



SW 400: SOCIAL PROBLEMS AND SOCIAL WORK TODAY

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COURSE DESCRIPTION

Several selected social problems are presented in this course to illuminate how professional social workers address social issues confronting American society. Each topical area will present how contemporary social work practice addresses the particular social problem within the values of the social work profession. The various methods of professional social work such as interpersonal practice, community organizing, human service management, social policy and evaluation and the various levels of social intervention that focus on individuals, families, groups, communities, and organizations will be presented in regard to the particular social problem focus. The selected problem focus allows students to learn about social work's struggles and accomplishments in developing strategies to prevent and cope with these problems, and thus illuminates what the profession is doing -- or could be doing -- in each of these specific problem areas. The course also demonstrates the contribution of social science knowledge and research in conceptualizing social problems, and the importance of multicultural sensitivity in the interventions conducted by social work practitioners.

COURSE CONTENT

The particular social problems selected for discussion will change from year to year depending on faculty interest and the contemporary context. Selected topics may include poverty, homelessness, family violence, divorce, mental illness, juvenile delinquency, inequality, racism, child abuse and neglect, substance abuse, HIV/AIDS, community development, and managed care. The opening sessions of the course will briefly overview the social context for the kinds of roles, interventions, and fields of service that the profession generally operates from, before exploring in depth the professions response to each selected social problem. Important professional themes such as multicultural sensitivity, empowerment, prevention, and value based intervention will also be reviewed in this course. Note: this course is distinguished from a more traditional course on social problems since it focuses specifically on a limited number of selected social problems and probes social work's professional involvement in preventing and assuaging each problem.

COURSE OBJECTIVES

Upon completion of the course, students will be able to:

1. Articulate the various roles, levels of intervention, and fields of service from which social workers practice.
2. Describe the various value dilemmas, political controversies, and societal challenges that the profession of social work faces when it approaches selected social problems.
3. Explain why diversity, empowerment, and strengths-based perspectives are critical to the way social workers approach social problems.
4. Critique the social work profession's response to selected social problems.

COURSE DESIGN

Class sessions are scheduled for an hour and a half, twice weekly. Varied pedagogical strategies are utilized in this course including, but not limited to: traditional lecture/discussion format, small group activities, guest lectures from experts in the field, films and other audiovisuals.

RELATIONSHIP OF THIS COURSE TO FOUR CURRICULAR THEMES:

1. Multiculturalism & Diversity Issues are addressed throughout the course. In the introductory sessions these concepts will be defined and later in each selected social problem area, the impact of diversity and multicultural sensitivity will be related to how the social work profession assesses and intervenes in the particular social problem.
2. Social Justice and Social Change Issues are an integral part of many of the professional roles that social workers perform in trying to prevent and ameliorate social problems: they included such approaches as individual and group advocacy, social action, community development, and advocacy research. Students are encouraged throughout the course to critically analyze both the ways and the degree to which contemporary social work practice has met this traditional mission.
3. Promotion/Prevention/Treatment and Rehabilitation are the range of strategies that the profession of social work brings to bear on contemporary social problems. Students will be encouraged to look critically at each social problem and whether this range of strategies is being employed by the social work profession.
4. Social Science and Behavioral Research is used throughout the course to conceptualize each of the selected social problem areas as well as the effectiveness of methods to address these social problems.

RELATIONSHIP OF THIS COURSE TO SOCIAL WORK ETHICS AND VALUES

This course introduces the concept that professions act within a value and ethical framework. This framework shapes the kinds of interventions that the social work professions can employ in addressing social problems. Elements of the National Association of Social Workers' Code of Ethics and other ethical frameworks are discussed to help students understand the opportunities and parameters of the profession.

ACCOMMODATIONS

If you need or desire an accommodation for a disability, please let me know at your earliest convenience. Many aspects of this course, the assignments, the in-class activities and the way that the course is taught can be modified to facilitate your participation and progress throughout the semester. The earlier that you make me aware of your needs the more effectively we will be able to use the resources available to us, such as the services for Students with Disabilities, the Adaptive Technology Computing Site, and the like. If you do decide to disclose your disability, I will (to the extent permitted by law) treat that information as private and confidential. Also, please notify me if religious observances conflict with class attendance or due dates for assignments so that we can make appropriate arrangements.

