baumgartner-King



Virginia "Ginny" Baumgartner-King passed away Dec. 8, 2010. She was a member of the Board of Visitors for many years and established a scholarship in her name to honor four generations of her family and their history at WSU. About her work with the Board of Visitors, King once wrote, "When I was asked to join the Board of Visitors of the Wayne State University School of Social Work, I was honored and I eagerly agreed to serve. To me, this was an opportunity to give back to an institution that has been a key influence on my family ..."

She is survived by her husband Kenneth E. King, children Fred Baumgartner, Mary Baumgartner, Helen Reilly, Paula Stuart, John Baumgartner and Frank Baumgartner, and stepchildren Karen King and Ken King, Jr. She was a graduate of Detroit Central High School, University of Detroit and earned her MSW from the school. She was a social worker for the Detroit Public Schools and Northville Public Schools, as well as a LCSW in private practice. ■

Needs Assessment for SEMCA Continued from page 4

mental illnesses, understand the root cause of mental health emergencies and to identify evidence-based practices and policy solutions that will reduce the number of times police are required to intervene.

The purpose of the study, headed by Dr. Bart Miles, is to learn why individuals in the Midtown area experiencing mental-health crises often find that police officers are their first point of contact. The study will attempt to understand the specific needs of the mentally ill, what factors lead up to their crisis/contact with police, and

how the mental health care service system can be improved. This study will give both the mentally ill and the people that work with them the opportunity to share their knowledge of mental health crises and police engagement. A second purpose of this study is to gain detailed information regarding an intervention point at which the mental health crises and/or police engagement could have been avoided.

Miles'expertise in homelessness, mental health, substance abuse issues and qualitative research methods will be useful as the study

examines police encounters with individuals with serious mental illness. Data are being collected from several key stakeholders in the Midtown area: Wayne State University and City of Detroit police officers, Henry Ford and Detroit Medical Center hospital staff, Detroit-Wayne County mental health (DWCCMH) providers, other community-based service providers, and individuals who have experienced mental health crises. Data will be gathered by focus groups and in-depth personal interviews. ■

School of Social Work Teams with Medical School for Older Adult Home Visit Program

BSW/MSW students, along with first- and second-year medical school students, took part in the second year of the Older Adult Home Visit Program. This was the first year the School of Social Work was included in the program. The program involved students visiting adults 65 and older who were living independently in their homes. The concept behind the program, introduced as a pilot project in 2009, was to give students experience in home visits early in their training. The project also aimed to instill in students the importance of a multidisciplinary approach to health care.

The program teamed medical students with those working on either a bachelor or master's degree in social work. During the home interviews, the medical students assessed the older adults, using the Bartel's Index (activities of daily living and instruments of activities of daily living). Social work students completed ecomaps and social network assessments. Pharmacy students completed a professional specific assessment tool. Each home visit took about 60 to 90 minutes.

"Older adults (who took part in the first year of the project) said they were impressed with the professionalism displayed by students representing the various disciplines," said Jennifer Mendez, Ph.D., director of the School of Medicine's Longitudinal and Co-Curricular Programs, and principal investigator for the Older Adult Home Visit Program. "They truly enjoyed their interaction with students and said they hope the seniors who will be in these students' practices someday will know how lucky they are to have such caring health professionals.

"They felt that this program provided the students with an opportunity to see them as individuals as well as a glimpse of their lives outside the hospital," she said. "In fact, all of them wanted to sign up right away for the program next year and will be asking their friends to participate as well."

The home visits, she said, provide an opportunity for students to better understand the preferences of older adults and their support systems. The visits allow time for more detailed conversations, extending student experience.

Pre- and post-visit data from last year's program, Dr. Mendez said, showed significant change in attitudes of pharmacy and medical students toward the autonomy, acceptability and integrity of older adults. The students also reported interdisciplinary team care improved their professional skills. Some of the comments presented by the social work students toward aging and older adults in general included:

"Late adulthood is not sad or depressing."

"It is important for older adults to stay engaged with hobbies/relationships for their happiness."

"It helped me learn how to interact with older adults."

"Living alone does not mean the person is lonely."

"I just wanted to say that the visit was a great experience, and I wanted to thank you for the opportunity to do something like this (I know MSW students are a recent addition to this project)...I'm so glad MSW's were included in the project."

