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are doing  
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# Letter

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*Greetings Alums, Colleagues and Friends!*

In the spring of 1979, I was employed as a school social worker at an urban high school in Indianapolis, Indiana. During the week of spring break I traveled through Athens in route to Cordele, Georgia to visit my parents. Athens was not exactly on the way, but I went to Athens to visit my sister who attended the university. During my visit, I made a casual stop at the School of Social Work. Dean Charles Stewart, whose office was adjacent to the lobby, came out to greet me. As you may know, Dean Stewart is passionate about social work education, having served as Dean for 31 years. However, he is also a sports fanatic and after learning of my Cordele roots, he inquired incessantly about Cordele native Tree Rollins, who at the time was a Clemson basketball star and who later distinguished himself as an NBA standout with the Atlanta Hawks.

In addition to our conversation about Tree Rollins, Indiana University basketball, and the sports news of that day, we talked about my social work practice experience and the fact that I was a doctoral candidate at Indiana University. Shockingly and surprisingly, Dean Stewart proceeded to assemble every professor he could find to interview me. Dean Stewart, Pauline Lide, Merle Foeckler, Richard Anderson, David Levine, Kay Bigham and perhaps a few others gathered in the Dean's conference room to interview me for a prospective position in the School. Needless to say, I was ill-prepared for the interview. Although I thought I stumbled through the interview, they flew me back two weeks later for a more formal session. Well, the rest of the story is history. In June 1979, I taught my first class at the University of Georgia School of Social Work.

In addition to the members of the impromptu interview committee, my subsequent meetings with Katheryn Davis, Herb Jarrett, Ray Mills, Stanley Gellineau, Jim Pippin, Myrtle Reul, Ruth Weber and others played a vital role in my decision to join the Social Work faculty. These pioneers in our School taught me some valuable lessons, which continue to serve me well in my current role as Dean.

As I reflect on pioneers, I am delighted to personally invite each of you to celebrate our School's achievements at the inaugural All Class Reunion, which will be held on November 10-11, 2006. Several emeriti faculty including Dean Charles Stewart and Dean Bonnie Yegidis will participate in this festive event. See page 20 of this magazine for more information on this event.

I am delighted to report that our faculty continues to excel in research productivity, teaching excellence, and public service. The School's development and fundraising has increased significantly to support student scholarships and other initiatives and our student enrollment is up. As of fall semester 2006, our student body exceeds 540: 149 BSW, 342 MSW, 36 PhD, and 16 MNPO. In addition, 22 students completed the Argentina Study Abroad Program and 12 completed the Ghana Study Abroad Program during summer 2006.

The School continues to make progress in offering innovative programs and services to our outstanding alumni, and I appreciate your fervent support. I am proud of the outstanding achievements of our alumni, and I look forward to working in partnership with you as we continue to serve the needs of our various constituents and advance the national stature of our School.

Sincerely,

  
Maurice Daniels



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**Alums at the 2006  
African American  
Families Conference**



# Former Faculty Roll Call

## *Where are they now?*

“My most vivid memories are of the wonderful, outstanding, insightful, caring students that I had the honor to teach and to learn from.”

**Kathy Davis**

### **Merle M. Foeckler**

**Years of Service:** 1964–1982, 18 years

**Thoughts:** My first memory of the University of Georgia School of Social Work goes back to June of 1964 when I arrived in Athens, GA tired from a trip from Florida and suffering with an abscessed tooth. Dean Stewart and Paul Deutschberger wanted me to join them immediately to plan for the School to start in September 1964! The first three months were exciting, hectic and intellectually stimulating. We did it! I taught the first class, Human Behavior, to 14 students. They graduated in 1966 much to their and the faculty's joy!

Establishing the field instruction program was my most challenging and rewarding experience and accomplishment. The second was the development of the “Agency/Community Assignment”. This led to invitations to lecture in Sweden many times from 1968–1978. It was in Sweden that I met a Swedish Army officer and married him in 1978. I retired from the School in 1982 and now hold the title of Associate Professor Emerita.

I have kept in touch with several former students over the years, including Donna Carson, Lynne Lieberman, Mellie Patterson and Linda Richardson. I enjoy seeing Betty Bellairs of the first class, Gerald Daley and Freman Walker from time to time as well as many faculty and staff, both present and former.



**Merle Foeckler and Ray McNair**

### **Ray MacNair**

**Years of service:** 1975–2003, 28 years (plus adjunct teaching to the present)

**Current Activities:** I have taught one or two courses in the School each semester until now. I also work with various groups trying to establish the living wage standards at UGA, in the Athens-Clarke County government, as well as in major businesses and to promote the integration of Latinos into the living wage standards in workplaces. We need to organize to promote a fair economy in this county and in the state. When I'm not working with various causes, I enjoy jogging, hiking, watching “Law and Order,” and traveling with family.

**Moments of achievement at the SSW:** Some achievements include the development of a Human Resources Council in Early County, Blakely, GA; when I was selected president of the national association for community organization and social administration (ACOSA); performance as Director of Admissions 1998 to 2003.

**Biggest challenge to the profession today:** Balancing funding of jobs with needs for democratic advocacy and empowerment, organizing and attaining environmental justice and sustainable development.

**Other thoughts:** My wife drags me to “Queen Events” and so I call myself a Drag Queen. She is a gay rights and AIDS activist, as well as a peace activist, and I am proud of her.

## Letha (Lee) A. See

**Years of Service:** 1982–2000, 18 years

**Current Activities:** Dr. See is hard at work writing a new book entitled *Human Behavior in the Social Environment from an African American Perspective*, Second Edition, Haworth Press.

## Kathy Davis

**Years of service:** 1973–2000, 27 years (plus adjunct teaching to the present)

**Current Activities:** I'm still involved with the School as an adjunct faculty member and member of Development Council and Board of Visitors. I love teaching so I appreciate the opportunity to continue doing something I love with no other responsibilities. In addition to teaching, I own CMC Services [Consultation, Mediation, Counseling (Bereavement)]—Private Practice. I am working on a casebook regarding bereavement counseling. I am a mediator for UGA through their Legal Services Office. My free time has to be deliberately planned. It is spent mostly with family and friends, specifically, my grandchildren (Lauryn, 7; Harold III, 4) and my 83-year-old mother. Additionally, I am an avid reader, specifically of mysteries, and I belong to a book club. And I love music.

**Moments of achievement at the SSW:** Becoming the BSW Program Director; Serving as the Marshall for the first BSW graduates at UGA Commencement Exercises; Recipient of

Travel Grant for Study Abroad with Neighbors for a visit to Minatitlán, Veracruz, Mexico; Recognition for Superior Teaching/ UGA Teacher of the Year; Designation of Emeriti Faculty at retirement.

**Biggest challenge to the profession today:** Full recognition and understanding of the profession's role in society. The effective use of contemporary theories of practice that relate to a diverse society.

**Other thoughts:** My most vivid memories are of the wonderful, outstanding, insightful, caring students that I had the honor to teach and to learn from.

