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At the Wege Lecture, left to right: Dean Beverly Ulrich, Kinesiology; Al Gore; Dean Paula Allen-Meares; and Dean Rosina Bierbaum, Natural Resources and Environment.

Dean Paula Allen-Meares is congratulated on her induction into the Institute of Medicine by Dr. Harvey Fineberg, the Institute's president.



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February 9, 2006
Michigan Theatre, Ann Arbor

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Palm Beach and Naples, Florida

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3:30pm

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Betsy Voshel, Erin Brackney, and Tim Colenback at the 2005 Student Awards ceremony.

MESSAGE FROM THE DEAN

While autumn is a time of new beginnings, this year at the School of Social Work it's also a time of great loss. As many of you have heard, Professor Carol T. Mowbray died in August of this year. She was my friend and colleague, and the School and profession will continue to deal with this profound loss for a long time. In January, the School is sponsoring a special session in her memory at the Society for Social Work Research annual conference in San Antonio. During the next several months, there will also be a special display in the Scholarly Publications Display Case in the McGregor Commons in the School of Social Work Building highlighting her scholarly contributions and publications. Her obituary is reprinted on page 6, and includes information on charitable giving in her memory.

In October, the School was honored to co-sponsor the School of Natural Resources and Environment's Peter Wege Lecture, delivered by former Vice President Al Gore. His talk focused on the impact that global warming is having on the predicted future of the planet, and on our impact on the phenomenon of global warming. This sort of sponsorship is illustrative of the interdisciplinary collaborations that are at the heart of the social work profession—I believe that social work is uniquely situated to bring the

best ideas of many disciplines together to find solutions to help the most vulnerable people in our society.

The University recently opened the Detroit Center (you can read about it on page 4). As a catalyst for this project, I'm thrilled to see its completion and I will keep you up to date on the activities there.

Marianne Udow, director of the Michigan Department of Human Services, delivered the 2005 Fedele F. and Iris M. Fauri Memorial Lecture in Child Welfare, addressing child welfare at the state level from a public health perspective. The next Fauri Lecture will be in fall 2006—watch your mailbox for a save-the-date card announcing the speaker!

We continue to host alumni events throughout the state, and those who attended had a great time at our 2005 Homecoming Tailgate Party. Please reserve October 28, 2006, for next year's event and plan to join us!

We're always happy to see alumni visiting our building—the next time you're nearby, please stop in to say hi, enjoy the artwork, check out the new Faculty Book Wall near the Educational Conference Center and check in with the alumni office on the fourth floor for opportunities to get involved with the U-M School of Social Work.



Paula Allen-Meares, Dean
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AL GORE PRESENTS WEGE LECTURE ON GLOBAL CLIMATE CHANGE

The School of Social Work, in collaboration with the School of Natural Resources and Environment, Center for Sustainable Systems, Division of Kinesiology and the Office of the Vice President for Research sponsored the 5th Annual Peter M. Wege Lecture featuring former Vice President Al Gore on October 24th at the Power Center for the Performing Arts. Gore's lecture titled "Global Climate Change" was an enlightening and informative explanation of the causes and effects of global warming and its implications for present and future generations around the world.

Throughout Gore's political career, spanning more than 30 years, he has been a devoted advocate for the environment. For him, working to sustain the environment is not just a political issue, but it is about something much more fundamental.

"This is an issue about who we are as human beings. It is about the future of the human species," he stated. "We are here to use political processes and freedom to communicate the truth of our situation."

As stated by Paula Allen-Meares, part of the mission of the School of Social Work is to "improve human conditions and enhance the lives of the more vulnerable components of our population." As Gore pointed out, if global warming continues unchecked, future generations could be faced with catastrophic changes. If the disaster of Hurricane

Katrina, whose intensity is being blamed on warmer ocean temperatures, is any indication of what is to come, many of the world's most susceptible populations could be the most adversely affected.

Gore's lecture was comprehensive and scientific in nature including graphs and a plethora of data resulting from years of research. However, some of the most disturbing information came in the form of photographs taken of glaciers throughout the world. The audience was noticeably affected by photos placed side-by-side showing various glaciers taken over a span of several years. One of the most heart wrenching was that of Mt. Kilimanjaro, whose glacier has almost completely disappeared.

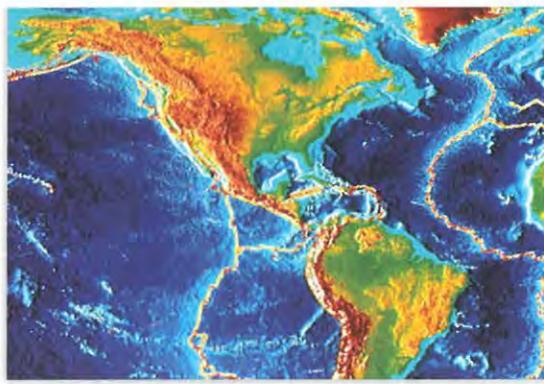
Gore explained that the melting glaciers have many implications for present and future generations. Perhaps most notably is the rapid pace at which glaciers in the Himalayas are melting. These glaciers supply many of Southeast and Central Asian rivers, which billions of people rely on for water. Once they have melted, these rivers will dry up, crippling an already vulnerable population.

Another by-product of global warming is drought, like those that have affected the African and Asian subcontinent recently. As Gore explained, higher temperatures result in more moisture evaporating from the soil. The effects of this have already been seen in the faces of those

starving in Africa and India. To bring the point home, Gore warned that America is not immune from this threat. If temperatures on the planet continue to increase at their current levels, 65% of soil moisture could be lost over large expanses of the United States, leaving the Midwest unable to sustain crucial crops.

It is warnings such as these that should have social workers taking notice. Gore stated that global warming is as much a moral issue as it is political, and we have to face the moral consequences of our actions. With conviction, he quoted Winston Churchill who warned against procrastination as the world was questioning what action to take against Adolf Hitler. "Humanity is entering into a time of consequences," Churchill stated, and Gore believes the world has again entered into a time of consequences with global warming.

"What gives us the right to inflict this experiment on future generations," Gore asked the audience. "Never again, we have decided" he stated, referring to America's stance after 9/11. He then showed a slide of what would happen to Manhattan were the Arctic ice cap or the Greenland glacier to melt, as is predicted will happen if current rates of temperature increase are not addressed. The entire downtown area, including the World Trade Center site, would be submerged. "We should be concerned with things alongside terrorism," he said, "not just terrorism."



As his presentation drew to a close, he addressed the three misconceptions the public has about global warming. First, he pointed out that many lawmakers and lobbyists have suggested that there are disagreements within the scientific community regarding global warming. However, in a recent study, over 900 scientific articles that have been published during the past few decades were reviewed, and none disputed that global warming is a reality.

Second, Gore addressed the misconception that Americans must choose between the environment and the economy. Aware of the fact that he was in front of an audience in Michigan, Gore discussed the auto industry. The fact that American cars do not meet the environmental standards of many other countries proves that it is in the financial interest of American automakers to produce a more environmentally-friendly product.

