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Lila Lazarus to Emcee 75th Anniversary Dinner June 10 at Detroit Golf Club

Lila Lazarus, well-known news health reporter and news anchor, will emcee the School of Social Work's 75th Anniversary Celebration dinner and program Thursday, June 10 beginning at 6:30 PM. The event will be held in the historic clubhouse of the Detroit Golf Club, 17911 Hamilton Road, in Detroit.

Lila Lazarus leads her life at a pace that is breathtaking, invigorating and fulfilling - and that's just in the morning. She is an award-winning journalist who has anchored



Celebration Emcee Lila Lazarus

the news in Michigan, Maryland, and Massachusetts. Best known as the always smiling, energetic and effervescent anchor and health reporter, when she isn't running around town with a camera crew, she's likely running a marathon, taking part in a triathlon or teaching a yoga class. In 2007, Governor Jennifer Granholm appointed Lazarus to the Governor's Council on Physical Fitness. An avid motorcyclist, Lila was recently named Michigan's Ambassador of Motorcycle Safety.



The setting for the celebration is one of America's great golf and country clubs, uniquely located in the middle of the city. The beautifully wooded two hundred and nineteen acres, rambling Old-English style clubhouse and two 18-hole golf courses are a fitting legacy to the prominent group of forward thinking Detroiters who formed the Club over one hundred years ago, in 1899. In 1916, famed architect Albert Kahn was commissioned to design a new Clubhouse. Although wartime problems hampered construction, the Clubhouse was finally completed in May 1918.

The Celebration, hosted by Dean Phyllis Vroom, costs \$75 per person and will feature a cash bar. All alumni are cordially invited to join the festivities and can register online at www.alumni.wayne.edu/ events or call Special Events at 313-577-0300 before May 26. ■

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MESSAGE FROM THE DEAN



Dean Phyllis Vroom

It seems this issue of Visions has a focus on anniversaries. As most of you already know, 2009-2010 marks the **75th Anniversary of the founding of the WSU School of Social Work**. So it is very appropriate that several stories here are about anniversary events, some of which have already occurred and others which are planned for the rest of the year. We hope you will be able to celebrate with us by attending upcoming

events, especially the major celebration of the year the June 10th dinner at the Detroit Golf Club, which comprises the lead story in this issue.

But there's another cause for celebration. It hardly seems possible, but **The Center for Social Work Practice and Policy Research** is celebrating its 2nd Anniversary. Director Dr. Joanne Sobeck and her staff have put together a series of articles that give you a fascinating look at how the Center has met its goals and what the plans are in the future to make it an even more vital community and academic resource.

In this anniversary year we are also making a special effort to encourage alumni to get in touch with us and let us know what is happening now in their professional lives. You will notice several responses in this issue...but we'd like to have yours as well.

As we were about to send this issue to the printer, I was pleased to receive several pieces of good news, which we

were able to cover. One of our PhD students, Jessica Lucero, who will receive her Doctorate in May, won 1st Prize for her poster presentation at the university's first ever Graduate Exhibition. In addition, two faculty members have achieved special recognition. Assistant Professor Debra Patterson has been awarded a University Research Grant for her project *Understanding Online Help-Seeking by Sexual Assault Survivors*. And Assistant Professor Shawna Lee is being recognized by the journal *Pediatrics* for an article she co-wrote on corporal punishment.

All in all, an issue chock full of good news at a time in our lives when good news is especially welcome... as is spring. Enjoy! ■

Sincerely,
Dean Phyllis Vroom

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Doctoral Candidate Jessica Lucero's Poster Takes 1st Prize at Inaugural Graduate Exhibition



Jessica Lucero

Jessica Lucero, whose poster took first prize for the Social and Behavioral Sciences at the Wayne State University's inaugural Graduate Exhibition on Sunday March 28, will be among the first four PhD students to be awarded their doctorates next month by the School of Social Work. Ambika Mathur, Associate Dean of the Graduate School and organizer of the event said, "We had an extremely high caliber of student presentations

and choosing the best of the over 150 presentations must have posed a significant challenge for the judges."

