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SSW alum Delene Porter
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through OneAthens

Letter from the Dean



Greetings Alums, Colleagues and Friends!

Each year, the School of Social Work continues to make strides in our local community as well as nationwide. This year is no exception. Earlier this year, the U.S. News & World Report ranked our school's Masters of Social Work program fourth in the Southeast and in the top 15 percent of MSW programs accredited by the Council on Social Work Education across the nation. To be recognized as a leading school in the Southeast and in the nation honors the dedicated work of our faculty and staff in educating the next generation of social work professionals.

I am especially pleased to report that The University System of Georgia Board of Regents recently funded a special initiative in our School to expand the number of licensed clinical social workers in Georgia. Alums Mary Zorn Bates (MSW '83), and Dr. Rene Searles McClatchey (MSW '94; PhD '06), are working with this exciting venture, which will broaden and enhance opportunities for social workers in rural areas of our state to attain their LCSWs. The initiative includes resources to support MSW students interested in clinical practice. For more information on this initiative, please contact Mary Zorn Bates at (706) 542-5466 or via e-mail at mzbates@uga.edu.

One of the central priorities in our school's development efforts is financial support for students. I am pleased to report that retired radiologist Dr. Israel Berger has established two Pauline M. Berger Graduate Assistantships in Family and Child Welfare. Pauline Berger served as a faculty member in our School from 1966-1976 and these assistantships are in memory of her passion and work in family and child welfare and community organization. We express our deepest thanks to Dr. Berger for his generous gift, which will carry forward Professor Berger's legacy in social work practice.

I want to congratulate Dr. Tom Holland, founding director of our Institute for Nonprofit Organizations, on his selection to represent the United States as a Fulbright professor this semester. Dr. Holland will conduct research in the Czech Republic and teach two courses on the role of nonprofits in the United States and on governing boards of nonprofit organizations at Charles University in Prague as part of the Fulbright U.S. Scholar Program.

Our school celebrated the 2007-2008 academic year with a wonderful May commencement ceremony that included 54 BSW, 116 MSW, 9 MNPO, and 5 Ph.D. degree recipients. Our BSW graduates included 4 Summa Cum Laude, 14 Magna Cum Laude, and 10 Cum Laude honorees. MSW Alumnus Mona Taylor, Director of the Loran Smith Center for Cancer Support at the Athens Regional Medical Center delivered the commencement address. In 2007, NASW Georgia awarded Mona the Georgia Social Worker of the Year Award and in 2003 the Georgia Oncology Social Work Group awarded her the Georgia Oncology Social Worker of the year award. Mona, Jane Peach (MSW '00), and Tina Tinsley (MSW '89) are featured on the pages of this issue.

In keeping with the school's mission as advocates for social and economic justice, we are also proud to feature one of our alums, Delene Porter (BSW '02, MSW '03), who is actively involved in local efforts to eliminate poverty in her new role as president and CEO of OneAthens Community Foundation, an organization which will provide funding for nonprofits working to fight poverty and its related problems in the Athens area.

I hope you enjoy the articles and stories in this issue of our magazine.

Sincerely,

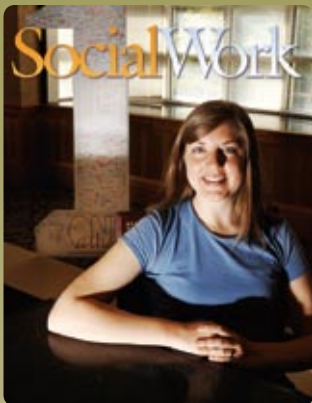
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Maurice C. Daniels, Dean



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One Community. One Vision. OneAthens.

SSW alumna Delene Porter is at the helm of a new community foundation

By Kristen Smith

Delene Porter signs her e-mails with the words “thanks and love” – even if she’s never met you. Like most social workers, Porter gives out thanks and love in many ways through her work every day, but unlike most social workers, she’ll soon be giving out millions of dollars too. Porter (BSW ’02, MSW ’03) has been named president and CEO of the OneAthens Community Foundation, which will eventually provide funding for nonprofits working to fight poverty and its related problems in the Athens area. But before Porter and her board of directors give out money, they have to raise it.

Poverty in Athens has been the topic of an ongoing community conversation since 2006 when the University of Georgia, the Athens government, the local school district, the chamber of commerce, Family Connection and a coalition of community leaders convened the Partners for a Prosperous Athens (PPA) initiative and held a series of open meetings to discuss persistent poverty in the area. Porter attended that first meeting as a lifelong Athenian and concerned citizen.

“There were 750 people there,” said Porter. “People were flowing out the doors, but I also recognized as a social worker that there were people who weren’t at the table, there were people who weren’t in the room, and I wanted to make sure that their voices were included in this process.”

Porter volunteered to help gather community input. She began conducting focus groups all over town at churches, at the Boys and Girls Club, with parents registering for TANF to find out how to maximize community engagement in the discussion of what to do about the crushing poverty problem in Athens. She also helped train volunteer community members to conduct informal community conversations so that more people could be reached.



Clarke County, which comprises Athens, Winterville, and Bogart, is the third poorest county compared to others its size in the entire United States. Over 30 percent of the population lives in poverty.

Within the month, Porter officially joined the PPA team as a Public Service & Outreach faculty member at UGA's Fanning Institute. She continued to work on community engagement and helped design a process to turn input into results.

Throughout 2006, the community met to determine the underlying causes of poverty and to develop solutions. Subcommittees on Housing & Transportation, Healthcare, Dependent Care, Education, Workforce Development and the Economy crafted 155 recommendations to address the barriers to prosperity in the Athens area.

These recommendations were turned over to the PPA Steering Committee and in March 2007, over 1,300 people gathered for the unveiling of the ten over-arching OneAthens Initiatives that had been hammered out to incorporate the community's recommendations and provide a place to start. "One of the ten initiatives was the creation of the community foundation," said Porter. "If done well, a community foundation can play several roles: it provides donors with a vehicle to invest in their community; it provides technical assistance to nonprofits in the community; and it acts as a convener of nonprofits, businesses, and residents to bring attention to critical community needs."