The final misconception Gore discussed was that it is too late to try and fix the problem. With another illustrative graph, he displayed data showing that if many of the current technologies in existence were implemented, greenhouse gases would signifi-

cantly decrease and damage could actually be reversed.

Gore concluded by asking the audience, "Are we capable of doing big and different things in this world?" As he posed the question, images flashed on the large projector screens depicting some of

the world's greatest achievements including man landing on the moon, the signing of the Declaration of Independence, the fall of Communism and the end of Apartheid.

As social workers, many of these examples should be especially significant as they are instances of people coming together

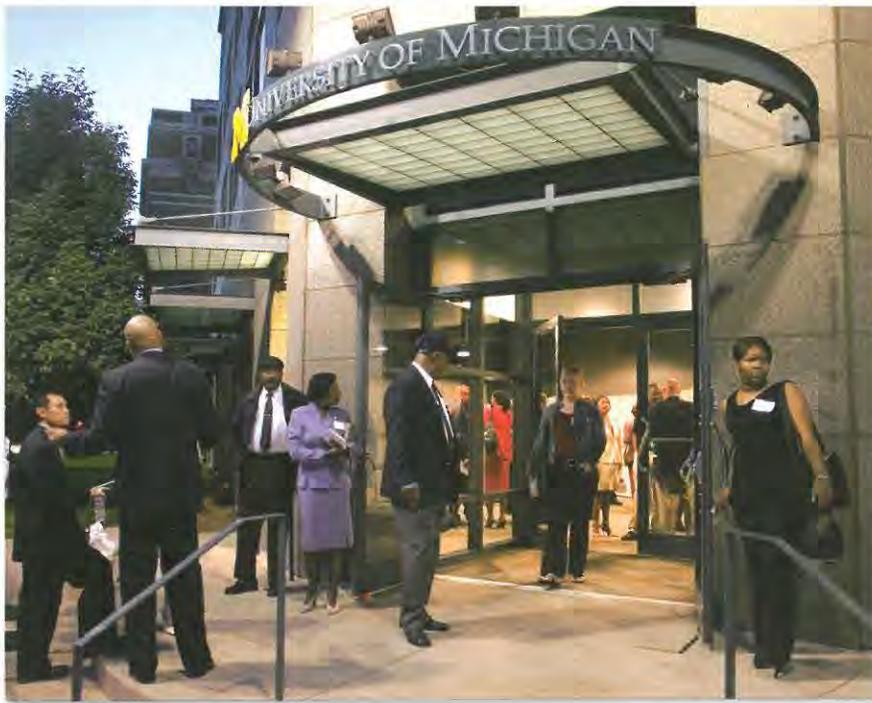
to end injustices and oppression. With 2005 in the record books as the hottest year, and the number of major storms, including hurricanes, typhoons, and tornadoes rapidly increasing, the effects will be felt on a global level, and it will be social workers on the front line in the aftermath.

Concluding his presentation with a slide of the earth appearing as nothing more than a speck of dust in the infinite universe, Gore captured the spirit of his message by stating, "It is our only home. Its inhabitability is in danger. It is up to us to keep our eye on the prize."

—Amanda S. McCaughey is a member of the Dean's Office staff.



U-M Photo Services, Martin Vloet



U-M Establishes Detroit Center at Orchestra Place

Editor's note: Dean Allen-Meares assisted in initiating the U-M Detroit Center and serves on its steering committee.

The University of Michigan has established a new 12,000 square foot U-M Detroit Center on the ground floor of Orchestra Place. The facility opened this fall and will provide a home for dozens of longstanding programs that U-M operates in Detroit.

"The University of Michigan was founded in Detroit in August 1817, and we have remained committed and connected," said U-M President Mary Sue Coleman. "Providing a home for our many Detroit projects in the heart of the city's cultural center makes us far more visible and accessible and enables us to be a part of its revitalization. We look forward to the way this center will facilitate a more reciprocal give-and-take between U-M and Detroiters."

Eighteen U-M units will share the \$512,000 annual cost of supporting the center. The facility will provide offices and space for classes, meetings, exhibitions, lectures and collaborative work while serving as a home base for students and faculty working on projects in Detroit.

Anne Parsons, president and executive director of the Detroit Symphony Orchestra, said: "In welcoming the University of Michigan to our 'campus,' the DSO is achieving one of the primary goals that we sought when creating Orchestra Place: to revitalize the Orchestra Hall neighborhood and stimulate new development. The breadth of U-M activities that will take place here is thrilling, bringing the best and the brightest to our immediate environs and furthering the development of this part of the Woodward corridor as a cultural and educational Mecca."

University faculty, students and staff currently commute from Ann Arbor to work on projects without the benefit of a physical headquarters within the city. As a result, meetings and other Detroit events often have had to be hosted by Detroit-based organizations, making for a lopsided relationship. The lack of a central Detroit office also makes it harder for U-M to share information about the broad spectrum of activities U-M holds in Detroit.

A sample of the dozens of U-M-related activities and programs in Detroit includes: the Detroit Community-

Academic Urban Research Center, the Taubman School of Architecture and Urban Planning's Detroit Design Charrette program and Studies in Urban Security Group, the School of Social Work's Center for Urban Innovation and REACH Detroit, the School of Art and Design's Detroit Connections and collaborations with city artists and U-M Dearborn's Institute for Local Government and Pluralism Project.

Paula Allen-Meares noted that universities can serve as resources to create opportunity while community members know best what changes and improvements they need. She added, "The U-M School of Social Work has much to learn from the people of Detroit, and can offer them much in return. Together we can truly have a positive impact on the city of Detroit."

Additional U-M units involved with the project include the Office of the Provost, School of Public Health, the School of Education, the School of Information, the Division of Kinesiology, the School of Music, the Ford School of Public Policy, the Horace H. Rackham School of Graduate Studies, the School of Natural Resources, School of Nursing, the Ginsberg Center, the Arts of Citizenship Program, the Center for Afroamerican and African Studies, the Residential College, and the College of Literature, Science, and the Arts.

The new Orchestra Place center will be housed at 3663 Woodward Ave. The nearby area includes educational institutions like Wayne State University and the College for Creative Studies as well as cultural and art destinations like the Max M. Fisher Music Center, the Detroit Institute of Arts, the Detroit Science Center and the Charles H. Wright Museum of African American History.

—Excerpted, U-M News Service

NONPROFIT LEADERS' CAREERS TAKE MANY DIFFERENT PATHS

According to Penny Bailer, executive director of City Year Detroit, careers in nonprofit management aren't always a straight path. "In some cases, people zigzag," says Bailer. "You work for one organization for a while and often you leave after a few years to go to the corporate sector or another nonprofit. Then, one day you find yourself back at the organization where you began your career, but at the management level."

Bailer was one of three nonprofit executives who participated on a panel co-sponsored by the University of Michigan Career Center and the Nonprofit and Public Management Center (NPM). NPM is a collaboration between the Schools of Business, Public Policy and Social Work.

