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## Message from Dean Patchner

I am pleased to report on a number of distinctions that the School of Social Work and its faculty and staff have recently received. In the latest rankings of MSW programs in U.S. News and World Report (March 2008), our School tied for 26<sup>th</sup> place nationally. The School had been ranked 33<sup>rd</sup> previously and the time before that it placed 67<sup>th</sup>. There are over 180 MSW programs evaluated in the magazine's latest rankings and I am very pleased that our School is so well thought of nationally. The good work of everyone from faculty to staff contributes to our reputation, nationally, locally and within the University.

U.S. News and World Report wasn't the only one to notice the School's contributions. Several faculty members were selected for or elected to positions with the Council of Social Work Education, based in Alexandria, Virginia. Dr. Cathy Pike was elected to the National Nominating Committee; Dr. Frank Caucci was selected to serve on the Council on Sexual Orientation and Gender Expression; Dr. Khadija Khaja was appointed to the Council on External Relations; and Dr. Carmen Luca was appointed to the CSWE's Commission on Global Social Work Education. Dr. Katharine Byers was elected to the Board of Directors of the Association of Baccalaureate Social Work Program Directors. Dr. Byers is also assuming the leadership of

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## Carol Metzger Selected as the 2008 Distinguished Alumna Recipient

On March 7, 2008, Carol Metzger was honored as the 2008 Distinguished Alumna Award Recipient. She was nominated by Irene Weinberg, MA '63, for this award. Carol was born and raised in Indianapolis. She first became interested in social work in high school when she worked on a project with the children of migrant workers in Mt. Summitt, IN.

While attending Marian College in Indianapolis, Carol worked at Christamore House in their after school program for children in their summer camp. The staff at Christamore encouraged her to go on to graduate school. She earned her Bachelor of Arts Degree in Sociology from Marian College in 1969 and, that same year, entered the Indiana University School of Social Work in Indianapolis where she majored in group work. Her first year field work placement was with the YWCA at Lockefield Gardens and her second year placement was at the Juvenile Court. In her spare time, Carol also worked on Social Work Licensure for Indiana in 1969. During her second year in school, Carol's husband was in Viet Nam and she was at home protesting the war, wherein she began her efforts toward social justice. She earned her Master's Degree in Social Work in 1971.

Carol worked for the Marion County Juvenile Court from 1971-1974. From 1974-1977, she worked at the Marion County Child Guidance Clinic where she did intakes and added family and group components to their delivery system. Then from 1977-1984, she helped create and launch an employee assistance program agency. In 1984, she started a private practice in Indianapolis which she has continued to this day. Her private practice includes consulting with businesses and other groups, seeing a lot of individuals from various helping professions, seeing children, and seeing people for marital counseling.

It is a great honor to have Carol Metzger as the 2008 Distinguished Alumna Recipient.



*Jean Weinheimer, Carol Metzger, Laura Jefferson, and Dean Patchner.*

## Mark Your Calendar

The 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Indiana University School of Social Work Mental Health Conference will be held on Friday, March 13, 2009. The conference will be held at the The Marten House Hotel and Conference Center in Indianapolis. The conference provides 6 CEUs. Topics for the March conference are currently being discussed. If you have any topic suggestions, please email Karen Jones at [kdeery@iupui.edu](mailto:kdeery@iupui.edu). She can pass the suggestions along to the alumni committee for consideration.

This year's conference will also include class reunion dinners in the evening. Look for more information to come if you graduated in a year ending in 4 or 9!

## Highlights From the IUPUI BSW Program

By Irene Queiro-Tajalli, Ph.D.  
Professor, Executive Director of Undergraduate Education and Interim  
Executive Director of Labor Studies

Once again, we have come to the end of another successful academic year. Faculty and staff said farewell to 87 BSW graduates from our three campuses: Bloomington Indianapolis, and Richmond, and two graduates from the Associate of Science in Human Services degree. We also had 26 students that received a Certificate in Case Management and four students that received a Certificate in Family Life Education. Many of these graduates entered our MSW or other Masters' programs in the United States, while others decided to take a break from academia and entered the practicing community. Our best wishes of success to these new IUSSW alumni.

At the School Commencement ceremony on the Indianapolis campus, the following BSW graduates were recognized for Academic Distinction: Catherine Gentry earned Highest Distinction honors; Karen Arnold and Nicholas Reich earned High Distinction honors; and David Pollert and Lanette Wheeler earned Distinction honors. Catherine Gentry also received the IUPUI Chancellors Award for the School of Social Work based on her academic excellence.

In Spring 2008, 17 BSW students from Bloomington, Indianapolis and Richmond were inducted into the Kappa Gamma Chapter of the Phi Alpha Honor Society. These students earned membership as a result of their scholastic excellence, dedication to service and humanity, and commitment to the standards, ethics, and goals of the social work profession.

We also celebrated the first graduates of the Labor Studies program since it joined with the School of Social Work in July of 2007. We graduated seven bachelor and 15 associate degree students. Five students received a Certificate in Labor Studies. We also look forward to an additional two bachelor degree awardees in August 2008.

I would like to provide a brief update on two IUPUI BSW program projects and highlight some of the developments in the field component of our program: The *Child Welfare Service Learning Initiative*, a project funded through IUPUI *Commitment to Excellence* funds ended this past semester. As reported in previous newsletters, the project's main goal was to increase student knowledge and skills in service, concerning child welfare issues in Indiana. This was done through course-based service-learning experiences at the Children's Bureau, Family Services, Youth Emergency Services and the Department of Child Services. Thanks to this grant we have a richer curriculum with the creation of a gateway course, *Exploring Child Welfare in Indiana* and the development of multiple course-based, service-learning

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## IU East News

The Indiana Commission for Higher Education has approved Indiana University East's Master of Social Work program. The graduate degree, which is the campus' second advanced program, has 35 students enrolled for the inaugural class beginning this fall. The Indiana University Board of Trustees approved the master's program in January.

## Correction in the News from Bloomington Campus

We incorrectly identified one of the IV-E Child Welfare students this year. One of the five seniors selected to participate in the child welfare program this fall is Emily Wineinger. She is completing her field placement in Greene County Department of Child Services. We apologize for the error in the article in the last issue.

## News From Bloomington

By Katharine Byers, PhD

This spring was a time for celebration for Sabrina Williamson Sullenberger, assistant professor. On a professional level, she was inducted into FACET in recognition of her excellence in teaching and concern for student learning. But more importantly, on a personal level, on May 19, her second daughter, Ireland Elisabeth Rose, was born. She weighed 8 lb. 7 oz. at birth. Baby Ireland, father Ryan and Sabrina are all doing well. Cosette, age 2, seems pleased that she and her sister will share their birthdays.

The Bloomington BSW program was in the news several times this spring when students, graduates and faculty received a number of awards in recognition of their good work.

Shane Whittington, '08, was named one of the prestigious Governor's Fellows, allowing him to get experience in several state government agencies over this next year. A McNair Scholar, Shane Whittington also received the P. J. and Hilda W. Hill Award this spring. This \$5,000 award is given to the outstanding senior on the IUB campus who has done the most to "better race relationships" at IU while an undergraduate.

Students in Bruce McCallister's policy class received news coverage from the Indiana Daily Student for their class projects. Hannah Hammack, Tiffany Gravette, and Dan Niederman, all BSW juniors, organized a march in celebration of adoption and in support of unmarried couples being able to adopt children as a couple. Another group of juniors, including Jeremy Forcier, Andrew Hollis and Brooke Crider, organized a panel discussion on transgender rights at the Union. In addition to learning about rights issues from panelists from the Indiana Transgender Rights Advocacy Alliance, participants had an opportunity to write letters to their representatives in favor of a House bill increasing penalties for hate crimes then being considered at the State House.

Cathleen Weber, associate faculty member, received the Mary and William Oliver Dementia Care Award for Excellence in Caring through Bloomington Hospital. This award comes with a \$1,500 scholarship.

Jean Capler, associate faculty member, received the Gordon Faculty Award from the Dean of Students Office for her work with the GLBT Support Services Office.

Beth Krouse, BSW and MSW graduate, was named executive director of Big Brothers Big Sisters of South Central Indiana. Prior to this new position, Beth was coordinator of the Monroe County Wraparound Program and then director of the Family Resource Center in Ellettsville.

Sharlene Toney, associate faculty member and University advisor, was honored with a staff award from the IU Commission on Multicultural Understanding for her work in organizing Jeff Sheng's "Fearless" photography exhibit last fall that portrays high school and college GLBT athletes and confronts stereotypes of both the athletic and GLBT communities.

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## “South Bend News”

### *Faculty Announcements*

In July, 2007, Dr. Newcomb stepped down as director of the Master's of Social Work (MSW) Program at Indiana University South Bend. Dr. Newcomb served the Indiana University School of Social Work in this capacity for nine years. In the late 1990s the MSW Program was in a time of constant change, and had not had a stable director. Dr. Newcomb was hired to provide that stability and he did an excellent job. He increased the number of students until the program regularly had 90 students. Since that time, under his leadership, the program has increased to 120 students. Last summer, Dr. Newcomb stepped down following successful tenure as Program Director.