## David Levine

**Years of service:** 1969–1990, 21 years

**Current activities:** I am still connected with the School in a number of ways. I serve on the SSW Board of Visitors, and this upcoming school year I will be serving as a Field Instructor at the Georgia Council on Aging, sharing educational responsibilities with the executive director, Melanie McNeil. Occasionally, I am a guest lecturer in classes at the School. I am a founding member and continue to be a board member of the Athens Community Council on Aging as well as a member of the board of the Georgia Council on Aging. *Note from the editor:* Dr. Levine is also a wonderful amateur photographer, and supplies the School with many pictures of our events!



David Levine, Letha See, Jim Pippin, Kathy Davis, Jim Gaudin and Dick Anderson.



**Moments of achievement at the SSW:** Being recruited by Dean Charlie Stewart and Paul Deutschberger, with a lot of help from Norm Polansky and Merle Foeckler made my decision to move to Athens most attractive. Ray Mills and Jeff Townsend, colleagues then, had been students of mine at FSU and made adjusting to the School quite easy. John Wodowski and I, taking advantage of the School's field placements in the Department of Psychiatry and Health Behavior of the Medical College of Georgia, developed the planning document for the PhD program at the School. During these years, the curriculum revolved around a Second Year placement of six months that enabled the School to use the Augusta hospitals, Eisenhower Army Hospital, University Hospital, the Medical College of Georgia and the VA Hospital, which provided a generous number of stipends. I helped to organize the Interfaith Council on Aging. Several of my students like Harriet Cohen and Darrell Watkins were involved in the organization of the Interfaith Council.

**Biggest challenge to the profession today:** Meeting the needs of our changing population dynamics. The mix of immigration and aging; this will require expanding school enrollments. Our robust doctoral programs guarantee that our knowledge base will keep pace with the shifting population. Retaining the distinctive quality of practice, the skill of helping—from individual, family, group and system—will be imperative!

## Ray Mills

**Years of service:** 1967–1999, 32 years

**Current Activities:** When I retired I was asked what work I would be doing in the future. My response was, I will be retired and enjoying the many hobbies I have not had the time to pursue. One of my newly developed interest is cooking large quantities of chicken, ribs, and tenderloin for charity, friends and especially for the Tucker Hall tailgate group at UGA home football games. Another major interest is golf, which I use as a source of regular exercise, typically walking 18 holes of golf at least twice a week.

**Memories of the SSW:** In the beginning I worked in the graduate program and in the early 1970's joined the group of faculty charged with establishing an accredited BSW program. Some of my best memories were of the, not infrequent, long hours spent in developing the BSW program, which was accredited in 1974. Not surprisingly, the students from that era are some of

the ones that are etched in my memory. The majority of my 32 years at the School was spent serving as a BSW faculty member along with an eight year stint as the BSW Program Director.

**Other thoughts:** Each Fall I look forward to seeing former students and colleagues at the tailgate gatherings.



## Allie Kilpatrick

**Years of service:** 1972–1996, 24 years

**Current Activities:** After so much teaching, administration, and research, I am back into direct practice now. I have worked with the Red Cross in disasters in many states and Puerto Rico as a volunteer in Mental Health since retiring. Just this year I have started serving part-time as a chaplain in a Hospice setting. I have about eight patients that I visit and for whom I provide spiritual care, and I work with bereaved families individually and in groups. I feel that all I have experienced in my life has prepared me for this special work, and I am most appreciative for this opportunity. I want to serve more in this practice area.



**Moments of achievement at the SSW:** The formulation of our first undergraduate field education program and the presentation of it at a conference at the University of Montana; The development of the School's International Education Program with the student exchange with the University of Xalapa in Mexico each summer; Participation in the joint effort with the College of Education and the College of Family and Consumer Sciences to develop the Pre-professional Certificate Program in Marriage and Family Therapy. One thing I am proud of is the textbook I authored with the assistance of my co-author, Tom Holland, and many of our UGA faculty who wrote chapters. The book is *Working with Families: An Integrated Model by Level of Need*. It is now in its fourth edition and is being used all over the U.S., Canada and in some foreign countries. It was a real challenge to develop the book to use with my own students, and they field tested it for me in our classes. I enjoyed working with the chapter authors who are experts in their fields and from many different states and universities. Also I have had several researchers who have corresponded with me after reading my research book and chapters on Sexual Experiences of Children and Adolescents. They were very complimentary. I even had a psychiatrist researcher from Australia look me up and come to my town and home to visit me because of it. He stated that he saw my work as "the most important research in the child maltreatment area for a hundred years."

**Biggest challenge to the profession today:** Keeping the personal relationship in social work education and services with all the impersonal technology involved. As Perlman said, "the personal relationship is the heart of social work."

**Other thoughts:** I am enjoying retirement, but I do miss the old faculty and students.

## James "Jim" Pippin

**Years of service:** 1972–1998, 26 years

**Current activities:** Pastor of the Friendship Presbyterian Church in Athens and other community work.

**Time remembered at SSW:** The student/faculty fellowship at Charlie's (Dean Stewart) lake—great volleyball games!

**Challenges faced while at UGA:** In 1981 when I wrote the federal grant that launched the part-time MSW program in Savannah, Milledgeville and Athens. It was a major faculty effort to mount a night program in three locations in addition to the ongoing full-time program. There were 121 (I think) part-time students and 70 odd full-time students. Everybody had to work hard together and we did!

**Other thoughts:** My social work career ended when I retired. I now simply identify myself as a "retired social worker". I do wish the School continued success.



▲ Joann and Charlie Stewart in front of the volleyball net and on the site of many SSW parties.

## Dean Charlie Stewart

**Years of service:** 1964–1995, 31 years

**Current Activities:** I work Wednesday through Sunday at the store (Attic Treasures in Madison, GA). We sell historical documents and artifacts. My interests are the Civil War and American Indians, but we have some of everything. The Bobby in front of the store has been well pictured around the nation. The store started four years before I retired, but I have worked here regularly since 1995. When I'm not working, I do a lot of reading in fields that I didn't have time for before, like Anthropology. And I live on an old farm, so I do a lot of mowing and things like that. And I visit with my grandchildren.



◀ Assistant Professor Stacey Kolomer, Laura Ciucevich and Charlie Stewart examine an antique German Lugar in Attic Treasures in Madison, GA.

**Memories of the SSW:** My work was my life. And if I could give you a quote, I would say that life everyday was a pleasure in the School. I had a lot of other offers for jobs that would typically have been considered better, but I wanted to stay at Georgia and see that through because that was a great opportunity that I had to develop that School.

In 1964, on the first day I walked in, I didn't even have a desk. The first thing I did was order a desk. The next thing I did was to interview secretaries. And then to start getting faculty, and I looked back at those who had taught me. And so I got Paul Deutschberger, he was our first associate dean and some other faculty members I knew from places I'd been. People like Dave Levine and Merle Foeckler. The university gave me great support and a good budget. I wanted to get the best people.

