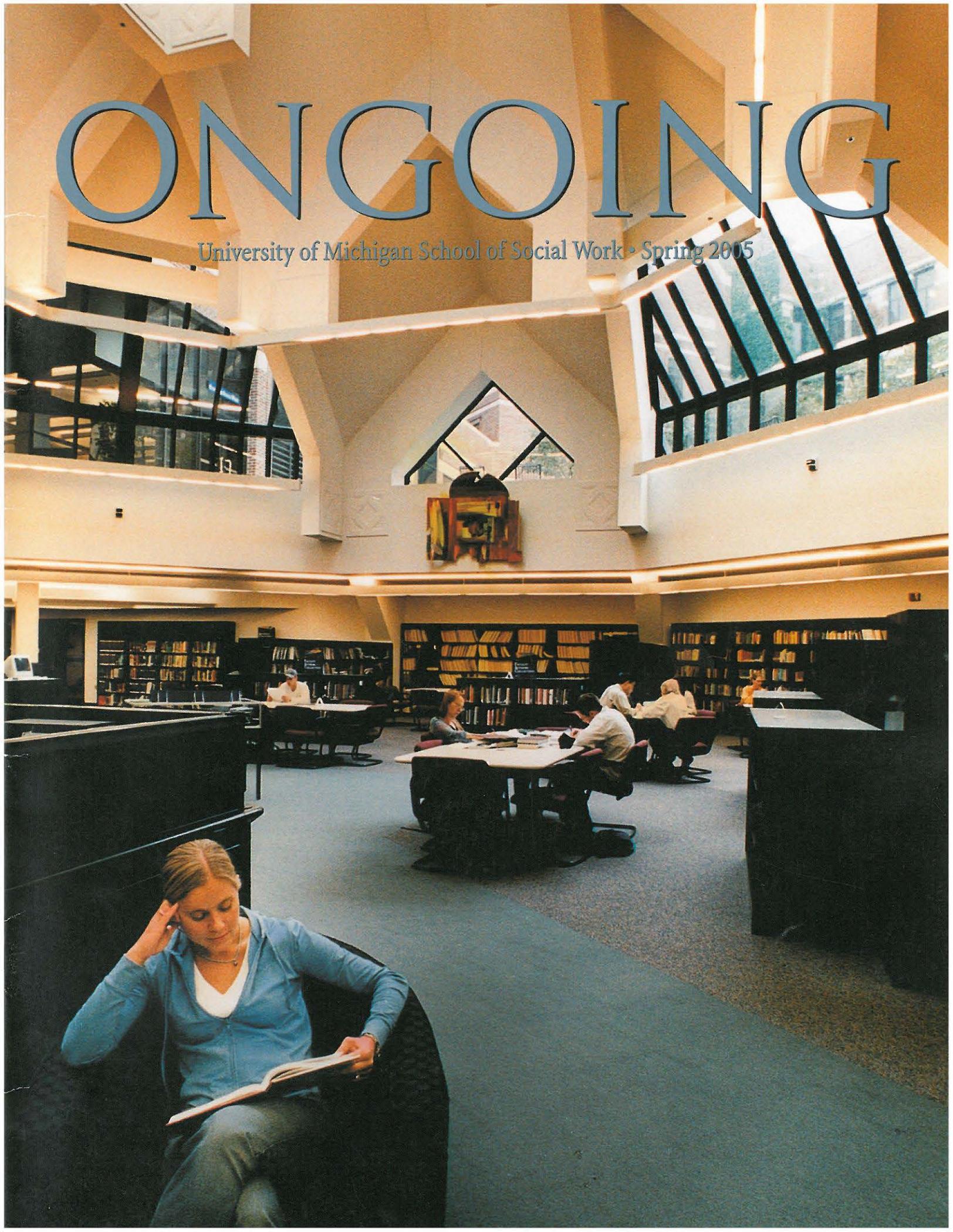


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MESSAGE FROM THE DEAN

The School of Social Work had over 30 faculty and doctoral students present their research at the 2005 meeting of the Society for Social Work and Research. Daphna Oyserman, professor of Social Work and Psychology, received the 2005 SSWR Best Scholarly Contribution Award for Research Published in 2003–2004, for: Oyserman, D., Bybee, D., & Terry, K. (2003). Gendered racial identity and involvement with school. *Self and Identity*, 2, 1-18. Professor Matthew Howard was named vice president elect of the Society for Social Work Research. His term begins in 2006.

I have just completed my term as past president of the Society for Social Work and Research, and am looking forward to my duties and responsibilities as an elected member of the Institute of Medicine/National Academy of Sciences. I value highly the opportunity to serve the social work profession in this way. I am pleased to serve the W.T. Grant Foundation as the newly appointed chair of the nomination committee and member of its executive committee.

I've also recently returned from a trip to attend a Congressional breakfast in Washington, DC, which resulted in a planned expansion of field placement opportunities for

our master's level students. More details will be included in future issues of *Ongoing*.

For those alumni who graduated before 1999, I'm sure that you have wonderful memories of the Frieze Building. As many of you have seen in the local media and on the University's website, the School of Social Work's former home, the Frieze Building, will become North Quad, a facility that will feature residence hall space as well as an academic center. The adjacent Carnegie Library will be retained. For details, see the article on p. 2.

The University continues its focus on the Campaign for Michigan: The Michigan Difference. My thanks to those of you who have already contributed—your generosity supports student scholarships and internships; faculty professorships; research on poverty, inequality and social justice; globalization; community-based research; partnerships in urban environments; geriatrics and gerontology; and leadership training for working with children and their families, mentally ill and disabled people, and in nonprofit management.

We're also pleased to continue hosting alumni events throughout the nation. In 2004–05 we hosted events in Palm Beach, New York City, Detroit and Chicago. More events are being planned, and we'll



be in touch when events are planned for your area. See Development News for details.

The energy that our donors and alumni offer to the School has a profound impact on the educational experience our students have, the research that our faculty can do and the impact that, collectively, we have on society.

Thank you for your continued support!

Paul Allen-Morris



FRIEZE BUILDING SITE TO BECOME NORTH QUAD



Plans for a new facility combining a residence hall and academic center took a major step forward January 26 as the Board of Regents approved the project and architect. The North Quad Residential and Academic Complex will be a showcase for the study of media and information in a technology-rich environment that will support students and faculty alike.

The unique complex, announced by President Mary Sue Coleman in October, is expected to further strengthen the University's focus on blending residential life with academics. The building will incorporate 21st century technology with a contemporary residential space unlike any other at U-M—one that has the potential to be a model for living and learning communities nationwide, Coleman said.

The academic portion of the facility will provide a new home for faculty in the School of Information (SI), as well as housing complementary departments from LSA, including Communication Studies, Film and

Video Studies and the Language Resource Center (LRC). The LRC uses technology in its mission to support the instruction of foreign language, culture and literature.

Coleman said programs that involve the use of technology for communication and interaction are logical choices for academic units to be part of the unique center she calls the new gateway to the University's academic community.

"There almost certainly is no set of topics of greater interest to our undergraduates than media and information technology, nor is there an intellectual domain where our current ability to deliver content is more challenged by students' demands and expectations," she said. "The goal is to create an exciting, engaging environment in which students of all backgrounds and experiences can take advantage of opportunities to connect with one another, with faculty and with others on campus and beyond."