This learning experience assisted students in dispelling some of the myths associated with the overall aging process and increased their competencies in working with other disciplines. The student teams have been meeting with older adults since November 2010 and visits will conclude in February 2011. These meetings took place in participants' homes or at a location of the participant's choice, such as a church, restaurant or community center.

Older adult participants will also be invited to a meeting at WSU this spring so that faculty can gather feedback about their experience with the program. ■

MESSAGE FROM ALUMNI ASSOCIATION PRESIDENT PHYLLIS EDWARDS



President Phyllis Edwards

Greetings as we begin the school's 76th year. I hope you were able to be with us for some of last year's special 75th anniversary events which celebrated the school's historical past as well as the strength of our present, under the outstanding leadership of Dean Phyllis Vroom.

Now, looking to the future, please plan to join us in celebrating Social Work Month by attending our annual alumni awards luncheon on Friday, March 25th, honoring our Alumna of the Year, Detroit City Councilmember Saunteel Jenkins '99, and our Citizen of the Year, Sonia Plata, Director of Community Capacity Building for New Detroit, Inc. These outstanding women were chosen for this recognition by your alumni board.

In living up to our mission of providing social and educational activities for our members, we are partnering with the school to co-sponsor the Fifth Annual Dean's Diversity Lecture Thursday, March 31st on campus, and Dinner with the Dean at the Detroit Yacht Club on Thursday, June 23rd. Two continuing education contact hours (2 CEUs) will be offered at no charge to alumni attending the

Diversity Lecture. The lecture titled "Invisible Children: Minorities and the Child Welfare System" will be delivered by one of our alumna, Danita Echols, Class of '98, and include a panel of youth aging out of the foster care system who will share their compelling stories and experiences as children in the foster care system. See details for the location and registration in the story on page 3. At our Dinner with the Dean event at the NYC on June 23rd, we will be having a silent auction to support our alumni scholarship fund for students and we welcome donations to be auctioned, especially gift certificates and tickets to sporting events.

Please take time to register for the March 25th awards luncheon either by calling the school at 313-577-4429 or emailing Lauree Emery at ab7097@wayne.edu. The registration form is online at www.socialwork.wayne.edu. Registration for the Dean's Diversity Lecture will take place at the event on March 31st.

Let us hear from you about your professional milestones. I look forward to seeing you at one of our upcoming events. Please demonstrate your pride in our school and renew your alumni association membership. We have nearly 1000 dues paying members among our 10,000 living alumni. ■

Sincerely,
Phyllis Edwards, President

Assistant Professor Royce Hutson Featured in Article on Aftermath of Haiti Earthquake

Eitor's Note: the following is excerpted from an article that appeared in a January 2011 issue of the *Windsor Star*, a Canadian daily newspaper. Assistant Professor Hutson is a specialist in survey methodology, armed conflict, human rights, and community development. His research has focused on issues related to the US, Haiti, Lebanon, and the Palestinian Refugee Camps. Recently, Dr. Hutson along with a team of researchers from the US, Canada, and Haiti completed a mortality and morbidity assessment of Port-au-Prince, Haiti commissioned by a variety of international governmental and non-governmental organizations for the purpose of emergency relief and reconstruction planning. Here is the excerpt:

A researcher at Wayne State University in Detroit who surveyed thousands of survivors in the weeks immediately following the 7.0 magnitude earthquake that hit Haiti last Jan. 12 said he suspects the situation has improved "but not by much."

Royce Hutson, a professor with the school of social work, travelled to Haiti as part of a UN and Canadian government study of the effects of the quake on the population just six weeks after the disaster. He said his team was selected for the work because they had just finished an extensive survey on crime and human rights abuse in the country just weeks before and already had data base on Port-au-Prince.

He said the team was able to locate 93

per cent of the 1,800 household members they had interviewed previously, despite the fact many had been rendered homeless and were living either in tents near their former homes or in displacement camps. The survey showed the mortality rate in Port-au-Prince alone was 160,000 dead, most of them children under 12. Fully 24 per cent of respondents reported their homes destroyed.