RELIGIOUS OBSERVANCES

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USE OF LAPTOPS AND OTHER ELECTRONIC DEVICES

While in class, students are NOT allowed to use laptops or other electronic devices (i.e., accessing email or the Internet, particularly for non-class related uses, is prohibited). Notebooks will be passed out on the first day of class and students will be encouraged to write and sketch in them over the course of the semester. Also, all cell phones must be turned off during class time (i.e., speaking on your cell and texting are also prohibited).

COURSE RESOURCES

Readings are located in the Resources section of the course CTools site (or handed out in class). See weekly schedule for reading assignments. I reserve the right to assign no more than one additional reading per week.

COURSE REQUIREMENTS

Attendance and Participation (20 points)

In this course, in-class discussions and participation in exercises are considered an essential part of your learning experience. In addition, some of the material considered essential to achieving the objectives of the course will only be presented in class. I expect you to be in class, on time and ready to participate fully. If unanticipated circumstances arise that prevent you from attending or cause you to arrive late or leave early, you must notify me as soon as possible. Missing more than two class periods requires a meeting with the instructor.

Journals, Office Visit and Discussion Facilitation (25 points)

Nine journals (1-2 pages typed, double-spaced and proofread) are to be uploaded to CTools Assignments prior to 10:30 Thursday morning unless otherwise noted. These journals are meant to be an opportunity for dialogue between individual students and the instructor – I will do my best to respond by to each individual journal before the next one is due. Please feel free to use these journals to further explore the Discussion Questions listed on the syllabus, as space for reflection on the readings (or to suggest additional readings) and/or class activities, or to inquire

about or generate drafts of course assignments. Each student must also complete one office visit prior to the last day of class. This visit could be used as a consultation, to select an article/topic which the student will use as the basis for leading one class discussion, and/or discuss the Class Presentation (see Assignment III).

Assignment I (Due 8 Oct) (15 points)

(Assignment I contains two parts. The entire paper should not exceed 5 pages typed, double-spaced and proofread.)

(1) Define social work.

Offer a concise definition of social work. Be sure to note your reference(s) – one reference will suffice but you may use more than one that speaks to you. Identify and define at least three social work roles that you might consider engaging in were you practicing in social work currently.

(2) Who are you?

Tell me some things about you that would help me better see why you are in this class. Feel free to address your philosophy of helping; describe how your values and ethical stance support your attitude and beliefs about your notions of social work. Perhaps even identify and clarify what you believe to be your top personal qualifications most suitable for a career in social work. Have any of these things changed since the beginning of the term, and if so, how?

Assignment II (Due 12 Nov) (20 points)

(Assignment II contains two parts. The written aspect should not exceed 5 pages typed, double-spaced and proofread.)

1. Interview a social work practitioner.

Arrange an appointment with a practicing, MSW social worker (not an academic or faculty member). Choose a field of practice of social work or a particular social problem that interests you, and locate a practitioner who works in such a setting or with a particular client group. You may select a social work practitioner who performs any number of social work roles – e.g. clinician, organizer, administrator, researcher, etc.

2. Format the interview as a paper.

In class we will discuss the format of the paper. During the interview, ask the practitioner to show you around her/his agency and describe the various services offered. Also ask your practitioner how her/his interest in the field developed. Put all of the information that you have gleaned from this interview into this paper, concluding with a reflection on how this experience might relate to your potential career in social work or other helping profession.

Assignment III (To occur 3 & 8 Dec) (20 points)

Class Presentation.

During the last days of class, you will present the culmination of your learning from the semester to the class. You will have 5-10 minutes to present to the class and this can take any format that

you wish, however, it must be an individual presentation, addressing the two points that follow below. Feel free to use audio or visual aids and let me know if you need any assistance. There will be a brief question and answer period following the presentation.

- (1) Focusing one social problem, identify at least three recent articles in social work professional journals that help shed light on the core challenges related to the social problem. In what ways did reading these articles shed light on your understanding of your identified social problem (e.g., history or background in terms of severity, who it impacts the most, why it's a problem, potential causes and risk factors, potential protective factors, and strategies/methods that have been used to address this problem e.g., major interventions)? Articles should be dated 2005 or more recent and you must include references using APA format.
- (2) Self-reflection of the social problem. Reflect on your specific interests in this social problem and how you see yourself as a change agent in this area. Consider your social identities and how they might impact your work in this area, both in terms of strengths and in terms of challenges. What is your vision for social justice in this area? How can you promote social justice in this area in your own life? How might you learn more about this area in the future?