Our new director is Dr. Marilynne Ramsey. Dr. Ramsey started with the program in 2005, teaching research and practice. As our new director, she is attempting to follow in the footsteps of her predecessor and hopes to serve the program as well as Dr. Newcomb did in his nine years as director. Dr. Newcomb continues as a valued professor teaching research and addictions courses. Dr. Newcomb is also working on an edited book on Spirituality and Social Work which we look forward to seeing in print in the next few years. We want to thank Dr. Newcomb for all of his work on the part of our program and thank him for his contributions.

### *Congratulation Graduates May, 2008*

Shelly Ambroziak, Keith Anderson, Danielle Baker, Amy Baldwin, LaChelle Barnett, Amber Beamer-Rohde, Stephanie Bridges, Kim Charles, Jordan Cone, Judy Darnel, Victoria Fryer, Alice Goertz, Teresa Groben, Alison Groves, Idah Gudyanga, Megan Gushwa, Susan Hanson, Cory Headley, Cigdem Kurama, Jessica Lala, Karen Maes, Innocent Mashakiro, Linda Metcalfe-Smith, Melissa Morse, Michelle Olson, Kara Peregrine, Antionette Redding, Sarah Ressler, Lynn Sayre, Doriece Schrock, Simon Sherwin, Sarah Tezich, Frances Touhey, Eileen Walters, Kimberly Welsh

### *Dr. Newcomb Honored*

Dr. Newcomb, our NASW Regional Representative and dedicated MSW Professor, received a plaque commemorating his nine years service as Director of the MSW Program. He has also been giving workshops on Ethics and Spirituality and Social Work Practice during this past year. Additionally, the International Encyclopedia of Social Sciences invited him to write an essay on cohabitation.

### *Student Honors*

Karen Maes, who currently works at Riverside hospital in Madison Center, received the Outstanding Student of the Year award given by our faculty. In addition to being an “A” student, she has been very active in the community including being a patient care volunteer for The Center for Hospice and Palliative Care, a mentor for The South Bend School Corporation, and a board member for the March of Dimes.

Julie Lewis, a first year student in our program, has recently published an article in the Weight Management Newsletter on Addiction Transfer After Weight Loss Surgery: What Registered Dieticians Need to Know.

### *Social Work Month Celebration*

Joe Donnelley, our representative in Congress, gave the keynote speech identifying the importance of social work to American society and his support for the NASW's National Reinvestment

campaign, which, among other things, provides loan forgiveness for social work students. We also honored him as Citizen of the Year.

Christine Pochert received the Social Worker of the Year award. She has ably served as Administrator of Support Services for the South Bend School Corporation and has been involved in school and community effort to address teen substance abuse in our community. In addition to her MSW, she also has a MBA. Christine has been an adjunct faculty in both the School of Business and in our MSW program and is widely known and respected in the community for all of the work that she has done including being very active in our statewide NASW organization.

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Carol Hostetter, Associate Professor, received the 2007 GLBT Spirit Award from the GLBT Office because she “embodies the strength, character, and spirit” of this office that supports persons who are gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgendered.

Kathy Byers, Bloomington Program Director, was elected to the national board of the Association of Baccalaureate Program Directors, an organization of BSW social work educators. In addition, she is assuming national leadership as the chair of Influencing State Policy, an organization of social work policy educators helping students learn how to advocate at the state level. She will also be attending NASW's Delegate Assembly this August as one of the elected representatives from Indiana.

The number of applicants to the Bloomington BSW program increased substantially this past year. We were able to admit a few more students as Carlene Quinn, field coordinator, continues to expand the number of practicum sites available to our students. If you are a social worker in the Bloomington/Monroe County area with an MSW and at least two years of experience and are interested in helping our students learn in your agency, please contact Carlene about developing a practicum at your agency. If we are able to develop more sites, we will be able to admit more of the highly qualified students who are applying to our program.

Bloomington BSW Program is going GREEN. This coming year we will be attempting to reduce our use of paper and other resources as part of the Bloomington campus sustainability efforts. We will distribute syllabi and other class materials electronically and develop other strategies to reduce our use of electricity in an effort to leave a smaller carbon footprint. Every effort, even little ones, adds up to preserving our environment. Remember the person in environment perspective. Let us know if you have ideas about how we in social work can contribute to a greener world.

Stay in touch with the Bloomington BSW Program. Look for the faculty on Facebook, and let us know what you are up to. We want to stay connected with you and hear about your careers!

### Numbers to Know for the School of Social Work

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# Lalit Khandare Will Discuss the Fate of “Untouchables” at International Conference in Berlin



Lalit Khandare

The idea that Lalit Khandare, a PhD student in the IU School of Social Work, received an invitation to present a paper at the Berlin Roundtables on the future of megacities isn't surprising.

By all rights, Khandare, a native of a small town from central India, should never have gotten an education, let alone be on the verge of getting his PhD. According to his country's caste system, he was born as “an untouchable” or one of the Dalits, or “broken people.”

But with an affirmative action program that helped get him into college, coupled with his own abilities, Khandare not only got an education, but flourished in the academic world. Mr. Khandare attributes all his motivation to his idol, Dr. Bhimrao Ramji Ambedkar, who was the founding father of modern India and the chief architect of Indian Constitution.

Khandare received his undergraduate degree at Amravati University in 1999, a Master's degree in Social Work in Bombay in 2003 and a Master's in Planning and Development in Bombay in 2006. He is currently working on his PhD, majoring in social work and a hybrid minor in Public & Environmental Affairs and Philanthropic Studies at IU.

Now Khandare has a chance to present a paper looking at the difficulties the people of his caste, the untouchables, face in Bombay as more and more poor people turn to cities as a place to live.

Khandare's appearance in Berlin hardly came about by chance. The conference organizers, the Irmgard Coninx Foundation, the Social Science Research Center, Berlin, and the Humboldt-University Berlin, noticed a paper he presented in May of 2007 at a World Bank urban symposium on social networks in slums

## Grad Bags Distributed at Commencement

The Indiana University School of Social Work Alumni Association, in partnership with the Indiana University School of Social Work, distributed graduation bags to all graduates at the 2008 Commencement ceremonies.

Graduates on the IUPUI and Bloomington campus also received donated gifts from various social services agencies in the Central Indiana area. Noble Industries stuffed the bags and delivered them to the Convention Center for distribution. A special thanks to Noble Industries!

In addition to thanking the School of Social Work for providing the bags, we would also like to thank the following organizations for their kind contributions to this annual project:

Bethlehem House  
Indiana Coalition Against Domestic Violence  
Volunteers of America of Indiana, Inc.  
Marion County Health Department  
The Children's Bureau  
Lutheran Child and Family Services  
National Association of Social Workers – Indiana Chapter  
Flanner House  
Adult & Child Mental Health



and rehabilitation sites in Bombay, or Mumbai, as the city is now called.

He was invited to present his essay, “Peoples' Voices in Demo-cratizing Cities: A Case of Mumbai,” for the 8th Berlin Roundtable conference, “Urban Planet: Collective Identities, Governance and Empowerment in Megacities,” held in Berlin June 11-16, 2008.

He was one of 50 researchers selected by an international jury to present a paper.

What's more, it wasn't Khandare's first presentation overseas. As a student at Indian Institute of Technology, Bombay, he was invited to present his paper at World Congress of Criminology held at University of Pennsylvania in August, 2005. In 2006, he was invited as a guest speaker at the Millennium Criminology Conference on Race and Gender in London, where he presented a paper entitled: “Women and Children in Domestic Violence: The Issue of Caste & Class.”

In Berlin, Khandare discussed people's empowerment, civil society groups and the urbanization process in a city like Bombay.

In his paper, Khandare notes that it has been said that one of the greatest challenges in the 21<sup>st</sup> century will be the slums.

The idea behind the Berlin Roundtables is to bring young academics and journalists to discuss the political and social challenges facing a global civil society. This year's topic will look at the world's unprecedented level of urbanization. By 2015, about 60 cities will have more than 5 million people and megacities like Bombay, Mexico City, Shanghai, Beijing, Lagos and Karachi are expected to have populations of more than 20 million residents.

“In India, though the level of urbanization is positively correlated to the levels of development, India's urbanization story is marked by inequalities,” Khandare notes in his paper. More than two thirds of Bombay's population lives in slums, and like most of the cities, Mumbai's urban policy is silent on the serious challenges posed by the caste and religious segregated ghettos, he noted.

Those living in slums come from the country's lower castes and untouchable communities, such as the Dalits, or “broken people,” who live in one-room structures without any appropriate access to basic infrastructure.