In addition to Lucero, other winners of the awards in Social and Behavioral Sciences, Education and Information Technology were 2nd prize winners Levi Nieminen, Psychology, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences and Kelley Unger, Instructional Technology Program, College of Education. ■

University Research Grant Awarded to Assistant Professor Debra Patterson

On March 24, Provost Nancy S. Barrett announced the awarding of a University Research Grant to Assistant Professor Debra Patterson for her project Understanding Online Help-Seeking by Sexual Assault Survivors. Reacting to the news, Patterson said, "this funding provides a great opportunity to begin understanding if and how the Internet can help foster the healing process of sexual assault survivors."

Many survivors do not disclose their victimizations to informal or professional support because they fear being blamed. The Internet has become an increasingly

popular form of communication and source of information among Americans. The literature suggests that many adults are seeking online information and support for many medical and mental health concerns, especially for conditions that involve stigma.

Given the under-examined nature of this topic, this grant will fund a pilot study using an online survey to explore several key areas to understand who is seeking online help, the online needs of survivors, and the experiences of those seeking online help. This study will provide data to begin understanding if and how survivors

utilize the Internet to cope with their victimizations. In addition, the knowledge gained from this study could be used to develop online interventions that are responsive to the needs of sexual assault survivors.

Patterson came to Wayne State University from Michigan State University, where she completed her doctoral degree in Community Psychology in 2008. She completed her MSW in 1996 at Wayne State University and subsequently worked at a domestic and sexual violence agency for eight years as an advocate, therapist, and director. ■

Dean Vroom Appointed Acting Provost

April 2nd, President Jay Noren announced that Dean Vroom was appointed acting provost of Wayne State University, effective April 8. She will serve until conclusion of the search for a permanent

provost. In announcing the appointment, President Noren said, "Dean Vroom is admired and respected throughout Wayne State for her leadership and scholarly contributions to the university... I have

every confidence that her considerable experience and dedication to the highest standards of scholarship will make Phyllis Vroom an invaluable asset to the university in her role as acting provost." ■

NEWS FROM THE *Center*

The Center for Social Work Practice and Policy Research Celebrates Two Years of Study and Collaboration

MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR



Center Director, Joanne Sobeck

In 2008 the Center for Social Work Practice and Policy Research was established by the School of Social Work and chartered by the university. Three primary goals provide the focus with an underlying theme of promoting collaboration. We set out to establish relationships with agencies that would create long-term partnerships among faculty, staff and practitioners. We anticipated that these partnerships would enable practitioners to learn more about social work interventions as well as new approaches to working with multi-problem consumers. While we, in turn, would have access to these populations in order to develop new theories and learn about their priorities for research.

These synergistic professional interactions would then provide opportunities to jointly address and develop an action agenda that would subsequently advance social work knowledge by making it more relevant and producing more powerful solutions to complex social issues than if we attempted to do this on our own.

What we have learned, however, is so much more!

Our vision for collaborative research is informed by the many lessons and

practitioners and researchers together to share their experiences and learn from one another more openly. We also realize that there are other audiences who are open to new experiences and research collaboration. And we are just beginning to offer students an opportunity to engage in research for non-credit to apply their classroom learning and participate in hands-on research projects. Our first two years of operation have provided us with many issues to think about and act

The Center has learned that each setting offers opportunities for growth for all partners

the literature on university-community partnerships, but as is often the case, we find the experience somewhat different. We find some partners just starting to test the waters, learning about research and collaboration while others are fully engaged in trying to create knowledge and transforming their system of change. The Center has learned that each setting offers opportunities for growth for all partners. We learned that collaboration with faculty can occur at all phases of the research enterprise, from idea generation to dissemination strategies. For example, we piloted a new strategy of bringing

upon to strengthen our impact in the future. The following stories highlight some of the collaborative endeavors that demonstrate the many facets of our work so far. We hope you will continue to follow the Center's development and support our efforts in advancing social work knowledge to benefit our clients, neighborhoods and communities. ■

Sincerely,
Dr. Joanne Sobeck, Director

Collaboration through Partnerships

Over the past two years, we engaged in collaborative partnerships with several Detroit area social- service organizations. Our primary goal is to develop and evaluate best practices in social work interventions with a focus on building multi-faceted relationships. These collaborations will increase the ability of faculty and students to engage in applied research, while also growing the ability of community agencies to test new program models and evaluation strategies. Here are a few examples of these efforts.