The goal of the OneAthens Community Foundation is to bring in \$5 million in five years. As a new nonprofit, Porter said the group will be raising multiple kinds of dollars. They will need unrestricted operating money just to get the doors open. In keeping with their mission though, they will also be raising restricted money in the form of Donor Advised and Field of Interest Funds. "Donor Advised Funds are a great tool for families and businesses; it's like setting up a private foundation—you're involved in grant making decisions, but you don't have the administrative burden, and you get a better tax deduction," Porter said. Field of Interest Funds are less restricted but still help donors stay actively engaged in their philanthropy. "A field of interest fund is where donors of all sizes pool their resources to support a specific issue like health care or affordable housing, but they leave it to the community foundation's grants committee to decide exactly who the grants should go to in any given year," said Porter.

"A major focus of any community foundation is to encourage more charitable giving and we will be structured so that people who might not consider themselves a Rockefeller or an Oprah

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will still be able to maximize their impact in improving their community," Porter said. Porter has many ideas on how best to serve the interests of donors, nonprofits, and the community. She hopes to create an operating endowment to assure the stability of the foundation for years to come, and plans to raise unrestricted donations so they can start awarding grants sooner rather than later.

In addition to the community foundation, the other OneAthens initiatives focus on specific goals for the regional economy, education, health, affordable housing, public transportation, family enrichment, human and economic development, teen pregnancy prevention and early learning. A list of what has been accomplished in these areas so far can be found on the OneAthens website at www.prosperousathens.org.

Porter says her social work education prepared her completely for her new position as director of the foundation. "Courses like Tom Holland's introduction to nonprofits and fundraising have been incredibly valuable to me," said Porter. "And the policy courses I took, such as Dr. Kolomer's lobbying course in Washington, D.C., were excellent training for really understanding how much talking, relationship-building and understanding the ins and outs of the political process it takes to get legislation passed. I think what the School of Social Work gave me was an insider view of the nuts and bolts and how-to of making things actually happen."

Before joining the UGA faculty, Porter was executive director of the Georgia Community Loan Fund, which provides technical assistance and capital to communities working on affordable housing and other environmentally and economically sustainable community development projects.

When asked what she wants social work alums to know about the OneAthens Community Foundation Porter said, "I would love to just hear from people. The key to a good community foundation is that it has its finger on the pulse of what's going on. In essence, it has to be an expert on the gaps in meeting community needs and on what's being done really well so that it can help get money to the solutions." ●

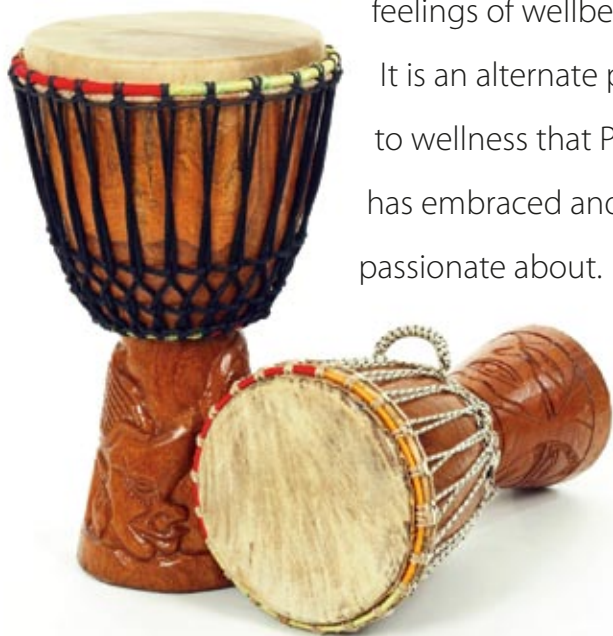
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FOLLOWING A Different Drummer

An Alternate Path to Wellness

By Kat Farlowe

Jane Peach (MSW '00) follows the beat of a different drum. For the last eight years she has been helping others re-discover the ancient art of drumming and its positive effects on our physical and mental health. In fact, research suggests that drumming accelerates physical healing, boosts the immune system and produces feelings of wellbeing. It is an alternate path to wellness that Peach has embraced and is passionate about.



Jane Peach facilitates a drum circle with MSW students during their final class for the semester. Peach is an adjunct instructor at the School of Social Work, as well as a counselor at Family Counseling Service serving northeast Georgia.



PHOTO BY KAT FARLOWE



"I get so excited about wellness," said Peach. "There are so many avenues for it. Our senses are always looking for it, whether it's 'Look at the daffodils' or 'What a great sound.' We just don't always take care of ourselves."

For thousands of years people have used drumming as part of celebrations or healing rituals. A drum circle—a group of people mentored by a facilitator such as Peach—creates and shares a rhythmical and musical experience. Drum circles can last for 20 minutes to two or three days. The instruments used are usually percussion instruments such as drums, wood, metal, shakers and cowbells. Jane also has a crystal bowl that produces a rich, deep resonating hum when rubbed on the rim. All of these instruments produce vibrations that the participants feel deep inside their bodies. "There are different results from people listening to a drum circle and actually participating in it because of the vibrations in the body," said Peach.

Tina Tinsley (MSW '89), who introduced Peach to her first drum circle at Tinsley's Earthsong nature retreat (located on the shoals of the Middle Oconee River in Athens), agrees. "Since we are composed mostly of water, drumming on a skin or a membrane causes a greater depth of vibration in the body," said Tinsley. "It changes your brain waves and chemistry and can put you into a hypnagogic or alpha state."

Mona Taylor (MSW '83), the director of the Loran Smith Center for Cancer Support in Athens, invited Peach to facilitate a drum circle for oncology patients. "She invited me into this medical-model setting to celebrate, meditate and focus on healing with folks who were undergoing cancer treatment," said Peach. "For three years we held the circle there once a month and used everything from rattles to Djembes to the conga to the frame drum. It was just amazing."

"Jane has such a relaxed and calming presence as a facilitator," said Taylor. "She sets the scene beautifully. There is an odd kind of group communication that happens; the rhythms change. It is very soothing and relaxing. Your body is so centered. Fear and anxiousness can't exist when you are drumming."

To deepen the experience, Peach, Taylor and nine patients from the Loran Smith Center joined Tinsley at Earthsong. "Tina had purchased a retired skin from a horse and we made drums," said Peach. "It was very moving and emotional. We were all thinking about life and the end of life as we were working with the gift of this horse. It was a wonderful experience."