Many of the Dalits live and work in a slum called Dharavi, the largest slum in Asia, an area that produces 17 percent of Indian leather export revenue. It was decades back the “untouchable” residents had to reclaim land from the sea to live on and put up with landfills situated nearby.

Now even this land is seen as valuable, and there is a move to evacuate this slum and leather industry to the outskirts of Bombay.

The question of whether or not cities like Bombay will adequately address the needs of their poorest residents remains uncertain. Perhaps, as Khandare points out, they would do well to remember a warning issued by Alexis de Tocqueville: racial inequality is the most formidable evil threatening the future of democracies.

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## Dr. Irene Queiro-Tajalli Interviews Argentina's Minister of Social Development for Upcoming Book Showcasing Women Social Workers

Dr. Irene Queiro-Tajalli has added another job to her to-do list: contributing author to an upcoming book showcasing prominent women social workers from around the world.

Dr. Queiro-Tajalli, the Executive Director of Undergraduate Education and Interim Executive Director of Labor Studies at the IU School of Social Work, got involved with writing a chapter for the book following a call from an editor needing help.

Could she recommend social workers from around the world that fit the profile of women they hoped to portray? The idea for the book is to showcase practicing social workers, excluding those whose contributions were primarily academic. The name of the proposed book says it all: "Women in Social Work Who Are Changing the World". Dr. Queiro-Tajalli, who is originally from Argentina and studied in Iran, did have some ideas on candidates, but she had a question of her own.

Did they have a representative in mind from South America? When the editor answered no, Dr. Queiro-Tajalli replied she had the perfect candidate in mind: Dr. Alicia Kirchner, Argentina's Minister of Social Development.

She is in a key position and is responsible for a wide range of programs and policies that cover the welfare of the country's citizens.

While Dr. Queiro-Tajalli hopes the book will appeal to everyone, it is being done to give students a better understanding of the profession they will soon join.

In essence, the book seeks to demonstrate the uniqueness of social work among all the professions that seek to help others. That uniqueness is found in social work's dual missions: working with individuals, families and small groups and secondly, in social reform, where the socio-economic environment is the target of change.

Each profile will focus on things like the social worker's background, their education, the response of their families to the work they are doing, who influenced them to consider social work as a profession, the value of early role models and mentors, how they came to be doing the work they are doing, and what they might like to say to men and women who aspire to enter the profession of social work.

In March, Dr. Queiro-Tajalli set up an appointment and flew to Argentina to interview Kirchner. But after arriving in Argentina, Dr. Queiro-Tajalli feared she might not get to meet with the minister after all.

Dr. Kirchner had readily agreed to the interview, saying it was an honor to have her professional work included in the book. But the meeting came as Argentina faced a crisis of sorts as people living in rural areas began blocking highways to protest taxes.

"The President's cabinet started meeting more frequently so the plans for meeting with the Minister within my time frame away from IUSSW came into question," she explained. However, Dr. Kirchner did find time to meet with Dr. Queiro-Tajalli, and she was able to start the process of gathering information about Kirchner. "She was very gracious with her time."

"She is a dynamic and energetic minister. She works long hours, sometimes leaving the office at 10:00 or 11:00 p.m. Also, she travels a great deal to visit communities in different provinces."



*Dr. Irene Queiro-Tajalli (right) with Argentina's Minister of Social Development Dr. Alicia Kirchner*

Dr. Queiro-Tajalli said. "She has had a lot of accomplishments with different educational and economic programs."

Dr. Kirchner has a "macro-perspective" when it comes to social work and is someone who has been involved in administration and policy making for a long time, Dr. Queiro-Tajalli noted.

It was gratifying to see someone like Dr. Kirchner, in her position as Minister of Social Development, committed to empowering communities and who believes in the concept of social capital, said Dr. Queiro-Tajalli. "It would be wise if more countries would have social workers in this type of position."

### "Names in the News"

**C. Lynn Anderson, MSW '86**, announced the publication of her book, *Where All Our Journeys End: Searching for the Beloved Everyday Life*.

"The text combines the wisdom of spiritual and religious traditions with the insights of psychology and social work practice. It explores our need to connect and reconnect with the Divine and all that has been graced by her. *Where All Our Journeys End* has been praised for its depth of study and the beauty of its prose and poetry."



**Monique Bush, PhD '06**, joined Lutheran Child and Family Services on March 19, 2008, to serve as the Senior Director of Community Operations. Dr. Busch serves as the Outcome Project Coordinator for IARCCA...Indiana Association of Child and Family Services' Institute for Excellence, Outcome Project Expansion, funded by a Lilly Endowment grant. Dr. Busch coordinated all aspects of the project for 64 in state and 5 out-of-state agencies. She is a published author with 20 years of social work experience and speaks at local and national family and child welfare conferences.

**Carol McCord, MSW '90**, was quoted in an Indianapolis Business Journal article titled *Measured Strides in Science*.

## School of Social Work Scholarship and Other Funds

Alumni board member, Irene Weinberg, has been working with the IU Foundation to publish a list of scholarships and other types of funds that are available to social work students and to the School of Social Work. Some of the funds are named after people you might know! In future issues of the newsletter, descriptions of some of the funds will be given. If you are interested in making a donation by check, please note in the memo section of your check the fund to which you are donating. It would also be helpful if you include a brief note with your donation. Cash donations should be sent to the IU School of Social Work, 902 W. New York St., ES4138, Indianapolis, IN 46202. For gifts other than cash, please contact the IU Foundation Office to speak with a gift officer to work out the details of your gift. Their telephone number is 317-274-3711.

- Alice B. Moore Fellowship Fund
- School of Social Work Alumni Association Scholarship Fund
- Murray/Powers Research Symposium Fund
- Project AFFIRM Fund (Action For Furthering the Identification and Recruitment of Minorities)
- Michael and Muriel Wallace International Scholarship Fund
- Genevieve Means McLeod Scholarship
- Stephanie Allison Black Scholarship
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- Margaret A. McCormick Scholarship
- Barbara Hirsch Bass Scholarship/Fellowship
- Agnes Anderson Memorial Fund
- IU School of Social Work Fund
- Mondonna Pang Fund
- Sheldon and Natalie Siegel Scholarship
- Bradly Robert Lighty Memorial Scholarship



Carol Juergensen Sheets

## Carol the Coach

I am Carol Juergensen Sheets and I always wanted to be a counselor. When I was growing up, I would advise my friends on various problems and issues and I found that this was helpful to them. I was born in Chicago and raised in Indianapolis. I attended IU in Bloomington from 1974 to 1977 and then transferred to Ball State University in Muncie where I graduated with my Bachelors Degree in 1978. Following my graduation from Ball State, I enrolled in the IU School of Social Work in Indianapolis. I had fieldwork placements at the Indiana Department of Child Welfare Services and the Indiana Girls School. I was enrolled in the advance standing program at IU and received my MSW in 1980.

Among the places where I have worked, I enjoyed Riley Hospital Child Guidance Clinic, Tri-County Mental Health Clinic, and Indianapolis Psychiatric Associates the most. I continue to work at the latter, where I see individual clients and also conduct an emotional regulation group and a cognitive behavioral therapy group. I wanted to reach out to people in a larger way and decided to expand my services by giving advice through the media. I was a free lance writer for the Indianapolis Star for five years which opened up opportunities in radio and television. In addition, I am a personal life and executive coach, write columns for three magazines and one local newspaper and have a radio show on WIBC called "Sex, Love and Relationships with Carol the Coach." I also do national and local

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workshops, seminars, and keynotes on motivational and inspirational topics.

I feel that my mission is to take social work to the media and inspire people.

I have supervised students in several different settings over 28 years and have taught social work classes at the University of Indianapolis. I have always liked teaching. I am a member of the NASW and the International Federation of Coaches. For several years, I have done workshops for the annual NASW conference and at the NASW office.

My husband is very supportive and I especially appreciate the fact that he does all of the housecleaning. This frees me up for my extra projects! My interests include roller-blading and jewelry making.

## School of Social Work Honors Michael and Barbara Bass with Spirit of Philanthropy Award

Michael and Barbara Bass were honored with the Indiana University School of Social Work Spirit of Philanthropy award.

The couple was honored for its decision to mark their 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of graduating from Indiana University by creating a scholarship to assist students in the School of Social Work.

Michael received a Bachelor of Science in Business in 1956, while Barbara received a Bachelor of Arts in Social Work the same year. The Basses, who were unable to attend Thursday's ceremony, live in northern Ohio, but have always had a fondness for IU, where they met as students.

Michael is a successful businessman and Barbara is engaged in volunteer activities that help people cope with mental illness so they can lead independent, productive lives.

As social workers are the largest providers of mental health services, the Basses see their scholarship as a way of supporting students who will have careers that address the serious problem of mental illness.

The award was presented at the Spirit of Philanthropy at IUPUI annual luncheon and celebration ceremony held in the IUPUI Campus Center.