Bailer's career path was more like a U-turn than a zigzag. She started out as a piano performance major at the University of Georgia. Then, upon graduation she worked for the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). Later, she decided to stay home to raise her children and found herself entrenched in the nonprofit sector as a volunteer. Over this 12-year period, her participation on multiple boards and committees led to her selection as the executive director of the Girl Scouts of America in Detroit, a position she held for 17 years before coming to City Year. She was also active in the public spotlight when elected to the Detroit Board of Education in 1999.

Susan Katz Froning, president and CEO of Nonprofit Enterprise at Work (NEW), agrees that the nonprofit career trajectory varies for many executives. "Coming to NEW," says Froning, "I spent 14 years as a lawyer at Ford Motor Company. I managed a team, negotiated deals around the world, and juggled responsibilities to multiple stakeholders.

My skills were certainly transferable to the nonprofit sector. Today, I report directly to the board of trustees at NEW, manage an eight member staff, and have to multi-task times ten."

NEW, a management support organization, provides a wide range of services to the local nonprofit community. Program offerings include a workshop series for nonprofit staff and directors, board trainings, technology and website assistance, the Borders Group nonprofit public library, and ResourceConnect, a nonprofit resource database.

Laurel Davenport, executive director of the South Toledo YMCA, took a more traditional route to nonprofit management. Davenport graduated from the University of Michigan School of Social Work with a concentration in Management in Human Services. She worked at the YMCA in Ann Arbor as a senior program director, where she was responsible for both childcare and camp programs.

"I had been working in childcare," says Davenport, "but really didn't know anything about camp programs when I was offered the position in Ann Arbor. But part of being a successful leader is having the energy and drive to take on a challenge." Davenport adds that acknowl-

edging your own mistakes is also an important part of the responsibility of good leadership.

"The first year as an executive director is a blur. Everyone is checking you out, and in my case I really had to change the culture of the workplace. I also recognized that I got involved with too many things like committees and groups." In her second year as executive director, she set more focused priorities, while still maintaining strategic ties with other community organizations.

The prerequisite knowledge necessary for effective nonprofit leadership may vary slightly from one organization to another, however the executives agreed on three key ingredients for success: strong written and oral communication skills, the ability to multi-task, and flexibility.

"I spend a lot of my time in meetings," says Froning. "Some of them are planned and some of them are not. I also spend 40-50% of my time fundraising for my organization. This may or may not be in the executive director's job description but it is a reality of the sector. Overall, there is a real extrovert element to this job."

Audience members asked panelists about the differences in management positions between the corporate and the nonprofit sectors. "To me," says Bailer, "you need to find out what turns on your social justice nerve. To some extent you might be able to do this in the corporate sector. But in the nonprofit sector you do it all of the time. Ultimately, in any sector, it is important to have the maturity to know what you want to do and go for it!"

—Jennifer M. Acree graduated April '05 with a concentration in Management in Human Services and a minor in Social Policy and Evaluation.

FACULTY NEWS

IN MEMORIAM

University of Michigan Professor of Social Work and Associate Professor of Psychology Carol T. Mowbray died on August 23, 2005, of cancer. She was co-director of the School of Social Work's Center for Poverty, Risk, and Mental Health. From 1996–2001, she was the U-M SSW associate dean of research. Her nationally and internationally cited research and many publications focused on community integration and recovery for adults with serious mental illnesses,



especially homeless persons, and those with co-occurring substance use disorders. She also helped to develop a special emphasis on women who are mentally ill (especially those who are mothers) and their children. She developed and evaluated the effectiveness of interventions for disadvantaged mentally ill populations, focusing especially on consumer-run and supported education programs in various locations.

“Carol was one of the profession’s intellectual giants,” said Paula Allen-Meares, professor and dean of the School of Social Work. “Although I could identify a litany of her intellectual contributions,

one that is most notable is that she designed and conducted the only experimental trial of supported education—an intervention designed to assist adults whose post-secondary education was interrupted due to mental illness. This community-based intervention is being replicated throughout the country.”

Professor Mowbray earned her B.S. in psychology and mathematics and her M.S. in psychology from Tufts University, and her Ph.D. in developmental psychology from the University of Michigan. Prior to joining the U-M SSW in 1994, she was an associate professor and director of the research office at the Wayne State University School of Social Work in Detroit, and was a clinical professor of ecological/community psychology at Michigan State University.

For nearly a decade, Professor Mowbray was the director of research and demonstration projects for the Bureau of Program Development and Quality Assurance at the Michigan Department of Mental Health. Prior to that, she held several positions as an evaluator for the Michigan Department of Mental Health.

“I could never possibly express my gratitude for Carol’s influence on me both as a professional and as a person,” said Rich Visengardi, acting director of the Wayne County Mental Health Board. “The experience of working for Carol (at the Michigan Department of Mental Health) exceeded all my expectations and became much more than simply working for this bright and passionate woman who was clearly ahead of her times. She became both a mentor and a friend. Her legacy is a key motivating factor for all of us to pursue the right things.”

She was a tireless advocate of psychosocial rehabilitation, especially supported education, and a willing and capable mentor to countless doctoral students, junior faculty members and colleagues during her career.

“Carol’s focus on psychosocial rehabilitation grew from the idea that everyone, regardless of disability, can have a productive role in the life of the community,” said colleague and friend Mark Holter, assistant professor of social work at U-M. “This is completely congruent with Carol’s well-deserved reputation for mentoring colleagues and students. She enjoyed collaboration and truly valued diverse input. In recognition of her important research contributions and her mentoring, Carol was deeply respected by mental health researchers from around the world.”

Assistant professor of social work at Washington University, Deborah Megivern (MSW ’94, PhD ’01), said, “Dr. Mowbray believed passionately in the potential of research to improve the lives of people with serious mental illness. Over the years, many former clients who have benefited from her interventions approached her to express their gratitude for her stigma-challenging program ideas. Dr. Mowbray was also known for her amazing mentoring abilities, in part because of her willingness to mentor professionals who have serious mental illnesses. Just as she worked to cultivate positive change in research populations, she energetically offered her expertise to future generations of mental health researchers.”

Professor Mowbray was a prolific author, contributing more than 130 scientific articles, chapters and books. The recipient of numerous honors and awards over the course of her career Professor Mowbray was honored most recently as the 2005 recipient of the American Psychological Association’s (APA) Harold Hildreth Award. The award is given annually to a senior professional whose career and accomplishments embody the highest principles of public service. In addition, the U.S. Psychiatric Rehabilitation Association announced recently that its

Early Career Research Award has been renamed the Carol T. Mowbray Award.

She is survived by two sons, Orion and Nicholas. She was preceded in death by her husband, Sherman Mowbray. Condolences may be sent to Orion and Nicholas Mowbray, 5460 Prairieview, Brighton, Michigan, 48116.

A funeral was held in August, and a memorial service was held in September at the Michigan League Ballroom at the University of Michigan.