Current research studies by Dr. Barry Bittman, CEO and medical director of the Mind-Body Wellness Center in Meadville, Penn., are showing that certain types of group drumming activities may help the body produce natural cancer-fighting cells or Natural Killer (NK) cells. Dr. Bittman's project entitled, *Composite Effects of Group Drumming Music Therapy on Modulation of Neuroendocrine-Immune Parameters in Normal Subjects*, showed potential health benefits associated with a single group drumming session.

Bittman is also a the medical advisor for HealthRHYTHMS, a division of Remo Inc. drum-makers that develops and provides materials, programs training and the latest research supporting the use of drumming as an effective means for promoting and maintaining health and well-being. In a 2001 online interview posted on HealthRHYTHMS, Bittman stated that "Statistically significant increases in the activity of cellular immune components responsible for seeking out and destroying cancer cells and viruses were noted in normal subjects who drummed."

Bittman hopes his research will provide the motivation for hospitals, clinics, rehabilitation centers, senior centers, nursing homes and insurers to integrate group drumming as a valuable intervention within traditional medicine. "These organizations have an exceptional opportunity to incorporate a unique activity that combines proven health-promoting strategies including self-expression, group support, nurturing, exercise, stress reduction and of course, music making," he said.

As Dr. Bittman suggests, this therapy is not only for cancer patients, but anyone who is undergoing stress as a result of sickness, injury, trauma, employee burnout, care giving, and the like. "When you are drumming in a drum circle you are listening to other folks as well, so you are getting the vibrations from their drums in addition to your internal massage," said Peach. "That reduces the chatter, the critical thought process, that 'when you can't turn it off' kind of thing. If you can get to that theta state of brain activity that is when healing takes place. ... And here is the best part: Anyone can do it. Everyone can play the drums. Right away there is a sense of self-efficacy. That, in itself, raises folks' esteem." ●



Interested in joining a drum circle?

Tina Tinsley holds a meditation group at Earthsong near Athens on Mondays at 6:30 p.m. for a potluck and 30 minute meditation session. Other workshops are available throughout the year, including drum making. For more information, contact Tinsley directly at 770-725-2667. You can also check out the Earthsong web site at: <http://earthsong.cc>

The Loran Smith Center for Cancer Support in Athens holds wellness workshops weekly. For more information go to www.armc.org/health/cancer.shtml.

For more information on **Dr. Bittman's** research, go to www.mind-body.org/bittman.html

Drum Circle Facilitator Guild,
www.dcfg.net

HEALING

By Sam Fahmy

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Most traumatic stress disorder is commonly thought to affect victims of major trauma and those who witness violence, but a new UGA study finds that it also can affect children who have lost a parent expectedly to diseases such as cancer.

The finding, published in the May issue of the journal *Research on Social Work Practice*, has major implications for helping children cope with grief, said lead author Rene Searles McClatchey.

"Often children who have lost a parent are given grief therapy, and we've found that grief therapy doesn't help if you don't take care of post-traumatic stress disorder symptoms first," said McClatchey, an adjunct professor in the UGA School of Social Work. McClatchey co-authored the study with UGA associate professor Elizabeth Vonk and University of California, Riverside assistant professor Gregory Palardy.

McClatchey is also founder and director of Camp Magik, a nonprofit organization that provides weekend camps for children that blend traditional camp activities such as canoeing and hiking with therapy for PTSD and grief. McClatchey and her colleagues studied 100 children to test the effectiveness of the camp-based intervention. They found that:

- The odds of continuing to experience severe PTSD were 4.5 times higher for children who did not attend the camp compared to those who did; and
- The odds of experiencing severe grief were 3.6 times greater for children who did not attend the camp than for those who did.

McClatchey said that in addition to showing that camp-based interventions work, the study found a link between post-traumatic stress disorder and grief. She explains that a previous study she conducted in 2005 in which children attended camp and underwent grief counseling without PTSD treatment found that the children didn't improve or, in some cases, fared worse after the camp.

"Delving into their grief without addressing their PTSD got them thinking about their loss," McClatchey said, "but we didn't teach them the coping mechanisms to deal with the PTSD symptoms that were stirred up."

Few studies have examined the effectiveness of camp-based interventions and most studies on overcoming grief have focused on children who have lost family members to sudden death resulting from violence or accidents. Until now, researchers have overlooked the post-traumatic stress and grief of children whose parents died expectedly after a long illness. The new study finds that both groups can benefit from PTSD treatment followed by grief counseling.

Vonk said the PTSD treatment consisted of exposure therapy, in which the children talk about their loss repeatedly until their fear diminished, and cognitive restructuring, in which children learn to modify negative thoughts, such as feelings of guilt, about their loss.



Drs. Betsy Vonk (PhD '96) and Rene McClatchey (MSW '89, PhD '06)

The grief treatment portion included cognitive restructuring as well as lessons on coping skills.

“The camp allows kids to process their grief and go on with their lives,” Vonk said. “They can attend to everyday activities in a way that they weren’t able to before and can concentrate better in school.”

McClatchey said the average cost per camper is about \$250 for the three-day weekend, making it more cost effective than individual counseling, which costs an average of \$100 per hour and requires multiple sessions to be effective. (Camp Magik is supported by donations so that children and their families never pay to attend).

Another benefit of the camp setting is that it gives children around-the-clock access to counselors so that those who don’t open up during group sessions can have their needs addressed individually. The researchers add that attending such camps with other children who have experienced a loss has benefits that individual therapy can’t provide.

“They see that other kids are having the same kinds of thoughts and feelings,” Vonk said, “and that in and of itself is healing.”

The study gives statistical evidence that the campers benefit from the intervention, but numbers don’t tell the whole story.

McClatchey recalls one child who left Camp Magik and told her family that she learned that it was okay to have fun again. Another went home and told her family that it was okay to talk about their loss.

One child hadn’t spoken for a year before going to camp but went home talking.

One young boy had refused to leave his mother’s side after the sudden heart attack of his father six months earlier. He returned home from camp insisting on sleeping in his own bed again. He went off to school without objection and resumed play dates with his friends.