Regents have named the architectural firm Einhorn Yaffee Prescott of Albany, New York, as designers of the project, which will include approximately 500 suite-style living spaces, dining facilities, and about 190,000 gross square feet of academic and support space. The complex will include a mix of shared spaces available to students and faculty from across campus, as well as private areas for student residences and faculty offices.

"We envision North Quad being a vibrant environment where formal and informal learning will take place day and night. At the same time, this unique facility will move us further into the 21st century, offering students a level of privacy and community that is responsive to their expressed needs and desires," said Vice President for Student Affairs E. Royster Harper.

A preliminary proposal for the academic area to be shared by LSA and the School of Information includes classrooms, labs, group study spaces, rehearsal rooms and performance venues. It also will feature film editing labs and viewing rooms, which not only will support the undergraduate program in film and video but also can serve undergraduates outside of the program.

Although SI will not develop an undergraduate program, Dean John L. King says the goal is to be involved with students to help them understand the role of technology in society and their responsibilities for using it to build communities.

"Information technology makes it possible for people to be connected to information resources 24/7, which is essential in this concept of integrated learning," King said. "We believe a student who comes to the University of Michigan should be a leader in new technology and in the new ways of communicating."

Plans for North Quad residence hall and academic center are consistent with the long-range goals outlined in preliminary recommendations by the Presidential Task Force on Residential Life and Learning and in the Residential Life Initiatives (RLI).

Funding for the North Quad project will come from University Housing, the Office of the Provost and Executive Vice President of Academic Affairs, LSA and investment proceeds.

—*Laurel Thomas Gnagey is the executive editor of the University Record. A version of this article originally appeared under the title "North Quad to Feature Study of Media, Information Technology" in the January 24, 2005, issue of the University Record and is reprinted with permission.*

Alumni Share Insight with Macro Students: New Ideas for Career Options

Students from across the social work curriculum gathered in October to hear alumni speak about their entry into the job market and subsequent careers in macro social work. Kathy Tran ('03), Tisha Fowler ('02), and Doua Thor ('02) initiated the event because they feel that macro social work options are broad, and alumni input can supplement the School of Social Work's career service resources. Event sponsors included the Nonprofit and Public Management Center, the Office of Student Services, the Student Union, and individual faculty members Michael Spencer, John Tropman and Mieke Yoshihama.

Tran, a Presidential Management Fellow in the U.S. Department of Labor, believes events like this assist current students with navigating the job market. "It is extremely valuable to know your options," said Tran. "Current students may have an idea about what they want to do after graduation, but might not be aware of all of the options." Throughout the evening, she and her colleagues addressed four key areas: increasing social work students' knowledge of career possibilities in macro social work, including fellowships; leveraging skills in the job market; exploring the role of executive leadership and providing resources for job searches. Tran assembled a panel with diverse experience and advice, including alumni working in social policy, management and community organization spanning the federal, county and city levels.

"If you are going to become a community organizer," said Angela Lee ('03), the project director for Flint Area Citizens to End Racism, "learn to write grants and get to know funders while you

are still a student. This will help you once you get out into the field."

Princess Currence ('03) addressed the entrepreneurial approach to social work. Currence is the executive director and co-founder of KuumbaWorks, Inc., a Michigan nonprofit that partners with educational community-based organizations to develop customized cost-effective programs for "at-risk" youth. She is also the principal, consultant, and corporate trainer at Currence Solutions, LLC. Currence encouraged social work students to take elective courses in business. "Don't be afraid to work in a for-profit," added Currence, "a lot of businesses have a direct affect on nonprofits, you can learn a lot by working for them."

Another panelist, Beth Powell, a legislative correspondent for Senator Carl Levin (D-MI), emphasized networking, a reoccurring theme throughout the evening. She remembers receiving names and contact information for individuals in Washington D.C. from a SSW faculty member as she began her search for policy jobs. These contacts and her field instruction were two experiences invaluable to landing her job with the Senator.

Fellowships are another career starter, said Doua Thor. A New Voices Fellow at Hmong National Development (HND), Thor is a policy advocate at

HND. She has learned a lot as a community organizer through the New Voices program. "A fellowship gives you an opportunity to do something for a short period of time without being at an entry-level position," said Thor. "You can use this experience to grow and build on your skills and knowledge."

Jose Melendrez, who works at the Detroit-focused Healthy Lifestyles Research Project at the SSW, told future graduates that integrity and commitment are important attributes of social workers. "This is important for several reasons," said Melendrez, "including the fact that people in the field look to graduates from the U-M School of Social Work for leadership and guidance."

Additional panelists were David J. Martineau ('00), U-M Social Work adjunct lecturer, and Annette Rook ('02), management analyst, Washtenaw Community Development Department.

—Jennifer M. Acree graduated in April '05 with a concentration in Management in Human Services and a minor in Social Policy and Evaluation. She is a member of the Nonprofit and Public Management Student Advisory Board and the Recruitment, Admissions and Financial Aid Committee.

Princess Currence, Angela Lee, Doua Thor and David Martineau



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Drachler Program Travels to Argentina

In May 2004, I took one of the most educational and powerful journeys of my life. I was fortunate enough to travel to Buenos Aires, Argentina, with the students and staff of the University of Michigan's Sol Drachler Program in Jewish Communal Leadership. We were able to take this amazing trip because of generous funding from the Jewish Federation of Metropolitan Detroit and the University of Michigan's International Institute. Central to the missions of both the School of Social Work and the Sol Drachler Program is inclusion of an international curriculum. An understanding of the Diaspora community beyond the

Emanuel, the Leatid Program, Hebraica (a large Jewish Community Center), Akim (an agency for Jewish adults with mental disabilities), the ORT Argentina school, BAMA (a Jewish education agency), Comedores Populares (a Jewish soup kitchen), and Radio Jai (the only Jewish radio station in Latin America). We also had the opportunity to meet with numerous other Jewish communal professionals, as well as with professionals at Caritas, a large Catholic social services agency.

Throughout the trip, I was amazed at how open the staff, volunteers and participants were with us. They spoke frankly about the effects of the economic crisis on the Jewish community and the priorities and projects of the Jewish agencies that serve this community. We learned that 70 social welfare centers have opened

struck by the security posted at all Jewish buildings, a residual of the 1992 terrorist bombing of the Israeli Embassy and the 1994 bombing of AMIA.

Most importantly, we learned that the Jewish community in Buenos Aires is coping, but continues to need our help. The needs of the Argentinean Jews have grown while their economic capability to meet them has shrunk dramatically. They still rely heavily on foreign aid. Several professionals shared with us their worry that the American Jewish community will soon forget them. They worry that now that we have seen all they've done to combat the crisis we will believe they no longer need our help. I can tell you, this is not the case. They need us now more than ever.

The most important lesson I took home with me from Argentina is that crisis brings opportunity. I saw with my own eyes what a Jewish community can do when faced with real problems that must be dealt with immediately. However, I hope that crisis is not a requirement for the kind of action and effort I saw. I hope that we, Jews in America, facing no traumatic crisis at the moment, can use the resources and skills we have to make our community (our own, the Argentinean) better for our children and ourselves.

Eighteen people returned changed from Argentina with information, stories, pictures and pieces of wisdom we picked up from our colleagues and fellow Jews. We would love to share our experiences with you! If you would like to know more about our trip or what we learned, please contact the Drachler Program (734-764-5392 or drachler@umich.edu).

—Glenda Wucher is a 20-month MSW student in Community Organization/Community and Social Systems with a Management of Human Services minor.

United States is essential to comprehend both the commonalities and complexities of the Jewish community as a whole.