Optional Assignment: (Due no later than 14 Dec) (5 points)

ONE 3-5 page paper would be required, if applicable, based on your participation in ONE activity from the below list. The written aspect should be typed, double-spaced and proofread.

(1) Getting Help

In this exercise you are to assume a close friend or family member is in need of basic needs for survival: shelter, clean clothes, food, transportation, money, and so on. They know you are taking a class in social work and must surely know where they can go to get help. For this assignment, identify one community resource that you might refer them, to get the help they need. Specify the organization (address, contact information, hours of operation, eligibility criteria (i.e., what they need to bring with them in terms of information), and what they should expect upon arrival. In other words, you should arrange to go and get first-hand information! When you arrive, carefully observe the location of the facility, demeanor of the Security Guard (if there is one) and receptionist when you enter the building. Look around the waiting area and observe the kinds of furniture, decor, magazines, condition of the interior, carpet, and so on. Is it clear where to go initially to ask for information? Are there long lines poorly marked? Are folks milling around or just sitting in chairs waiting to be served? How did you figure out where to start? Did anyone offer to help you? Did you receive an application for services and if so, how might you feel about answering these questions? How much time did you spend with the agency before you received the necessary information? Overall, how did the process for finding out the needed information make you feel?

(2) Survival on a Welfare Diet

Michigan's food subsidy for a single adult on welfare for one day is about \$6.45. In this assignment you must go to a local store and develop a one-week meal plan using items that DO NOT total more than \$45.25 (including tax on nonperishable goods which in Michigan is 6%).

You must consider foods you think will most nutritiously (and best) stretch to meet your needs for the week. Make a list of every item you might purchase and a description (e.g., nutritious value, brand, how many, cost, etc.). At the same time, consider everything else you would need for personal hygiene and household care for one week (e.g., toothpaste, shampoo, soap, feminine hygiene products, paper products, cooking / eating utensils, etc.). Create an additional list of these other items and determine the real cost to purchase these additional items. I encourage you to lay out every meal and specify what you will consume. Assume you cannot rely on the goodness of friends to feed you. Comment on the quality of this weekly diet and any struggles that you anticipate trying to stay within the budget. Consider challenges you might face in maintaining a sufficient diet you're your resources. What kind of food did you "settle on" to make ends meet? In what ways do you think living on a food budget this tight – over the long haul – would impact your physical and mental health? What "lessons learned" from this experience help illuminate the experience of living in poverty?

(3) Public Hearings

Attend a public hearing on a community initiative, proposed bill or activity thought to impacts the quality of life for an oppressed client group. This public hearing could be at a local or area school board, city council, county commission, or committee of the state legislature in Lansing. Observe the various groups that either support or oppose the proposal. Describe the rationale of various sides testifying, the reactions of the political figures in the public body, and infer the ideologies that are embedded in the various positions of proponents and opponents of the proposal.

(4) Volunteer.

There are many human service organizations that provide volunteer opportunities to members of the community. See for example: <http://comnet.org/>. Volunteers are trained and used in domestic violence shelters, homeless shelters, crisis hot lines, etc. Some of you may already be involved in volunteer activities, and this assignment will give you a chance to write about these experiences. For students not currently volunteering, this will be an opportunity to locate a volunteer program, complete the training, and participate as a volunteer. (This kind of activity is a prerequisite to most MSW programs). In this paper, you should describe your organization, its clientele, and any reflections your experiences as a volunteer as it relates to a possible career in the field of social work or other helping profession.

(5) Cultural Competence and Social Work Practice

For this assignment you are asked to summarize an experience you had either as an observer or member of cultural event that had implications for social work practice in diverse communities. From that summary, identify at least 5 "take aways" or lessons learned that added to your understanding of and appreciation for diversity.

GRADING

In this course, grading will consider attendance and participation (a combined maximum of 20 points in all), the 2 papers and final presentation (15 or 20 points each or 55 total), plus 10 journals, an office visit and one discussion facilitation (25 points total). Written assignments will be credit or no credit. Credit will be assigned to written work that is complete. For incomplete

assignments I do offer an opportunity to receive credit if revisions are made within a one-week turnaround. The only exception will be on optional assignments turned in at the end of the course in which case partial credit may be assigned if all requirements are not met.