“There’s really no way of describing the difference between how they are when they arrive on Friday and how much better they are when they leave on Sunday,” McClatchey said. ●

School of Social Work receives \$200,000 gift to establish Pauline M. Berger Graduate Assistantships in Family and Child Welfare

The School of Social Work received \$200,000 for two graduate assistantships in family and child welfare to honor the memory of Pauline M. Berger, a former faculty member, and to enhance the existing named professorship in her honor.

Dr. Israel Berger, a retired radiologist, made the gift to UGA that will establish the Pauline M. Berger Memorial Graduate Assistantships in Family and Child Welfare in memory of his wife. The two assistantships will be offered for the first time in fall 2009.

They will support social work students and the work of Michael Holosko, an expert in program and policy evaluation, who joined the faculty at UGA in 2006 as the first Pauline M. Berger Professor in Family and Child Welfare.

The Berger Professorship was established in 2002 through a gift of \$250,000 given by Dr. Berger in memory of his wife. Dr. Berger said Pauline was totally devoted to the social work profession and to teaching and working with students. Her passion for students extended from the classroom to field agencies to a variety of community settings. Student assistantships in her honor seemed the fitting next step in furthering her legacy at the School.

Dean Maurice Daniels said, “The Pauline M. Berger Memorial Graduate Assistantships will carry on Professor Berger’s legacy of tireless work in family and child welfare and community organization, and the financial support they provide will help the School recruit academically talented and diverse students. My deepest appreciation to Dr. Berger for his generous gift.”

Dr. Berger knows first hand that students from diverse backgrounds will benefit from the assistantships. Elaine Danner, a single mother of two boys, was provided with emergency financial assistance to continue her MSW studies through a provision in the Berger Professorship fund agreement in December 2007. When Danner learned that Dr. Berger then established the graduate assistantships, she wrote him a letter of gratitude for the financial help she received and for his funding students into the future.

Danner gave permission to print an excerpt from her letter to Dr. Berger:

It’s amazing to think about the impact of your wife’s dedication to social work. It’s hard to imagine that her joining the faculty of the School of Social Work at UGA in 1966 would still have positive impact 40 years later, but it does . . . Her reach extends through Dr. Holosko to his many works around the globe. Now, it extends to and through me. I’m honored to be a small part of



Pauline Berger (left and above center) stands with her fellow faculty members in front of Candler Hall in the mid 1960s.

this fine tradition. . . . On May 10 know that I will be graduating, full of prayerful appreciation to you and your wife. You have impacted me and my little family in a very meaningful way and this impact will continue to other families and children.

Pauline Berger served on the faculty from 1966 to 1976 as both assistant professor and admissions director. Prior to teaching at UGA, she worked for the Norfolk Naval Hospital, for the American Red Cross and as a family caseworker.

The gifts that Dr. Berger has made to the School in honor of Pauline ensure that her interests in family development and child development continue. “I can’t imagine a better way to remember her,” Berger said.

—Kristen Smith



Dr. Israel Berger made the gift to UGA that will establish the Pauline M. Berger Memorial Graduate Assistantships in Family and Child Welfare in memory of his wife. Dr. Berger is seen here with SSW faculty member and Berger Professor Dr. Michael Holosko.

Dear Alumni and Friends,

Greetings from the School of Social Work and the University of Georgia! As I write, we are enjoying a beautiful fall day in the classic city of Athens. I'd love to bottle this up and save it for the cold of winter.

As we ended last school year, we are amazed at the activities we had been involved in over the past year. We will welcome a whole new class of distinguished alumni into our family on May 10. For the first time, we combined all of our programs into one graduation ceremony. All of these students worked so hard to achieve their goals, and we wish them well as they venture out to a new phase of their life. Congratulations to all!

For those of you who have heard and been expecting news of an upcoming All-Class Reunion, I must inform you that those plans have been canceled for this year due to the general economic climate. We plan to work toward another reunion in the near future. Our Continuing Education office is still planning to hold a CEU event on Friday, Nov. 7, entitled: *Homecoming as a Safe Haven on the New Front: Attachment and Detachment in Military Couples*. Please watch for the brochure and registration information in your mail soon.

Dean Daniels, several faculty members and our External Affairs Committee have been on the road from one side of the United States to the other. Last October we attended the CSWE-APM in San Francisco. The School held a dessert reception that was well attended by many of our alums as well as other conference attendees. We also had lunch with two of our MNPO graduates, Katie Griffith (MA '07) and Alexis Weiss (MA '04). In January, we were in Washington, D.C., for the SSWR conference and had dinner with alums Jeanne Bott Verasha (MSW '00), Pamela Bell Payton (MSW '80), Jeff Yarvis (PhD '04), Dixie Butler (MSW '73), and Renee Daniels (MSW '82). In March we went to Destin, Florida for the BPD conference and had dinner with Harriet Cohen (MSW '75), Harriet Gadsden-Reynolds (MSW '84), B. J. Bryson (MSW '86), and Dawn Leslie (PhD '94). It was great to see all these wonderful folks!

We continue to do great things with our programs here in the School and would like to thank each of you who have given a gift to help fund our program activities, our students and our scholarships. With your help, we can continue to provide an excellent education to our many deserving, bright students. Please contact our development officer, Jennifer Abbott, at 706-542-9093 or e-mail: jabbot@uga.edu if you have any questions concerning giving to the School.

Please stay in touch with us with news, professional or personal, you'd like to share, and if you have an address change or employment change let us know 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,



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● 1960–1999

Allie Kilpatrick-Hill, MSW '66 – a professor emerita of the School of Social Work, was ordained to the ministry in 2006 and is now serving as Chaplain for Hospice Care Options in Milledgeville, GA. She is co-editor of the book *Working With Families: An Integrative Model by Level of Need*. Allie is married to Charles E. Hill, a retired hospital administrator.

● 1970–1979

Elizabeth (Dixie) Butler, MSW '73 – is an independent consultant in Rockville, MD. She joined a group of us for dinner when we were in the D.C. area in January for the SSWR conference.

Alberta (Bert) Ellett, MSW '74 – an associate professor in the School has been elected to serve on the board of directors of the Society for Social Work and Research (SSWR) and as the secretary of the board. Her election to the three-year term of board secretary was announced at the January 2008 annual SSWR conference in Washington, D.C..