Our mission for this trip was specific. We went to Buenos Aires to study the structure and function of the Jewish community which is more than 200,000 strong, and to learn how the community has learned to cope with the economic crisis that has plagued their country for more than five years. The most severe impact occurred after the devaluation of the peso in December 2001.

In the seven short days we spent in Buenos Aires, we visited with Jewish communal professionals at the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee, the Jewish Agency For Israel, The Arlene Fern School (a Jewish day school), Hillel, Baby Help, the Ariel Job Center, Temple NCI-

in Buenos Aires since the major crisis in 2001 to provide food, financial assistance, medical care and psychological services to the "new poor." The new poor are the Jews who, formerly of the large middle class, must now seek monthly assistance just to fulfill their basic needs. We learned that 35 Jewish day schools, or half of what once existed in this thriving Jewish community, have closed in the last three years. We learned that many agencies have cut their annual budgets by up to 75% in order to survive in the new economic reality. We also learned that people in this country live amidst many contradictions. We witnessed thousands of Argentineans living in a shantytown just blocks away from some of the wealthiest hotels and neighborhoods in the city. Although we did not perceive anti-Semitism, we were



FACULTY NEWS

New Faculty Profiles



Elizabeth T. Gershoff

Liz Gershoff is an assistant professor of social work. She earned her PhD in Child Development and Family Relationships at the

University of Texas at Austin and received postdoctoral training in preventive interventions at the Arizona State University Prevention Research Center. In her current research, funded by NICHD, NIMH, and the CDC, Dr. Gershoff focuses on the impacts of poverty, community violence, and neighborhoods on child and youth development over time. She also studies school-based violence prevention and the impact of various parenting techniques on child behavior. Her research combines longitudinal and hierarchical methods for understanding the dynamic and multilayered contexts of children's lives. She joined the SSW faculty in Fall 2004.

Matthew O. Howard



Matthew Howard joined the faculty in Fall 2004 as a professor of social work and psychiatry. He earned a BA and an MS in Psychology from

Western Washington University, and his MSW and PhD from the University of Washington. He was recently named vice president elect of the Society for Social Work and Research. His research focuses primarily on substance use, abuse, and dependence, particularly in adolescents. He is conducting two NIDA-funded studies of cognitive and psychiatric problems in incarcerated adolescent ecstasy and

inhalant users. He is also interested in juvenile delinquency and youth violence.



Sean Joe

Professor Joe's current research, funded by the National Institute of Mental Health, focuses on

developing father focused family-based interventions to prevent urban African-American adolescent males from engaging in multiple forms of self-destructive behaviors, including suicidal behavior. He has published in the areas of suicide, violence, and firearm-related violence. His paper on suicide among African Americans for the first national conference on suicide prevention remains the most thorough and thoughtful review of the topic. This effort later led the Surgeon General to issue a "Call to Action to Prevent Suicide" that highlighted the increasing rates of suicide among young African American males. Dr. Joe co-chairs the Emerging Scholars Interdisciplinary Network's Research Study Group on African-American Suicide. He also has a significant interest in theoretical and methodological issues related to community level intervention research to address disparities, community organizing, and positive youth development. He joined the faculty as an assistant professor in Fall 2004.



Julia F. Paley

Julia Paley is on the faculty of both the School of Social Work and the Department of Anthropology,

having arrived at U-M in Fall 2004. Her

primary research interests focus on the multiple meanings and practices of democracy in various geographic contexts. Through fieldwork in Chile, she has explored the ways in which social organizations in a Santiago *poblacion* (shantytown) created strategies to improve living conditions and analyze political phenomena in the post-dictatorship period. Through ongoing research in Ecuador, funded by the Fulbright Commission and the Wenner-Gren Foundation, she is investigating democracy promotion activities by international agencies in relation to citizen participation processes by alternative local governments. Dr. Paley's book, *Marketing Democracy: Power and Social Movements in Post-Dictatorship Chile* (Berkeley: University of California Press, 2001), won the 2001 Sharon Stephens Award of the American Ethnological Society for the best first book by a junior scholar.

Elizabeth H. Voshel



Betsy Voshel is a clinical assistant professor and the director of Field Instruction in the School of Social Work. She joined the faculty in Fall 2004. She received her BA in Sociology and Psychology from Alma College, and her MSW from Western Michigan University. She holds a post-masters teaching certificate from the University of Pennsylvania. Betsy spent 22 years at the VA Medical Center in Battle Creek, MI in various jobs, the last eight as the supervisor of a large outpatient mental health program where she won a national award for the development of a case management program for mentally ill veterans. She also coordinated the field education program and was a field instructor for the VA for many years. She was the director of Field Education for Western Michigan

University from February 2000 until August 2004, and has been active in the North Central Field Directors Consortium. She was named NASW Social Worker of the Year in 2003. She continues as the Chairperson of the NASW Committee on Inquiry (venue for ethics complaints), a position she has held for eight years. Her current research focus is on violence prevention and she is the coordinator of an interdisciplinary partnership between social work, nursing and the public schools entitled "Project Charlie/Peaceful Partners." She has served as a faculty advisor for the rural health program and has developed workshops on personal safety for social workers, and ethics and professional practice.

Recent Faculty Publications

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mal caregivers in research. *Journal of Aging and Health, Supplement to Volume 16*(5), 18S-38S.

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Li, L.W. (2005). Trajectories of ADL disability among community-dwelling frail older persons. *Research on Aging*, 27(1), 56-79.

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Research and Evaluation

Reisch, M. (2005). American exceptionalism and critical social work: A retrospective and prospective analysis. In I. Ferguson, M. Lavalette, & E. Whitmore (Eds.), *Globalisation, global justice and social work*. London: Routledge.

Saunders, D.G., Holter, M.C., Pahl, L.C., Tolman, R.M., & Kenna, C.E. (2005). TANF workers' responses to battered women and the impact of brief worker training: What survivors report. *Violence Against Women*, 11, 227-254.

Recent Faculty Honors and Awards

Dean Paula Allen-Meares has been named to the Institute of Medicine/National Academy of Sciences. The Institute of Medicine serves as adviser to the nation to improve health. As an independent, scientific adviser, the Institute of Medicine strives to provide advice that is unbiased, based on evidence, and grounded in science. The mission of the Institute of Medicine embraces the health of people everywhere. Allen-Meares has also been elected Chair of the WT Grant Nominating Committee.

Letha A. Chadiha will serve as consulting editor to *Social Work Research*, beginning in Fall 2004.

Douglas Davies presented "Child Development in the Early Years," Supporting Families with Young Children, Michigan Children's Trust Fund, 4th Biennial Conference on the Early Years, in Grand Rapids, MI, on November 8, 2004, and "Talking With Children and Adolescents About ALS," a Presentation for Family Members and Patients Diagnosed With Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis, ALS of Michigan, Inc., in Southfield, MI, on September 29, 2004.

In December 2004, Barry Checkoway was the keynote speaker at a conference in Jerusalem, sponsored by the Baerwald School of Social Work at Hebrew University and Shatil, a national association for community organizers. He presented the paper, "Community Change for Diverse Democracy."

Beth Glover Reed has been presented with a Women and Children's Substance Abuse Treatment Innovator Award, by H. Westley Clark, director of the Center for Substance Abuse Treatment, of the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), for her "dedication and many contributions to moving the women and children's substance abuse treatment field forward."