For decades the attitude was let's all work together for the goals of the School of Social Work. We were a close group. And we were well known for volleyball games! Today, I couldn't get away with it. I'd buy two kegs of beer, and we'd make hotdogs and such, and we'd have all the students and faculty out for a student-faculty volleyball game. The volleyball court is still there. You have to go

the lake and through the daylily garden to get to it, but the same net is there—an old tennis net that I converted.

**Biggest challenge to the profession today:** Empirical substantiation of social work practical wisdom.

**Other thoughts:** Thirty one years and eight months of service to the School, the university, and the profession constitutes an immensely gratifying career. I've already bought my tombstone and had it inscribed, but if I had put what I wanted to put on it, I'd have put something about that job.

## Katie Thompson

**Years of service:** 1973–1996, 23 years

**Current Activities:** I am still active in causes that brought me into social work in the first place—though my role is as a citizen rather than as a social worker. I am still designing, training and teaching, writing grants, gathering data for projects, doing grass-roots organizing, and engaged in advocacy around causes that have been concerns throughout my life. Over the last 2 years, I spear-headed local efforts to advocate for voter-verifiable paper ballots, and recently I voted for the first time on an electronic voting machine that was equipped with the required voter-verifiable paper record since we were successful in securing that as a requirement by state law last year. I am





the coordinator of the Training Committee of the Transylvania County Democratic Party, the first such effort to provide training for political organization and advocacy in this organization's history. I am also the Secretary for my Democratic Party precinct and have worked in many ways to revitalize the Party here. I have worked, over the last five-and-a-half years to create the first ever non-partisan Voter Guide for the county, as the Chair of the Voter Guide Project for the American Association of University Women. I wrote a grant that was funded by the State AAUW for our project and our branch received state and national awards for this work. I marched in Washington in 2004 with over 100,000 others to preserve a woman's right to choose and oppose government enforced pregnancy and have stood with my friends and many people far more courageous and tenacious than I in vigils outside our courthouse in opposition to the war in Iraq. I have also been a volunteer for the Arts Council. Also I quilt and sew. I read—I belong to a book club. I swim regularly. I garden a little and spend many more hours at the computer keeping up with "my people" via email and pursuing causes and information on the internet. I thoroughly enjoy attending the rich musical offerings here at the Brevard Music Center in the summer and Brevard College in the winter; and I continue the pleasures of cooking for friends and having lots of company as well as travel to visit with my daughter and friends. As my husband often said, "Life sure ain't a bore," and I know how very fortunate I am to be able to enjoy a life that engages me so thoroughly with important causes, interesting experiences, and sustaining friendships.

**Moments of achievement at the SSW:** The absolute best moment has to have been my retirement party—a joyous occasion made so very special because it was initiated and organized by alumni and field instructors. To my knowledge the only time that had happened in the history of the school, and it was quite an amazing experience! The best achievement would have to be the establishment of a solid, on-going part-time program that made graduate social work education accessible to working folks. And, certainly, being selected as the recipient of the National Lifetime Achievement Award by NASW was a stunning moment in my career, made especially so because the nomination had been initiated by a former student, Denise Kornegay, of whom I was, and still am, in such awe.

**Biggest challenge to the profession today:** Sufficient influence on social policy to be able to have any positive effect on life chances for people.

**Other thoughts:** Just a big *thank you* to all the former students and field instructors who may read this for so enriching my life during my years at UGA-SSW.

## Richard (Dick) Anderson

**Years of Service:** 1974–1994, 20 years

**Current Activities:** Since retirement from the School, I have jumped into several community development activities. I worked with the School's DFCS Training Project until 2004. I have served as a board member and president of the Athens Area Kiwanis Club. My wife, Martha, and I became charter members of Learning in Retirement in Athens. During my

two terms as president, LIR became Learning in Retirement, Inc., a not-for-profit membership organization. In the early 1990's until 2004, I served two terms as a board member of the Athens Community Council on Aging. Prior to my board membership, I was a Long Term Care Ombudsman Volunteer for ACCA. I have also continued to write and have had several publications, both in the field of School Social Work interests and "with humorous tongue in cheek", I have edited and published in three pamphlet volumes, internet jokes and stories.

Traveling is something my wife and I truly enjoy. We have been to Wales, Ireland, The Rhine River Valley, Western Canada, various cruises and river adventures. Martha and I have spent a lot of time at Elderhostels and this summer expect to attend an Elderhostel in Ottawa, Ontario.

**Moments of achievement at the SSW:** Changing the V.T.M.E.D. program to the MSW program, therefore raising the standards of the School.

**Biggest challenge to the profession today:** To regain prominence in the social welfare arena, moving from clinical technician to policy, practice and research based.

**Other thoughts:** It was a great time to be in the field of social work.

## Dean Bonnie Yegidis

**Years of service:** 1995–2004, 9 years

**Current Activities:** My current position is as Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs at Florida Gulf Coast University in Ft. Myers, Florida. Florida Gulf Coast is the newest of the 10 state universities in Florida, having been established in 1997. The university enrolls approximately 7500 students across five colleges. There is a Division of Social Work that offers the MSW and BSW programs. My areas of responsibility include the academic colleges, planning, assessment and institutional research, the library and instructional technology, research and civic engagement, as well as student affairs. It is a challenging and dynamic environment, and I am enjoying the work tremendously.

**Moments of achievement at the SSW:** Perhaps my most special moment at Georgia was when we successfully funded the Parham Professorship. This was accomplished by the hard work of our faculty and alums and our many friends around the state of Georgia. Jim Parham was a beloved faculty member and national leader in child welfare policy and mental health and funding this professorship, I believe, was a peak moment in the history of the school.





**Biggest challenge to the profession today:** I remain interested in international issues and in educating social work practitioners for the complex, interdependent world we inhabit. I expect to return to teaching and research in social work within the next four or five years.

**Other thoughts:** My fondest memories are of the faculty and staff of the SSW. I was very close to my colleagues and was devoted to the excellence of our programs, our faculty and our students. I miss UGA and the thrill of being at one of the best public institutions in the country. My daughter will be a freshman at Georgia in the fall, so I expect to continue my visits to Athens over the next several years.

### James (Jim) Gaudin

**Years of service:** 1979–2000, 21 years

**Current activities:** I continue to work part-time with the IV-E Child Welfare Education project, assisting with budgets, administration, participating in the collaborative, conducting evaluative research, and doing some recruitment. I meet monthly with three of our alums who are employed with Georgia DFCS in leadership positions in the Office of Educational Development and are involved in the Educational Collaborative with four universities in the State of Georgia, which works to develop curriculum and collaboration to move our graduates into employment with DFCS in child welfare. Since retirement, I have no specific professional goals. I want to continue to consult, review articles for journals, serve on grant review panels, and continue to use my social work skills in my role as deacon in our church, where I do pre-marriage preparation, adult education, work with our PAX Christi, our peace and justice advocacy/education program, and work with the Spanish speaking community.

**Moments of achievement at the SSW:** Many, many trips down Highway 441 to the women's prison at Milledgeville with student interns to do initial research and then for field visits; collaborating with Norm Polansky on child neglect projects; development of the Family Support Center at Garnett Ridge (now under the direction of the Boys and Girls Club of Athens); development of the program for mothers in prison and their children, which was adopted by the Georgia Department of Corrections and continues.