Denise Powers, MSW '75 and Dan Sweitzer, MSW '74 – are married and working together in a new endeavor. In early April, Rome (GA)-based Cancer Navigators opened offering a variety of services to cancer patients and their families in Floyd, Polk and Chattooga counties. The physician-referral service will help patients deal with many issues from learning the step-by-step process of their treatments to helping with insurance and counseling. Dan is the part-time temporary executive director, on loan from Floyd Medical Center where he is vice president for Market Development, and Denise is a social worker in private practice and is the Services Navigator (social worker) for Cancer Navigators.

Susan Carol Waltman, MSW '75 – is senior vice president and general counsel for the Greater New York Hospital Association. In addition to her social work degree, she earned a law degree from Columbia University. She has taught health law courses at New York University School of Law and Brooklyn Law School. Susan has recently been named an Advisory Trustee for the University of Georgia Arch Foundation. She is also on the advisory boards of both UGA's Honors Program and College of Public Health.

● 1980–1989

Dexter R. Freeman, MSW '83 – after receiving his MSW degree, Dexter served 20 years in the U.S. Army as a social worker and upon retirement he served as a faculty member in the School of Social Work at Texas State University in San Marcos, Texas. In

January 2008, he became the assistant director of the U.S. Army MSW Program at Fort Sam Houston, Texas. This program involved a collaborative partnership with Fayetteville State University in which Fort Sam Houston serves as an off-site campus. The Army MSW Program will be a clinically focused program that will seek out current military officers who desire to become social workers and then equip them with the knowledge and skills to become competent social workers who will take a major role in treating and advocating for the needs of military service members and their families.

Pamela Bell Payton, MSW '80 – is senior human resource specialist (Human Resource Development), Office of Human Resources at the U. S. Department of Transportation (Federal Transit Administration). She joined a group of us for dinner in January when we were in the D.C. area for the SSWR conference.

Mona Taylor, MSW '83 – is the director of outpatient oncology services at Athens Regional Medical Center and manages the Loran Smith Center for Cancer Support. Mona was named the 2007 Georgia Social Worker of the Year by the Georgia Chapter of the National Association of Social Workers. She was also the May 2008 Graduation speaker for our School's ceremony.

Jane Aikman Tipton, MSW '80 – has been living in Nairobi, Kenya for seven years working with HIV prevention activities related to counseling and testing.

● 1990–1999

Ann Montgomery Pitts, MSW '92 – has started a private practice, Summit Counseling, in New London, New Hampshire. Recently Ann was chosen to appear in a 2008 calendar featuring women entrepreneurs in the Kearsarge region of New Hampshire. Sales from the calendar were donated to Women's Supportive Services, a private, non-profit agency offering emergency assistance and supportive counseling to adolescent and adult survivors of domestic violence, sexual abuse, sexual harassment and stalking.

Ed Risler, BSW '77, MSW '82, PhD '98 – an associate professor here in the School has been elected as vice chairman of the Board of Juvenile Justice in the State of Georgia.

Sharon J. Sterns, BSW '96, MSW '97 – is a therapist at Larned State Hospital (Larned, Kansas) in the Sexual Predator Program. Sharon has also earned an EdD in counseling psychology.

Dawn Stula, MSW '01 – is now in her third year in private practice in Athens. She is an instructor here in the School and was awarded the School's 2008 BSW Teacher of the Year voted on by the students.

● 2000–2008

Ellen Worthington Anderson, MSW '05 – is the medical social worker at Washington County (Maryland) Hospital.

Vicki Hendley, MNPO '06 – is working with the ALS Association of Georgia (fighting Lou Gehrig's Disease) as the volunteer coordinator.

Anthony T. Paglia, MSW '05 – is currently working for Community Counseling Center in Hermitage, PA as a mental health therapist working with outpatient, school-based and community-based settings. He has also recently taken a position as camp counselor at the Shenango branch campus of Penn State University in Sharon, PA. Tony and his wife Kimberly are also happy to announce the birth of their first child, Orion Anthony Paglia, in August 2007.

Darlene Rodriguez, MSW '07 – expects to finish her PhD in Public Administration and Policy in May 2008. On April 18, 2008, at the University of Georgia Alumni Awards program, Darlene was awarded the 2008 Graduate Student Diversity Engagement Award. In the 2004-2005 school year, she was the first of two recipients of the Goizueta Foundation Fellowship. Darlene has served as lead faculty of the Fanning Institute's Latino Youth Leadership Program and has volunteered to serve as interim advisor for the Hispanic Student Association. She has been engaged in teaching, research, public service and outreach in an effort to sustain and improve the inclusion of diversity at UGA and throughout Georgia.

Nicole Sanders, MSW '07 – is a self study research assistant at Columbia College Chicago.

Jeanne Bott Verasha, MSW '00 – is working two jobs in the Washington, D.C. area. Her main job is as a social worker for Fairfax County Public Schools working with two elementary schools. Jeanne's other job is as a medical social worker with INOVA Alexandria Hospital. We had dinner with Jeanne in D.C. when we attended SSWR, and she returned the visit in March when she came to Athens.

Robert D. Weaver, PhD '04 – is an assistant Professor at Windsor University in Canada. Robert and his fiancée stopped by Tucker Hall recently when they were back in Georgia on a visit.

Matt Yancey, MSW '05 – earned a Master's of Public Administration from Kennesaw State University in May 2007, and has taken a position as a school social worker in the Cobb County (Georgia) School district. Matt was married in June 2006 to Erin Kathleen Miller, who received both a bachelor's and master's degree in accounting from the University of Georgia.

Jeffrey S. Yarvis, PhD '04 – is an assistant professor at Uniformed Services University of Health Sciences at F. Edward Hebert School of Medicine in Bethesda, MD. Jeff joined a group of us for dinner when we were in the D.C. area for SSWR this past January.

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Kate Morrisey, *recipient of the*
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Mendi Sandoz *is the recipient of the*
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Lila Rose Grisar, *recipient of the*
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Not pictured: Angela Shaw and Mendi Sandoz



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Angela Shaw, *recipient of the Undergraduate Scholarship*

Lori Posnanski, *recipient of the Graduate Scholarship*

Martha Alvarado, recipient of the Norman Polansky Scholarship in Child Welfare

Established in memory of Dr. Norman Polansky, a Professor Emeritus of the School of Social Work and a nationally recognized scholar in the area of child neglect. This scholarship is awarded to a BSW student in his or her senior year who demonstrates a special interest in the field of child welfare and has a desire to work in this field upon graduation. The student must also be participating in an internship placement in a public or private child welfare setting.