At Professor Mowbray's request, in lieu of flowers a scholarship fund to support doctoral students planning to conduct research in the area of psychosocial rehabilitation has been established. Contributions can be sent to the Carol T. Mowbray Scholarship Fund, U-M School of Social Work, 1080 S. University, Room 4733, Ann Arbor, MI 48109-1106. Gifts can be made by credit card by calling the School of Social Work Development Office at (734) 615-3402.

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

RECENT PUBLICATIONS

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Mental Health

Li, L.W. (2005). From caregiving to bereavement: Trajectories of depressive symptoms among wife and daughter caregivers. *Journal of Gerontology: Psychological Sciences*, 60(4), 190-198.

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Research and Evaluation

Pawlak, E.J., and Vinter, R.D. (2005). Designing and planning programs for nonprofit and government organizations. San Francisco: Jossey-Bass.

HONORS AND AWARDS

In October 2005, Paula Allen-Meares was inducted into the Institute of Medicine of the National Academies.

Letha Chadiha participated in the NIMH-funded curriculum meeting, REACH-SW, in Washington, D.C. This past summer, she presented the paper "Physical well-being of urban and rural African American female caregivers: Same or different?" at the International Social Work Practice Research Symposium in Albany, New York. She has also been asked to serve a second term (2005-2007) as a National Research Mentor with the John A. Hartford Geriatric Social Work Faculty Scholars Program, co-sponsored by the Gerontological Society of America.

Jorge Delva has been named editor-in-chief of the NASW journal *Social Work*.

Matthew O. Howard was invited to present a paper at the National Institute on Drug Abuse Neuroscience Center at the

National Institutes of Health in November as part of the Inhalant Abuse among Children and Adolescent Conferences co-sponsored by the Fogarty International Center. He also moderated a session at the American Society of Criminology in Toronto in November of this year on prescription drug use on college campuses in North America.

Sean Joe was appointed to the editorial board of *Advancing Suicide Prevention Magazine*. He is one of two social workers on the board.

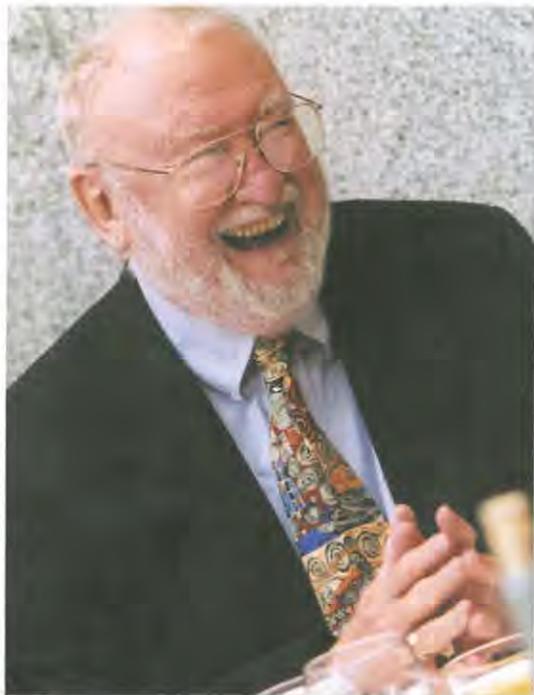
Daphna Oyserman has been named an American Psychological Society (APS) Fellow. Fellow status is awarded to APS members who have made sustained outstanding contributions to the science of psychology in the areas of research, teaching, service and/or application. She was also a featured participant at the Second Biennial Sundberg Conference on Cultural and Community Psychology, Linking Culture to Individual Differences and Change, in October at the University of Oregon.

Trina Williams Shanks delivered testimony to the United States Senate on building assets for low-income families.

Mieko Yoshihama has been awarded a \$1.9 million grant from the Centers of Disease Control and Prevention "to develop, implement, and evaluate a socio-culturally relevant primary prevention program to reduce first-time physical intimate partner violence (IPV) in an Indian community in Metro Detroit."

WILLIAM BIRDSALL

P“Retirement” is one of the last words one would use to describe the life of Bill Birdsall these days. Although he retired from the School of Social Work in 2001, Birdsall’s wide-ranging intellectual interests engage him in teaching a sophomore honors seminar on “The Evolution of



William Birdsall

Cognition and Social Science Ways of Knowing” in the College of Literature, Science and the Arts; reading voraciously on the topics of philosophy of science and evolution; and participating in the study “Seeking Justice in Child Sexual Abuse” with Professors Kathleen Faller and Karen Staller. He also plays bridge with his wife Libby, travels, and spends time with their daughter’s four young children, who live in Ann Arbor.

Knowing Birdsall’s eclectic personal history, the range of his current activities comes as no surprise. He was a Jesuit for sixteen years and a priest for three. He studied philosophy and theology besides receiving a Ph.D. in economics from

Johns Hopkins University. His Jesuit roommates at Hopkins were studying classics, biology, mathematics, physics, and chemistry, so he “got to know lots about the way other disciplines actually operate on a day-to-day basis.” This informal learning, which he describes as “absorbing things by osmosis,” contributed further to his insatiable and wide-ranging intellectual curiosity.

As an economist, Birdsall lived in Washington, D.C. and worked for five years as a researcher at the Social Security Administration. For two of those years he lived with other priests in the slums, and his house was an informal youth neighborhood center. He jokes that he practiced community organizing without knowing it. Before coming to U-M in 1973, he taught economics at McMaster University in Canada. Phil Fellin, dean of the School at the time, hired Birdsall because he had “teaching and research interests in social policy and social welfare, and the credentials to provide a link between the School’s doctoral program and the U-M economics department.” Birdsall taught classes in research, evaluation, social policy, and statistics. He continues to conduct research with Beth Reed on a study comparing alcohol, tobacco, and drug use among women in the fifty states.

When asked how he would describe his contributions to the School of Social Work, and the social work profession, Birdsall turns the question around to ask, “What did the School of Social Work do for me?” For someone whose professional approach to knowledge was quantitative, he says that his interactions and intersection with the social work profession taught him diagnostic truth. He says, “I can think a little bit like a philosopher, and I can certainly think like an econo-

mist, but I love to tackle the kinds of problems that are interdisciplinary.” When Faller asked him to join a study on childhood sexual abuse in Western Michigan, he found himself moving beyond his expertise in quantitative research to lecturing on clerical sexual abuse and conducting one-on-one interviews in an extensive qualitative study led by Staller.

John Tropman, a colleague and close friend, says that Birdsall was “such a great addition to our faculty because social work is something of a faith, and Bill knows about faith and its limitations and problems.” Tropman was the one who suggested that Birdsall teach a sophomore honors seminar. The topics have included political science, social policy, and now the evolution of cognition. During winter term 2006 Birdsall plans to include a section on Helen Keller. Birdsall is intrigued by her because she argued she was not handicapped, despite being blind and deaf.

Looking back on his life and career, and asked if he would change anything in his life, he says emphatically, “No,” and goes on to add, “I don’t know how people can imagine changing anything in their lives. Becoming a priest seems a mistake, in a sense. Leaving the priesthood was very difficult, and it was very important that I did it, but being a priest, and a Jesuit, was the way I learned to think and learned to empathize. It was important for me that I did not stay in an economics department, because I would not have been very happy as a narrow economist. Social work broadened my horizons greatly.”