We consult with **Oakland Family Services (OFS)** executives and board members on how evidence-based practice and organizational learning through evaluation can move an organization beyond sustainability to a thriving organization. We are currently evaluating the Alliance of Family Service organizations comprised of OFS, Macomb Family Services and Family Services of Detroit-Wayne County. We are charged with evaluating the effectiveness of collaboration around evidence-based practices as they relate to administrative functions. In addition, strategic thinking is underway with executive staff and board members on structural factors affecting service delivery and quality. The second evaluation is being conducted on "For Offenders in the Community Under Supervision," or the FOCUS program, in an effort to provide intensive case management to adult criminal justice clients engaged in substance abuse treatment.

Further, our partnership with **Matrix**

Human Services is building capacity for the conduct of mutually beneficial research. An agency analysis was conducted last year by the Center as a step toward writing a National Institute of Mental Health Interventions and Practice Research Infrastructure Proposal (IP-RISP). If funded, this grant will build

developing logic models and case statements in an effort to clarify goals and consider outcomes for programming. This process is now driving New Detroit Inc. departments to re-evaluate their work and think about next steps for organizational growth and development.

Finally, we provided consultation and



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the capacity of Matrix Human Services and The School of Social Work to conduct research that will lead to effective mental-health practices and the achievement of evidence-based outcomes.

In addition, over the past year we partnered with **New Detroit Inc.** in organizational development planning efforts. In group and individual sessions, New Detroit Inc. staff focused on



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technical assistance to The **Children's Center of Detroit**. By serving on the agency's Quality Assurance and Program Committee, we consult on client utilization data, quality measures, and how to improve client outcomes. Three strategies are now being implemented as a result of this partnership including literature reviews, focus groups and a clinical training assessment. ■

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Faculty Collaboration

A primary goal of our work in the Center is to expand and support the research portfolio of the school's faculty. As a result we work with our colleagues on numerous projects. For example, we are assisting Dr. Poco Kernsmith in a project that evaluates nurse examiner programs for First Step, a domestic violence shelter located in Wayne County. Dr. Kernsmith conducts needs assessments related to sexual assault cases. She also conducts process evaluations of the Sexual Assault Task Force, and is performing an outcome evaluation for the Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner (SANE) program.

We support Dr. Bart Miles, who conducts research on

homelessness, in his work with Neighborhood Services Organization (NSO) for which he revised a SAMHSA grant. The grant was successfully funded to provide services for



Dr. Faith Hopp studies research results.

the homeless in Detroit.

Dr. Arlene Weisz and Center Research Coordinator, Neva Nahan, have been assisting the Detroit Police Department Domestic Violence Unit and the 36th District Court by evaluating domestic violence programs, including "Looking for my Sister", "YWCA's Interim House," and "LaVida." The team is also working to develop a comprehensive database to track the program activities and outcomes.

Finally, Dr. Faith Hopp collaborates with the School of Medicine and Sinai Grace Hospital to discover barriers to heart failure care in urban settings, as well as available supports for those experiencing heart failure. Drawing on the chronic care model, this study is gathering information about how persons with advanced heart failure experience their illness, their perceptions, and their use of formal and informal services. The study also gathers data on attitudes towards research and explores the willingness of persons with heart failure to participate in interventions and randomized trials. Finally, her research examines the role and potential for social work to address the health and psychosocial needs of this population, with a goal of developing effective interventions. ■

Interdisciplinary Collaboration



Barnett at the Dialogue on Father's Role in Child Maltreatment

We believe that interdisciplinary collaboration provides the opportunity for researchers in different disciplines to network, share knowledge, and pool resources and approaches. This kind of interaction can effectively and creatively link various fields in addressing society's most pressing issues, many of which cannot be fully understood through the lens of a single discipline.

To this end, the Center works with colleagues from the Business School and the Department of Psychology. Dr. Douglas Barnett, of the Psychology Department, during our information exchange Dialogue in December of 2008, presented on evidence-based interventions for fathers in child welfare and detailed such issues as the absence of fathers in intervention planning and information collection. Dr. Victor Wooddell, of the Business school, lent his expertise in strategic leadership and the management of complex organizations to the Center in our work with the Detroit Area Agency on Aging. ■



DAAA workshop participants hear Victor Wooddell on strategic alignment planning.

