

Department of Sociology and Social Work



A MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR - ROBERT B. ENRIGHT JR.

Greetings from the Department of Sociology and Social Work at UWSP Fall 2012

In some ways we are a program in transition, with new faculty and staff we have welcomed into our fold recently, but in many ways we are the same.

If you call our office, the friendly voice you will hear is that of Pam Olson, our new Academic Department Associate. Pam joined us in January as a limited term employee, and since March she has become our full time department associate. Pam has caught on quickly and become a part of our team.

We have a new tenure-track faculty member. Dr. David Chunyu comes to us from Brown University where he was a post-doctoral fellow in sociology. A native of Changchun in Jilin Province, China, David completed his Ph.D. in sociology at SUNY, Albany. He will be teaching our courses in statistics and research methods.

In January, Gary Itzkowitz passed away. Gary taught in our department since 1987, specializing in theory, social inequality, and community research. Gary created the Community Research Center and the Telephone Survey Center and built strong relationships with numerous non-profit organizations and governmental agencies throughout central Wisconsin and beyond. Gary's insightful mind and razor sharp analytical skills contributed significantly to the education of our students and the functioning of the department. Our department has lost a good colleague and friend and we miss him deeply.

Doug Forbes retired this summer. Doug has been a mainstay of our program's statistics and research methods course. A skilled researcher, demographer, and above all, an excellent teacher, loved by his students, Doug taught in our department for 12 years, having left a tenured position at the University of Texas, San Marcos to come first to UW-Marshfield



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and then to UWSP. Doug has been a great asset to our department as an excellent colleague, a good friend, and an inspiration to faculty and students, alike. We wish him health and happiness in his retirement.

Despite the changes in our department, much remains the same. Professors Emeriti Gene Clark and Robert Wolensky remain with us as adjunct professors. Gene will be teaching a section of statistics and introduction to sociology; Bob will be teaching urban sociology and social problems. He and Professor Ed Miller (Political Science) are organizing the 17th Conference on the Small City scheduled for April 2013. Bob's most recent book on... will be published later this year.

Professor Kathy Lamb continues her research in family sociology and has taken on the position of editor of *Sociological Imagination*, the journal of the Wisconsin Sociological Association.

Professor Amy Boelk continues her work in the area of family conflict in end of life care as well as her research in bereaved children, and Professor Helena Alden continues her work in gender studies. Last year (or year before) she taught one of the first new First Year Seminar courses called *The Story of Sex*.

Professor Dorothy De Boer continues to teach criminology and juvenile delinquency courses to teams of students in sociology and other disciplines who are interested in careers in law enforcement and the study of crime.

The Commission on Accreditation of the Council on Social Work Education continues to give our social work major positive marks. We passed our second-year Benchmark and are on our way toward Benchmark III while looking ahead to receiving full accreditation in 2014. Professor Sonny Smart continues as director of the program, so send any interested potential social work students his way.

In spring, we held our annual awards reception, where we inducted sociology students to Alpha Kappa Delta, the International Sociology Honor Society. We are now also a chartered member of Phi Alpha, the Social Work Student Honor Society and for the first time this spring, we inducted social work students into that organization. The department granted 4 students scholarships: Shannon Duenow received the George Dixon Scholarship, Jessica Tuscher received the Gordon Shipman scholarship and the Virginia Fish Scholarship, and Amanda Kilponen received the Wolensky Family Scholarship. Our scholarships are funded entirely through contributions of faculty, friends, and former students. If you would like to make a donation, visit the Alumni Affairs website at www.uwsp.edu/givenow and be sure to specify our program.

Of course, you are always welcome to visit us at www.uwsp.edu/sociology or in person. We enjoy hearing from you by email, phone, letter, or postcard, so stay in touch.