Alvarado



Petro and Adams

Diana Petro, recipient of the Mary Jane Coberth Award

Established in memory of Mary Jane Coberth, mother of MSW program advisor Katherine Adams. The purpose of this award is to provide funding to a first year MSW student with preference given to a student with an interest in suicide awareness and prevention.



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Merle Foeckler, first director of Field Education

By Kristen Smith

“Some jobs are there for your designing,” said Merle Foeckler reflecting on 1964 and the beginning of the School of Social Work at UGA. Foeckler was one of seven founding faculty members invited by Dean Charles Stewart to start the School 44 years ago. And, according to School documents, Foeckler holds the distinction of having taught the very first social work class, “Human Behavior and the Social Environment” on September 25, 1964.

Foeckler was hired as an associate professor and as the director of field education, a position she held for seven years. She knew from first-hand experience that field instructors needed training to become social work educators.

“When I was at Duke University in the 1950s as a medical social worker and was supervising social work students from Atlanta University, the dean said to us that a field instructor should be a teacher. And I asked him, ‘Who is going to help us to become teachers?’”

Foeckler retired from UGA in 1982, and some years later she established the Merle M. Foeckler Field Instruction Fund with the purpose of providing training to field instructors. “Field instructors have to help students join theory and the field experience together. To me that is critical,” she said.

Jackie Ellis, the current director of field education, said that the Council on Social Work Education (CSWE) is paying a great deal of attention to field instruction in their current educational policy and accreditation standards. “CSWE calls field education our signature pedagogy,” said Ellis. “Merle Foeckler figured that out a while ago, and her fund allows us to provide really good training for our field instructors. We have five, three-hour training modules for instructors.”

Foeckler has been avant-garde for most of her life. The oldest of three girls, she grew up in New Orleans where her father sold wood, ice, and coal with a horse and wagon and her mother was a homemaker. “I’m sure I was a difficult child,” she said. “But my mother was very creative, and I think she recognized some creativity in me and did not squelch it.”

After high school, Foeckler attended normal school for three years to become a teacher. She substituted in the public school system and attended Tulane University in the evenings and summers to earn her undergraduate degree.

“There were no teaching jobs available, and I heard that the public welfare department was hiring college graduates. I went to work for New Orleans public welfare, and I had a wonderful

supervisor, a really trained social worker, and she and others encouraged me then to go on and get my master’s degree.”

After a stint with the American Red Cross in Augusta, Foeckler completed her master’s degree in New York at Columbia University. She returned to work with the Red Cross where she made it clear she wanted to work abroad. Foeckler worked in Hawaii and in Japan during the Korean War. “That was a tough, tough job. It was a great unit, but it was a night and day job. In Red Cross you worked weekends because somebody was always sick or dying or coming in from Korea,” she said. “Social workers who were on call one weekend had a holiday the next weekend so we were able to travel; we had three days. And you needed that with that hard-working outfit.” Traveling on her days off made Foeckler long to see more of Asia. After 10 years with the Red Cross, Foeckler took her retirement money and traveled to the Philippines, China and Thailand.

When she returned to the states, she went to work at the Duke Medical Center in Durham, NC, and was a medical social worker there for five years. She was then recruited to teach in the School of Social Welfare at Florida State University. In 1963, Foeckler, as a field liaison for Florida State, was visiting the Milledgeville State Hospital where Charlie Stewart was working as head of the social services department. He confided in her that he had been offered a position as dean of the new School of Social Work at UGA. Not long thereafter, Dean Stewart recruited Foeckler to join the inchoate first faculty of the School.

Dean Maurice Daniels notes that Foeckler’s forward thinking helped lay the groundwork for the School of Social Work. “Her contributions have been pivotal in our achievements in field education. Merle is the embodiment of social work and is



If you would like to contribute to the Merle M. Foeckler Field Instruction Fund or become a field instructor yourself, contact Jackie Ellis at jie10@uga.edu

a valued mentor and friend.”

Foeckler credits two qualities with helping to make her a success: “I’m very flexible, and I take risks,” she said.

Many social work students feel they have to be in the “right” field placement to end up in a specific job. Foeckler thinks that students have more fear since the attacks of September 11, 2001, and may want to control their futures and their field placements in response to that fear. Her advice to them is this: “Trust yourself and have the freedom from having a preconceived plan.” That prescription for life has really worked for her.

Foeckler waited to get married until she was 60 years old. “It took me a long time to find a husband because I was too independent and am still too independent, but that’s the way I am and it hasn’t been bad,” she said. Foeckler met her husband, Nore Finnberg, while she was in Sweden conducting workshops for five schools of social work there. After many years of correspondence, the two fell in love on a trip to Paris and married in 1978.

Today at age 90, Foeckler, who is a widow, lives in a retirement community in Brevard, NC. “It’s a whole new era of my life because I don’t have a husband, and I don’t need control over everything,” she said. Foeckler is tremendously engaged in her community. She’s active in the Democratic Party, she belongs to various discussion groups, and she had three social engagements planned for the next day.

“When I moved here five years ago, I decided I’m not going to focus back,” she said. “I’ll see what it holds for me. I think that approach has made it easy for me to work in so many different places. I put my energy on the now rather than on the when.” ●



Myra Hammett-Bregger, Dr. Priscilla Faulkner and Phillip Mongan (MSW '08)

Phillip Mongan moved to Georgia from northern Minnesota to pursue his MSW at the School of Social Work at UGA. When it was time to choose a site for his second-year practicum, he jumped at the opportunity to be placed at Pathways Transition Programs in Tucker, GA.

Pathways is a large program with a staff of 40 and is dedicated to promoting the psychological well being of children and to strengthening families. Mongan and fellow student Myra Hammett-Bregger had a rich and varied experience at Pathways, and both students enjoyed their placement partly because of its association with Horse Time Inc. a nonprofit organization specializing in therapeutic horsemanship with children.