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Dissemination of Knowledge through Community Resource Exchange Network

A major goal of the Center is to create mechanisms of exchange and information-sharing between faculty and the social work practice community. Our main tool for this endeavor is **Community Resource Exchange Network (CREN)**. The goals of CREN are to: generate and share information for public dissemination; improve access to social work knowledge to maintain competence in practice and; translate field experiences into bodies of knowledge. We support these goals through offering educational and collaborative opportunities such as research brown bags, summits, dialogues and an enhanced webpage. If you have not already done so,



Roy Wilds of Don Bosco Hall, left, at the Dialogue on Father's Role in Child Maltreatment with Center staffer Elizabeth Agius and faculty member Jozefowicz-Simbini.

please visit our website at www.research.socialwork.wayne.edu to learn more about research at the School of Social Work.

On, December 12th 2008 we hosted our first dialogue on "The Role of Fathers in Child Maltreatment." Social work practitioners Roy Wilds of Don Bosco Hall and Benjamin Hoskins of Spectrum Family Services along with researchers Dr. Shawna Lee and Dr. Shirley Thomas of the School of Social Work and Dr. Doug Barnett of WSU's Department of Psychology led a discussion on current treatment and research. Participants included twenty practitioners and twenty researchers who engaged in a facilitated discussion about the role each plays in building knowledge. This experience provided an opportunity for practitioners and researchers to learn something new. Most notable was the finding that fathers want to be involved in the treatment process, as well as information suggesting that fathers are sometimes 'over-looked' in treatment. We look forward to hosting our second dialogue in 2010. The proposed topic is to examine how research informs social work practice and conversely, how social work practice knowledge informs and guides social work research. This upcoming dialogue will be structured to facilitate discussion and an open exchange that is critical to facilitate the mutual learning necessary to improve social work practice and interventions. ■

Collaboration with Students

We recently addressed the need to include students in all areas of the research process. We proposed and developed a "Learning Community" titled "Applied Research Together" (ART). This learning community is designed to offer social work majors (BSW through PhD) the opportunity to participate in all stages of the research process, an experience they would not otherwise be able to access as part of their curriculum. The broad mission and long-term goal of ART is to build a sense of community and

collaboration among BSW, MSW, PhD students, and faculty/academic staff to promote learning, critical thinking, and discourse around the stages of research. To that end, the Center will soon begin hosting monthly research 'brown bag' presentations that highlight faculty as well as student research projects. This learning culture will provide students with additional opportunities to partner with faculty for professional and career development, as well as providing supplemental resources for collaborative

interactions among fellow students, faculty and academic staff. ■



Dr. Cassandra Bowers with social work student.

Fourth Annual Dean's Diversity Lecture Delivered by Larry K. Brendtro, PhD

"From *Controls from Within* (1952) to *Deep Brain Learning* (2009) The Wayne State Legacy of Fritz Redl and David Wineman and Current Best Practices with Challenging Children and Youth" was the title of the Fourth Annual Dean's Diversity Lecture, which was delivered by Dr. Larry Brendtro. Brendtro's presentation celebrated the legacy of Wayne State University School of Social Work pioneers Fritz Redl and David Wineman. In the 1950's, they co-authored classic studies of aggressive children. Strongly challenging punitive practices, Redl and Wineman advocated new methods to build *Controls from Within*. Recent advances in neuroscience validate their own ground-breaking work and open exciting new possibilities for strength-based social work practice with children and families.

Dr. Brendtro, who early in his career was mentored by David Wineman and taught by Fritz Redl, has wide experience with troubled children

and will share findings from his latest book *Deep Brain Learning: Pathways to Potential with Challenging Youth*. Brendtro spoke about the exciting new research showing that children are born with brain pathways to develop trust, talent, self-control, and empathy. While trauma and toxic environments impede positive growth, neuroplasticity enables healing and change. Drawing evidence from resilience research, neuroscience, and child-rearing in diverse cultural traditions, *Deep Brain Learning* identifies key principles for building strengths with vulnerable children which are applicable to all social work practice settings.