Lorraine Gutierrez presented the keynote address at the 15th Annual Latino Social Work Network Conference in Fresno, CA, and received a special recognition award from that organization for her "tireless efforts and dedication to the Latino community" in fall of 2004.

In December 2004, Leslie Hollingsworth was a featured guest on *Viewpoints*, a national radio program heard on over 200 stations nationally.

Matthew Howard won the 2004 Pro Humanitate Literary Award, "North America's premier child welfare award for literary works which best exemplify the intellectual integrity and moral courage required to transcend political and social barriers to promote 'best practice' in the field of child welfare." He also received a 2004 Educational Innovator Award from the Annapolis Coalition on Behavioral Health Workforce Education for the same article: Teaching evidence-based practice: Toward a new paradigm for social work education, *Research on Social Work Practice*, 13, 234-259.

William Meezan has been named dean of the College of Social Work at The Ohio State University. He begins the position on July 1, 2005.



Daphna Oyserman, professor of social work and psychology, won the 2005 Society for Social Work and Research

Best Scholarly Contribution Award for Research Published in 2003-2004, for: Oyserman, D., Bybee, D., & Terry, K. (2003). Gendered racial identity and involvement with school. *Self and Identity*, 2, 1-18. According to the SSWR website, the award "was established to develop a formal mechanism to recognize outstanding social work research that advances knowledge with direct applications to practice, policy, and the resolution of social problems. The intent of the Best Scholarly Contribution Award is to recognize original scholarly contributions to the peer-reviewed research literature in a given year."

Michael Reisch has been appointed by Governor Granholm to her task force on Children's Justice. The task force was created to respond to the challenges involved with handling child abuse.

Michael Spencer delivered "Dialogues on Diversity and Social Justice," the plenary address for the Association for the Advancement of Social Work with Groups 26th Annual International Symposium in fall 2004.

Betsy Voshel was quoted in *Social Work Today: The Nation's Leading Newsmagazine for Social Workers*, Vol. 5, No.1 January/February 2005 issue in the article "The Real World: Surviving Social Work Field Placements."

Grants

NIH has announced the recipients of its prestigious Roadmap Initiative grants and Brigggett Ford is core leader on a \$1.7 million grant awarded to U-M. She will be working with 17 participating University schools and departments on the grant, "Health Disparities: Leaders, Providers, and Patients." Professor Ford will lead the "Patient's Perspective" core. Details on the project can be found at www.ncrr.nih.gov/ncrrprog/roadmap/ecirdirectory.asp

Ford has also received a grant from the National Institute on Aging. This grant is a Research Supplement to the currently funded National Institute of Aging (NIA) project, "Michigan Center for Urban African American Aging Research (MCUAAAR)." James Jackson is the PI and Robert Taylor is a co-PI on both the parent grant and this supplement.

Federal Grants

Kristine Siefert and Briggett Ford,
Co-Investigators
(Scott Ransom, PI [OB-Gyn Dept])
Department of Health and Human
Services, National Institutes of Health
Health Disparities: Leaders, Providers,
and Patients
Overall Award Amount: \$1,672,974
SSW Award Amount: \$237,583

Jorge Delva, Co-Investigator
(James Jackson, PI [ISR])
Department of Health and Human
Services, National Institutes of Health
Family Connections Across Generations
and Nations—NIDA Supplement
Overall Award Amount: \$149,980
SSW Award Amount: \$79,063

Briggett Ford, Co-Investigator
(James Jackson, PI [ISR])
Department of Health and Human
Services, National Institutes of Health
MCUAAAR Minority Supplement:
Briggett Ford
Overall Award Amount: \$225,077
SSW Award Amount: \$65,496

Kristine Siefert and Richard Tolman,
Co-Investigators
(George Kaplan, PI [SPH-Epidemiology])
Department of Health and Human
Services, National Institutes of Health
Michigan Interdisciplinary Center on
Social Inequality, Mind and Body
Overall Award Amount: \$5,020,558
SSW Award Amount: \$47,453

Robert Taylor, Co-Investigator
(Linda Chatters, PI [SPH])
Department of Health and Human
Services, National Institutes of Health
National Institute on Aging
Religious Involvement Among Older
African Americans
Overall Award Amount: \$752,760
SSW Award Amount: \$406,796

Robert Taylor, Co-Investigator
(James Jackson, PI [ISR])
Department of Health and Human
Services, National Institutes of Health
National Survey of American Life
Overall Award Amount: \$1,273,185
SSW Award Amount: \$46,097

Barry Checkoway, Co-Investigator
(Marc Zimmerman, PI [SPH-HBHE])
Department of Health and Human
Services, National Institutes of Health,
Centers for Disease Control and
Prevention
Youth Empowerment Solutions
for Peaceful Communities
Overall Award Amount: \$499,999
SSW Award Amount: \$72,995

Mike Spencer and Edie Kieffer, Co-Investigators
(William Herman, PI [Internal Medicine])
Department of Health and Human
Services, National Institutes of Health
A Pilot Randomized Diabetes
Intervention Among Inner-City African
American and Latino Adults
Overall Award Amount: \$9,249,307
SSW Award Amount: \$49,500

Federal Grants Transferred From Another Institution

Matthew Howard, PI
Department of Health and Human
Services, National Institutes of Health,
NIDA
Neuropsychiatric Impairments in
Adolescent MDMA Abusers
Award Amount: \$55,348

Matthew Howard, PI
Department of Health and Human
Services, National Institutes of Health,
NIDA
Neuropsychiatric Impairments in
Adolescent Inhalant Users
Award Amount: \$27,587

Liz Gershoff, PI
Department of Health and Human
Services, National Institutes of Health
Dynamic Socioeconomic Disadvantage:
Effects on Children
Award Amount: \$779,736

Sean Joe, PI
Department of Health and Human
Services, National Institutes of Health,
National Institute on Mental Health
Preventing Suicide, HIV and Drug
Abuse Among Black Youth
Award Amount: \$386,177

State Funded Grants

Mary Ruffolo, Co-Investigator
(Gary Freed, PI [Pediatrics])
Department of Health and Human
Services, National Institutes of Health,
Michigan Department of Community
Health
Pediatrics and Managed Care Issues—
Medicaid
Overall Award Amount: \$552,685
SSW Award Amount: \$52,838

Mary Ruffolo, Co-Investigator
(David Neal, PI [Psychiatry])
Department of Health and Human
Services, Office of the Secretary-
Subcontracts, State of Michigan,
Department of Community Health,
Integrated Care for Medicaid Consumers
with Behavioral Health Care Needs
Overall Award Amount: \$1,082,754
SSW Award Amount: \$94,334

Foundation Grants

Ruth Dunkle, PI
Letha Chadiha, Co-Investigator
McGregor Fund
Geriatric Social Work Fellows Program
(see article on p. 15)
Award Amount: \$486,000

Barry Checkoway, PI
Skillman Foundation
Youth Dialogues on Race and
Ethnicity in Metropolitan Detroit
Award Amount: \$125,000

Barry Checkoway, PI
Time Warner Foundation, Education
Development Center, Inc., Technical
Assistance in Program Evaluation:
Youth Media Field Building
Activities for Time Warner's
Community Grants
Award Amount: \$50,000

Barry Checkoway, PI
Highfield Foundation
Young People Creating Community
Change in the Mississippi Delta
Award Amount: \$4,000

Ruth Dunkle, PI
Gerontological Society of American/
John A. Hartford Foundation
A comparison of Mediation and
Old Age in Ghana and the United States:
Mediation as Intervention in Elder
Advocacy (Dissertation funding for
Alexandra Crampton)
Award Amount: \$40,000