IUPUI Chancellor Charles R. Bantz noted "recognizing the true spirit of philanthropy and the change it makes in our community are two of the advantages we have in Indianapolis."

Researchers have said philanthropy is triggered when people see themselves as part of a community, be it the family, neighborhood or a nation, Bantz said. He applauded the nominees for not only helping IUPUI, but in essence the state and the country.

"You are helping us engage and change the community we are part of."



*School of Social Work Dean Micahel Patchner (left) with School of Social Work Alumni Board President Laura Jefferson, accept the Spirit of Philanthropy award on behalf of Michael and Barbara Bass from IUPUI Chancellor Charles R. Bantz.*

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opportunities for students. Our thanks goes out to Professor Erika Galyean who developed this service-learning program and coordinated the activities with agency-based service learning coordinators Julie Stewart, MSW, Children's Bureau, Carolyn Langan, MSW, Family Services and Shoshanna Everhart, MSW, Department of Child Services. While the project is over, we have a commitment to continue offering service-learning opportunities to our students. If you know of any service-learning opportunity in a social work practice field setting, or want to connect with other faculty interested in service learning please contact Erika Galyean (ergalyea@iupui.edu) for more information.

The first three-year cycle of another BSW program project is coming to an end in June. For the past three years the BSW program has partnered with the IUPUI Office of International Affairs on a grant from the U.S. Department of Education. The focus of the project is to internationalize the undergraduate curriculum in the schools of Education, Engineering, and Social Work in collaboration with the Gajah Mada University in Jogjakarta, Indonesia. In early June, all of the USA project members travelled to Jogjakarta to participate in trainings with our colleagues in Gajah Mada. We expect to have new international modules ready for different courses by the beginning of July. Given that Gadjah Mada does not have a social work program, we are working with colleagues in the Psychology and Social Development departments.

News from the field: In the past academic year, the BSW Program in Indianapolis has partnered with over forty community agencies which provided social work experiences in nearly every field of practice. We are very appreciative of their time and expertise and would like to recognize the contributions of all our community partners. Some of the new opportunities being developed for 2008 are as follows: The Warren Township

Trustee's Office is offering paid practicum positions for BSW Juniors who have the opportunity to do case management, resource assessment, and referral services in addition to a number of other learning activities. Also, new practicum partnerships were developed with the Marion County Community Court, Pro-Active Resources, Opportunities for Positive Growth, and Indiana State Department of Health.

It is worth noting that Julia Crane, BSW Junior, wrote two published articles for Indy's Child on Disability Awareness Month and Child Abuse Prevention Month. The BSW Program had the first BSW Senior, Michelle Kellogg, placed with the University of the Free State, in South Africa and BSW Senior, Jennifer Roland, completed a macro placement with the NASW, California Chapter. These placements were only possible because students could take the social work corequisites online.

We also want to recognize Aundra Lambert who was recently admitted to the IUPUI Student African American Brotherhood 3.0 Club. This organization assists their members to excel academically, socially, culturally, professionally, and within the community.

Finally, I would like to end this brief article with a big thanks to our alumni for all their contributions to our clients and the profession by serving as agents of change. As we all struggle with significantly higher prices not only at the gas pump and at the grocery store, but with all purchases, we also know that these issues are a much greater challenge for our clients and their families. Our economic, political, and social systems have seldom been more harmful for those at the bottom of the ladder. These are trying times for us all, and indeed, we all must strive to serve as agents of change and as advocates for our clients in whatever capacity of service we operate.

## Message from Dean Patchner *Continued from page 1*

Influencing State Policy (ISP), an organization that works to encourage and assist faculty and students in learning to influence state policy.

The academic work by faculty members and the School's students were also recognized by the university and the community at large. Dr. Kathy Lay and Dr. Sabrina Williamson were inducted into FACET, Indiana University's Faculty Colloquium on Excellence in Teaching. FACET was established as an Indiana University Presidential Initiative in 1989 to promote and sustain teaching excellence. Six faculty and staff members from the School were honored at the 2008 Women's History Month Leadership Award program where Dr. Khadija Khaja received the Outstanding Woman Faculty "Newcomer" Leadership Award.

The work of faculty, staff and students also led to invitations to present papers at international conferences including Columbia and South Africa. Ph.D. student Lalit Khandare traveled to Berlin, Germany in June to present a paper on the fate of "untouchables" in India. When the Indiana Department of Health and Indiana Department of Education decided to hold a conference for students to talk about how to deal with bullies, Ph.D. student James Brown was invited to conduct a workshop. Mr. Brown developed a specialty in dealing with bullies while working in schools in Michigan before entering the School's doctoral program.

No one who knows Rachel Sipes, the School's MSW Recorder and Student Services Assistant, could have been surprised when she received the Gerald Bepko Spirit Award. The award recognizes full-time staff members who through extraordinary service and special contributions exemplify the spirit of IUPUI.

The School's Dean Emeritus Sheldon Siegel received recognition for his work in the community, receiving the Community Leadership Award from the Indianapolis Senior Center.

This past school year saw history being made. Diplomas were earned by the first Master of Social Work graduates at Indiana University Purdue University at Fort Wayne (IPFW). After receiving approval from the Indiana Commission on Higher Education the Indiana University East campus at Richmond will welcome its first class of MSW students.

The School has some additions to the faculty. Dr. Virginia Majewski, Chairperson of the Division of Social Work at West Virginia University, has accepted a position as the School's Associate Dean and is expected to arrive in Indianapolis late this summer. Carolyn Gentle-Genitty has been a familiar face around the School. As a Ph.D. student, she was recognized as one of IUPUI's Amazing Students. Gentle-Genitty, who is from Belize, also taught classes in both Social Work and the School of Public and Environmental Affairs. Dr. Marquita Walker, who is now at the University of Arkansas will be joining the Labor Studies Program and will be based on the IUPUI campus.

A year has gone by since the Labor Studies Program joined the School of Social Work. Dr. Irene Queiro-Tajalli is serving as the Interim Executive Director of this program as well as performing her other duties as Executive Director of Undergraduate Social Work Education. I am pleased to report that this transition has gone very well for the School and for the Labor Studies Program. There are many benefits that have occurred to support the School's teaching, research, and service functions. For example, Dr. Lynn Duggan in the Labor Studies Program is offering an economics course, Labor and the Economy, which is being taken by BSW students on the Bloomington campus.

The Child Welfare Education and Training Partnership (Title IV-E Program) conducted in conjunction with the Indiana Department of Child Services (DCS) continues to prosper. Currently, there are 27 individuals employed on this project. It supports BSW students and DCS employees enrolled in the MSW Program who want careers in child welfare. It also conducts training for DCS employees. On any

given day we are conducting 8-10 training workshops throughout the state.

As you know, the School of Social Work has experienced tremendous growth in recent years. There are now over 1,200 students located on seven of the eight IU campuses. Social work, labor studies, and the Title IV-E program are all included in the School of Social Work. Thus, the School of Social Work is very large and complex. As a result, last summer we began a process of strategic planning. As expected, this process will continue for another year. We have made significant progress and this planning process will aid in identifying our priorities and allowing us to focus our efforts.

Beyond the academic and administrative issues of the School, I am serving as co-chair of the Indiana Commission on Disproportionality in Youth Services. The Commission was created last year by the Indiana General Assembly and its members were selected by the Governor, House, and Senate. The task before the Commission is huge—evaluating and addressing disproportionate representation of youth of color in the areas of juvenile justice, child welfare, education and mental health services and to make recommendations for change.

As an alumna (us), you are part of the extended family of the School of Social Work. I thank you for your interest in the School and for your constant support.

Respectfully,  
Michael A. Patchner

## Student Workshops at IUPUI This Year

Many student workshops were held on the IUPUI campus this year. The workshops are sponsored by the MSW Student Association, BSW Student Association, and the IU School of Social Work Alumni Association. Plans will be made later in the summer for workshops for the 2008-2009 school year. If you have any suggestions for workshop topics or you would like to volunteer at a workshop, please let Karen Jones in the Alumni Office know. Her email is [kdeery@iupui.edu](mailto:kdeery@iupui.edu).

The following workshops were held this past school year:

- BSW Exploration Fair – for students who have not declared a major but indicated they have an interest in social work.
- 3 Licensing Workshops – information students and soon to be graduates need to know about professional licensing.
- 2 Loan Forgiveness Workshops – The Financial Aid Office provided information on a loan forgiveness program for which many social workers might be eligible.
- Resume Writing and Interviewing Techniques – Students had a session with the Career Center on how to prepare for the job market.
- APA Writing – correct APA style was discussed, including helpful tips for making writing easier.
- Concentration Fair – alumni for all areas of concentration spoke to students and answered questions.
- Grant Writing Workshop – tips and advice for writing grant proposals were given.

## BSW Students Find Challenges are Never Ending at Elementary School



Marie Brown (left) and June French

The little girl was insistent. Nobody was going to convince her she had to return to her classroom. Period.