—Robin Adelson Little is a
freelance writer in Ann Arbor.
She is a past editor of *Ongoing*.

AROUND THE SCHOOL

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Marianne Udow

Fauri Lecturer Discusses Child Welfare from Public Health Perspective

In November, director of the Department of Human Services Marianne Udow delivered the 2005 Fedele F. and Iris M. Fauri Memorial Lecture in Child Welfare, "Child welfare in Michigan: What do we know, where do we go? A public health perspective on child welfare."

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

Copies of the monograph will be available soon. To request one, please contact the Alumni Office at ssw.alumni@umich.edu

Dissertations Defended

Yael Harlap (Social Work and Psychology) "How children and parents in peace activist families make sense of the war in Iraq and domestic anti-war opposition"

Shawna Lee (Social Work and Psychology) "Balancing acts: Possible selves and the transition from Welfare to work"

Anthony J. Mallon (Social Work and Political Science) "Employers and Welfare to Work: Assessing decisions about retention of new workers"



Alumni Panel Discusses Job Options

In October, the Joint Doctoral Program in Social Work and Social Science and Conversations Across Social Disciplines sponsored an alumni job panel featuring Richard English (MSW '64, PhD '79), provost and chief academic officer, Howard University; Debra Hernandez Jozefowicz-Simbeni (PhD '02), assistant professor, Wayne State University; Suzanne Gelber Rinaldo (MSW, '73, PhD '81), partner, the Avis Group, Berkeley, CA; and Lambert Maguire (PhD '79), professor, University of Pittsburgh.

Doctoral Students Honored

Recent graduate Luke Bergmann's (Social Work and Anthropology) "Owners, occupants and outcasts: Young drug hustlers in Detroit, making money, time and space," was awarded one of only eight Distinguished Dissertation Awards by Rackham.

Drachler Student Elected to NASW Board

Sarah Beth Levine, second-year MSW student in the Sol Drachler Program in Jewish Communal Leadership, has been elected to the NASW Board.

MSW Student Awarded Scholarship

Jennifer Satorius has been selected for the AARP Scholars Program and will receive a \$5,000 scholarship. She is among 30 students receiving the scholarship nationally.

Julia R. Huttar Bailey

DEVELOPMENT NEWS

STUDENTS ARE OUR BEST INVESTMENT

Awards Ceremony Draws Over 200

At the U-M School of Social Work we know that our best investment is our students, the people who will be the next generation of leaders in the

compassion, and commitment. First-year MSW student Annie Dunsky is one of 25 recipients of the Community-Based Initiative Fellowship, created in part through gifts to the School of Social Work's annual giving program. Initially thinking of becoming an engineer or mathematician, Annie changed her career path after taking an undergraduate course with Social Work

Professor Lorraine Gutierrez. "I would not be here today without the help of people like you," wrote Annie in a recent thank-you letter to alumni donors. Currently the average debt for a School of Social Work master's student is \$75,000. MSW students are particularly disadvantaged because they will typically earn less than

other professionals throughout their work lives.

Annie and nearly 90 other students will be honored at the 2006 Student Award Ceremony which will take place on March 21, 2006 at the Michigan League. For more information about making a scholarship gift please contact the School's development office at (734) 763-6886.

Michigan Difference Weekend Celebrates Volunteers

On October 14, 2005, members of the School of Social Work Campaign Task Force from across the country

met in Ann Arbor to continue its work in an unprecedented effort to raise \$16.5 million to support the School's students, faculty, and research programs. The meeting was part of a University-wide special event, Michigan Difference Weekend, when campaign volunteers and donors from all University units came together to celebrate the campaign's progress.

In a report to the School of Social Work Task Force the School announced that it has raised \$15,130,000, which is 92% of its total goal. Director of Development Deborah Cherrin pointed out that the School is pleased with its progress, however, "the School still has a ways to go in terms of meeting its goal of generating \$5 million for student support. We are proud that we've achieved 67% of that goal, and we look forward to using the rest of the campaign, through 2008, to make sure that goal is met. Our students are depending on us."

Regent Olivia Maynard and Dr. William Pickard are co-chairs of the School of Social Work Campaign Task Force. The other members are: Helen Charlupski of Brookline, MA; Helen Pregulman of Chattanooga, TN; Richard and Susan Rogel of Avon, CO; Dr. Vivian Shapiro of Princeton, NJ; Dr. Kristine Siefert of Ann Arbor, MI; Dr. John Tropman of Ann Arbor, MI; Sally Schmall of Saline, MI; and Robert Wollack of Novi, MI. Advisors are Robert Aronson of Bloomfield, MI; Larry Moses of New Albany, OH; and Dr. Gilbert Whitaker of Houston, TX.



Recipients of the McGregor Fellowship in Geriatric Social Work stop to pose after the 2005 Student Awards Ceremony. (From left to right) Nicole Ceterski, Jennifer Illig, Karina Robles, and Jennifer Satorius.

social work field. The 2005 Student Awards Ceremony was the School's biggest yet, drawing 230 attendees who came together to honor the MSW and Ph.D. students who had earned scholarship and fellowship support during the 2004-2005 academic year. Hosted by Dean Paula Allen-Meaers, the Student Awards Ceremony is an opportunity to bring together faculty, students, and their families to salute the award recipients as well as recognize the donors whose generosity makes the awards possible.

Our 605 MSW and 80 Ph.D. students bring with them idealism,

ALUMNI NEWS

Alumni Profile

AGNES CHAN, MSW '89

Visiting the University of Michigan for the first time in 15 years, Professor Agnes Chan brought with her a message of hope and a proposal for collaboration that will benefit generations of Americans, how they live, and perhaps how they remember their lives. Her expertise in neuropsychology has led her down an interesting path for a social worker that leads directly to the core tenet of the profession: making a difference.

Dr. Chan graduated from the U-M SSW Joint Doctoral Program in Social Work and Social Science (Experimental Psychology). She continued on to pursue her Ph.D. at University of California, San Diego and San Diego State University, but it is to her experiences at the U-M that Chan credits the current trajectory of her work. It was here that she met Dr. Rosemary Saari, and it was here where her field placement took her to the Veterans Administration hospital.

Originally interested in the theories of psychology, her field placement experience allowed her into a locked ward and unlocked for her some mysteries of the human mind. In the hospital setting, she interacted with an old veteran, suffering from aphasia—or the loss of his ability to communicate. The vet could not speak his name clearly, and yet could recite entire poems from memory. It was this experience that led Chan to understand that neuropsychology was unlike other forms of intervention. Memory loss, she found, is multi-dimensional and can include both physical and psychological components.

Adding to Chan's interest was a conversation with Dr. Rosemary Saari which prompted her to consider the work she (Chan) was doing and asking "Is what I'm doing making a difference?" Chan has kept this question in the forefront of her mind, stating "I always ask 'Is this changing peo-

ple's lives? Is this world different because of this research?' And I phrase my research questions in very meaningful ways."