**Biggest challenge to the profession today:** To be effective advocates for progressive social policy and to achieve widespread recognition as a profession. For the School – to be effective gatekeepers of the profession by not graduating those who lack the basic values, knowledge and skills required.

**Other thoughts:** I enjoy staying in contact with several of our former students. Margarete Parrish, who is now teaching in England; Ilene Allinger Candreva, she and her husband have adopted an autistic child from Romania and established a Child Welfare Education foundation in my name in Romania to educate child welfare workers in social work; Elizabeth Brown and Barbara Brooks who collaborated with me in the development of the program at Garnett Ridge. ●

## ALUMNI SIGHTINGS CSWE APM



Laura Ciucevich (ABJ '67), Audrey Richards (MSW '97)



Margarete Parrish (MSW '94), Laura Ciucevich (ABJ '67)



Fred Brooks (PhD '00), David Boyle (MSW '76, PhD '94)



# Q&A

with Susan C. Waltman

## **When you think about your time at the SSW what memories of people and achievements come to mind?**

There is no question that the people who meant the most to me were Pauline Lide and Katie Thompson. They brought different things to my education and to my practicum. Dr. Lide emphasized the discipline that goes into social work—the theory and analytic aspects of the practice. Some people think social workers simply do good things; they don't think about the theory behind it. Dr. Lide made certain that I focused on the theoretical underpinnings of social work. Katie Thompson, on the other hand, inspired me to address problems on a systems level, using broader community organizations and governmental agencies to benefit clients. Bringing any two personalities together can be somewhat like a chemistry experiment, and some people work well together and others don't. Katie was the right person to inspire me through the force of her personality. These two professors were very different, but their respective influences worked exceedingly well in tandem. Both were very good for me, and both were excellent representatives of the School of Social Work.

## **Did you learn skills, ideas, strategies through your MSW program that inform how you handle your job today?**

My training in Atlanta during my practicum involved working on a special project designed to identify children in foster care who were appropriate candidates for adoption. While working with that project, I was able to participate in the broader child welfare system and with committees of organizations interested in child welfare issues, even having the opportunity to interview candidates for governor to determine which ones would be most supportive of issues of interest to the child welfare community. Through these initiatives, I was able to learn the value of working at a broader governmental level. It's important to touch the lives of individuals, but it's also important to effect broader, systems change. And, that is exactly what Katie Thompson encouraged me to do. I note that it was also of course beneficial that I went to law school, which I did primarily with the goal of enhancing my ability to do the things that drove me to become a social worker in the first place.

## **What advice do you have for current MSW students?**

My advice is to think big. Ask yourself, what's the most effective way to fulfill your goals? Always look more broadly, focusing on the system at large, and look at all the resources that can be brought to bear to make the changes that need to be made. I am fortunate to work in a setting that encourages us to think big. If we need to change the law, we proceed to change the law. If we need to bring litigation, we bring litigation. You should never stop pursuing what is right until you reach the theoretical limit of a problem. Always consider that there may be a bigger, better, different way. Whatever it takes to do the right thing, do it.

And, of course, to accomplish what needs to be done, relationship- and consensus-building are essential. Make every relationship a solid, trusted, long-term relationship in order to forge future coalitions and to effect change in the future. That's the best way to get things done. By way of example, part of my role as general counsel is to oversee the regulatory and professional affairs for our 250 member hospitals and nursing homes, an area that includes emergency preparedness and response. My organization is the liaison for our members to the region's preparedness and response system, and we therefore are involved whenever a disaster or emergency occurs. Successful preparedness and response depend on the depth and breadth of the long-standing relationships that have been developed. You have to know exactly how the system works, how to work together, and how to help each other *before* an emergency occurs. When I think about it, that is precisely the lesson that I learned while working in Atlanta to improve child welfare.

## **Other thoughts:**

I have two wonderful interns from UGA working with me this summer. I believe it is a valuable learning experience for all three of us—for the two interns and for me—and I am thoroughly enjoying giving back. I strongly urge all graduates to look for ways to support these kinds of activities, either financially or by providing intern opportunities in their own practices and offices. ●

*Susan C. Waltman (MSW '75) is senior vice president and general counsel for the Greater New York Hospital Association, which represents over 250 public and non-profit hospitals and continuing care facilities. She helped coordinate New York City's healthcare response after the 9/11 attacks. After earning undergraduate and graduate degrees at UGA, she went to Columbia University School of Law for her law degree.*



## Dear Alumni and Friends,

Once again, I send you greetings from the School of Social Work, The University of Georgia and beautiful Athens!

The Class of 2006 became our newest crop of alumni on May 13<sup>th</sup>, and we are so proud of each of them. The School conferred 6 of our students with PhD degrees and now they carry that coveted "Dr." title. We awarded 199 students with an MSW degree, representing both our full- and part-time programs. Our BSW graduates numbered 30, which includes the part-time program at Gwinnett. We wish each of our new graduates well as they embark on the next phase of life's journey. Congratulations to each and every one of you!!

Speaking of Alumni, we are so excited about our upcoming **All Class Reunion** on November 10 and 11, 2006. Our "save the date" card went out in July and the registration brochure should be in your hands by now. On Friday we are offering a 5-hour CEU ethics workshop entitled *Ethical Implications of Social Work with Substance Abusing Populations* featuring The Honorable Steve Jones, Judge, Superior Court, Western Judicial Circuit and two of our distinguished faculty members, Dr. Donna Bliss and Dr. Brian Bride, who will conduct separate sessions in the afternoon. Friday evening we will gather at the Classic Center for a fun filled time of dancing, dining and catching up with your classmates, former and current faculty and staff. Saturday morning we ask that you join us for an old-fashioned southern style breakfast at Tucker Hall. We think we've put together a memorable weekend for our alums and hope that you will be here with us. It's going to be a great time for learning, fun and reminiscing!!

We had a very busy and productive Winter/Spring at the School. We took our message showcasing our progressive academic endeavors to several state and national conferences, including the Society for Social Work and Research (San Antonio), CSWE Annual Program Meeting (Chicago) and the Georgia Prevent Child Abuse Symposium (Atlanta). Our new exhibit was met with much praise and interest by academicians, practitioners, and prospective students. What an honor being able to show off our School!

In March, we had great attendance at the 8<sup>th</sup> Annual African American Families Conference entitled, *The Politics of Race and Persistent Poverty: Impact on Families and Communities*. On April 26<sup>th</sup> the School held its annual Awards Luncheon at the State Botanical Garden where we honored students, alumni, field instructors, faculty and staff.

The School, in conjunction with the University, is in full swing working on the Capital Campaign to raise much needed dollars for scholarships, professorships and programs to further enhance our School's mission. I invite you to support our School by making a gift to one of our important programs or to the School's scholarship funds.