June French and Marie Brown, students in the IU School of Social Work BSW program had tried every argument they could think of to get this pint-size bulldog to return to her classroom at Indianapolis Public School 83 on the city's northeast side.

The little girl would tell them yes, she had thought about whatever consequences the two women said she might suffer by being out of class.

Then a teacher passed by, looked at what was going on and asked the little girl if she wanted the teacher to call that special telephone number again. On a previous occasion, the teacher had pretended to call a fake number to report the little girl's actions.

The words had barely left the teacher's mouth when the little girl got up and returned to her classroom. With all their skills and training, it was an imaginary number that got action, Brown and French noted.

It was another day and another lesson to be absorbed by the two women spending their spring practicum working as interns with the social worker assigned to the elementary school.

French and Brown had become friends at Ivy Tech, where they both earned Associate Degrees before entering the BSW program. Self-described nerds, they were the type of students who sat at the front of their classes, were always the first to get their school books and had color-coded planners.

Both loved helping others, an attitude that made them decide to pursue a career in social work and they saw the chance to work at the school as a way to build skills working with children. Even so, their duties at an elementary school with hundreds of students and a never-ending supply of problems to resolve were an eye-opening experience.

"It was very intense," Brown said of the workload she and French faced daily at the school. Brown and French, as well as a third intern, were there to help the school's social worker. "We all have more work than we can shake a stick at," she added.

"It's learning every single day," French said. "It's like emergency care, like being on the front line."

The school has a large population of African-American students

who for the most part had never seen anyone like Brown and French, young professional women. In essence, the young girls looked at the two African-American BSW students as stars and began making up reasons so they could come into the office to see them.

"Every morning they will come in and give us a hug," June said.

The pace of work was so fast the two women had little time to try and remember what they had learned or read about dealing with a particular problem. "A lot of it was just gut instinct," Brown said.

French and Brown quickly learned that understanding what the students were dealing with at home affected their lives at school, too.

For example, they had to find some hygiene products for an elementary student who showed up for school after her father ordered her out of her home on a Sunday and had come to school on Monday after spending the night at a friend's house.

After she arrived at school, she got into an argument with another student who was teasing her. It helped them to know she was probably at the end of her rope and wasn't in the mood to deal with the teasing, Brown and French said. After all, the little girl wasn't even sure if she could go home that night.

On the other hand, they had to explain to her that while they understood she was upset, getting into arguments with other students would just add to her problems.

Or there was the student who missed a number of days of school. When they looked into her case, they learned the student stayed at home to look after her younger nieces and nephews because her sister had to go to work.

The student told the social workers, "If she doesn't work, we don't have food, a place to stay."

Every day was not just about coming to school and doing homework for many of the students, French and Brown explained. It was surviving problems at home where the water might have been turned off or there might not have been enough to eat. They recalled one student who stopped in their office one morning and ate three doughnuts because she hadn't eaten since the afternoon before.

They both worked with parents as well. They made home visits, asking if there was anything they could do to help the parents be better parents. Some of the parents saw school as the equivalent of day care and once the students walked out of the door in the morning, they saw it as the school's responsibility to teach and care for their children.

The experience left both women hoping to find career positions where they would have the time to feel like they were making a positive change in someone's life.

Still, French said she doubted she would forget the faces or the emotional toll thinking about the hardships which with these young children are already dealing.

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*The merchandise program is sponsored by the IU School of Social Work Alumni Association.*



## "Tell Others About Yourself!"

If you would like to have your biography printed in a future issue of this newsletter, please contact Irene Weinberg, 317-578-7883 or [turtleindy@aol.com](mailto:turtleindy@aol.com). Since this is a newsletter for Alumni of the IU School of Social Work, we would like to hear from more of you and pass your information on to your classmates and others who are interested in what you've been doing since you earned your degree. Your biography can be written by you, by Irene, or by both, as you wish. And it doesn't matter if you are a recent graduate or a graduate from years ago. We each have a story to tell.

# Leah Cody

Leah Cody attended Purdue University in West Lafayette where she earned her Bachelor's Degree in Sociology in 1968. She then went to work in Chicago for the United Charities Family Service Bureau where she was hired as a casework assistant in the Services to the Aged Division. She noted that she and another recent graduate were the first bachelor level people to be hired by this agency. United Charities was a very old family service agency and many of its older MSWs were students of such social worker notables as Helen Harris Perlman. Leah stated she had excellent supervision and learned a great deal about working with aged clients and their families and also about the field of social work. She worked in Chicago for about four and a half years and then returned to Indiana and worked at Logansport State Hospital as a family care worker and later as the social worker for the addictions unit. While employed by the state hospital she also had a part time position as a social worker for the Fulton County Family Service Association in Rochester, IN. She was working in Rochester in the early 1970's when a wave of tornadoes hit in that area causing a great deal of damage. She volunteered her services at the local hospital to help the storm victims cope with the effects of the aftermath of the disaster. After this experience, she pays close attention to tornado warnings.

After working at the state hospital, Leah moved to Lafayette and took a position directing and coordinating services to clients of the Tippecanoe County Senior Center. While there, she took a course at the IU School of Social Work and applied to their part time program and was accepted. She moved to Indianapolis and was hired by the Midtown Mental Health Center for their newly formed crisis unit as one of the first clinicians hired for the night shift. In looking back, Leah says she was part of many firsts: the first non MSW to be hired by an old and venerable Family Service Agency; the first night shift clinician at the first mental health center in Indiana at one of the first crisis units; and finally, she was in the first part time program at the IUSSW. At that time, the School was located in Cavanaugh Hall on the IUPUI Campus. She earned her MSW degree in May, 1978. Her field work placements while in school were at the Family Service Association of Indianapolis and the Veterans Administration Hospital Outpatient Mental Health Clinic in Indianapolis. She was in the midst of her field placement during the famous blizzard of 1978.

With regard to her graduate school years, Leah recalls: she was really dreading taking the statistics class but actually wound up really enjoying the course and appreciating her professor who was very kind and encouraging; she enjoyed both field work placements; she remembers enjoying and bonding with a number of her classmates; and she first became acquainted with Cathy Mendelson, a fellow student. Leah has remained very close friends with Cathy and her husband throughout the years, sharing the many joys and sorrows in their lives.

Following graduation, Leah went to work at Methodist Hospital in Indianapolis providing social work services on the

intensive care unit. Then wanting to return to mental health work, she worked at the Adult and Child Mental Health Center in outpatient services to adults, doing intakes and ongoing counseling. However, in 1982, wanting to return to crisis work, she took a newly created position with the Midtown Crisis Unit as the Coordinator for Crises Services to the Wishard Hospital Emergency Room. In this position, she provided direct psychiatric crisis services and general social services to the emergency room and she supervised other clinicians providing the same services.

After school Leah married and in 1981 gave birth to her daughter, Brie. When Brie started school, Leah decided to job share so she would have more time to attend to her daughter's school activities, etc. She did this until she was widowed in 1987 and then she continued part time and also did work in several retirement homes and nursing services, rekindling her interest in work with the elderly.

During her career, Leah supervised students from the IUSSW. She received a VA stipend during her field work placement at the VA. She is a member of the NASW and the ACSW and in the early 80s she served on the NASW Committee on Inquiry for several years. She has also served on the Marion County Task Force on Aging, the Adult Abuse Committee for the Marion County Prosecutor's Office, and the Board of the Indiana Crisis Resource Federation.

Leah continued to work for Midtown throughout the years and after 23+ years with Midtown and 35+ years in social work, she retired in 2006. Since retiring from Midtown, she has volunteered for various organizations such as Global Gifts and Historic Landmarks. In her work with Landmarks she gives tours of the city to school children and various other groups. She was recently appointed to the advisory board of Historic Landmarks. She works on several committees with her neighborhood organization, The Lockerbie People's Club and she is also involved with I cart, which keeps her in touch with her interest in crisis work. She also hopes to do more work with seniors now that she is retired and "is one".

Leah was born in Logansport, IN and her family later moved to South Bend, IN. She has now married again. Her daughter, Brie graduated from college 5 years ago and is currently in a post back medical program in Baltimore. Brie was a competitive figure skater when she was growing up. Leah's interests include art museums, dance, theatre and music. She particularly likes classical music and early jazz. When she lived in Chicago, she was involved in theatre work.

Finally, Leah told me a story that I think is indicative of her wonderfully dry sense of humor. With a smile and a twinkle in her eye, she related that she once attended a workshop at the Federal Prison in Terre Haute, IN. Now, when she has occasion to drive by the prison, she always remarks to others or herself, "I've spent time in there!"

*As told to me by Leah Cody,  
Irene Weinberg*

*Note: Leah and I became acquainted at the NASW Conference in October, 2007. She agreed to be the subject of an article in the Alumni News, as long as she didn't have to write it. Since I love to write, we struck up a deal right then and there.*

*Irene Weinberg*

# School of Social Work Teacher Steps in to Assist a Formerly Incarcerated Man Start a New Life



DeeEllen Davis

For all practical purposes, Buddy Stapleton had been swallowed up by the prison system and forgotten.