Mongan and Hammett-Bregger met once a week with children aged four to eight to work with horses at Falconwood Farm in Covington, GA. The children in the therapeutic class learn to groom and handle horses. They learn about herd behavior and horse body language. Eventually they learn to ride the horses and to perform vaulting routines, which are gymnastics on horseback.

Priscilla Faulkner, PhD, is the field instructor for UGA students working at Horse Time. She said the lessons at Horse Time integrate psychosocial and behavioral goal achievement for each child. “We also want the children to have improved peer interactions, to listen and follow directions, and to have empathy for others,” she said.

The children work together to establish group rules. “There are practical reasons for the rules when you work with large animals like horses,” said Faulkner. “Horses are herd animals, and we tell the kids that if they are running around, the horse will think there is danger and may run too. And following directions means you get to do more. We encourage the kids to get along because if they can cooperate then two people can practice vaulting maneuvers together on the horse.”

Faulkner said there are many therapeutic metaphors at hand when working with horses. For example, one of the horses named Scottie ran away and had to be brought home by the police. “That was showing poor judgment to leave the property, and we talk to the children about that,” said Faulkner. “And Scottie has poor social skills around other horses, and we talk about how he can get along better with his stable mates.”

The children in the program at Horse Time respect the size and majesty of the animals and really focus when working with them. “Kids who have ADHD can do this,” said Faulkner. “They may have trouble, say, changing classes at school, but they can do this.”

—Kristen Smith

To learn more about Horse Time, visit www.horsetime.org

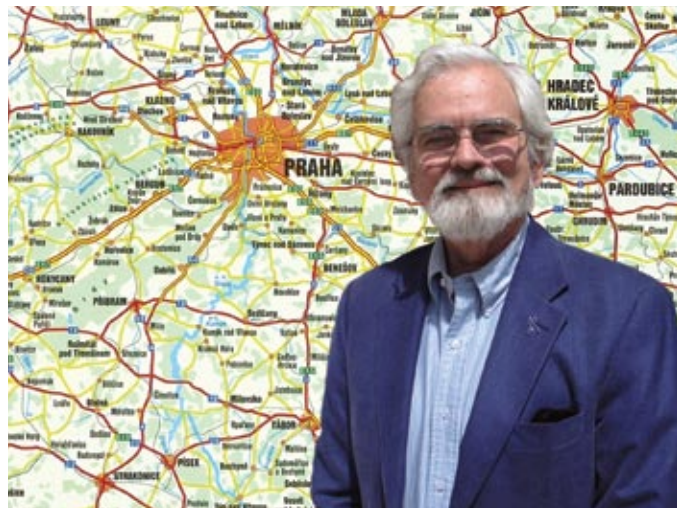
Holland named Fulbright Scholar

Thomas Holland, a professor in the University of Georgia's School of Social Work, has been chosen to represent the United States as a Fulbright professor during fall semester of the 2008-2009 academic year. Holland will teach and conduct research in the Czech Republic as part of the Fulbright U.S. Scholar Program.

Holland, who founded the Institute for Nonprofit Organizations at UGA, will teach two courses on the role of nonprofits in the United States and on governing boards of nonprofit organizations at Charles University in Prague. He will also conduct research on best practices of successful nonprofits in the Czech Republic.

"The thing that motivates me is the opportunity to look at nonprofit organizations through a separate set of lenses," said Holland. "I think that will enrich my understanding of United States-based nonprofits. And if I can contribute something to Czech nonprofits and share any knowledge I've gained in 35 years of teaching and through consulting with nonprofit executives and boards of directors then it will be my privilege to do so."

Established in 1946 under legislation introduced by the late Senator J. William Fulbright of Arkansas, the purpose of the Fulbright Scholar Program is to build mutual understanding between the people of the United States and other countries. Today, Fulbright is the most widely recognized and prestigious international exchange program



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Fulbright alumni are recipients of 37 Nobel Prizes, 65 Pulitzer Prizes, 23 MacArthur Foundation "Genius" Awards, and 15 U.S. Presidential Medals of Freedom.

The Fulbright U.S. Scholar Program is administered by the Council for International Exchange of Scholars and is sponsored by the U.S. Department of State, Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs.

Maurice Daniels, dean of the School of Social Work, said, "Dr. Holland is very deserving of this honor and special distinction. He is an excellent mentor to colleagues, an eminent researcher and he reaches out to provide support and assistance to students across disciplines."

—Kristen Smith

Kolomer wins award

Stacey Kolomer, an associate professor in the School of Social Work, received the Mit Joyner Gerontology Leadership Award at the Association Baccalaureate Social Work Program Directors (BPD) meeting in Destin, Florida, in March.

The BPD and the Association for Gerontology Education in Social Work (AGE-SW) created this award to honor Mildred C. Joyner for her leadership and vision to gerontology in social work education. Social work educators or field instructors who work closely with BSW students or undergraduate social work students are eligible to be nominated.

A reception was held in Kolomer's honor. She also presented a talk titled, "Social Work Students' Attitudes and Knowledge of Sexuality in Older Adults."



Annual Awards Luncheon



The 2008 School of Social Work awards luncheon was held on April 2 in the Georgian Hotel in downtown Athens. Social Work students, faculty, staff, alumni and field instructors were honored at the annual gathering.

Retired SSW professor Ray MacNair won the inaugural Community Service Award for his indefatigable commitment to social and economic justice in the university and Athens communities.

Carrie Jarrett (MSW '81) received the Distinguished Alumni award for her service on the School's Development Council and for her support of SSW programs such as the tenth annual African American Families Conference.

Top: Stephanie Swann (MSW '94), MSW Teacher of the Year and Dawn Stula (MSW '01), BSW Teacher of the Year.

Above: Carrie Jarrett (MSW '81), Distinguished Alumni Award recipient, and Laura.