A major part of your grade for written assignments is based on your ability to be clear and thorough. All written assignments should be carefully proofread for typos and clarity of content. A paper with lots of errors and/or is difficult to read will be marked down. Unless specified, all assignments should be double-spaced, using 12-point font, no less than 1-inch margins. Use citations as appropriate and use APA format.

You should turn in all written assignments on time. Having assignments in on time will assist me in reading and grading them in a timely manner. On time is defined as turned in at the start of class on the due date. In general, an assignment will be marked down for each day it is late. Exceptions will only be made for extreme circumstances. If you expect that you are going to be late turning in an assignment, let me know as soon as possible so I can plan accordingly. Please try to anticipate your responsibilities and start your assignments well in advance of the due date.

Course grades will be calculated as follows:

- A 100-94/A- 93-90
- B+ 89-87/B 86-84/B- 83-80
- C+ 79-77/C 76-74/C- 73-70
- D+ 69-67/D 66-64/D- 63-60

Schedule of Sessions, Activities, and Readings

Topic 1 - 8 Sep – Introductions, Learning Objectives and Class Norms

Introduction to Class; Overview of syllabus and expectations; Guidelines for participation.

Topic 2 - 10 & 15 Sep – What Do Social Workers Do?

Feit, M.D. (2003). Toward a definition of social work practice: Reframing the dichotomy. *Research on Social Work Practice*, 13: 357-365.

Ramsey, R.F. (2003). Transforming the working definition of social work into the 21st century. *Research on Social Work Practice*, 13: 324-338.

Social Work 515: Foundation Field Instruction. (2012). University of Michigan.

Gamble, D. & Weil, M. (2010). *Community practice skills: Local to global perspectives*. Columbia University Press: New York, Ch 2 – Conceptual frameworks and models for community practice, pp. 24-46.

Trevithick, P. (2008). Revisiting the knowledge base of social work: A framework for practice. *British Journal of Social Work*, 38: 1212-1237.

Flexner, A. (1915). Is social work a profession? *Research on Social Work Practice*, Vol. 11 No. 2, March 2001:152-165.

Discussion Questions - What is useful knowledge for social work practice? What do you think are limitations to social work's knowledge base? What qualifies social work as a "profession"?

Journal 1 due 17 Sep by 10:30!

Topic 3 - 17 & 22 Sep - Social Work Ethics, Values and Spirituality

Code of Ethics of the National Association of Social Workers. (2008). National Association of Social Workers.

Canda, E. (2009). Spiritually sensitive social work: An overview of American and international trends. Plenary address for International Conference on Social Work and Counseling.

Reisch, M. (2010). Defining social justice in a socially unjust world. Educating for social justice: Transformative experiential learning, 11-28.

Dabby, et al (2008). Ethics as activity: Building collaborative, expansive and just work. Journal of Social Work Values and Ethics, 5(2).

Gamble, D. & Weil, M. (2010). Community practice skills: Local to global perspectives. Columbia University Press: New York, Ch 3 – Evolution of Values, Concepts, and Community Practice Approaches, pp. 47-82.

Discussion Questions - Do you have to be a good person to be a good social worker? What do you think are primary ethical problems of social work? Is social work intrinsically helpful?

Journal 2 due 24 Sep by 10:30!

Topic 4 - 24 & 29 Sep – PODS: Privilege, Oppression, Diversity and Social Justice

Tatum, B. (2000). The complexity of identity: Who am I? In M. Adams et al. (eds.). Readings for diversity and social justice. New York: Routledge.

Lum, D. (2005). Cultural competence, practice stages, client intersectional systems and case studies. Chapter 1 in D. Lum, Cultural competence, practice stages and client systems; A case study approach. Belmont, CA: Thomson Brooks / Cole, pp. 1-31.

Weaver, H. (1999). Indigenous people and the social work profession: Defining culturally competent service. Social Work, 44(3): 217-225.

Ortega, R. & Faller, K. (2011). Training Child Welfare Workers from an Intersectional Cultural Humility Perspective: A Paradigm Shift. Child Welfare. 90(5): 27-49.