A native of West Virginia, Stapleton moved to Hammond as a youth. But the truth was his real home had become a jail cell. Stapleton spent at least half of his 52 years in one prison or another.

During his last stint behind bars at the Pendleton Correctional Facility northeast of Indianapolis, he did not have a visitor – not a friend, not a family member, not anybody from outside the prison walls – in more than 10 years.

Then while at work inside the prison one day in January 2006, Stapleton received an unexpected call: he had visitors.

Waiting for him were DeeEllen Davis, an adjunct faculty member of the Indiana University School of Social Work and Paula Easley, a fellow member of Wesley United Methodist Church, located on Indianapolis' Westside.

The two women were part of the church's 10-member Faith Care Team, whose mission was to work with an inmate upon his release.

Faith Care Teams are part of the Faith in Community Ministry program created by the United Methodist Church and Choices Inc., a local social service agency.

The program is a prison to community re-entry transition service that can be provided by any congregation interested. The idea is to link offenders with congregations as they prepare to leave prison. The church members in turn help the person start a new life as they leave prison and return to the community.

Davis had heard of the Faith in Community Ministry program from a friend, Mary Z. Longstreth, a social worker and director of the program. Davis found the care team idea intriguing because it spread the responsibility of assisting the former inmate among a team of people, thus ensuring no one individual would be left to do all the work.

Davis brought the program to the attention of the church to see if its members might be interested and found a number of people willing to help. "The reason was their life had been touched by incarceration," Davis said

In one case, a woman had a grandson in prison in Florida. He was too far away for her to help, but felt if she helped someone here, one day someone might help her grandson. Another person had a daughter from a previous marriage serving time in prison.

Prison still carries a stigma and thus people don't readily admit to having a relative behind bars, Davis realized. But by her bringing the subject up, people felt it was okay to talk about their own experiences, too, she noted.

After deciding to create a team, the members talked over who they didn't want to work with: someone convicted of child molesting, for instance.

They also presented programs at the church, including showing a video about the impact incarceration can have on a family to church members, to help explain why the team was about to take up the challenge of working with an offender.

In picking Stapleton the team found an individual who was more than ready to put his prison life behind him.

Stapleton was born in West Virginia where his father was in and out of the home and occasionally found himself living with other relatives. His mother eventually moved her family to Hammond, IN.

Stapleton didn't fare well in Indiana. By the time he was 14, he was addicted to crack cocaine and heroin. When he wasn't in prison, he would return to his old neighborhood in Hammond and soon be in

trouble again. Stapleton acknowledges "making a lot of bad choices."

This time Stapleton vowed his life would be different upon his release.

"He changed his heart and soul," Davis said. Stapleton knew he had wasted much of his life and told his new friends, "I don't need to be like this."

Stapleton realized the Faith Care Team presented an opportunity he had never had before – a helping hand as he got his life together after his release. "I had nothing like this before," Stapleton said of the team's assistance that helped him make a new start in life.

Instead of returning to northwestern Indiana, he came to Indianapolis.

The first task for team members was to develop a relationship with Stapleton, a step which prompted Davis and Easley to meet with Stapleton while he still at Pendleton.

When Stapleton mentioned the little community he was from in West Virginia, he was surprised when Davis said she knew where it was. "It turned out he was from southwestern West Virginia," Davis said. "He was born in the same hospital my husband was."

When he named a little town, Davis named the next one down the river. "He named the next holler and I named the next holler," Davis said. The two sat there and laughed in surprise.

"His first weeks were so incredible," Davis said of his new life in Indianapolis. The first tasks of the team were to re-introduce Stapleton to a world that had changed during the time he had been in prison.

He had to be shown how to use a cell phone. He was overwhelmed by having choices, Davis recalled. Someone offered free tickets to an Indians baseball game at Victory Field, but the idea of sitting in such a big crowd was too much and Stapleton turned down the offer.

Upon his release, the team and Buddy had worked out a contract. He knew what was expected of him and what to expect from team members, Davis said. Little by little, his new life took hold.

This April Stapleton will mark his second anniversary out of prison. He has a job, an apartment, the kind of life he could only dream about in prison.

A year after his release, Stapleton's faith care team was disbanded. He still has their support, as well as that of other church members. He can't say enough about the people who extended him a helping hand when he needed it.

His experience with the faith team led to him to offer a piece of advice to other people as they think about life after prison: "Never give up on your dreams, never give up on what you want out of life."

For her part, Longstreth is convinced there are any number of offenders that could benefit from Faith Care Teams just as Stapleton did. She knows that there is a "fear factor," for some people working with an inmate.

She also believes the program can help formerly incarcerated persons meet crucial dates once they are released.

National statistics indicate that if a former offender remains out of prison for three years, the chances of them not committing another offense and returning to prison are 70 percent or better.

If three years is a major benchmark then five years is a hallmark point, Longstreth noted. After five years, a formerly incarcerated person is no more likely to find himself in prison than anyone else.

For more information about the Faith in Community Ministry program, call Longstreth at 317-205-8255 or by e-mail at [mzlongstreth@choicesteam.org](mailto:mzlongstreth@choicesteam.org).

# Volunteering Skills Land Bloomington BSW Student a Place on Governor's Conference on Service and Volunteerism

In the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina, Katelyn Holsclaw felt so compelled to help those devastated by the storm that she considered leaving college.

"I was so upset about it," Holsclaw said of the television pictures of people needing help. Her mother convinced her to remain in college and so Holsclaw decided to turn her attention to helping people in Bloomington, where she now is a senior in the Bachelor of Social Work program.

Now, her years of helping others have been noticed by friends and colleagues. She was recently nominated for the Richard J. Wood Student Community Commitment Award.

And because of her volunteer coordinating experience, she served on a panel offering tips on how to engage college students as volunteers at the 2008 Governor's Conference on Service and Volunteerism.

While many freshmen may spend their first year in college relishing their new freedom away from home, Holsclaw plunged into volunteer work. The Chesterton native explained she is just following the example set by her parents.

"My parents were always helping other people," she explained. Her father, for example would always stop on the side of the road and fix people's flat tires. "I just saw that all the time."

Besides, Holsclaw joked, "I get bored pretty quickly." But she admits there is more to it than just keeping busy. "I think the main reason was I wanted to learn new experiences."

Among the organizations where she volunteers is the Middle Way House, a domestic violence and rape crisis center. She works on the agency's crisis line and also serves as an On the Scene Advocate. That means when someone is raped or sexually assaulted or injured in a domestic violence incident, she will go to the hospital to act as their advocate.

She also goes to middle and high schools to talk to students about how to prevent domestic abuse and sexual assault.

Holsclaw also landed a job at Fairview Elementary School in Bloomington, where she works about ten hours a week. There, she's learned to how to take advantage of what time and talents people have to offer.

A lot of people want to help, but they don't know how to go about it, Holsclaw said. When the school prepared for a big planting day, Holsclaw arranged to have the appropriate number of bodies on hand. Everyone can help plant, even if they don't have time to come back and care for the garden later on, she noted.

Similarly, she worked with a business fraternity that was good at fund-raising but didn't know much about working with kids. She used their talents to help raise money for the school's library, which in turn allowed the business students to add the fund-raiser to their resumes.

"You have to meet people where they are," she said of the time people have to commit. "If you have two hours on a Saturday, I will find something for you to do for two hours."

Finding the time to volunteer is really a matter of scheduling your day, Holsclaw said. Attracted to the work being done by a Bloomington homeless shelter, Holsclaw found just the opportunity to squeeze one more volunteer activity into her busy week.

She stops by twice a week and fixes breakfast.

## Federal Public Service Loan Forgiveness

*By Jennifer Vines, Assistant Director, IUPUI Financial Aid*

The College Cost Reduction and Access Act is federal legislation that provides student loan forgiveness opportunities for those working in eligible public service fields, as well as a new Income Based Repayment (IBR) plan that can reduce monthly loan payments for borrowers that meet certain criteria. Borrowers with eligible federal loans who are facing challenges related to debt repayment should pursue additional information regarding these new programs so they can alleviate debt in the long run, while also reducing their monthly loan obligation once the new IBR payment plan goes into effect on July 1, 2009.