We wish you well,

Bob Enright

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIOLOGY AND SOCIAL WORK WORKS WITH UWSP CONTINUING EDUCATION TO SERVE COMMUNITY SOCIAL SERVICE PROFESSIONALS*19th Conference on the Small City and Regional Community set for 2013*

By Robert Enright

The UWSP Center for the Small City has announced the **19th Conference on the Small City and Regional Community** for April 17-18, 2013. The theme of this year's conference will be, "Health Care in Small Cities and Rural Areas." Among the 14 planned sessions are *The Central Wisconsin Health Initiative, Establishing Medical Training Facilities, Recruitment of Health Professionals, Health Disparities, Technological Impact on Health; Oral Healthcare, and Finance, Insurance, and Reimbursement Issues*. The featured speakers will be Dr. Richard Cooper, Center for the Future of the Healthcare Workforce, New York Institute of Technology; and Dr. Ira Moscovice, Director, Upper Midwest Rural Health Center, University of Minnesota-Minneapolis. The conference organizers are Robert P. Wolensky (Professor Emeritus of Sociology), Edward J. Miller (Professor of Political Science), Chris Cirimo (Dean, College of L&S), and Julie Smith (Development Director, College of L&S). The two-day event will be held in the DUC and will be open free of charge to UWSP faculty, students, and staff.

Workshop on Sustainability held April 18, 2012

By Robert Enright

The UWSP Center for the Small City co-sponsored a **Workshop on Sustainability** last April 18, 2012 in the DUC. Organized in cooperation with the Wisconsin Institute for Sustainable Technology (WIST), the one-day program consisted of four sessions that focused on energy, food, politics, and other topics related to sustainability in small cities. The conference organizers were Robert P. Wolensky (Professor Emeritus of Sociology), Edward J. Miller (Professor of Political Science), who are also the co-directors of the Center for the Small City, which is affiliated with the Department of Sociology and the Department of Political Science.



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Ethics and Boundaries Workshop Presented at UWSP

By Amy Boelk



Dr. Betty Kramer will visit the UWSP campus to facilitate a workshop on “Buddhist Perspectives on Care at the End of Life” on April 5, 2013. The workshop will be available to community medical and social service professionals, as well as students and faculty. Dr. Kramer is a professor in the School of Social Work and a member of the Comprehensive Cancer Center at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. She is a nationally recognized gerontology researcher, scholar and educator. With her colleagues, she established competencies and a national research agenda for social work research in palliative and end-of-life care. Among other accolades, she is the recipient of the John A. Hartford Foundation Geriatric Social Work Faculty Scholar Award and the Project on Death in America Social Work Leadership Development Award. As a Fellow of the Center for Contemplative Mind in Society, Dr. Kramer has developed curriculum to highlight the importance of mindfulness for compassionate and ethically based social action, examine theory, research and practice related to the use of meditation as a therapeutic intervention, and review mindfulness methods for professional self-awareness and self-care. She has 28 years of experience with various forms of meditation, a long standing interest in Eastern perspectives on mental health, and is a practitioner of Tibetan Buddhism. Dr. Kramer is the mid-west facilitator for the Conscious End-of-Life Training Program, and she was a panelist on the National Hospice Foundation Annual Teleconference in 2011.

“Death is the most crucial moment of our lives, and each and every one of us should be able to die in peace and fulfillment, knowing that we will be surrounded by the best in spiritual care.”

(Sogyal Rinpoche)



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On April 13, 2012, Dr. Nick Smiar, Professor Emeritus of Social Work at the University of Wisconsin—Eau Claire offered a workshop on “Technology, Social Media, and Social Work Ethics” through Continuing Education at UWSP. Certified and licensed social workers must attend such workshops to maintain their credentials, and a number of local community professionals were in attendance. Eleven social work students also opted to participate in order to deepen their awareness of ethical issues in social work practice and develop their skill in ethical decision-making. Dr. Smiar has been offering ethics and boundaries workshops for social workers in Wisconsin for more than fifteen years and brought a wealth of knowledge to the workshop. He is also a member of the Social Work Section of the Professional Counseling, Marriage and Family Therapy, and Social Work Examining Board for the State of Wisconsin. He continues to teach masters level courses offered on the UWEC campus through the UW-Madison School of Social Work. He also provides workshops, consultation, and courses in Germany and South Africa.



Workshop on “Getting to Know the LGBTQ Community” offered at UWSP

By Amy Boelk



Dana Strohm, MSW, offered a workshop for community professionals and students through UWSP Continuing Education on Friday, October 12, 2012. The program provided a walkthrough of 20th century American LGBTQ history and enhance psychological understanding of LGBTQ individuals and families. Mr. Strohm is adjunct faculty through the Department of Sociology and Social Work at UWSP, and he is the supervisor of ongoing family services at Wood County Human Services. For more information, individuals may contact UWSP Continuing Education at 715-346-3838 or 800-898-9472 or visit the website at www.uwsp.edu/conted/ConfWrkShp/Pages/workshops.aspx.