Daniel, C. (2010). Lessons Learned: Pedagogical Tensions and Struggles with Instruction on Multiculturalism in Social Work Education Programs. Social Work Education: The International Journal. 30:03:250-265.

Spencer, M (Apr 2008). A Social Worker's Reflections on Power, Privilege, and Oppression. Social Work, 99-101.

Discussion Questions - What is "culture" and how does understanding culture improve social

work practice in diverse communities? What is the difference between cultural competence and cultural humility? What makes you culturally “unique”?

Journal 3 due on 1 Oct by 10:30!

Topic 5 - 1 & 6 Oct – Women, Sexism and Social Work Education

Hillock, S. (2012). Conceptualizations and Experiences of Oppression: Gender Differences. *Affilia: Journal of Women and Social Work*. 27(1): 38-50.

Flood, M. (2006). What men can do to stop sexism and violence against women. From www.mensadvice.org.uk/.

Pollack, S. (2004). Anti-oppressive social work practice with women in prison: Discursive reconstructions and alternative practices. *British Journal of Social Work* 34: 693-707.

Juhila, K. (2008). Forms of advocacy in social welfare work with homeless women. *European Journal of Social Work*, 11(3): 267-278.

Bent-Goodley, T (2008). The Role and Status of Women in Social Work Education: past and future considerations. *Journal of Social Work Education*, January, 2008.

Kovacs, P, et. al. (2013). Norming or Transforming: Feminist Pedagogy and Social Work Competencies. *Affilia: Journal of Women and Social Work*. 28(3): 229-239.

Discussion Questions - What makes the social work profession uniquely positioned to focus on issues confronting women in society? What is “anti-oppressive practice” and how does it help us understand women in institutions (and positions) of social control (e.g., women in prison or women in abusive relationships)? In Flood’s list of things men can do to stop sexism and violence against women he suggests: “Talk with women. Find out what it feels like to live with the threat of rape every day. Find out how they like to be supported. Ask what they would like you to do to challenge rape. Really listen.” How might you respond if you were approached by a male peer and asked questions as Flood suggests?

Assignment I due on 8 Oct by 10:30!

Topic 6 - 8 & 13 Oct – Child Welfare and Disproportionality

“If You’re Right for the Job, It’s the Best Job in the World”: The National Association of Social Workers’ Child Welfare Specialty Practice Section Members Describe their Experiences in Child Welfare. (2004). The National Association of Social Workers.

Child Welfare Information Gateway. (2013). How the Child Welfare System Works. Washington, DC: U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Children’s Bureau.

The Alliance for Racial Equity in Child Welfare. (2011). Disparities and Disproportionality in Child Welfare: Analysis of the Research. Washington, DC: Center for the Study of Social Policy.

Child Welfare Information Gateway. (2011). Addressing racial disproportionality in child welfare. Washington, DC: U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Children's Bureau.

Crane, K. (2004). Benevolent Intervention or Oppression Perpetuated: Minority Overrepresentation in Children's Services. How institutions are shaping the future of our children. Haworth, NJ: The Haworth Press, Inc., pp. 19-37.

Bijleveld, G., et. al. (2013): Children's and young people's participation within child welfare and child protection services: a state-of-the-art review. Child & Family Social Work. July.

Discussion Questions - What is "institutional racism" and how might it help explain the disproportionate number of children of color in the child welfare system? What other factors might contribute to issues of disproportionality and disparity? What role(s) do social workers play in addressing disproportionality and disparity?

Journal 4 due on 15 Oct by 10:30!

Topic 7 - 15 Oct – Elderly, Aging and End of Life Care

Berridge, C. (2012). Envisioning a Gerontology-Enriched theory of Care. *Affilia: Journal of Women and Social Work*. 27(1): 8-21.

Chong, A. (2007). Promoting the psychosocial health of elderly; The role of the social worker. *Social Work in Healthcare*, 44: 91-102.

Creating Healthy Communities for an Aging Population: A report of a Joint Rural Health Advisory Committee and State Community Health Services Advisory Committee Work Group (2006). Minnesota Department of Health.

NASW Standards for Palliative and End of Life Care. (2004). National Association of Social Workers.

Walsh, K. (2012). Chapter 1, Introduction to Grief and Loss. *Grief and Loss: Theories and Skills for the Helping Professions*, 2nd Edition. Pearson Education, Inc. NJ.