Chan's research questions bridge two unique perspectives: the philosophies of the East and the medical science of the West. In her work, she seeks to identify complementary therapies that are useful in two different arenas: improving the memory skills, or slowing the degeneration of memory skills, in elderly populations, and assisting youth in performing better in schools, minimizing behavior problems, and also improving memories.

Chan's initial work included observation of two groups of elderly persons. One group performed cardiovascular exercises, while the other performed mind/body exercises based in the Eastern philosophies (e.g. Tai Chi). Both groups performed equally well in cognitive function and memory skills to a certain point, typically between the ages of 50-65. While Tai Chi and other mind/body-based exercise is generally thought of in American circles as less effective than pure cardio, Chan found that those in this group perform better in cognitive functioning and memory skills at later stages of aging. Both groups performed better than those who had no physical exercise.

She conducted a complementary study utilizing similar methods in two childhood populations. Chan found that, similar to the elderly populations, the children who practiced mind/body exercises had far fewer behavioral problems, performed better academically, and had better memory skills than their peers. Conclusions of the study were that both the relaxation aspect of the mind/body and physical activity helped the brain function, and together the two offered great results.

Results of Chan's work have been published in numerous journals, and will be forthcoming in the *Journal of the American Geriatric Society*. Tai Chi is only one possibility in the potential of applying her work to the American population. America, she says, is becoming more open to ideas from other cultures, especially in response to their aging population.



Chan sees the opportunity to utilize various interventions she is exploring in the treatment of autistic children or stroke patients, among others. Combining traditional aspects of Eastern culture with Western medicine—for example, observing mind/body exercises and utilizing EEGs to track resulting brain functions, will take the best of both worlds, yielding a better program of intervention and the potential to help multiple generations of Easterners and Westerners alike.

You can read more about Professor Chan and her work at www.psy.cuhk.edu.hk/~aschan/

—Melissa Wiersema is the special projects coordinator for the School of Social Work.

1950s

Teruko Ohashi Sugimoto, MSW '56 is currently a professor emerita at Hyogo College of Medicine. She has had a very successful career starting in the late 1950s when she became the first Japanese medical social worker in Japan, and then later published the first textbook in Japan on medical social work. Teruko is still active in the field as she is involved with various nonprofit organizations that focus on families and organ transplants.

Lila Swell, MSW '58 was a visiting professor at U-M SSW from 1964 to 1965, a professor at the University of Chicago School of Social Services from 1965 to 1970, and a professor of humanistic psychology and educational psychology at Queens College since 1970. She has written many articles and four books: *Success: You Can Make it Happen*; *Self Esteem in the Classroom: Techniques for Teachers*; *Let's Work it Out: A Problem Solving Journal and Teachers Guide*; and *My Success Journal and Teachers Guide*. She presents a program on conflict resolution and self esteem in schools, colleges and hospitals throughout the country, and she's been in the media for her work nationally and internationally. She appears in several editions of *Who's Who* and received the President's Award at Queens College for Excellence in Teaching.

1960s

James D. Troester, MSW '63 has had his manuscript, "Experiences with Implosive Therapy," accepted for publication in the *Clinical Social Work Journal*. It is tentatively scheduled to appear in the 2006 fall issue.

Bunyan I. Bryant, Jr., MSW '65 received a U-M Regents' Award for Distinguished Public Service in October 2005. He is a professor of natural resources.

Marcia T. Mindell, MSW '69 recently retired from the Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health after 35 years of employment. As a retiree, Marcia is still keeping busy! She works part-time training mental health staff to work with older adults and teaches a graduate course at USC's School of Social Work. Marcia is also a partner in a private consultation business that

conducts continuing education courses for licensed clinical social workers, marriage and family therapists and registered nurses.

Richard G. Thibodeau, MSW '69 is currently directing the editing and coordinating production of the *Detroit Metro Diversity Directory* for Southeast Michigan. Richard is also working on a new book that discusses Detroit in the 21st century, and in his spare time is a freelance writer covering a variety of social issues for the *Detroit Free Press*.

1970s

Richard A. English, MSW '64, PhD '70, was presented the prestigious Distinguished Alumni Service Award from the University of Michigan Alumni Association at a special awards ceremony this past fall. The award, which is presented annually, recognizes alumni who have distinguished themselves "by reason of services performed on behalf of the University of Michigan, or in connection with its organized alumni activities." The Distinguished Alumni Service Award is the highest honor the Alumni Association can bestow upon an alumna/us on behalf of the University. Dr. English currently serves as provost and chief academic officer at Howard University.

Diane Keller, MSW '70 is the director of social work at Shorefront Jewish Geriatric Center in Coney Island, New York. She raised two daughters and now lives at the South Street Seaport in New York City.

Ann (Johnson) Frisch, MSW '71 was professor of education and human services at the University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh. She is co-creator of a new graduate certificate program in global education, "On Becoming a Global Citizen." She's involved in the Wisconsin Network for Peace and Justice and the Fox Valley Peace Coalition. She's also a photographer and has lived in Guatemala and Malaysia.

Olivia P. Maynard, MSW '71 was inducted into the Michigan Women's Hall of Fame in October. She was also appointed vice chair of the University of Michigan's Board of Regents. Libby will serve a one-year term beginning July 1, 2005 and will succeed to the position of chair in 2006.

Libby and her husband, Olof Karlstrom, reside in Goodrich, Michigan.

Adelina Ortiz de Hill, MSW '72 spent most of her career as a social work professor and the director of medical social services. She also spent much of her time writing, and prepared accreditation and reaccreditation reports for two university programs. Now retired, she has written a book about her experiences growing up in the southwest with thoughts about identity and the place of people in America called *Sol, sombra y la tierra* (Sun, shade and the land).

Edward J. Pawlak, PhD '73 and co-author Robert Vinter (professor emeritus at the U-M School of Social Work) recently published a new book, *Designing and Planning Programs for Nonprofit and Government Organizations*. The book walks readers through the entire process of program planning and can be ordered online at www.josseybass.com. Edward is a consultant in the nonprofit and government sectors.

Brenda McGadney-Douglass, MSW '75 made her third research trip to Ghana, West Africa, this past summer. Brenda is continuing to collect data for an ongoing study of internally-displaced women in northern Ghana. While there she will also be teaching an introduction to social problems course at the University of Ghana for a delegation of U.S. students. Back home in the States, Brenda is an associate professor of social work at the University of Toledo in Ohio.

Joel T. Nowak, MSW '75 has marked his 25th year as president of Finch Realty Corp., a commercial/industrial real estate firm on Long Island (which he notes is a far cry from social work practice...). His wife of more than 30 years is a clinical psychologist with an inner city hospital in Brooklyn, where they live. Their older son is a graduate of Brown University, and teaches and works in the theater in Brooklyn. Their younger son is Ann Arbor-bound, and will be a member of the LSA Class of 2009.