As I close, I would like to say again that we certainly look forward to seeing as many of you who can make it to our All Class Reunion in November. We are excited and hope that you are too! Talk it up with your fellow classmates, and let's make this first **All Class Reunion** a great one!! Watch our SSW page for more updates as we get closer to the event.

Please keep in touch with us so we can keep in touch with you! Until we see or hear from you, please take care of yourself and those you love. ●



My best regards,

*Laura H. Ciucevich*

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# Alumni ae Notes

## 1966–1969

**Joseph Minor Gouge, MSW 1968** – is retired and lives in Fayetteville, Georgia. He worked for many years doing social welfare work with the Fulton County DFCS office. He also worked in the Social Security Administration with the SSI Regional Office in Atlanta.

## 1970–1979

**James P. O'Donnell, MSW 1976** – lives in Atlanta and works with the homeless there. \*note from the editor—We had “lost” James for almost 30 years, when he wandered into my office in June to inquire why he was not receiving our wonderful magazine (he had been reading them second hand from some of his colleagues in Atlanta). He was in Athens attending student orientation with one of his children who will be a freshman at UGA in the fall. James, glad you “found us”, and don’t be a stranger now!

**Frezalia Levester Oliver, MSW 1975** – is a LCSW and Counselor with Wide Range of Resources, Inc. in Milledgeville, Georgia. Frezalia retired on October 1, 2005 after 35 years of service at Central State Hospital. The City of Milledgeville proclaimed Oct. 4, 2005 as “Frezalia Oliver Day” and she received a commendation from Governor Sonny Perdue honoring her service to the State of Georgia. She and her husband opened their private practice in January 2006. They have two sons, one a software engineer and the other is pursuing a degree in graphic design.

## 1980–1989

**Sabrina Stanford Dutch, MSW 1989** – was recently promoted to Operations Manager of Hamilton Hospice in Dalton, Georgia. She married Allen Dutch (ABJ '90; MMC '92) in 1994 and they have a 5-year-old daughter. Allen is a Communications Instructor at Shorter College.

**Claire Farriba Nicholson, BSW 1981** – is the social worker at Athens Heritage Home, Inc. in Athens, Georgia. In April 2006, Claire was awarded the School of Social Work *School of Social Work Outstanding Field Instructor of the Year Award*. Congratulations Claire!

**Julie Ribaud, MSW 1984** – is with Interdisciplinary Center for the Family in West Bloomfield, Michigan. She is the outgoing president of the Michigan Association for Infant Mental Health, which is helping states across the US to develop competencies and systems of care for Infant Mental Health.

**Marlene Kraft Siegel, BSW 1980** – is the assistant administrator at Ave Maria Nursing Home and Assisted Living Facility in Memphis, Tennessee. She received an MSW in 1997 from the University of Tennessee.

**Terry Ray Woods, MSW 1988** – is the director of Title I, Risk Management and Social Work/Student Services in the Emanuel County Board of Education. In January of 2006, Ray received a “Regents Hall of Fame Award” (given by the University System of Georgia Board of Regents) for outstanding service to the University System of Georgia, their communities and the State of Georgia in the arena of public higher education.

### Alumni Sightings: SSWR



Schnavia Smith (MSW '98), Bruce Thyer (MSW '78)

### Alumni Sightings: SSWR



Alice Boateng (PhD '06), Amaris Baraka (PhD '06)



## 1990–1999

**Charlese Chapman, MSW 1998** – is a school social worker at Allenbrook Elementary School in the Charlotte-Mecklenburg School System in North Carolina.

**Alison Glover Crozier, BSW 1999** – is married and lives in St. Augustine, Florida.

**Margaret Dawe, MSW 1993** – is the social service supervisor with the Cherokee County DFCS office. She lives in Woodstock, Georgia.

**Jason D. Hoppenbrouwer, MSW 1994** – is a licensed clinical social worker with Vitas Innovative Hospice Care, Inc. in Melbourne, Florida. Jason has received several awards for his work with hospice care: Earth Angel Award (2000), World Class Leader (2003) at Hospice of Health First, and Employee Recognition Award for Social Worker (2005) at Vitas Hospice. He has served 5 years as a hospice volunteer. Jason is married to his high school sweetheart, Georgette. They have three sons, Justin, Eric (both attending Florida State University) and Andrew.

**Susan Summerour Middlebrooks, MSW 1996** – is a social worker with the Burwell Program in LaGrange, Georgia (a school for children with emotional and behavioral difficulties). She has also taught as an adjunct faculty member at LaGrange College in the Human Services Department. She and her husband live in Manchester, Georgia.

**Carmen Quezada, MSW 1996** – is the director of Community Outreach Centers for Catholic Social Services in Atlanta. She was selected by *Georgia Trend* magazine as one of the best and brightest in their “Forty Under Forty” issue.

## 2000–

**Eulene Evans, MSW 2005** – is a school social worker in the

## IN MEMORIAM

**Wanda Lea Austin, MSW 1971** – of Burnsville, North Carolina died on January 1, 2006.



**Terry Paul Moncrief, MSW 1972** – of Kennesaw, Georgia died on December 7, 2005.

He was the Pastor, Director of Techwood Baptist Center (now Moncrief Baptist Center) for 33 years.

Fayette County School System providing services to students with special needs.

**Mary E. Henderson, MSW 2001** – lives in Athens and is a social worker in The Nurse Midwife Office of Athens Regional Medical Center. She and Pat Nielson, an RN educator, have started a perinatal grief support group open to any parents that have suffered a loss of pregnancy or a baby. They are affiliated with the national support group *Share*.

**Roxane Kolar, BSW 2003** – lives in Tampa, Florida and runs the Tampa office of ACORN, one of the nation's largest non-profit, grassroots organizations.

**Penny Zack Maggioni, MSW 2002** – started a new job in February 2006 as Clinical Coordinator with Georgia MENTOR-Savannah Office. Another “new” happening for Penny and her husband Joseph, they welcomed their first child, Ava Theresa into the world on June 19th. *Note: in a previous issue of our magazine, we mistakenly listed Penny as having a BSW from UGA, when in fact; she has BS in Psychology, which she earned in 2000.*

**Lorri Sherwood McMeel, MSW 2002** – is currently working on her doctoral degree at the Jane Addams College of Social Work at the University of Illinois, Chicago. Our best to you in your quest! Lorri married in June 2005 . . . . congratulations!

**Genie Umbarger, BSW 2003** – is a medical social worker and volunteer coordinator with the Pearls of Life Hospice in Claxton, Georgia. She will be completing her MPH in the summer of 2006 at Armstrong Atlantic State University in Savannah. Congratulations!

**Maj. Jeffrey S. Yarvis, PhD 2004** – is the Assistant Chief of Staff-G-5 and senior medical civil-military operations (CMO) officer for Commander, TF 30<sup>th</sup> Medical Brigade in Baghdad, Iraq. His wife Laura and their two children are in Germany. We wish Jeff well, and hold him and his family in our thoughts! ●



Royce Hutson (MSW '98)

## The School of Social Work

# DEVELOPMENT

## *Making a Difference!*

### Campaign Goals:

The capital campaign presents an exciting opportunity for the School of Social Work to continue to enhance its tradition of excellence in the areas of teaching, research, and service. It is through the investments made by alumni, retired faculty, current faculty, corporate and foundation donors and friends of the School that the goals of this campaign will be made a reality.