Also see University of Albany – School of Social Welfare, Social Work Careers in Aging at

<http://www.albany.edu/faculty/mcclion/hiap/social.html>

Discussion Questions - What three "facts" did you learn that you think everyone ought to know about aging and the elderly in the US? What roles do social workers play in working with the elderly? Name at least three social work careers you think are critical to caring for the elderly.

➤ **20 Oct – Fall Break: No Journal Due!**

Topic 8 - 22 & 27 Oct – College Students, Addiction and Recovery

Bell, N., et. al. (2009). University Students in Recovery: Implications of Different Types of Recovery Identities and Common Challenges. *Alcoholism Treatment Quarterly*, 27: 426-441.

Russell, M., et. al. (2010). Facilitating Identity Development in Collegiate Recovery: An Eriksonian Perspective. In Substance Abuse Recovery in College: Community Supported Abstinence. New York: Springer, pp. 23-35.

Straussner, S. & Byrne, H. (2009). Alcoholics Anonymous: Key Research Findings from 2002-2007. Alcoholism Treatment Quarterly, 27: 349–367.

Krentzman, A., et. al. (2011). How Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) and Narcotics Anonymous (NA) Work: Cross-Disciplinary Perspectives. Alcoholism Treatment Quarterly. 29: 75-84.

Casiraghi, A. & Mulsow, M. (2010). Building Support for Recovery into an Academic Curriculum: Student Reflections on the Value of Staff Run Seminars. In Substance Abuse Recovery in College: Community Supported Abstinence. New York: Springer, pp. 113-143.

Also browse the web site for U-M's Collegiate Recovery Program:

<http://www.uhs.umich.edu/recovery>

Discussion Questions - What are some of the unique challenges confronting college students addicted to alcohol and other drugs? How might Social Workers support collegiate recovery on the Ann Arbor campus and nationally?

Journal 5 due 29 Oct at 10:30!

Topic 9 - 29 Oct & 3 Nov – Family Roles, Codependent and Otherwise Kaufman, E & Yoshioka, M. (2005). Substance Abuse Treatment and Family Therapy. US Department of Health and Human Services. A Treatment Improvement Protocol: TIP 39.

Chassin, L., et. al. (1996). The Relation of Parent Alcoholism to Adolescent Substance Use: A Longitudinal Follow-Up Study. Journal of Abnormal Psychology, Vol. 105, No. I, pp. 70-80.

Harkness, D., et. al. (2007). Codependent Attitude and Behavior: Moderators of Psychological Distress in Adult Offspring of Families with Alcohol and Other Drug (AOD) Problems Alcoholism Treatment Quarterly, Vol. 25(3), pp. 52.

De Ribeaux, M. (1997). A Critical Analysis of COA Research. Alcohol Health & Research World, Vol. 21, No. 3, pp. 258-264.

Also see related articles in Alcohol Health & Research World, Vol. 21, No. 3 at

<http://pubs.niaaa.nih.gov/publications/arh21-3/toc21-3.htm>

Discussion Questions - Does addiction to alcohol and other drugs run in families, and if so how do you see genetics and the environment interacting? What is codependency; is it related to an intergenerational transmission of addiction; and how might Social Workers intervene?

Journal 6 due 5 Nov at 10:30!

- **5 Nov - Release time so students can attend an open meeting of Alcoholics Anonymous; further details will be given in class.**

Topic 10 - 10 & 12 Nov – How Does Substance Abuse Affect Adolescence?

Freisthler, B., Gruenwald, P.J., Ring, L. & LaScala, E.A. (2008). An ecological assessment of the population and environmental correlates of childhood accident, assault and child abuse incidents. *Alcoholism: Clinical and Experimental Research*, 32(11): 1969-1975.

Mulvey, E., et. al. (2010). *Substance Use and Delinquent Behavior Among Serious Adolescent Offenders*. Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention.

Williams, N.R. & Lindsey, E. (2005). Spirituality and religion in the lives of runaway and homeless youth: Coping with adversity. *Journal of Religion and Spirituality in Social Work*, 24(4): 19-38.

Carter, R., et. al. (2012). Addiction and “Generation Me”: Narcissistic and Prosocial Behaviors of Adolescents with Substance Dependency Disorder in Comparison to Normative Adolescents. *Alcoholism Treatment Quarterly*, 30: 163–178.