Larry Brendtro is former president of Starr Commonwealth serving troubled youth in Michigan and Ohio, and he currently heads Starr Commonwealth's Circle of Courage Institute which publishes the journal *Reclaiming Children and Youth*. Starr Commonwealth (Albion, Michigan) is a non-profit organization with nearly 100 years of history, annually

serving 5,000 children, families and professionals. Dr. Brendtro has broad experience as a youth worker, educator, administrator, researcher, and author. He holds a Ph.D. in Education and Psychology from the University of Michigan, is a licensed psychologist, and has taught in the area of behavior disorders at the University of Illinois, The Ohio State University, and Augustana College. Editor of the journal *Reclaiming Children and Youth*, he has published widely in the fields of social work, special education, and psychology. With colleagues he has authored twelve books and 200 articles on challenging youth. He serves on the Coordinating Council on Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention, chaired by the U.S. Attorney General, and has trained youth professionals worldwide. All attendees received a complimentary on-line copy of the journal *Reclaiming Children and Youth*. ■

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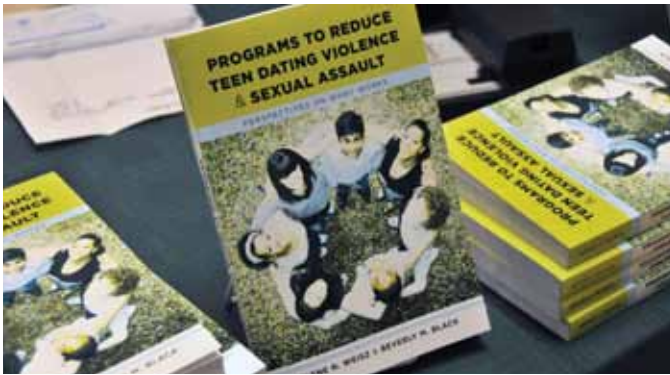
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Alumni Association Announces 2010 Honorees: Hill and Rivera

The School of Social Work Alumni Association president, Phyllis Edwards, recently announced the organization's 2010 Alumna of the Year and Citizen of the Year awardees. Odeather Allen Hill and Osvaldo "Ozzie" Rivera were honored at the Association's Annual Meeting Luncheon on Friday, March 26 at 11:30 AM at the McGregor Memorial Conference Center. In addition to presentations to and by the honorees, Saunteel Jenkins, newly elected member of the Detroit City Council and alumna of the school, was the invited guest speaker. Jenkins spoke about the important role of social work and contribution of social workers in improving the quality of life for citizens, especially in southeast Michigan.

Odeather Allen Hill (MSW Class of 1982) is the founder and president of the Youth Advocacy Program, Inc., a non-profit organization that provides college scholarships to high school seniors, and recognizes adult volunteers who enhance the lives of young adults. She is also the founder and director of Professional, Preventive, Restoration and Consultant Service (PPRCS), a social service agency that serves children and families to prevent abuse and neglect and sustain family connections. For 15 years, Allen has served the school and its students by providing field work placements at her agency. Like many Wayne State social work students today, Hill had to balance the roles of housewife and mother of four children

with the demands of higher education. However she earned both her BSW and MSW degrees here. Following graduation, she also became a foster parent.

Hill completed her doctorate in 1995 at the Union Institute, Cincinnati, Ohio. Her doctoral dissertation and subsequent professional work focuses on the study of African-American young men and the challenges they face making transitions toward independent living.

Hill has served on the City of Detroit Youth Advisory Committee and Board of Zoning Appeals, and, by gubernatorial appointment, served on the African-American Male Health Steering Committee. For three years she was the executive producer of the WDTR radio show titled, *Young, Gifted and Black*.

Citizen of the Year Osvaldo "Ozzie" Rivera was born in Puerto Rico and lived in southwest Detroit most of his life. A graduate of the Chicano-Boricua Studies program at Wayne State and the University of Michigan School of Social Work, Rivera has more than three decades of involvement in community advocacy and human services. He has served as mental health director for Arab Community Center for Economic and Social Services (ACCESS), president of Latino Family Services, dean of students at Wayne County Community College, and director of Multicultural Affairs at Madonna University. In his current role with the State of Michigan Department

of Human Services he oversees Special Projects for Wayne County's Children and Family Services.