Katie Pelz-Davis, MSW '75 was featured in the May 15, 2005 edition of the *Ann Arbor News* for her role as leader and board president for a group of organizers that are trying to establish a Wellness Community Center in Southeast Michigan. The center would offer

support services to cancer-affected families. Katie is a family therapist in Ann Arbor as well as a lecturer for the U-M School of Social Work.

Mark A. Hahn, MSW '77 retired from the Veterans Health Administration after more than 30 years of service to veterans and their families at V.A. Medical Centers in Michigan, Florida and New York. During that same time period he also served as an adjunct professor at four different colleges. Mark lives in Naples, Florida where he continues to write grants for nonprofit and provides clinical social work services to the elderly through Medicare-certified home health care agencies.

Eugenia (Koos) Patru, MSW '77 received the Pro Bono Publico Award from AIDS Law of Louisiana, Inc. in June. The award honors individuals who give their time and talents to advance and protect the legal rights of people with HIV and AIDS. Eugenia lives in New Orleans where she conducts a clinical and forensic social work practice.

Kathleen Buescher Milligan, MSW '78 was honored at the sixth national gathering of the Social Enterprise Alliance (SEA) in Milwaukee for her efforts to "build the field" of social entrepreneurship in St. Louis. She has been a leader within her community, promoting the concept that nonprofit should continually look for sustainable funding solutions. Kathleen is currently the president and CEO of Provident Counseling.

Sallie Foley, MSW '78 published *Sex & Love for Grownups: A No-Nonsense Guide to a Life of Passion* in June 2005. The book has been praised by national critics and been covered by media outlets, including the CBS "Early Show."

Virginia Isaacs Cover, MSW '78 is the development officer for the Cody Center for Autism and Development Disabilities at Stony Brook University. She is also the project coordinator for the Suffolk Medical Home Network: Integrated Services for Children with Special Health Care Needs. Virginia and her husband Al have two sons, Jonathon, a high school senior, and Joshua, a U-M graduate who received his B.A. in political science and history.

Christine (Guldager) Henrickson, MSW '79 is the president of the Society of Social Work Leadership in Health Care (SSWLCH)—Michigan Chapter. The SSWLCH helps to facilitate networking and inform its members about educational opportunities. If you are interested in learning more about this group or would like to attend their annual conference in October, please contact Chris at chrisgh@umich.edu.

1980s

Debra Mattison, MSW '81 authored the cover story for the March, 2005 issue of *Hematology Oncology: News & Issues*. The article was entitled, "The Forgotten Spirit: Integrating Spirituality in Oncology Health Care." Debra is an oncology social worker at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital Cancer Care Center in Ann Arbor and is also a lecturer at the U-M School of Social Work.

Patricia Sager, MSW '81 was featured in the April 12, 2005 *Monroe News* for being selected as Social Worker of the Year for Region A by the Michigan Association of School Social Workers. Patricia has worked for the Flat Rock School District since 1995, where she oversees general education social work for grades four through eight and is in charge of special education social work for the entire district. Patricia and her husband Dick have two children, Chris and Amy.

Scott Virgo, MSW '81 received the 2005 Lisa Putnam Award for Excellence in Child Welfare from the National Association of Social Workers Michigan Chapter. Scott is a foster care worker for the Washtenaw County DHS and has worked with children and families in the public service system for more than 30 years.

Timothy Colenback, MSW '88 was reappointed as the assistant dean for student services at the U-M School of Social Work. His appointment is from April 1, 2005 through March 31, 2010. Tim and his wife, Dana Barton, live in Ann Arbor.

1990s

Amy L. Ai, MSW '93, PhD '96 is a researcher at the University of Michigan in integrative medicine. Her work has been published recently in the *Journal of Psychosomatic Research* and the

International Journal of Psychiatry in Medicine. She was also part of a White House Conference on Aging—the first since 1995.

Martha J. Atkinson, MSW '93 is serving on the board of the Jung Society of Michigan and is also a trustee and board member of the Jung Center in Evanston, Illinois. She is currently a Jungian analyst in private practice with offices located in Ann Arbor and Bloomfield Hills, Michigan.

Patricia Fero, MSW '93 published a new book, *Mining for Diamonds*, which discusses how people call upon both internal and external resources to create resiliency and overcome adversity. She signed copies of her book at Ann Arbor's Crazy Wisdom store in June 2005. Patricia is a psychotherapist at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital and in private practice in Ann Arbor, Michigan.

Jan Johnson Gaertner, MSW '93 wrote to say that she remembers taking a class with Brett Seabury, and at the culmination of the class, they discussed what they hoped to accomplish with their degrees. She responded that she planned to do "great things" with her degree. She wasn't sure what that would be, but she was sure it would be GREAT. At the time she graduated, she was working for the State of Michigan as a foster care worker. She was promoted and, after earning ten years with the state, she left and is now a school social worker with the Saginaw Intermediate School District, which she loves. She also teaches social work at Central Michigan University. She does individual psychotherapy at Child and Family Services in Saginaw, and enjoys the clinical setting. Her youngest son attends U-M Flint, is on the Dean's List and plans to transfer to the Ann Arbor campus soon. Her oldest son attends Central Michigan University and has declared social work as his major.

Jeff Levin, MSW '93 and **Jim Rosenberg**, MSW '95 were named as two of the 25 participants that were chosen to participate in the United Jewish Communities Mandel Executive Development Program. The program trains candidates for professional positions in the top 40 Jewish federations throughout North America. Participants are selected for this program because of their exceptional leadership abilities and management skills.

Dana Rhodes, MSW '93 and **Debra Barton Grant**, MSW '95 published the Jewish Communal Professionals of Chicago/Sulman's report, *Good Business: A Best Practices Guide to Retaining and Advancing Women in Jewish Communal Service*. The guide focuses on work-life balance and shattering the glass ceiling. The report can be found online at www.jcsana.org.

Greg Steinberger, MSW '93 received the Israel on Campus Coalition's (ICC) Outstanding Collaborative Project Award for his work fighting divestment in the University of Wisconsin system. Greg is currently the executive director of the University of Wisconsin Hillel.

Sam Sokolove, MSW '96 has been named the new executive director of the Jewish Federation of Greater Albuquerque, New Mexico. Sam started his new position in August, 2005. Prior to this appointment he was serving as the executive director of the San Diego chapter of the American Jewish Committee, an international think tank and advocacy organization.

Kari (Grosinger) Alterman, MSW '97 has been promoted to director of leadership development at the Jewish Federation of Metropolitan Detroit.

George H. Bascom, MSW '97 is the director of the Wayne County Juvenile Detention Facility in Detroit, which houses, treats and counsels nearly 200 youth awaiting outcomes in the county justice system.

David Crampton, MSW '97, PhD '01 recently issued a call to action in an op-ed in the *Cleveland Plain Dealer* to solve the foster care dilemma for Cuyahoga County's (Ohio) African American children. His opinion piece has generated quite a response from community leaders and members who want to take action.