They also found that, after immediate medical needs, food supply and personal security were important concerns with more than half the population reporting food insecurity. Crime was also on the rise, particularly sexual assaults on female survivors. ■

2010-2011 ALUMNI ASSOCIATION BOARD MEMBERS

Sarah Ann Barlow '08
 Donald W. Berry '01
 Joanne S. Brogdon, '01
 Sherry E. Brown '03
 Michelle Calvillo '10

Jerry Caughey '78
 Tia Cobb '94
 Larmender A. Davis '94
 Vice President
 Phyllis Edwards '02
 President

Corey Faulkner '10
 Pamela Hopkins '93
 Maxine G. Hudgins '99
 Treasurer
 Nicole LeTrent '06
 Secretary

Sia R. Maturi '07
 Delores May '82
 Faiza Najar '01
 Genevieve Rattray '08
 Mary Solecki '10

School of Social Work Board of Visitors

N. Charles Anderson
 Detroit Urban League, Inc.

C. Patrick Babcock
 Class of 1969
 W.K. Kellogg Foundation

Michael Brennan
 United Way for
 Southeastern Michigan

Juanita Doss
 Class of 1972
 Burdette and Doss
 Psychological Clinic

Michael S. Earl
 Class of 1980
 Oakland Family Service

Phyllis Edwards
 Class of 2002
 President,
 Alumni Association

Annette S. Freedman
 Class of 1969, Retired

George D. Gaines, Jr.
 Class of 1964, Retired

Allan Gelfond
 Class of 1961
 American Technion Society

Shirley Mann Gray
 Class of 1976
 Children's Hospital
 of Michigan

Louise Guyton
 Comerica, Inc.

Paul L. Hubbard
 Class of 1971

Angela G. Kennedy
 Class of 1966

Guadalupe G. Lara
 Class of 1976

Mohamed Okdie
 Class of 1985
 President, Mental Health
 Board

V. Lonnie Peek, Jr.
 Class of 1969
 Strategic Solutions

Susan H. Rogers, Chair
 Class of 1977
 Birmingham Public Schools

Lenora Stanfield
 Class of 1966, Retired

Lillie Tabor
 Retired

John H. Talick
 Retired

Alice G. Thompson
 Class of 1981
 Black Family Development,
 Inc.

Jacquelin E. Washington
 Class of 1965
 Board of Governors Emerita

Eloise C. Whitten
 Retired

Angela B. Wilson
 Class of 1985
 Communities In Schools
 Of Detroit, Inc.

Clip and return this form, completed, with payment to: WSU Alumni Association, P.O. Box 02308, Detroit, MI 48202-0308

JOIN THE WAYNE STATE
 ALUMNI ASSOCIATION



Alumni Association Membership Registration

Membership is available to alumni and friends of the university. Call (877) WSU-ALUM for additional information or School of Social Work Alumni Association.

Member #1 _____
 Member #2 (must reside at same address) _____
 Address _____ Check if new address
 City _____ State _____ ZIP _____
 Home phone _____ Work phone _____
 Member #1 e-mail _____ Member #2 e-mail _____

	1 Year	2 Years	3 Years
Single membership	<input type="checkbox"/> \$30	<input type="checkbox"/> \$50	<input type="checkbox"/> \$70
Joint membership	<input type="checkbox"/> \$35	<input type="checkbox"/> \$65	<input type="checkbox"/> \$90

Additional tax-deductible contribution \$ _____ Check payable to WSUAA
 VISA MasterCard # _____ Exp. date _____

Join an affiliate group! Your dues include membership in up to three affiliate alumni associations:

- Member #1
 Member #2
- Athletics
 - Organization of Black Alumni
 - Women of Wayne
 - Business Administration
 - Education
 - Engineering
 - Fine Performing and Comm. Arts
 - Law
 - Liberal Arts
 - Library and Information Science
 - Nursing
 - Pharmacy and Health Sciences
 - Science
 - Social Work
 - Urban, Labor and Metropolitan Affairs

PC: SWNL Gift: _____ Sz: _____

I WOULD LIKE TO MAKE A CONTRIBUTION TO THE SCHOOL OF SOCIAL WORK

Name _____
 Address _____
 City _____ State _____ Zip _____
 E-mail _____
 Business phone number (with area code) _____
 Home phone number (with area code) _____

Designation

Please select a fund number from chart below.