Other Non-Federal Grants

Barry Checkoway, PI
Arab Community Center for Economic
and Social Services (ACCESS)
ACCESS—Arab-American Community
Building: Case Studies for Organizational
Development
Award Amount: \$24,000

Charles Garvin, PI
Ann Arbor High Schools
Enabling Adolescents in Culturally
Diverse Environments to Peacefully
Resolve Ethnic Group Conflicts
Award Amount: \$6,000

Charles Garvin, PI
Ypsilanti High School
Enabling Adolescents in Culturally
Diverse Environments to Peacefully
Resolve Ethnic Group Conflicts
Award Amount: \$6,000

Internal U-M Grants

Barry Checkoway, PI
U-M Gerald R. Ford School of
Public Policy
Youth Participation in Public Policy at the
Municipal Level: A Research, Education,
and Outreach Project in Michigan
Award Amount: \$24,800

Dale Fitch, PI
U-M CARAT/IT
SSW ePortfolio Project (FY2005)
Award Amount: \$8,688

Larry Gant, PI
U-M OVPR—2004 Distinguished
Faculty/Graduate Student Seminars
Program
Technology, Social Entrepreneurism,
and Social Change: Integrative Discourse
Award Amount: \$7,000

Diane Vinokur, PI
U-M OVPR—2004 Distinguished
Faculty/Graduate Student Seminars
Program
The NOVA Seminar to Encourage U-M
Research on Nonprofit Organizations
and Voluntary Action
Award Amount: \$7,000

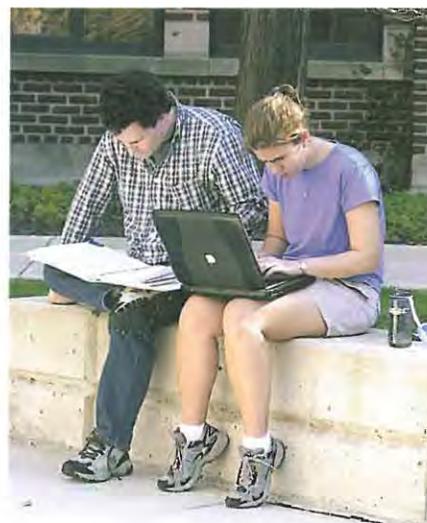
Beth Reed, Robert Ortega, Mieko Yoshihama,
Charles Garvin, and Dale Fitch,
Co-Investigators
U-M Center for Research, Learning,
and Teaching (CRLT)
Learning About Social Justice Over
Time: Student Learning Portfolios
and Professional Practica (Phase II)
Award Amount: \$15,000

Charles Garvin, PI
U-M Office of the Vice President for
Research
Enabling Adolescents in Culturally
Diverse Environments to Peacefully
Resolve Ethnic Group Conflicts (Phase II)
Award Amount: \$9,000

Ruth Dunkle, Berit Ingersoll-Dayton, Lydia Li,
and Letha Chadiha, Co-Investigators
U-M Institute for Research on Women
and Gender
Mothers of Adult Daughters with a
Serious Mental Illness: The Experience
of African Americans and Whites
Award Amount: \$4,195

Michael Woolley, Tony Alvarez,
Andy Grogan-Kaylor, Carol Mowbray,
and Dale Fitch, Co-Investigators
SSW—Olivia P. Maynard & S. Olof
Karlstrom Award Fund
Using Community Strengths Data with
GIS to Examine Community Resilience
Award Amount: \$50,000

Deborah Schild, PI
U-M Office of the Vice President
for Research
Defining Parents' Needs When
Their Child Has a Genetic Diagnosis
Award Amount: \$14,719



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Pioneer Profile

ELIZABETH MUTSCHLER

The fit between Elizabeth Mutschler and the U-M School of Social Work was easy to see. “I moved to the United States to continue my studies in social work. At the time, there were no advanced study options for that in Germany. I attended Washington University in St. Louis, and I worked closely with Aaron Rosen, an early graduate of the Joint Doctoral Program in Social Work and Social Science.”



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Rosen spoke highly of Michigan, and Mutschler joined the School of Social Work faculty in 1979 as an assistant professor. “I was drawn to Michigan because it’s a place where research is valued in its own right,” she says. Through her early work, she sought to re-define the question that researchers had been asking about social work’s effectiveness. “In the past, the question had been: ‘Is social work effective?’ That’s like asking ‘What is the

effect of a storm?’” She focused on questions about what kinds of interventions are effective, for what kind of clients, with what kinds of problems, under what conditions and with what kind of therapists and/or service providers.

“One of the objectives of the social work curriculum revision in the 1980s was to integrate this type of research approach into the teaching of social work practice. As a member of the curriculum committee, I learned a great deal from Robert Vinter about curriculum development: seeing the interrelationships between social work practice and the social work curriculum on one hand, and between the University and the School of Social Work on the other hand.”

During her career, Mutschler was instrumental in integrating information technology (IT) into the School and its work. She participated in pilot projects with University Hospital and Methodist Children’s Home, incorporating IT into their services. She organized computer trainings for faculty and students and consulted on IT for the new building.

She also focused her energies on research and training in international contexts. “In the 1980s, questions of accountability and effectiveness of human services were asked in many countries,” she says. “I was invited by various schools of social work to help develop evaluations and computerized information systems in Israel, Australia, China and Germany. This exposure to human service systems in different cultural contexts helped me to

understand international students, whose U.S.-oriented training did not always meet the needs in their own countries. As a result of this work, I was involved in various efforts to rethink and reorganize the international components of social work education for international and U.S. students.”

She particularly recalls that she “enjoyed the interchange between research and practice: testing research findings in practice settings, where the findings, in turn, enriched teaching, and preparing students for leadership in human services.”

Since being named associate professor emerita in 1998, Mutschler has spent a lot of time traveling and volunteering. “Originally, I’d wanted to do something totally different than social work, but I can’t get away. I worked with hospice for a few years, and I’ve become very interested in gerontology and successful aging. Most recently, I’ve been working with a program through AARP that offers tax assistance to seniors. I have the time, I get to work with people, and I enjoy it very much.”

—Terri D. Torkko is the editor of *Ongoing*.

AROUND THE SCHOOL



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Dean Paula Allen-Meares and Jonathan Rauch at the Fauri Memorial Lecture

Fauri Lecturer Addresses Same-Sex Marriage

In November, Jonathan Rauch delivered the 2004 Fedele F. and Iris M. Fauri Memorial Lecture in Child Welfare, "How Will Same-Sex Marriage Affect America's Children?" Rauch is a highly regarded journalist based in Washington, DC, a correspondent for *The Atlantic Monthly*, a senior writer and columnist for *National Journal*, and a writer in residence at the Brookings Institution. He is the author of several books on government issues, culture and economics.

The Fauri Lecture is presented annually in recognition of former University of Michigan Dean and Vice President Fedele F. Fauri and his wife.

Drachler Students Visit Buenos Aires

Fifteen Drachler students and recent graduates from the Sol Drachler Program in Jewish Communal

Leadership at the University of Michigan traveled to Buenos Aires, Argentina in May to see how a vibrant, active Jewish community has risen to the challenge of terrorism and economic crisis. The trip was made possible by support from an anonymous donor and a grant from the University's International Institute.