#### ***Building the New Learning Environment***

- Increase the level of financial support available to students by enhancing existing scholarships and assistantships and establishing new ones.
- Further enhance the quality of teaching and research through the continuation of existing endowed professorships and the development of a newly endowed Professorship in the area of African American family studies, the study of Gerontology or Child Welfare.
- Enhance the learning experience of students through increased opportunities for participation in service-learning projects.

#### ***Maximizing Research Opportunities***

- Secure funding to continue current research in the fields of child welfare reform, juvenile justice and use of virtual reality technology.
- Obtain funding to support research interests of all faculty.

#### ***Competing in the Global Economy***

- Create among our students a greater awareness, understanding and appreciation of diverse cultures by increasing the opportunities for students to study abroad.

### Points of Pride:

The UGA School of Social Work is currently ranked in the top 25 percent of MSW programs nationwide by *U.S. News & World Report*.

- The School of Social Work is fully accredited by the Council on Social Work Education.
- Over four thousand School of Social Work alumni are helping countless families throughout the nation and the world.
- The School's study abroad programs prepare students to learn first-hand about different cultures in countries such as Ghana, Argentina, and Ireland.
- The School provides social work education at the undergraduate, masters, and doctoral levels through four degree programs, including a new graduate degree in nonprofit management.





By making a contribution to the School of Social Work, you help not only our students and faculty, but countless others who directly benefit from the results of research conducted at the School and from the services that will be provided by our students as they enter the social work profession to work with those in need. Abused children, homeless persons, mentally ill and mentally challenged individuals, survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault and so many other populations in need—they all benefit because your gift helps produce a highly educated and well-prepared social worker to provide services or because your gift funds research that creates new and innovative methods of serving these populations. What an impact your gift will make!

There are a number of gift opportunities available to those wishing to support the School in meeting its capital campaign goals. Your entire gift directly benefits the School of Social Work and is tax-deductible.

On behalf of the School of Social Work, our students and faculty, and all the others who will benefit, we thank you for considering a gift to our School.



### Recognition Opportunities:

Student Scholarships and Assistantships	\$500,000
BSW Student Support	\$75,000
MSW Student Support	\$325,000
PhD Student Support	\$100,000
Enhancement of the Pauline M. Berger and Thomas M. "Jim" Parham Endowed Professorships	\$100,000
The Donald L. Hollowell Professorship	\$250,000
Named Professorship	\$250,000
Research Support Fund	\$100,000
International Studies Fund	\$50,000



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### Congratulations to the 2005-2006 Scholarship Recipients:

Heather Manning  
*James D. Horne Scholarship*

Frances Fulton  
*Pauline Durant Lide Scholarship*

Karen Jean-Gilles  
*Joe and Diane Perno Scholarship*

Kristen Carrier  
*Heather Christina Wright Memorial  
Undergraduate Scholarship*

Kimberly Giguere  
*Heather Christina Wright  
Memorial Graduate Scholarship*

Davera Baxter-Baggett  
*Susan York Memorial Scholarship*

Ann Rivera  
*Norman Polansky Undergraduate  
Scholarship in Child Welfare – BSW*

Tamika Pate  
*Wilbur P. Jones Scholarship*

# 2006 SSW Awards Luncheon

*Congratulations  
to all award  
winners!*



Kevin DeWeaver and Tom Artelt (PhD '05) winner of the BSW Program Educator of the Year Award.



Westlynn Benton, the Outstanding First Year MSW Student from the Gwinnett University Center, and Rufus Larkin.



Delana Cole, the Outstanding Third Year MSW Student from the Gwinnett University Center, and Rufus Larkin.



Outstanding MSW Concentration Field Instructor David Glick accepts his award from Mimi Tracey (MSW '91).



Ed Risler (PhD '98, MSW '82, BSW '77) presents Kimberley Kolat with the Outstanding MSW Student Award for Service.



Claire Nicholson receives the Outstanding Foundation Field Instructor Award from Mimi Tracey (MSW '91).



PhD Educator of the Year Trish Reeves and Betsy Vonk (PhD '96).



Ed Risler (PhD '98, MSW '82, BSW '77) congratulates Larry Nackerud on winning the MSW Program Educator of the Year Award.



Anna Galloway, received the Outstanding MSW Student Award for Leadership, and Betsy Vonk (PhD '96).



Bryan Schroeder, winner of the Outstanding MNPO Student of the Year award, with Tom Holland.



Rufus Larkin and Stephanie Swann, the winner of the Gwinnett University Center's Educator of the Year award.



Omar Sims and Vanessa Robinson-Dooley (PhD '05, MSW '00). Sims is the winner of the Outstanding First Year MSW Student award for the Athens part-time program.



Helen M. T. Gori, winner of the Outstanding Third Year MSW Student Award for the Athens part-time program, with Vanessa Robinson-Dooley (PhD '05, MSW '00).



Danielle Veader, pictured with Ed Risler, was the winner of the Outstanding MSW Student Award for Scholarship.



Kevin DeWeaver and Kristen Carrier, the winner of the Outstanding BSW Student Award for Scholarship.



Cara VanVoorhis and Kevin DeWeaver. VanVoorhis received the Outstanding BSW Student Award for Leadership.



Karen James, winner of the Outstanding Second Year MSW Student Award for the Gwinnett part-time program, and Rufus Larkin.



Tonya Westbrook, winner of the Outstanding PhD Student Award, with Betsy Vonk (PhD '96).

*Not Pictured: LeRoy Dickson, Distinguished Alumni Award; Kat Farlowe, Outstanding Staff Member; Irene Searles and Sung Hyun Yun, Outstanding Graduate Teaching Assistant Awards; and Doug Dowdy, Outstanding Physical Plant Staff Member.*



# Hurricane Katrina Project

Kristen Smith

**Imagine your life shattered** by the loss of all your material possessions, your job, and your community. And then you are dropped down in a strange city to start over. How would you pick up the pieces of your life and begin putting them back together?

The evacuees from Hurricane Katrina who ended up in Athens have been aided in starting over by a service-learning project that paired UGA social work students with families who fled the hurricane.

The Hurricane Katrina Project, a joint venture between the School of Social Work and Community Connection of Northeast Georgia, has been a way for evacuees to connect with resources, services, and jobs in Athens.

Brandon Cawthon, an MSW student, volunteered to interview families as part of a needs assessment for evacuees at the start of the Hurricane Katrina Project in the fall of 2005 and then became the primary contact for one of those same families, a mother with four children.

One of the issues that Cawthon helped his client with was finding tutoring for one of her children. "Her kids are one of her main concerns," he said. "She talked about how one of her sons needed a tutor because he was having trouble in biology, and she said they couldn't afford to pay someone to tutor him. So I mailed her information about tutoring programs in Athens. She said it turned out well. And the program is free."