DEPARTMENT PERSONNEL

Pam Olson



Pam came to UWSP in 2005 as a non-traditional student majoring in Art & Design with an emphasis in architectural design and a Sociology minor. During her time at UWSP she was fortunate enough experience working in several departments. You may have seen Pam when she worked as the Visitor Center manager at Schmeckle Reserve. While working there, she helped out in the Cedar Sign shop at Schmeckle painting hand carved signs for parks, businesses, and private customers. Pam also worked in Purchasing for about a year, which included working for the Internal Auditor managing and completing the Art and Capital Asset Inventory project. Among all of that, she also developed and implemented a program for the women's vending services, campus wide. While in school, Pam was a member of Phi Eta Sigma National Honor Society, a member of the Carlsten Gallery Advisory Committee, International Interior Design Association and The American Society of Interior Designer. Currently, Pam is also a member of the Portage County Arts Alliance and in her spare time she enjoys spending time with her three children. We are pleased to have Pam, as she is a great addition to the staff

in the Sociology and Social Work Department!

STUDENT HIGHLIGHTS



Right before finals spring semester 2012, graduating senior sociology major Anthony Aker organized and ran a "skills and drills football clinic" for local Cub Scouts from Pack 293 (second and third graders). This clinic was part of a larger independent study completed by Mr. Aker, under the direction of Professor Dorothy De Boer, on developing youth programs. The Cub Scouts who took part in this clinic had a wonderful time and learned a lot. In fact, at the end of the clinic the boys did not want to leave. Mr. Akers, who is also UWSP football's wide receivers coach, solicited the help of

several other Pointer football players in carrying out this event. This included UWSP football player Colton Zimmerman #11 Senior Defensive Back and Marc Young #1 Senior Wide Receiver, in addition to, recently graduated coach Andrew Derksen. Mr. Akers, the other UWSP students, and alumni's work with the cub scouts last spring is an excellent example of UWSP students making a difference in our community.

STUDENT HIGHLIGHTS

Jamie Chariton



As a future social worker, I have an obligation to speak out against violence, and to do what I can to raise awareness about the many forms violence can take. During this past academic year as an employee of the Women's Resource Center, I made sexual assault awareness my priority. Since April is Sexual Assault Awareness Month, we spent a good portion of the school year organizing and planning for many events to raise awareness about this type of violence.

This year, we partnered with SGA for Sexual Assault Awareness Week the first week of April. For this week, we were able to find a survivor willing and ready to share her story, arranged for a discussion panel of professionals involved with the many aspects of sexual assault, showed the movie *Precious*, and held a self-defense seminar.

Later in the month, I arranged for a group of students and faculty to walk downtown and participate in Ring Out Sexual Violence, hosted by the Portage County Community Coordinated Response Team. We heard discussions from local professionals about the impact that sexual violence has on our community while local churches rang their bells in solidarity.

This year, I was in charge of Eve Ensler's play *Vagina Monologues*, which raised funds for Sexual Assault Victim Services of Cap Services. With a lot of help from my co-workers and volunteers, we were able to raise a significant amount of money that goes directly to help victims of sexual violence.

But, these events were just the beginning for me. I feel that so much more needs to be done. One of the things that stuck out for me at Ring Out Sexual Violence was that almost 80% of those incarcerated have been victims of sexual assault. I have to wonder why people are not able to get the help they need, and what I can do to change that. A few months ago I joined the Community Coordinated Response Team in an effort to better understand how the community deals with sexual assault, and to begin bridging the gap between campus and the greater community. In addition, I founded and chair the Women's Resource Center's Sexual Assault Awareness and Prevention Coalition. It is our hope to unify those on campus who are concerned about sexual assault to make sure that no one falls through the cracks.

NEWS & CURRENT EVENTS

2012 AKD Initiation & Scholarship Awards Reception

The Department of Sociology and Social Work's AKD Initiation and Scholarship reception Awards Reception was held March 30, 2012. The department offers sincere congratulations to all of the recipients.