Eligible federal debt (Stafford loans, Perkins loans, Federal consolidation loans, & Graduate PLUS loans) must be in the Federal Direct Loan program to be considered for loan forgiveness. Private student loans are not eligible for any federal loan forgiveness. Borrowers whose federal debt is not currently with the Direct Loan program will be able to transfer their debt into Direct Loans via a Federal Direct Consolidation loan effective July 1, 2008. If you are unsure whether your debt is with Direct Loans, you may use your federal PIN to login to the National Student Loan Database ([www.nslds.ed.gov](http://www.nslds.ed.gov)) and review your federal loan history; any Direct Loan would be clearly coded as such in the database. If you need to consolidate your debt currently held by other lenders into the Direct Loan program, you may do so via the following website on July 1, 2008 or thereafter: <http://loanconsolidation.ed.gov/>

In order to qualify for loan forgiveness, a borrower must make payments towards their loan debt while employed for 10 years in eligible positions, as defined by the Department of Education. 120 monthly payments, not necessarily consecutive, would be required before the remaining debt can be forgiven and the borrower must still be employed in public service at the time they request loan forgiveness from the federal government. Please refer to the following website to review the definitions of eligible employment, as well as a list of jobs that qualify: <http://studentaid.ed.gov/PORTALSWebApp/students/english/index.jsp>

The Income Based Repayment plan can assist borrowers by capping their monthly loan payment at a reasonable amount based on income, family size and other factors. Borrowers must have enough federal debt relative to their adjusted gross income to qualify for reduced monthly payments. Detailed information about the IBR payment plan can be found at [www.ibrinfo.org](http://www.ibrinfo.org), which also includes a calculator to help borrowers determine whether they qualify for this repayment option. If the reduced payment on the IBR plan is not enough to cover the interest on your debt, the federal government will cover the interest on Subsidized Stafford loans for the first three years the borrower is on the IBR plan. Please keep yourself informed about loan forgiveness developments and the IBR plan by entering your email address at [www.ibrinfo.org](http://www.ibrinfo.org), which is a nonprofit and nonpartisan resource for federal borrowers.

# Nicki Fleming, Advocate for Children

by Nicki Fleming

I was born in Indianapolis; however, I am from a military family, so I was raised everywhere. We lived in Germany for 10 years, and I've lived in states such as New York, Louisiana, Tennessee, Georgia, Hawaii, and Kansas. I've also traveled to Spain, Italy, Mexico, and England. Moving from place to place was not difficult for me because it was the military way of life and it was the only life I had known. However, I learned an invaluable lesson throughout all my travels - family is who you make it - meaning, what constitutes a family for one person may be different for someone else. Moving and meeting new people showed me the value of having a strong network of people that cared about children, not just the people that biology had determined were considered to be our family. This philosophy embodies my own core beliefs of the importance of "family" and the roles that individuals play in shaping the beliefs and values of children. This has definitely been a concept that has helped me with understanding families and the challenges that face them.

IU chose me instead of it being the other way around. I had just had my daughter and moved to Indianapolis. I started going to school so that I could find something to do with my spare time and figure out what I wanted to be when I grew up.

I became interested in Social Work while I was enrolled in the School of Education to become an English teacher. As much as I believe that having an education is extremely important to children, when their basic needs are not being met, it makes it very difficult for children to really concentrate on receiving an education. Additionally, there was not enough hands-on work with the family for me in Education. After talking with the Director for the BSW Program at the IU School of Social Work, IUPUI Campus, Dr. Irene Quiero-Tajalli, I made the decision that Social Work was a better fit for what I wanted to accomplish with my life.

I graduated from IUSSW in 2003 with my BSW, and then earned my MSW in 2004. For the Bachelor's program, my placement during my junior year was at the Community Alliance for the Far Eastside (C.A.F.E.), which is a community center, and at the Hancock Memorial Hospital during my senior year. For my Master's, I did the accelerated program with concentrations in health/mental health/leadership. My foundation year, I was placed at the Gallahue Mental Health Clinic of Hancock County working in outpatient services with children and adults with chronic mental illnesses as well as substance abuse, and during my concentration year, I was placed at Community Family Practice Residency Program working with doctors during their residency program to incorporate social work skills into their practice. All of my placements were awesome experiences. The thing I have to offer about these experiences is that a person gets from their placements what they put into them. Although some of my placements wouldn't have been my first choices, I was able to make a niche for myself and develop my skills further in those placements which ended up making them worthwhile and more meaningful for me long-term. My best placement was with Jaris Hammond, LCSW at Hancock Memorial Hospital. She was and continues to be such a supportive and influential person in my life both professionally and personally. She has embodied what I continue to aspire to be as a social worker.



My job experience has been in social work for about the last 12 years. I have worked and volunteered in domestic violence shelters, community centers, hospitals, youth and family therapy, substance abuse counseling, and case management with child protective services. I am now a supervisor with the Madison County Department of Child Services where we protect children from abuse and neglect and work with families to ensure the safety of their children.

I belong to the National Association of Social Workers and the National Association of Black Social Workers. While in school, I served as the President for the Bachelor's Student Association and Senator for the Bachelor's Student Association and the Master's Student Association. I served on the Mental Health Board for Hancock County for 2 years. I've been on the IUSSW Alumni Association Board since 2002.

I have supervised students as a faculty field liaison with the IUSSW and I currently have 10 students. I am also supervising students as a field liaison in their placements for the Department of Child Services from Ball State, Anderson University, and IU.

I recently got married (yeah, I want to tell the world)! I married my elementary school sweetheart who was my first boyfriend, Alan Fleming, Jr., on October 8, 2007 in Bennington, Vermont. Alan works as a Foreman for a company called Osrose Utilities Services, Inc. He is from Evans Mills, New York. I have a daughter named Caitlyn who is 8 years old and she is in the 3rd grade at Lawrence Christian School in Lawrence, Indiana. We have three dogs named Cinnamon, Scrappy, and Asia. Most of my hobbies tend to center around social work/social justice type of activities; however, for those unwinding moments, my daughter and I go roller-skating on the weekends. We also do Taekwondo three times a week for 2 hours each class. This keeps me in shape and keeps my spirits high!

## WWII Battle of the Bulge Veteran

Kenneth V. McGaugh was born on October 17, 1922 and raised in a rural community in Ray County, Missouri located about 35 miles southeast of Kansas City. After graduation from high school, he was employed by TWA, a now defunct airline. He entered the U.S. Army in 1942 and was wounded in the "Battle of the Bulge" on January 7, 1945 by a V-1 bomb. He lost sight in his right eye as a result of the explosion but feels lucky in that 26 of his fellow servicemen were killed. Because of his injury and the end of the war, he was discharged on December 21, 1945.

He enrolled in classes at the University of Kansas City, now the University of Missouri, in January, 1946. Due to his injury, he was assigned a counselor under Public Law 16 who discussed vocations that Kenneth could pursue on the U.S. Government sponsorship. While he had considered the possibilities of becoming a teacher or an attorney, the counselor suggested that he study to become a social worker. Kenneth had never heard of what social work entailed and he was therefore skeptical. However, the counselor explained some of the negative aspects of being a teacher or an attorney and he persuaded Kenneth to sign up for studies of social and emotional issues. Upon graduation from the University of Kansas City, he inquired about Schools of Social Work and was

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## Merlin Outcalt, Classes of 1955 and 1957

I was born in Reedsburg, Wisconsin on August 26, 1928. I am the youngest of eight. I was drafted at age 22 and served in the Army in Korea as a Chaplain's Assistant where I did some counseling. My interest in social work stemmed from the fact that I had some extended family members who were Clergy, and I was leaning in that direction, too. As a result of doing some counseling in the Army, taking some undergraduate sociology and psychology courses, joining the Social Service Club on campus, along with my continuing interest to be of service to others, I decided to become a social worker.

I graduated with a BS from Indiana University in 1955 and an MASW in 1957. I earned my bachelor's degree on the Bloomington campus and my master's in Indianapolis where I attended classes at the east Michigan St. location, between Pennsylvania and Delaware Sts., where the federal building now stands. My graduate school fieldwork placements were at the Marion County Department of Public Welfare and the Marion County Juvenile Court. To pay for graduate school, I used the GI Education Bill, worked part time and was granted the Marion County Juvenile Court scholarship with a commitment to work at the Juvenile Court at least two years after graduation. I had high regard for Hayden Rahm, my supervisor, and Bart Anson, the unit supervisor, at the Court. Parenthetically, I studied in the master's program for 2 years to be a caseworker and was only in a casework position for two years. However, those two years at IU Division of Social Service gave me a broad knowledge that enabled me to meet the administrative challenges along the way.

After working two years at the Juvenile Court I was offered a newly created supervisory position at Travelers Aide, in Cincinnati, Ohio, a United Way Agency assisting travelers. After I was in that position for a couple months the Executive Director of the agency became ill and later died. The Board then appointed me as Executive Director. During the next five years Travelers Aide changed from being a train and bus meeting service for travelers into a newcomer social service agency for Appalachian people migrating to the city looking for better opportunities.

In 1965, I accepted the Executive Director position of Methodist Youth Services in Chicago. It was a new, developing agency with a United Methodist Board of Directors. The program was designed to treat 18 – 21 year old boys who were known to Boy's Court because of delinquent and criminal charges. The goal was to help them learn to live in their own community, close to their friends and family, while living in an open setting without getting into further trouble with the law.