Pamela (Graben) Gharaibeh, MSW '97 started a private practice working with children and families in Plymouth, Michigan two years ago. Due to the success of her practice, Pamela is now being considered as a finalist in the Best New Service of the Year category for the Stevie Awards for Women Entrepreneurs. Pamela is also the founder of a bi-monthly networking group for therapists in and around the Plymouth area.

Ida Kogan, MSW '97 was featured recently in the *Detroit Jewish News* for her participation in a benefit for Congregation Beth Shalom's program for new immigrants, Circle of Friends. She has been part of a duo for 17 years, and they performed Yiddish, Hebrew and English songs to start the evening.

Terrence Daryl Shulman, MSW '97 has published a new book, *Something for Nothing: Shoplifting Addiction and Recovery*. He has been featured on numerous television and radio shows as well as in newspapers and magazines for his research on the subjects of shoplifting addiction and employee theft. Terrence lives in Michigan and offers addiction counseling services as well as professional seminars and security consulting for business, legal, retail and mental health professionals.

Andrew Echt, MSW '98 is one of three people who will run the daily operations of the Jewish Federation of Metropolitan Detroit. He'll serve as the chief financial resource and development officer, and will oversee the annual campaign, endowment, marketing and all other fundraising.

Amy Gross, MSW '98 was recently engaged to Michael Kinstlinger. Congratulations!

Daniel Herzberg, MSW '98 Lives in San Mateo, California, where he has a thriving private practice including educational consulting to teens, accelerated personal development consulting to adults, employed training and development to local corporations and professional training in hypnosis. He is enrolled in a doctoral program in clinical hypnotherapy and is working on a book series for adults and teens.

Jennifer Abernathy, MSW '99 has been hired as a grant writer for the Blue Water Center for Independent Living, a consumer-based organization designed to serve persons who have physical, psychiatric, sensory, cognitive and multiple disabilities. This organization is located in Jennifer's home town of Port Huron, Michigan.

Jena Connor, MSW '99 was promoted last year from social worker to supervisor of the emergency response court unit with Mendocino County Children's Services in California. She supervises three social

workers and a social worker assistant, as well as serving as the court liaison and handling all court-related matters for the children's services units. She continues to work toward her LCSW. She recently bought her first home and is spending all of her spare time painting and unpacking—she loves being a homeowner.

Renanit Levy, MSW '99 was promoted to director of programming for the Commission on Jewish Identity and Renewal at the UJA-Federation of New York.

Stefanie Pessis Weil, MSW '99 announces the birth of Simon Eli Weil in August 2005.

2000s

Richard J. Smith, MSW '00 successfully completed the Presidential Management Fellows program at the Office of Community Renewal in the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. While there he managed a \$190 million grant portfolio of Empowerment Zones. In the fall of 2005, Richard began pursuing his Ph.D. in social welfare at the University of California-Berkeley.

Christopher Atkins, MSW '01 is program director and assistant professor at Southern Adventist University in Chattanooga, Tennessee. He plans to begin working on a doctoral degree in a few years.

Susan DeLuca, MSW '01 has completed her first year in the Ohio State University doctoral program in social work. Her research focuses on Latino/as, particularly with adolescent suicide. She also teaches a minority perspectives class at Ohio State, but assures us she's still a Blue fan.

Deborah Goldfarb, MSW '01 was named the new top executive for the Jewish Federation of Greater Long Beach and West Orange County, California. Prior to this appointment, Deborah was the associate executive vice president of the Columbus Jewish Federation in Ohio, where she oversaw the annual campaign and developed a program called Partnership 2000 which links the Jewish community in Columbus with Israelis in the city of Kfar Saba, Israel.

Paula Weckman, MSW '02 is a clinical social worker in the area of hematology and oncology. In February 2005, she and her husband, Michael, welcomed their first child, Morgan Marie.

Aaron Price, MSW '03 married Sarah Nathanson in April 2005. For the past two years, he has been a clinical social worker for the Safe Harbor program, which is part of the Boston Public Health Commission. The program is a 20-bed residential shelter program for homeless individuals with HIV in early recovery from addiction.

Jerry Reynolds, MSW '03 is the campus minister for justice and spirituality at Spring Hill College in Alabama.

Bill Cabin, MSW '04 is the director of program integrity and accountability at Youth Consultation Service, New Jersey's largest child welfare organization that helps to support group homes, institutional facilities, foster care programs, community-based programs, special education schools and a multi-site autism program. Bill is also pursuing a joint Ph.D. in social welfare and an M.P.H. at the Hunter College School of Social Welfare at City University of New York.

Jenell Clarke, MSW '04 has been awarded an NIMH-funded CSWE fellowship.

Carmen Maria Perez, MSW '04 obtained a position as a research assistant with the Child Welfare League of America in Washington, D.C.

Andrew Ravin, MSW '04 was awarded the Petrie Fellowship by the Carroll and Milton Petrie Foundation in the fall of 2004. This fellowship identifies select students as future leaders in public education and requires recipients to commit to teaching a term in the New York City public schools. Andrew, who graduated from Teachers College at Columbia University with an M.A. in English education in 2005, began teaching 6th grade English this past September.

Danielle (Rosenow) Nelson, MSW '04 is the Russia/Kazakhstan program coordinator and social worker for Children's Hope International, an international humanitarian aid and adoption agency. She lives in St. Louis, Missouri.

Alyssa E. Cohen, MSW '05 started a new position in July, 2005 as the Campus Advancement Associate for Hillel: The Foundation for Jewish Campus Life. She will be working out of the Charles and Lynn Schusterman International Center in Washington, D.C.

Siegal Eli-Ger, MSW '05 has secured a clinical appointment with Chicago's Jewish Family and Children's Services Center.

Danielle Steinhart, MSW '05 recently had an article called "Teens get in the spirit" published in the *Miami Herald*. She is the youth director at Temple Beth Orr in Coral Springs, Florida.

School Plans Alumni Directory for 2006

If you're looking to reconnect with your old college classmates or if you're interested in finding other U-M Social Work alumni in your area, we have some very exciting news for you. The School of Social Work is pleased to announce that we are in the process of publishing our first-ever Alumni Directory. The School has teamed up with University Publishing Corporation (UPC) to help produce this fantastic networking tool, which is due to be published in late 2006.

Over the next few months make sure to check your mailboxes for your directory packet. Enclosed in this packet you will find information on the directory project as well as an alumni data survey. Everyone that returns a completed survey will receive an Alumni Directory at no charge. We are asking for a voluntary payment of \$25 to help cover the cost of the directory; however this payment is not necessary in order to receive your book. If you have any questions or comments about the Alumni Directory project, please contact Lindsey Rossow in the School's Alumni Relations Office at (734) 615-3402 or via e-mail at lrossow@umich.edu.

IN MEMORIAM

Ruth N. Shade, MSW '59
March 5, 2005

Halloway C. Sells, Jr., MSW '59
March 24, 2005

Barbra L. Linton, MSW '70
April 11, 2005

Kathleen M. Huiskens, MSW '93
April 25, 2005

Robert Hunt, MSW '73
May 25, 2005

Carol Annen Wischmeyer, MSW '85
June 18, 2005

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