During the week-long trip, students met with Jewish communal

professionals at the JDC, JAFI, Hillel Argentina, and a variety of agencies including day schools, Jewish Community Centers, and Radio Jai, the only 24-hour Jewish radio station in the Americas. Students also met with the professional staff of Caritas, Latin America's Catholic social service agency. The group had the opportunity to interact with Hillel students involved in Tzedek (social justice) programs throughout Buenos Aires. The number of Tzedek initiatives is particularly impressive given that Hillel Argentina began less than two years ago. Drachler students also joined with participants of Le'atid, the leadership training program for Jewish communal professionals sponsored by the JDC.

Students witnessed the creativity, professionalism, and enthusiasm of Argentina's Jewish communal professionals and learned how flexibility, dedication, and innovation have helped Argentina's Jewish agencies deal with an economic crisis that has devastated the middle class.

This is the Drachler Program's

Jamison Green

In October, Jamison Green, one of the founding members of the transgender movement and author of *A Visible Man*, spoke to faculty, staff and students about how to discuss transgender issues within the context of the classroom and beyond into practice and research.



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second student-initiated overseas trip; last year, students traveled to Ukraine to see how Jewish agencies there provide social services and have rejuvenated a long-dormant Jewish community. The Drachler Program aims to continue to offer its students a variety of international experiences.

For a first-hand account of the trip, see the article on page 4.

—Robin Axelrod is the director of the Sol Drachler Program in Jewish Communal Leadership

Doctoral Student Receives Society for Social Work and Research Award

Jung-Hwa Ha, doctoral student in social work and sociology received the SSWR 2005 Doctoral Fellows Award. According to the SSWR website, “The Doctoral Fellows Award recognizes doctoral students whose proposed dissertation research reflects innovative ideas and rigorous methodologies related to social work research, policy, or practice. SSWR Doctoral Fellows will be considered exemplars of excellence in doctoral level social work research and will receive special recognition at SSWR’s annual conference.”

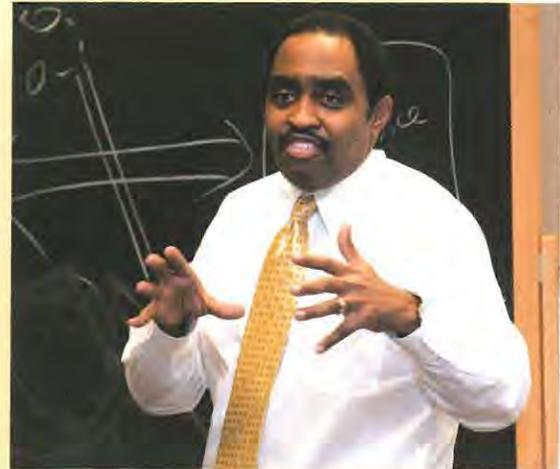
Henry J. Meyer Award Winner Announced

David Dobbie was named this year’s winner of the Meyer Award. Dobbie is a PhD student in social work and sociology; his award-winning paper was entitled “Building Solidarity Through Difference: A Critical Multicultural Model of Organizing.”

The Meyer Award, named in honor of Henry J. Meyer, the founding director of the Joint Program in Social Work and Social Science, is awarded annually for the paper that makes an original contribution to empirical or theoretical literature in a manner that integrates social work and social science. All students in good standing in the Joint Doctoral Program in

Emmett Carson

In February, the Nonprofit Management Center brought Emmett Carson, president and CEO of the Minneapolis Foundation, to the University of Michigan. During his visit, he spoke to Professor Michael Reisch’s Policies and Services for Social Participation and Community Well-Being class.



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Social Work and Social Science are eligible to compete for this award; papers are adjudicated anonymously by members of the supervisory committee of the Joint Program. Winners are awarded \$500 and their names are inscribed on a plaque that serves to acknowledging their contribution publicly.

Edith Gomberg Obituary

Edith S. Lisansky Gomberg, professor emerita of Psychiatry and Social Work at the University of Michigan, died peacefully in her sleep on January 8, 2005.

Dr. Gomberg earned her BA in Psychology at Brooklyn College in 1938,



her MA in Psychology from Columbia University in 1940, and her PhD in Psychology from Yale University in 1949.

She joined the Social Work faculty in 1974, and her pioneering research focused on alcohol addiction in older adults, particularly women. She was also a researcher in the U-M Department of Psychiatry’s Alcohol Research Center, held research appointments at the Ann Arbor Veterans Administration Medical Center, was a research scientist at the Institute of Gerontology, and was a faculty associate at the Institute for Social Research. She was named professor emeritus of Social Work in 1990.

During her career, she served in several leadership positions in the School of Social Work, the University, and the State. She also served many national and international scientific organizations.

Dean Paula Allen-Meares said, “Professor Gomberg was a pioneer. She charted a research agenda that was unique and cutting edge. Thanks to her, issues of substance abuse among women gained attention in psychiatry and in medicine.”

A funeral was held on January 12. Memorials may be sent to the Humane Society of Huron Valley, 3100 Cherry Hill Road, Ann Arbor, MI 48105, www.hshv.org.

DEVELOPMENT NEWS

Alumni Outreach

It was an exciting academic year as the Office of Development and Alumni Relations hosted nine alumni events between September 2004 and April 2005. According to Deborah Cherrin, the School's director of development and alumni relations, "one of our highest priorities is to strengthen our outreach and connection to alumni, and to facilitate our graduates being able to network with each other." Recent events attracted hundreds of alumni to receptions in the Detroit metropolitan area, Traverse City, Ann Arbor, Palm Beach and to a luncheon with Dean Paula Allen-Mearns for doctoral alumni in New York City. In previous months alumni events have been held in Chicago, Washington, DC, and Grand Rapids.

The School of Social Work also

hosted its very own Homecoming Tailgate on October 9 in the beautiful courtyard behind the School's building on South University. Football fans (and non-fans!) of all ages mingled and munched, enjoying the crisp sunny weather and the chance to chat with faculty and fellow alumni.

Cherrin says there is no single formula for choosing where the School is going to host an event. "The primary factor in choosing a location is to look at where we have the highest concentration of alumni," she explains. But there are other reasons, too. The School tries to balance a focus on Michigan cities where there are the highest concentrations of alumni with areas such as San Francisco and Boston, where there are significant "pockets" of graduates. At the same time, the School might capitalize on a university-wide event where U-M President Mary Sue

Coleman will be in attendance. Taking advantage of the resources being used to present a big event, the School of Social Work can host its own activity in coordination with the larger program.

Cherrin emphasized that one of the most powerful factors in choosing a geographic location is if there are local volunteers who want to help. "This is the kind of energy we are trying to inspire and support-working in partnership with interested alumni in a variety of geographic locations," says Cherrin. Cherrin invites alumni to get in touch with her at dcherrin@umich.edu if you are interested in having an alumni event in your area.



Deborah Cherrin

Alumni Gather at Matthaei Botanical Gardens



Alumni Gather at Matthaei Botanical Gardens



▲ Mary Ortega (MSW '86) and Carole J. Mayer (MSW '86) stop to pose with Dean Allen-Meares during the School's alumni reception at the Matthaei Botanical Gardens in Ann Arbor.



▲ Katherine Beck-Ei (MSW '01) introduces herself as a proud Social Work alumna to a crowd of over 80 attendees.



▲ Betsy Voshel discusses her role as the new Director of Field Instruction for the School of Social Work.



▲ (L to R) Derrick Padgett (MSW '90) and Kevin Hudson (MSW '94) chat with Dean Allen-Meares during the reception.