Scholarship and Award Reception

<i>Shannon Duenow</i>	<u>2012 Dixon Scholarship</u>
<i>Jessica Tuschen</i>	<u>2012 Fish Scholarship</u>
<i>Jessica Tuschen</i>	<u>2012 Shipman Scholarship</u>
<i>Amanda Kilponen</i>	<u>2012 Wolensky Family Scholarship</u>
<i>Kevin Mauthe</i>	<u>2012 SSWO Member Recognition</u>
<i>Amanda Kilponen - Continuing Student & Seiqwest N. Williams - Graduating Senior</i>	<u>Academy of Letters and Science Distinguished Student Awards</u>

2012 Alpha Kappa Delta Initiates

*Katelyn Albright
Tiffany Hughes
Lisa Bachinski
Jacinta Landeros
Shannon Duenow
Ethan Purkapile
Trina Howard
Kristen Waklee*

2012 Phi Alpha Initiates

<i>Megan Blackburn</i>	<i>Edgar Wyman</i>
<i>Rachael Dozer</i>	<i>Trisha Tetzlaff</i>
<i>Shannon Duenow</i>	<i>Shyekara Smith</i>
<i>Mackenzie Egan</i>	<i>Alyssa Olson</i>
<i>Steve Fleischmann</i>	<i>Kevin Mauthe</i>
<i>Amanda Kilponen</i>	<i>David Larson</i>
<i>Lydia Kolbeck</i>	<i>Jacinta Landeros</i>
<i>Sarah Kunst</i>	

The Sociology and Social Work Organization

The Sociology and Social Work Organization (SSWO) is a student organization dedicated to service in the community. Last year we helped families in need around the holidays, participated in Make a Difference Day, took an educational prison tour, cooked a spaghetti dinner for the Salvation Army and participated in Relay for Life. This year, we are planning more community events with the help of our enthusiastic members. Some of the many plans we have in store is to make another meal for the Salvation Army, host multiple fundraisers, decorate Christmas cards for nursing homes and plan out a day long service trip. Please check us out on Facebook at UWSP SSWO.



2012-2013 SSWO Officers

Co-President: Jaclyn Graffagna
Secretary: Shannon Duenow

Co-President: Amanda Kilponen
Treasurer: Kelsey Thompson

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The Social Work Internship Program

Amy Boelk, Field Coordinator

The Social Work Internship Program continues to thrive as students expand their knowledge and skill in a variety of community agencies throughout Central Wisconsin. We feel so fortunate to have partnerships with such amazing social service professionals, who give of their time and energy to mentor and guide emerging social workers. A 400 hour internship is a requirement for all social work majors, and is a valuable component of their education. We would like to commend the students for their hard work, dedication, and contribution within our community. The following students and organizations deserve special recognition this year.

<u>Agency</u>	<u>Interns</u>	<u>Agency</u>	<u>Interns</u>
<i>Portage County Health and Human Services - Juvenile Justice</i>	- Alyssa Olson	<i>Catholic Charities Adoption & Birthparent Program/ Emergency Services</i>	- Jessica Grange
<i>Portage County Health and Human Services - Child Protection</i>	- Jacinta Landeros - Amy Johnson	<i>Family Crisis Center</i>	- Katrina Vorpagel - Michelle Dahms
<i>St. Michael's Hospital - Mental Health Unit</i>	- Kevin Mauthe	<i>Aging and Disability Resource Center</i>	- Babbe Joe Davidson
<i>Community Care of Central Wisconsin</i>	- Kristen Waklee - Lise Bachinski - Brittany Terinski	<i>Stevens Point School District</i>	- Yeng Yang - Elieen Newsome
<i>Ho Chunk Nation - Wittenberg Youth and Learning Center</i>	- Faith-Ellen Rubin	<i>Waushara County Department of Human Services</i>	-Jodie Bulnes
<i>Ho Chunk Nation - Social Services Division</i>	-Faith-Ellen Rubin	<i>The Family Center</i>	- Sarena Jensen - Elizabeth Doering
<i>Children's Service Society of Wisconsin</i>	- Ashely Anderson	<i>Big Brothers Big Sisters</i>	- Andrea Pedri
		<i>North Central Health Care</i>	- Alisha Johnson
		<i>The Woman's Community</i>	- Ashleigh Lindquist
		<i>Brown County Human Services</i>	- David Larson