Amount	Fund Name	Fund Number
\$ _____	_____	_____
\$ _____	_____	_____
\$ _____	_____	_____

I would like to make a contribution to **Wayne State University**.
 My gift will support the School of Social Work.

Amount enclosed: \$ _____

Payment Method

VISA MasterCard

Card number _____

Expiration date _____

Signature _____
(required for credit card gifts)

Make check payable to **Wayne State University**.

Matching Gifts

Your employer or your spouse's employer may multiply your contribution through a matching gift program.

My company's matching gift form is enclosed.

► **Mail this form to:**

WSU Fund Office
 5475 Woodward Ave.
 Detroit, MI 48202

For more information, contact Marguerite Carlton, development director, at 313-577-8807

Number	Fund Name
2-22111	Social Work Improvement and Development Fund
4-44469	Social Work General Scholarship Fund
0-61962	Shawn A. Abraham Memorial Endowed Scholarship
4-47724	Art Antisdell Memorial Scholarship
0-60082	Carol Barron Memorial Endowed Scholarship
0-60204	Virginia Baumgartner-King Endowed Scholarship
0-50694	Everett Beishlag Memorial Loan Fund
0-61180	Elizabeth N. Brehler Scholars Program
0-51057	Charles B. Brink Loan Fund
0-61768	Arnette Burwell Memorial Endowed Scholarship
0-61889	Emmie S. Chestang Memorial Scholarship
0-60179	Rachel I. Coleman Endowed Scholarship
0-60430	Patricia L. Dillick Memorial Endowed Scholarship
0-61097	Cecille Y. Dumbrigue and Shirley P. Thrasher Endowed Memorial Scholarship
0-61488	Annette Sniderman Freedman Endowed Scholarship
4-47602	Emmesia Mathews Frost and Kenneth M. Frost Scholarship
0-60266	Allan and Harriet Gelfond Endowed Scholarship
0-61334	Fred and Freda Gentsch Scholarship
445233	Ted and Arlene Goldberg Annual Scholarship
0-60022	Annie Louise Pitts Handy Endowed Scholarship Edwin H. Holmberg Endowed Scholars Fund
445226	Anthony D. Holt Annual Scholarship
0-61990	Joseph P. Hourihan Endowed Scholars Award
0-66013	Shirley Doris Hupert Memorial Scholarship
4-44765	Evangeline Sheibley Hyett Endowed Scholarship
0-51629	Bette Kalichman Student Loan Fund
0-60240	Rose Kaplan Endowed Scholarship Fund

Number	Fund Name
0-60198	Vernon Edward Keye Memorial Endowed Scholarship
477169	Charles (Chuck) Kramer Endowed Scholarship
0-61843	Alice E. Lamont Endowed Scholarship
0-60184	James W. Leigh Scholarship
0-60208	Elizabeth and Reginald MacArthur Tribute Endowed Scholarship
0-60119	Eileen M. Maceroni Endowed Scholarship
0-60011	Maryann Mahaffey Endowed Scholarship
0-61938	Lois J. McOsker Memorial Endowed Scholarship
0-50804	Aaron Mendelson Memorial Trust Fund
4-47708	Edward J. Overstreet Endowed Scholarship
4-45253	Parare Consulting, PLC Susan H. Rogers Annual Scholarship
0-60262	Carolyn Purifoy Patrick-Wanzo Endowed Scholarship
4-47432	Donald J. Roberts Memorial Scholarship
4-44775	Harold and Carolyn Robison Memorial Scholarship
0-61944	School of Social Work Alumni Association Endowed Scholarship
0-52234	School of Social Work Alumni Association Emergency Student Aid Fund
0-67786	Social Work Futures Endowment Fund
0-60233	Raymond Snowden, PhD Memorial Scholarship
0-60311	Mavis M. Spencer Endowed Fund for Scholars
0-60282	Maldo Ellen Talick Memorial Scholarship
0-60001	Mary Turner Scholarship Phyllis I. Vroom Endowed Scholarship
0-66044	Jacquelin E. Washington Endowed Scholarship
0-60139	Beryl Zlatkin Winkelman Endowed Scholarship
4-47118	Ella Zwerding Memorial Scholarship