Hodge, D. (2012). The Conceptual and Empirical Relationship Between Spirituality and Social Justice: Exemplars from Diverse Faith Traditions, *Journal of Religion & Spirituality in Social Work: Social Thought*, 31:1-2, 32-50.

Assignment II due on 12 Nov at 10:30!

Topic 11 - 17 & 19 Nov – Social Work in Schools

NASW Standards for School Social Work Services. (2012). National Association of Social Workers.

Agresta, J. (2004). Professional Role Perceptions of School Social Workers, Psychologists, and Counselors. *Children & Schools Journal* Vol. 26, No. 3: 1-12.

Tower, K. (2000). Image crisis: A study of attitudes about school social workers. *Social Work in Education*, 22(2): 83-94.

Chassin, L., et. al. (1992). Social Psychological Factors in Adolescent Substance Use and Abuse. *School Psychology: A Social Psychological Perspective*. Hillsdale, NJ: Erlbaum, pp. 397-424.

Vissing, Y. (2004). Prepping Homeless Students for School. *The Education Digest* 69, 7: 34-38.

Greenleaf, A. & Bryant, R. (2012). Perpetuating Oppression: Does the Current Counseling Discourse Neutralize Social Action? *Journal for Social Action in Counseling and Psychology* Volume 4, Number 1, pp. 18-29.

Search school social work as a career, new roles for school social work, federal legislation and school social work on the School Social Work Association of America website:

<http://www.sswaa.org/>.

Discussion Questions - What roles do social workers assume in schools? In what ways is the image of social work in schools considered to be “in crisis”? What do you think are essential qualifications of a school social worker?

Journal 7 due on 19 Nov at 10:30!

Topic 12 - 24 Nov – Social Work and Sports

Grenville, L. (2014). Youth Athletes Off the Field — School Social Workers Offer Support. *Social Work Today*, Vol. 14 No. 4, pp 22-26.

Newman, T., Lower, L., Wade-Mdivanian, R., Riley, A., & Anderson-Butcher, D., (2014). Promoting positive youth development among underserved youth in the United States through The Ohio State University’s life sports. In Gilbert, K. & McPherson, K. (Eds.) *Urban Sports Development*. Chicago, IL: Common Ground Publishing.

Simard, S. et. al. (2014). Empowerment revisited: How social work integrated into a sports programme can make a difference. *Journal of Sport for Development*. Volume 1, Issue 3.

Conroy, D. & Coatsworth, J. (2006). Coach Training as a Strategy for Promoting Youth Social Development. *The Sport Psychologist*. 20, 128-144.

Gill, E. (2008). Mental Health in College Athletics: It’s Time for Social Work to Get in the Game. *Social Work* 53(1): 85-88.

Veliz, P. & Shakib, S. (2012). Interscholastic Sports, Participation and School Based Delinquency: Does Participation in Sport Foster a Positive High School Environment? *Sociological Spectrum*. 32: 558-580.

Discussion Questions - How have you been involved with sports? What benefits do you imagine if social workers more involved with youth, coaches, colleges and communities through sport?

➤ **26 Nov – Thanksgiving Break: No Journal Due!**

Topic 13 - 1 Dec – Community Practice

Checkoway, B. (1995). Six strategies of community change. *Community Development Journal*, 30(1): 2-20.

Hoefler, R. (2012). *Advocacy Practice for Social Justice*, Second Edition. Lyceum Books, Chicago, IL. Ch 1, The Unified Model of Advocacy Practice and Ch 2, Social Justice and Advocacy Practice.

Hardina, D. (2013). Preface, Introduction. *Interpersonal Skills for Community Practice*. New York: Springer Publishing Company, pp. xii-23.

Boyte, H. (2009). Repairing the Breech: Cultural Organizing and the Politics of Knowledge. *Partnerships: A Journal of Service Learning & Civic Engagement*. Vol. 1, No. 1, pp. 1-29.

Harward, D. (ed), (2013). Civic Values, Civic Practices. Bringing Theory to Practice Monographs.

- Gitlin, T. Social Media, the Occupy Movement and Civic Values (pp. 19-22).
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Journal 8 due 3 Dec at 10:30!

3 & 8 Dec - Class Presentations

10 Dec – Closure

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