Cawthon and the other 26 social work graduate students who take part in the project checked in with their Katrina families every week or so during spring semester. Donna Bliss, an assistant professor in the School of Social Work, helped set up the guidelines for the project. "The whole idea," she said, "is to help people help themselves and become integrated in their new community using social work students to facilitate that process."

Bliss, who is one of five service-learning fellows at UGA, said students volunteered to take part in this project and wrote about it as a replacement for one of their assignments in her cultural diversity class. "Service-learning addresses a need in the community, but also addresses academics," she said. "Service and learning are equal and having students reflect on the experience is a critical part of service-learning."

Kelly Hanofee, an MSW student involved in the project, said, "I feel really fortunate that Dr. Bliss realized that this was something our school should be involved in. Not only are we working with

the evacuees to get them engaged in our community, but we are learning about a different regional group and sometimes a different racial group, so it fits well with the cultural diversity class."

Julie Meehan, the executive director of Community Connection, said of the Hurricane Katrina Project, "It would have been impossible for us to provide the level and depth of ongoing service to these families had it not been for the our partnership with the School of Social Work." ●



photo by Peter Frey

A conversation with

## Bert Ellett

**A**lberta Ellett worked nearly 30 years in a career that encompassed every level of public child welfare—including working with abused and neglected children and their families, with foster care placements and adoptions, and in management and policy development—when instead of retiring, she got her Ph.D.

Ellett, who is an assistant professor in the UGA School of Social Work, has devoted her academic career to strengthening child welfare organizations so that they retain and educate competent child welfare workers and professionalize child welfare services.

Now, she is the co-editor of the new *Journal of Public Child Welfare*, which is a quarterly, refereed professional journal that publishes theory-based and applied research in child welfare. “The thing that makes us unique is that we’re really targeting public child welfare as opposed to all of child welfare,” said Ellett. “Child welfare in the broader sense includes daycare, and we’re more specific around child maltreatment, foster care and adoption, workforce issues, and sources of interventions being tried with that more narrow population.”

There are many child welfare researchers around the country, but the outlets for publishing research in this field are few. Long delays are typical from the time the research is conducted to when it appears in the few existing journals that focus on child welfare. “This journal has the purpose of providing up-to-date research, as well as literature reviews, not only to scholars and academics but also to practitioners and agency heads,” said Ellett. “And we’re hoping that we’ll be able to influence policy through the journal, too.”

The charter issue of the journal, which will be published at the end of September, features articles on the de-professionalization of child welfare, successful adoption of adolescents, social work as the best degree to prepare child welfare practitioners, issues in risk assessment, and child welfare and the courts.

Kathy Briar-Lawson is a founding editor of the new journal and dean of the School of Social Work at the State University of New York at Albany. She approached Haworth Press with the idea for the new journal and asked Ellett and Rowena Wilson at Norfolk State University to be co-editors. When asked about Ellett, she said, “Bert is well regarded nationally for her research in and dedication to child welfare. She has proven her exceptional skill as a co-editor, and I am thrilled to see the first issue published.” ●



— Kristen Smith

# PROGRAMNEWS

## BSW Program News

In the academic year 2005-2006, the BSW Program began a recruitment plan to increase the number of undergraduate students majoring in social work. In May 2006, 35 BSW students graduated with 29 being from the Athens campus. This year, our senior class size is 55 at this moment in Athens alone and there will also be some seniors from our Gwinnett campus. We plan to continue with the recruitment efforts to increase the enrollment further as well as increase the quality of the BSW students. Another side benefit of recruiting for majors is that a significant number of non-social work majors are enrolling in our three social work courses open to anyone enrolled at UGA causing us to add more sections of these classes.

Shequetta F. Young was one of 52 students initiated into the Blue Key Honor Society on April 2. Kristen Diana Carrier was honored with the Rotary Top 12 Award on April 12.

After almost four years as serving as our main social work advisor, LaShanda Hutto (MSW '02) is moving on to a new job in South Carolina; we will miss her, but we wish her well in her new position and thank her for her past excellence. Dr. Stacey Kolomer is the new Acting BSW Program Director and Dr. Kevin DeWeaver became the new PhD Director at that time.

## MSW Program News

The MSW Program welcomed students back with a couple of surprises. A monthly Brown Bag lunch series was presented by the Student-Faculty Committee for lectures on topics such as Licensure and social work careers. The Hurricane Katrina project, lead by Dr. Donna Bliss, was not only well maintained but well served by Master's students. Three of our students were presented with awards at the School's Annual Awards luncheon: Kimberly Kolat (Outstanding MSW Student-Service), Danielle Veader (Outstanding MSW Student-Scholarship), and Anna Galloway (Outstanding MSW Student-Leadership). Congratulations to you and all of our outstanding MSW students!

The MSW/JD combined degree program was approved and will begin accepting students in fall 2006 for the program. The MSW/JD program will allow students to receive both a Master's from the School of Social Work and a law degree from the UGA Law School.

The MSW Program graduated 199 students this 2006 year and following graduation many students choose to take part in our Study Abroad program. University of Georgia MSW students could be found across the globe in locations like Ghana and Argentina, and just a few miles away at Rock Eagle for Burn Camp. A new batch of Advanced Standing students began in June and are already making progressive strides for a great beginning to the 2006-2007 MSW Program year.

## PhD Program News

**The PhD Program** has a new director! Dr. Kevin DeWeaver assumed the role of PhD Program Director in the School of Social Work in July. The previous director, Dr. Betsy Vonk, will continue in the School as Associate Professor and will be working primarily at the Gwinnett University Campus. We all wish the very best to both Drs. DeWeaver and Vonk!

The PhD program congratulates our 8 recent graduates who successfully defended their dissertations between June 2005 and May 2006. Our new cohort of 6 students began the program in August.

There have been many PhD student accomplishments over the past year. Karen Lynch and Carol Collard received the CSWE Substance Abuse and Mental Health Clinical Fellowship. Ms. Lynch also received the Hartford Doctoral Fellows Pre-Dissertation Award, and, along with Min Hong Lee, the Rosalyn Carter Fellowship. Aisha Tucker Brown's dissertation research was funded by the Southern Regional Educational Board, and Jackie Ellis was given an Honorable Mention for her dissertation presentation at SSWR. Sung Hyun Yun and Irene Searles were awarded Outstanding Teaching Assistantship Awards.



# CUTLINES

## Carney Named Associate Dean

Michelle Mohr Carney, a member of the graduate faculty, has been named associate dean of the School of Social Work.

Carney's responsibilities will include coordinating academic planning, school accreditation, faculty development, and general administration within the School of Social Work. Carney replaces Maurice C. Daniels, who assumed the position of dean of the school last year.

Carney came to UGA in 2004 from the University of South Carolina where four times she won the outstanding educator of the year award. Carney's teaching and research interests include domestic violence, community organizing, and social work administration.

"Dr. Carney has a strong commitment to social work education and to administrative service," said Maurice Daniels. "She has an excellent background in instruction, research, public service, and administration. I value her skills and knowledge and look forward to working with her in the dean's office."