Rivera was honored for his many cultural contributions to the Detroit metropolitan area and the State of Michigan. For over 25 years he has been enriching the cultural life of the community with his musical talents, sharing his love of Latin-Caribbean and Afro-Hispanic music. As director of the salsa band, *La Inspiracion*, he and his group have performed throughout Michigan. He uses musical performances and lectures to teach and bring people together. Annually Ozzie Rivera helps organize the Concert of Colors, a free, three-day-long, music festival held at Detroit's Orchestra Hall, which features many performing artists from around the U.S. and the world. The Detroit Council of the Arts has commissioned Ozzie to develop study guides on African-Hispanic music, for instructors at different levels of educational instruction. For 19 years he has been the producer and host for the radio program *Caribe Serenade* on Detroit Public School's radio WDTR and he was formerly program director for *El Grito de mi Raza*, a Latino music and affairs radio program aired on Wayne State public radio, WDET. Ozzie Rivera also serves on the New Detroit High School Innovation Task Force and the Community Impact Cabinet of United Way for Southeastern Michigan. ■

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Alumna Juanita Hinton Working with Soldiers at Ft. Hood, Site of Shooting Rampage



Juanita Hinton

After 20 years as a State of Michigan employee, alumna Juanita Hinton was looking for a career change and a fresh start. After applying through USA Jobs Today, she was hired by Fort Hood's Warrior Transition Brigade (WTB) where today she is a Clinical Social Worker for Soldiers assigned to Alpha Company, 1st Battalion, WTB, in Killeen, Texas. Hinton has been residing in Texas for 14 months.

Hers is the largest Warrior Transition Battalion in the U.S. Army, and Alpha Company is the designated as the "Purple Heart Unit", so she is constantly working with soldiers who have been injured. Her case load typically numbers about 40 and many suffer from Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) and Traumatic Brain Injuries (TBI). Hinton's assignment is to help coordinate mental health services

for the soldiers on her case load. She also assists them to prepare for hearings at the Medical Board, which determines when soldiers may be released from duty for medical reasons. In addition, Hinton co-coordinates a therapy group of soldiers suffering from PTSD.

In addition, beginning in June, Hinton will be teaching ethics in the school of social work at the Killeen branch of Texas A&M University. She plans to make use of the syllabus she still has from a similar course here.

When *Visions* asked how her preparation here has helped her fulfill both those assignments, Hinton reminisced that studying in the middle of an urban area and obtaining both a diverse education and field work with diverse populations prepared her well. She

And she also mentioned that the soldiers she is helping now often have some of the same problems she has encountered in other populations with which she has worked with.

Visions also spoke with Janique Parnell, her supervisor. Parnell calls Hinton, "well-prepared, spirited, energetic and motivated." She also spoke in more detail of the Battalion and Brigade that have the mission to provide exemplary medical care and a healing environment for the soldiers under its care...with a goal of restoring them to the maximum possible rehabilitation, whether that ultimately means a return to active duty, a modified assignment or a successful retirement. Parnell also said that Juanita Hinton has adjusted well to the new populations she serves at Ft. Hood and has the warmth to

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remembered that her first faculty advisor was Dean Vroom, and the supervisor at her first field assignment (Franklin Wright Settlement) was Cece Dumbrique, "where I was green as an apple," she recalled. Hinton also stated that without the encouragement, guidance and support that Cece Dumbrique gave her she would not be where she is today professionally.

connect easily and thoroughly with her soldier/clients.

(Editor's note: Although Hinton is assigned to Fort Hood where in November an Army psychiatrist is alleged to have killed 13 people and wounded many, she could not talk about that event because of the ongoing investigation.) ■

**MESSAGE FROM NEW ALUMNI
ASSOCIATION PRESIDENT**

Phyllis Edwards



Alumni Association President Phyllis Edwards

It is a special honor to serve as president during the School's 75th anniversary year. Counting this year's graduating "Class of 2010" we number over 9000 living alumni, with over 1000 alums demonstrating loyalty as dues paying members of the association. Consider becoming member during this anniversary year, and please plan to attend our 75th anniversary dinner celebration at the Detroit Golf Club on Thursday, June 10th. We have already heard from a number of alumni around the country who are planning to use the occasion to return for a visit, and reconnect with classmates. Some are staying at The Atheneum Hotel in the vibrant Greektown area, others choosing a quieter bed and breakfast like setting on campus—The Inn on

Ferry Street. Please take time to register for this evening dinner event by calling 313-577-0300, or register online by going to www.alumni.wayne.edu/events. Attending will be a source of pride and pleasure as we celebrate the growth and progress of our school, which gave each of us a foundation to build our individual career path.