▲ Professor Tom Powell and Gareld Floyd Williams (MSW '54) visit over refreshments during a break in the program.



▲ New faculty members, Liz Gershoff and Julia Paley, talk with the President of the School of Social Work Board of Governors, Carol Wasserman (MSW '84), about upcoming activities and events.



▶ Dean Paula Allen-Meares kicks off the program by welcoming the School's alumni.

School of Social Work Receives McGregor Foundation Gift to Advance Geriatric Social Work

The School of Social Work has received a campaign gift of \$486,360 from the McGregor Fund to benefit its Geriatric Social Work Fellows Program. The award is the largest made by the McGregor Fund to the University.

The gift will be used to provide fellowships for social work students who do field work in a network of 28 Detroit-area community agencies serving older adults. The Geriatric Social Work Fellows Program provides critically needed social work interns to these agencies, expanding their capacity to provide professional social work services in area hospitals, hospices, geriatric centers and other agencies meeting the needs of seniors. "Geriatric fellows receiving the McGregor funds are placed in an ideal position to help deliver professional services that meet the needs of many elderly residents of Metropolitan Detroit," commented Letha Chadiha, professor of social work and one of the primary faculty responsible for securing the gift.

Students apply to be a part of the competitive program, and about 20 students are involved in each 16-month cycle, says Ruth Dunkle, the Wilbur J. Cohen Collegiate Professor of Social Work. With the help of the McGregor Foundation funding, more students will be able to participate in the program with expansion anticipated in Detroit, she says.

HOMECOMING INVITATION

Mark your calendars for the next School of Social Work Homecoming Tailgate! It will start three hours before the game on October 8, 2005 when Michigan will once again battle Minnesota for the Brown Jug. A limited number of tickets to the game will be available through the School. Please contact Katie Vawters in the School's Office of Development and Alumni Relations by August 1 if you are interested in purchasing tickets: 734-763-6886 or vakatie@umich.edu.

—SSW Development Office staff



Director of Field Instruction, Betsy Voshel, and her husband Geoffrey, stop by the School's tailgate for refreshments before the game.



Professor Robert Ortega (MSW '83, PhD '91) and his wife Mary Ortega (MSW '86) are taking their granddaughter Fatia to the Big House to see Michigan take on Minnesota.



Carolyn Grawi (MSW '91) and son, along with Christopher Maurer and his dad Joe Maurer (MSW '75), show off their school spirit.



Regent Olivia P. Maynard (MSW '71) and Dr. Lawrence Gary (MSW '67, PhD '70) are deep in discussion.

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ALUMNI NEWS

Alumni Profile

CAROL A. GOSS, MSW '72

Passion, hope and commitment fuel the vision Carol A. Goss, MSW '72, brings to her role as president and CEO of the Skillman Foundation, a Detroit-based philanthropy dedicated to improving children's lives.

Her 2004 appointment capped 28 years of national experience as a social worker and agency administrator in child welfare, family services and youth development. But Goss is not one to talk about personal achievement. Her focus has always been on helping others.

"From the time I was a member of Y-teens in high school, I knew I wanted to be involved in human services," she reflects. "As a sociology major at Michigan, I was offered the opportunity to take graduate courses in social work; this convinced me to go on for an MSW."

While some people struggle with career direction, Goss immediately felt in sync with U-M's strong community organization program. "I learned that social work held many options, and mine was working with individuals and families, but always within the context of neighborhoods."

She began as a caseworker focusing on children and youth, and for a time ran an emergency shelter program. In 1987, she was asked to spearhead a W.K. Kellogg Foundation project aimed at making one Detroit neighborhood "the best possible place for children to grow and develop"—work that continues today under the aegis of the Detroit Youth Foundation. She also served as a program officer for the Stuart Foundation in San Francisco where she has responsibility for child welfare grant-making.

By the time Goss joined Skillman as a senior program officer in 1998, she

was well attuned to the funding side of philanthropy. "It is very rewarding, but it is hard to give money away," she observes. "The needs are so great. It is so important to make really good decisions." In 2004, the Foundation reviewed some 350 letters of intent and 150 grant applications from public organizations and non-profits, dispersing nearly \$22 million.

Skillman's mission, "to improve the lives of children and youth in metropolitan Detroit by improving their homes, schools and neighborhoods," requires community-wide involvement, she emphasizes.

"We must get closer, work harder, reach out even further if we are going to make a difference." Her plan: build closer relationships with community-based groups already working in neighborhoods with young people; identify residents who already serve as "natural" helpers, who children turn to because their homes are safe and nurturing. She envisions a forum for community leaders to exchange ideas, gain technical assistance, and learn about model programs that have worked elsewhere.

"No one person or organization can take this on. It's going to take multiple partnerships across communities and across institutions," she points out, "including local and state government, education and health care organizations—not to mention service groups and individual volunteers. And the faith leadership has a tremendous influence, especially in communities of color."

Social workers have a key role in bringing people together to solve problems, Goss says. "On a personal level, it is rewarding to have chosen a career path that has had a positive influence on my

family." She and her husband, Tom Goss (BS Ed '68), raised three daughters who share their parents' commitment to public service. Anika Goss-Foster (MSW '95) directs the Detroit office of Local Initiative Support Corporation. Washington, DC attorney Fatima Goss Graves frequently does pro bono work; and Maloni Goss, an associate buyer for Ralph Lauren-Polo, does volunteer work in New York City.



Where others see problems, Goss sees progress. "The media has raised awareness of the issues; researchers have provided us good data on best practices; and we have organizations and individuals who are willing to take risks. I think we are finally reaching broad agreement that we all have to come to the table and make a difference, especially for children. I really am hopeful."

—Pat Materka, a former U-M staff member, is a freelance writer who owns and operates the Ann Arbor Bed and Breakfast.

Class Notes

1960s

Bunyan Bryant, MSW '65 was honored by the Sierra Club with an inaugural award in his name. Bryant, who is a professor at U-M's School of Natural Resources and Environment, was presented with the first Bunyan Bryant Award in recognition of outstanding leadership on environmental justice. Each year the club confers awards on individuals who have contributed to the protection of the environment.

Paul Francis Fetting, MSW '69 is a psychotherapist in the metro-Charlotte area. He resigned from the active priesthood and is married to his high school sweetheart.

1970s

Dr. Betty Brown-Chappell, PhD '71 is an associate professor at Eastern Michigan University in the School of Social Work. She is the immediate past-president of the Michigan Chapter of the National Association of Social Workers and was recently elected to be co-chair of the Association's eight-state Midwest Coalition. She also serves on the NASW's Aging Practice Section.

Linda S. Anderson, MSW '72 decided to make a career change in the early '90s, despite her love for the field of social work. She has been a full time portrait painter for the last twelve years. Visit her website, portraiteasel.com, to view some of her work.

Jerry Steele, MSW '74 wrote in to *Ongoing* about the 30-year anniversary for the class of '74. He wanted to pass along that he is forever grate-

ful to Charles Garvin and Shula Reinhartz and wishes thanks and peace to his classmates, Linda, David, Carolyn, Pat, John, Jim and Sue, as well as all of those he had an opportunity to work with while in school.

Stephen R. Kahoe, MSW '75 is in his 25th year of teaching in the social work program at El Paso Community College in El Paso, Texas. He also keeps busy as a part-time clinical social work consultant for two mental health programs in El Paso. Kahoe also teaches for the graduate program at the School of Social Work at New Mexico State University in Las Cruces, New Mexico.