Carney received a bachelor's degree in social work from Ohio State University, where she also earned her Ph.D. She has a master's degree in social administration from Case Western Reserve University.



## New SSW Development Director

Jennifer Abbott is the School's new director of development. Ms. Abbott began her new position in April and replaces Valerie Roper, who took a job with UGA's central development office.

Ms. Abbott has a strong background in fund raising, organizational development, and board and staff development. She holds certifications in fund raising and management from the Indiana University Center on Philanthropy, Harvard University's Business School, and from Auburn University at Montgomery.

Ms. Abbott earned her B.A. degree from the University of Louisville and a Master of Public Administration degree from Auburn University at Montgomery in Montgomery, Alabama.

Welcome, Jennifer!



**Nancy Kropf, LaShanda Hutto (MSW '02), and Mimi Tracey (MSW '91) say farewell.**

## Onward and Upward

We will greatly miss four of our valued colleagues who have taken new positions.

**Dr. Paul Ammons** is now the Director of the School of Social Work and Professor at Abilene Christian University in Texas.

**Dr. Nancy Kropf** now serves as Professor and Director of the School of Social Work at Georgia State University. Dr. Kropf joined the UGA School of Social Work in 1990. The positions she held in the School included Associate Dean, Graduate Coordinator, Director of the PhD Program, and Interim Dean. Dr. Kropf's accomplishments in each of these positions were outstanding.

**Ms. Mimi Tracey** is now an Assistant Professor of Social Work at Western Kentucky University. Ms. Tracey came to the UGA School of Social Work in 1996 as the MSW Field Coordinator and by 2001 was Director of Field Education for the School. She leaves appreciative students, friends, and colleagues at the School in addition to a superbly managed field education program.

**Ms. LaShanda Hutto** is the new Dean of Student Affairs at Sherman College of Straight Chiropractic in Spartanburg, S.C. Ms. Hutto earned her MSW at our School and became our colleague in 2002 when she became the BSW program's lead advisor and recruiter. Thank you for all the professionalism and joy that you brought to our School and to our lives.

*Mark your calendars and plan to attend!*

# SSW All Class Reunion Party and CEU event

## WHAT:

- **All Class Reunion.** Join your classmates and former professors and staff for an unforgettable evening of dining, dancing, and reminiscing on Friday night. This is a party you don't want to miss!
- **CEU event.** Five-hour ethics CEU opportunity Friday morning and afternoon.
- **Welcome Back Breakfast in Tucker Hall** on Saturday morning. Enjoy a genuine Southern breakfast in the lobby of Tucker Hall and learn about what's happening these days in the School of Social Work.

**WHEN:** November 10 & 11, 2006

**WHERE:** Reunion and CEU event: The Classic Center in downtown Athens.  
Welcome Back Breakfast: Tucker Hall.

**WHERE TO STAY:** The beautiful, new Hilton Garden Inn, right across the street from the Classic Center. Visit their website for on-line reservations [www.hilton.com](http://www.hilton.com) or call 1-800-HILTONS and say you're with the School of Social Work All Class Reunion. Use our group code, which is **SSW** when making reservations. Special rate of \$109 is available through October 19.

**COST:** FREE for alums, former professors and staff and only \$35 each for spouses, partners, and friends.

*Watch the mail for more information and visit the School of Social Work website for updates.*





**Get down with the Dirk Howell Band!**  
[www.dirkhowellband.com](http://www.dirkhowellband.com)

**See old friends and  
 former professors!**

**Door prizes!**

**Great food!**



### **Schedule of Events:**

- Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. — A five-hour CEU event
- Friday 7:00 p.m. — All Class Reunion Party — join your classmates at the Classic Center for a fun evening of dining, dancing & reminiscing!
- Saturday — Welcome back breakfast in Tucker Hall



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# Alumni Sightings

## 2006 African American Families Conference



L-R: Luciana Robinson (MSW '05), Adika Trimble (MSW '05), Carla Smith (MSW '05)



Eddie Roland (MSW '71)



L-R: Sheila Johnson (BSW '02, MSW '04), Aronsonja Seay, Schnavia Smith (MSW '98), Aisha Tucker-Brown



Marilyn Schroer (MSW '75), Pam Bass (MSW '89)

Edwina Knox-Betty (MSW '97)



Jackie Ellis (BSW '78, MSW '83, PhD '05), Jennifer Whetstine (MSW '05), Jennifer Kumnick (MSW '05)



**Troya Jackson (MSW '05)**



**Jo Bentley (MSW '89)**



**Kim Dulaney**



**Patty Freeman-Lynde (MSW '93)**



**Anitra Peten (MSW '03),  
Myrna Williams**



**Shelly Mirando,  
Antoinette Quinn (MSW '04)**



**L-R: Nina Johnson (MSW '04), Tomika  
Logan (MSW '04), Kelly Wheeler (MSW  
'04), Zoe Minor (MSW '04), Juanita  
Joyner (MSW '05)**



**Christina Bolarinwa (BSW '02, MSW '03), Tameka Allison  
(BSW '99, MSW '03)**



**L-R: Norma Armas, Keri Sullivan (BSW '03, MSW '04),  
Denice Brooks (BSW '01, MSW '02)**



## 8<sup>th</sup> Annual African American Families Conference

Congratulations on an outstanding 8<sup>th</sup> *Annual African American Families Conference*! I know it seems unusual for the Conference Chairperson to be saying **congratulations** to the attendees, supporters and volunteers but the truth is that this conference is a “partnership.” It is the result of hard work, commitment and support from a number of people. Through support from Dr. Art Dunning and the Office of the Vice President for Public Service and Outreach, the Carl Vinson Institute of government, Dean Maurice Daniels and the faculty, staff and students in the School of Social Work, we are able to offer an outstanding conference every year!

This year’s theme of “*The Politics of Race and Persistent Poverty*” was well received by an audience of practitioners, researchers and students. The conference was attended by a 195 individuals from across the State of Georgia. They were greeted with dynamic keynote and luncheon addresses from Dr. Hefner and Dr. Carlton-LaNey. Other presenters represented agencies that included Grady Health Systems, Georgia Department of Labor, Economic Justice Coalition, Athens Associates in Counseling and Psychotherapy, Caring Works, Inc., Community Connection, Sankofa Center for Community Development and Change, Inc., and Innovative Learning Concepts Georgia.

Special thanks to the Honorable Judge Steve Jones for his ongoing support and commitment to the success of this conference!

On behalf of the conference committee and the School of Social Work, we again say congratulations on a conference well done!

Vanessa Robinson-Dooley, PhD, LCSW  
Conference Chairperson

## 2006 African American Families Conference



L-R: Dean Maurice Daniels, Keynote Speaker Dr. James Hefner, Luncheon Speaker Dr. Iris Carlton-LaNey, Dr. Art Dunning, UGA Vice President for Public Service and Outreach.



Dr. James Hefner and Dr. June Hopps take questions from the floor.



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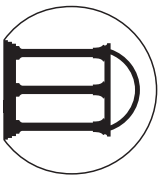
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