Throughout this 2009-2010 anniversary year your association has helped co-sponsor several social work continuing education opportunities, at a reduced rate or for no fee at all, as a way of supporting our members, especially during this difficult economy. Now we would like your help raising funds in support of student scholarships. We are selling ad space and publishing a 75th anniversary souvenir program booklet titled: *Celebrating 75 Years: Advancing--Knowledge, Community Engagement and Social Justice*. Consider having your business card printed (\$50), or purchasing a one line patron ad (\$25). Larger full page and half page ads are available for organizations and agencies. For more information about placing an ad call the school at 313-577-4464 or visit the School of Social Work website: www.socialwork.wayne.edu

Thanks for responding to my prior invitation to hear from you and letting us know about professional milestones since completing your social work education at Wayne State. I am looking forward to seeing you on June 10th. ■

Sincerely,
Phyllis Edwards, President

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75th Anniversary Alumni Updates from All Over

In our last issue, we encouraged alumni, in celebration of the school's 75th anniversary, to let us know what they have been up to. Here are a few replies we've gotten since.

James R. Lewis

MSW '72 After being the Director of Lutheran Adoption Service for 25 years, Jim Lewis now works for the State of Michigan as an adoption consultant in the MCI Ward Division of the Department of Human Services.

Maureen Marcenko MSW '78 Maureen Marcenko earned her PhD in 1988 and is currently the Ballmer Endowed Associate Professor at the University Of Washington School Of Social Work in Seattle. She says, "I have very fond memories of WSU and the School of Social Work. The education I received set me on a career path that has been exciting, interesting and deeply

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~ *Maureen Marcenko MSW '78*

satisfying." Ms. Marcenko is also Senior Research Fellow of Partners for Our Children and parent of 17 year-old Olivia.

Norman Olshansky MSW '71 In 1970 Norman

Olshansky was the founding director of Common Ground, Inc. in Oakland County Michigan, an organization that continues in operation, providing crisis intervention, health care, mental health and community programs. He has held several executive positions and for the past 13 years has been owner/president of NFP Consulting Resources, Inc. a consulting firm that focuses on board development, fundraising, capital campaigns and endowment development for non-profits. Olshansky states, "The school played an important part in my professional growth and education." ■



Shawna Lee

Article on Corporal Punishment Co-Authored by Faculty Member Shawna Lee Featured by Pediatrics

An article co-authored by Assistant Professor Shawna J. Lee is to be featured in the April 12, 2010 issue of Pediatrics. Entitled Maternal use of corporal punishment for 3-year-old children

and subsequent risk for child aggressive behavior, the piece was co-authored by Catherine Taylor. In addition to her faculty appointment at the school, Lee is a faculty affiliate at the Merrill-Palmer Skillman Institute for Child and Family Development

at WSU. She was co-recipient of a grant (2006 - 2009) from the Centers from Disease Control and Prevention, and one of her recent studies links community variables to maternal parenting behaviors and child maltreatment. ■

November Discussion on Dating Violence and Sexual Assault Prevention Featured Co-author Arlene Weisz

In another event celebrating the School of Social Work's 75th Anniversary event, faculty member Arlene Weisz presented information from her newly published book, *Programs to Reduce Teen Dating Violence: Perspective on What Works*, which examines

programs nationwide that are geared toward reducing teen dating violence and sexual assault. The event, entitled "What's Happening in Youth Prevention? Lessons Learned from Programs to Reduce Teen Dating Violence and Sexual Assault," was held November 13th at the Community

School of Social Work at the University of Texas at Arlington. They combined the results of interviews with 52 prevention educators with knowledge from research literature.

The discussion presented information on the format and content used by successful teen dating violence and sexual assault prevention programs across the country. New trends in prevention programming for youth, as well as the major rewards and challenges revealed by the experienced practitioners were also discussed.

Weisz has been a faculty member since 1995. Prior to that, she spent time working as a psychotherapist in several different settings in Chicago. She completed her MSW and PhD degrees at Jane Addams College of Social Work, University of Illinois at Chicago. Information on the book is available by contacting www.cup.columbia.edu. ■



Attending the Weisz lecture, back row: from left, Associate Dean Cheryl Waites, Assistant Professor Shirley Thomas, Assistant Professor Fayette Martin, Assistant Professor Stella Resko and Elizabeth Agius, Manager of Community Partnerships. Front row, from left Assistant Professor Debra Patterson and speaker, Arlene Weisz.

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