In 1968, the United Methodist General Board of Health and Welfare Ministries asked me to be their Child Care Consultant. During the next six years I consulted with the 72 United Methodist Child Care Agencies and organized annual workshops and helped organize annual Health and Welfare Convocations.

In 1974, I joined Group Child Care Consultant Services (GCCCS) attached to the North Carolina University School of Social Work at Chapel Hill, NC as its Executive Director. The small staff of five professionals sponsored annual training workshops for Child Care workers and did child care agency consultation primarily in the Southeast. During that time GCCCS secured a contract with the US Children's Bureau to develop an inservice training curriculum for childcare agencies to use.

In 1977, we moved back to the Midwest to Decatur, IL where I was appointed Executive Director of Webster Cantrell Hall, a childcare agency. There were only 17 youth being served in its two programs, the residential center and a group home. During the next 17 years the agency added 12 new services – such as Foster Families,

Adoptions, in home counseling, and on grounds education. A new Group home was built, a new residential wing was built connecting to the old building which was gutted and converted into counseling and administration offices. A new education wing and new gym and recreational facility were added and funding was secured to pay for the \$4.5 million building project. The agency became accredited by the Council on Accreditation in 1993. I retired as Executive Director/CEO in 1993, at which time the Administration Building at Webster Cantrell Hall in Decatur, Illinois was named the Merlin B. Outcalt Administration Building. I continued there picking up the Public Relations/Fund Raising Portfolio on a part time basis. My successor as Executive Director had been my associate for many years so the transition was seamless. I retired the second time in 1997, 40 years after graduation from the IU Masters Degree Program. Thank you, IUDSS.

I supervised Graduate Social Service Students from George Williams College in Chicago, Ohio State University in Columbus, and the University of Illinois at Champaign. I also taught a class at University of North Carolina School of Social Work, Chapel Hill. In 1993 I became an accredited Peer Reviewer with the Council on Accreditation and reviewed one or two Child and Family Service Agencies each year until retiring from this in 2007.

I was a member of the NASW and an ACSW from 1957 – 2006. I have been honored with the following professional awards: Social Worker of the Year, 1995, NASW, Southern Illinois Chapter; Executive Appreciation, 1988, Mental Health Association of Macon County, IL; Indiana University School of Social Work Alumni Association Outstanding Alumnus, 1996; and Executive of the Year 1993 and 2003, Human Service Agency Executives, Decatur, Illinois.

I married Ruth Ann Auble in 1950 and we have now been married for 57 years. We have three sons. Steven, our youngest, died 25 years ago by suicide. There were no suicide support groups in Central Illinois at that time, so Ruth Ann and I, with the help of the Mental Health Association, started one which we convened monthly for over fifteen years. Roger, our oldest, has an MSW from IU and is in private practice in the Indianapolis area. Dennis, our middle, has a Ph.D. in Industrial Psychology and is with a technology firm in Houston, Texas. My wife and I now live on the northwest side of Indianapolis.

Ruth Ann and I have two hobbies, camping and volunteering. We had pop up trailers for 30 years and traveled extensively with our children and families. We have had a travel trailer for 11 years. Besides family camping and vacation traveling we have done volunteer work with it for ten years. We are United Methodist NOMADS who are RV owners. We do three week work projects in the south during the winter time. I served on the NOMADS National Board of Directors for four years.

My wife and I have been members of the United Methodist Church since 1952 and we have both served in many capacities in our local churches. She taught Sunday school for 17 years. I was elected delegate to the Annual Conference for 24 consecutive years. I was elected by the United Methodist Jurisdictional Conference to serve on the United Methodist International General Board of Global Ministries for 8 years. I received the Denman Evangelism Award in 1991 from the United Methodist Illinois Great Rivers Annual Conference.

Ruth Ann and I received the award for Significant and Meritorious Service to Mankind in 1994, from the Sertoma Club of Decatur, IL. I was a member of the Rotary Club from 1978 to 2004.

One of the highlights of our life was the incorporation of Pat, at the age of 17 when her mother died, into our lives and our home. She is our "heart" daughter along with her husband, children and grandchildren. She and her family live in Houston, Texas.

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accepted by the Indiana University Division of Social Service in January, 1950. Grace Browning was the Director and Mary Houk was her Assistant and both taught classes. Loren G. Hess and Walter B. Johnson were faculty advisors. Kenneth's field work placements were with the Marion County Department of Public Welfare and the Indiana Boys' School. His class was small because they entered school midyear. His classmates were: Clarence Tittle and his wife, Betty; Glen Schrubba; David Furrow; Marilyn Kronick (Furrow) Allen; William Dees; and a woman who died at a young age. Don Gruber was in an earlier class. During his time at IU, an individual thesis was required, which Kenneth did not complete during the school year. Therefore he took a position with the Marion County Department of Public Welfare in the Child Welfare Division, took additional classes, and completed his thesis in June, 1952.

Kenneth worked at the Marion County Department of Public Welfare in Indianapolis from 1950 to 1953 where he was a Caseworker and a Casework Supervisor. Then he went to the Family and Children's Center in Mishawaka, Indiana where he worked from 1953 to 1957 as a Casework Supervisor and Assistant Director. Subsequently, he was employed at the Family Service and Children's Aid of Jackson County, Jackson, Michigan, as Executive Director of that agency from 1957 until he retired in 1985. This Michigan agency supervised students from Michigan State University and the University of Michigan while he was there.

From 1986 to the present time, Kenneth has served as a volunteer

for the Jackson Medical Care Facility assisting with the program for a men's group. He also volunteers with the Disabled American Veterans organization and is an active member of the United Church of Christ, First Congregational Church. During the time he was President of Potential Development Homes in Jackson, MI; Kenneth helped to create Hope House One and Fowler House for disabled and mentally challenged individuals.

Kenneth has received numerous awards during his years of service to others. Among these was the presentation of an award by the Jackson County Family Service and Children's Aid during its' Diamond Jubilee Celebration of 2004 in recognition of his contributions to the agency. He is a charter member of the National Association of Social Workers, having joined on October 1, 1955. He has served in the Civitan Club, on the Salvation Army Advisory Board, and on the Foster Care Review Board.

Kenneth married his wife, Theresa, in Indianapolis on August 13, 1949. She had been employed by the U.S. Weather Bureau in Kansas City and transferred to Indianapolis. They have two daughters and one son who all live in southern Michigan. Their oldest daughter is a professional Social Worker who graduated from the University of Michigan. Kenneth has taken up bowling for fun and exercise and he and Theresa have attended twenty-two Elderhostels, Adventures in Lifelong Learning Through Travel. Their most memorable trip was to Belgium for a program on the "Battle of the Bulge."

*Irene Weinberg*

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## **My Consistent Professional Thread**

My name is Annette Hadley Smith. I was born in Kalamazoo, Michigan and spent my younger years in a small town called Covert, Michigan. I moved to Chicago, Illinois until high school and received my high school diploma in Indianapolis, Indiana.

As a young girl I noticed that my parents were always helping others and were actively involved in the community. While I do not recall the marches, I have viewed pictures of them marching in civil rights demonstrations. I can remember sharing with my parents while I was in elementary school that I wanted to work with the “bad kids” to help them.

I completed work on my Bachelor of Social Work Degree in Bloomington, IN in 1983 and I made application for the Master’s program in Indianapolis shortly after graduation. I earned my MSW from IU in 1987. The relationships that I formed during the Saturday weekend MSW class provided a positive, never forgotten foundation for me. As an undergraduate and graduate student, there were several faculty members that truly inspired me along my journey; most noted are George Pardo, Darshi Singh, Marion Wagner, and Theresa Roberts.

My MSW practicum placements, first at the Central Indiana Council on Aging and then the National Organization of Women, offered me first hand opportunities to learn more about policy making and how social workers can make a difference. Working in agencies that empower both women and children has been a consistent professional thread for me, from

Sojourners (The Julian Center) to the Children’s Bureau. I have been afforded the opportunity to serve as a Field Placement Instructor for both the BSW and MSW programs and have held various positions in the School of Social Work, most recently as the Interim BSW Student Services Coordinator. I find teaching and mentoring to be fulfilling and I look for ways to be creative in both of those areas.

I had the special honor of attending and completing the Governor’s Executive Management School while serving as the Executive Assistant to FSSA’s Department of Family and Children Division Director and the Deputy Director. My consistent professional thread has come full circle in the policy arena; I am presently employed at the Indiana Department of Child Services, with the Performance Quality and Improvement Quality Services Review Team.

I am married to Dr. L. Wayne Smith and we have four sons who range from 4 to 12 years of age. One of my pastimes is cooking and baking. I enjoy learning about historical events and reading biographies of great men and women. My most precious pastime is being involved with my family and friends, learning wisdom at the feet of my elders. I also enjoy local siteseeing throughout the community and have been known to drive a completely different way to get to a location just to learn more about the community. I am deeply involved with church activities as I am with the children’s schools, and I am a member of the IUSSW Alumni Board.