Linda Bowman (Toepfer), MSW '75 is a community resource specialist establishing a data bank for the new Washtenaw 211 Project. She lives in Ann Arbor with her son.

Sherry Hansen, MSW '77 is a certified forensic examiner at the Center for Forensic Psychiatry under the Department of Community Health. She has been employed there since 1980. Currently, she is serving as the director of social work at the Center.

1980s

Andrew Safyer, MSW '80, PhD '86 has been appointed to the position of dean and professor of the School of Social Work at Adelphi University in Garden City, New York.

Jon Matsuoka, PhD '85 has been named dean of the School of Social Work at the University of Hawaii at Manoa. He has served as interim dean and

professor of the University of Hawaii at Manoa's School of Social work for four years. Prior to this he was chair of the masters in social work program and a member of the faculty for 19 years.

1990s

Yolanda (Cranford) Davis, MSW '91 won the 2003 School Social Worker of the Year award from the Michigan Association of School Social Workers. Yolanda and her husband Antoine currently reside in Romulus, Michigan with their four children.

Amy Ai, MSW '93, PhD '96 was featured in the November 5, 2004 issue of the *Ann Arbor News*. The article discussed a study that was conducted at the U-M Medical Center that looked at the link between faith and health-related well-being. Ai was a principal investigator in this study who has also been reported in the *Journal of Health Psychology* and *Aging and Mental Health*.

Lisa Robinson Lewis, MSW '93 is a social worker for high school and middle school students at Willow Run Community Schools. She was featured in an *Ann Arbor News* article about a program sponsored by the *News* called, "Warm The Children." In the article Lisa discusses how she has been able to use this resource for some of her students. Lisa also serves on the board of trustees of Superior Township.

Michelle Woods, MSW '94 has been named to the 2004-05 class of the U-M Center for the Education of Women (CEW) New Millennium Leader Series. Woods is the assistant

director of Student Services for the U-M School of Social Work. Currently, she serves on the executive board of the Women of Color Task Force, the board of directors for the Ann Arbor Community Center, and is the president of the Huron Valley Association of Black Social Workers.

Randall Ross, MSW '94 was appointed program development officer at the Guidance Center in Southgate, Michigan. He has been with the Guidance Center since 1995, most recently serving as the project director for the Downriver CARES AmeriCorps program. Prior to working at the Guidance Center, he was a Foundation Fellow at The Kresge Foundation. He and his wife, Tammy, and daughter, Maya, live in Wyandotte, Michigan.

Debra Barton Grant, MSW '95 was presented with the Goldsmith Award for Professionals for the Chicago Jewish community sponsored by the Jewish Federation. This award entitles her to additional support to further her academic education as well as being honored at the Federation's annual meeting in the fall. She will start a new position as executive vice president of the Jewish Federation of St. Joseph Valley in South Bend, Indiana. Contact information for Debby, Scott and son Jonah will follow once they've settled into their new home.

Donna (Conley) Birney, MSW '96 lives in south central Kentucky with her two-year old son, Ethan. She is a LCSW working with emotionally disabled children and their families.

Cinzia (Iadrosa) Garvin, MSW '96 is currently working as a psychiatric social worker for Kaiser Permanente of Northern California. She completed her license two years ago and is beginning a private practice.

Andrew Echt, MSW '98 was recently selected as the winner of the Innovative Idea Award presented by the Jewish Federation of Metro Detroit. The award, which is supported by Norman and Susie Pappas, goes to the Federation staff member who has successfully created and implemented an idea that has had a positive effect on the Federation. Echt's persistence with the Roundtable Forum, which gathers young, upwardly-mobile men and women in an informal setting to learn more about the community, led to his nomination. This honor was highlighted in an article in the January 27, 2005, issue of the *Detroit Jewish News*.

Rosalie (Zuniga) Galvan, MSW '98 of San Diego, California, was recently married to Darryl Galvan. Congratulations!

Carlin (Johnson) Politzer, MSW '98 is currently a psychiatric social worker at the Foster Care Mental Health Program in California. She and her husband, Ben, welcomed a baby girl, Maia James, into the world on April 17, 2004.

Catherine Luz Marrs, MSW '98 started the doctorate program in social work at Arizona State University this past fall. For the past several years leading up to her return to academia, she has been working with both children and adults in direct practice.

April Barlett, MSW '99 of Ypsilanti, Michigan, is a clinical social worker at the Veterans Affairs Medical Center in Ann Arbor. She will be transitioning to a new position at the VA as the social worker for an exciting new program, Home Based Primary Care. She will work with an interdisciplinary team providing home-based health care to veterans and support to their caregivers.

Renanit Levy, MSW '99 and Steve Maize added another member to their family on October 15, 2004. The family passed along these vital stats for their new daughter, Amarya Petra Levy-Mazie: 7 lbs. 13 ounces, 19.5 inches and 100 percent gorgeous. Well wishers may reach the family at smazie@bhsec.bard.edu or renanit@yahoo.com.

2000s

Blair Barton-Percival, MSW '00 and **Rachel Cannon-Percival**, MSW '00 married in June, 2001. In 2002 they purchased a beautiful home in the historic district just outside of downtown Greensboro, North Carolina. Their first child, Cole Thomas John Percival, was born on September 21, 2004, weighing 8 lbs. 15.8 ounces. They think by his size that they might have a future Wolverine athlete on their hands.

María L. Muñoz, MSW '00 and her husband, Jim Williams, welcomed their first child, Helena Maria, into the world on September 29, 2003. Maria serves on the board of directors for birthNETWORK, a non-profit organization promoting awareness of the benefits and availability of healthy,

normal pregnancy and childbirth through advocacy, information and support.

Jason Robiehand, MSW '00 is a LCSW and is currently working for the Carroll County Department of Juvenile Services as a family intervention specialist. He provides clinical case management services to adjudicated youth and their families after they return from out-of-home placement.

Rabbi Binyamin Biber, MSW '00 recently started a group called "SHALom—the Secular Humanist Action League" in Washington, DC. Its first program is to start a childcare center in DC with a progressive multicultural curriculum to open in the fall of 2005. He also works with Machar, the Washington, DC, Congregation for Secular Humanistic Judaism as well as Rabbinic Community Services.

Alfred Pérez, MSW '01 recently accepted a position as the senior program administrator for the Commission on Service and Volunteerism in the Office of Arizona Governor Janet Napolitano.

Tisha Fowler, MSW '02 is in her second year as a Presidential Management Fellow (PMF) with the National Cancer Institute (NCI) in Bethesda, MD. Through the PMF program she has been able to rotate through a variety of offices and work on an array of projects. She is currently working for the NCI/Office of Cancer Survivorship.

Amy K. Paterson-Sandie, MSW '02 and her husband, Scott, welcomed Mara Lorraine Sandie, their first child, on September 30, 2004. Paterson-Sandie works for the

Human Services Research Institute as a project coordinator. The family lives in West Linn, Oregon.

Allessia Owens, MSW '03 is a home-based clinical therapist for Development Centers, Inc., in Detroit. She works with high-risk minority families with mental health conditions.

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Linh Thuy Song, MSW '04 was recently appointed a Rockefeller Fellow by the William Joiner Center and its collaborative institutions and programs at the University of Massachusetts-Boston. The executive director of Man Non organization, she will revisit the images of the birthmother in art, literature and theater in her project, "Reconceptualizing the Narratives of Vietnamese Birthmothers: Relinquishment, Coping and Searching."

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