Other award winners include:

Outstanding BSW Student – Alicia Bellezza

BSW Teacher of the Year – Professor Dawn Stula

BSW Advisor of the Year – Trelle Baker

Outstanding Part Time MSW Student – Anna Durden

Outstanding Full Time MSW Student – Chelsea MacCaughelty

MSW Teacher of the Year – Dr. Stephanie Swann

MNPO Teacher of the Year – Dr. Michelle Carney

Outstanding MNPO Student – Leigh Engen

Outstanding PhD Student – Sandra Yudilevich

PhD Teacher of the Year – Dr. Patricia Reeves

GUC Teacher of the Year – Dr. Rufus Larkin

BSW Field Instructor of the Year – Matt Hurd and Claudia Coppola

MSW Field Instructor of the Year – Dr. Charcella Green

Outstanding Staff Member – Emma Mattox

Distinguished Alumni – Carrie Jarrett

Community Service Award – Dr. Ray Hugh MacNair

2008-2009 Blue Key National Honor Society Initiates – Kaitlin M. Kotsko, Lila R. Grisar, and Denise L. Levy

Who's Who Among Students In American Universities & Colleges – Helen Schimke, Henry Clay, and Lila Rose Grisar

Norman Polansky Scholarship – Martha Alvarado

SSW Memorial Scholarship – Lila Rose Grisar

Wilbur P. Jones Scholarship – Kaliah Jackson

Pauline Durant Lide Scholarship – Kate Morrissey

Heather Cristina Wright Memorial Graduate Scholarship – Lori Posnansky-McCarthy

Joe & Diane Perno Scholarship – Mendi Sandoz

Heather Cristina Wright Memorial Undergraduate Scholarship – Angela Shaw

James D. Horne Memorial Scholarship – Regina Smalls

Mary Jane Coberth Award – Diana Petro

Clay selected to participate in Institute on Aging and Social Work

Kimberly S. Clay, an assistant professor in the School of Social Work, has been selected to participate in the prestigious Institute on Aging and Social Work, a year-long intensive program at the College of St. Scholastica in Duluth, Minnesota, providing advanced training in aging research to Social Work Faculty nationwide. Clay is one of 15 social work faculty members chosen out of hundreds of applicants to participate in the program.



Participants develop knowledge and skills in research methodology and have the opportunity for extended contact with distinguished visiting professors and National Institute on Aging (NIA) staff. In addition, they work with colleagues from other institutions to develop a research proposal and submit it to NIA/NIH. Participants are challenged to emphasize methodological issues in their own courses and to provide research experience to their students.

The program offers an opportunity for top-level training with nationally recognized experts in research methodology related to aging. Specifically designed for college and university social work faculty, the program aims to strengthen participants' knowledge and skills essential for developing an active research agenda and integrating research in aging with teaching.



Ellett elected to SSWR board

Alberta Ellett, an associate professor in the School of Social Work, has been elected to serve on the board of the Society for Social Work and Research (SSWR) and as the secretary of the board. Ellett's election to the three-year term of board secretary was announced during the January 17-20 annual SSWR conference in Washington, D.C. Her term

began in February 2008. As secretary, Ellett maintains SSWR records and also edits the society's newsletter.

SSWR is a professional society and non-profit dedicated to the involvement of social workers and social work faculty and students in research and to the promotion of human welfare through research and research applications. SSWR has more than 1,300 members representing over 200 universities throughout the world.

ALUMNI SIGHTINGS – BPD Alums



Steven Granich (MSW '76) at the BPD conference in Destin, FL



Chowing down while watching the sunset at Hammerhead's Restaurant in Destin, FL. Alumni included Don Leslie (PhD '94), Harriette Gadsen-Reynolds (MSW '84), Brenda Jean "B.J." Bryson (MSW '86) and Harriet Cohen (MSW '75). Former faculty members Paul Ammons and Tara Larrison, as well as current faculty member Stacey Kolomer and staff member Katherine Adams joined in the fun.





Student Lobby Day

University of Georgia MSW and BSW students joined students from across the state to lobby for the passions of the social work profession at NASW-GA's Annual Student Lobby Day in Atlanta on February 12. Dr. June Gary Hopps, the Parham Professor of Family and Children Studies in the School of Social Work and a strong supporter of student policy education, organized a group of over 100 students to participate in the event.

Students attended the event to enhance their legislative skills, network with social work students from other universities, and observe a legislative session and committee hearings. Most importantly, students enjoyed the opportunity to meet members of the Georgia General Assembly and advocate for our clients by sharing the social work profession's informed perspective on current legislation.

— Meghan Wilson, MSW student

ALUMNI SIGHTINGS – SSWR



Terri Wingate-Lewinson (MSW '01, PhD '07), Laura, and Alice Boateng (PhD '06) at SSWR in Washington, D.C.

IN MEMORIAM

The School of Social Work lost one of our retired faculty members and two alumni during the last year. We extend to each family our most sincere sympathy in the loss of their loved ones.

Elsie Nesbit, a retired faculty member in the School of Social Work died on January 24, 2008. Professor Nesbit received her MSW degree from Indiana University and became a pioneer in the field of school social work. She began her career at the University of Georgia in 1962 in the College of Education, but when the School of Social Work was formed in 1964 by Dean Charles Stewart, Ms. Nesbit joined the faculty. She retired in 1973 but remained active with her many hobbies and traveling. She was honored at the 50th anniversary of the Georgia Association of School Social Workers. She is survived by a number of nieces and nephews as well as a great-great niece and nephews.

Michael Bondurant-Chambers, died Tuesday, September 11, 2007 in Stone Mountain, Georgia. Mr. Bondurant-Chambers received an MSW degree from the University of Georgia School of Social Work in 1986. His greatest love in life was his social work for which in 1999 he was honored in New York City with an award for his work with homeless TB patients at Grady Memorial Hospital.

Paul L. Freeman, died October 22, 2007 in Atlanta. Mr. Freeman received an MSW in 1967. He was an effective and well-respected therapist practicing in Atlanta for many years. He is survived by his wife Cynthia, who is a 1975 MSW graduate of the UGA School of Social Work.

The VOICE at the Other End of the Line

by Kristen Smith



Laura Hartman Ciucevich has been alumni director at the School of Social Work for 12 years. She is an Athens native and is devoted to the University of Georgia. Laura is also an alumna of the Grady College of Journalism and Mass Communication.

Q What is a typical day like for you at work?

A My primary position here is working with alumni. I also work with our external relations group to plan parties and events of all different kinds for our alums, for social work practitioners and for students.

When I first came to work here, Bonnie Yegidis was the dean. She was the one who decided to have an alumni director position. For a good while before that, there really was not a lot of direct contact with alums, and Dr. Yegidis wanted to stir up the alums

and get everyone together again and develop a better relationship with the School. So the year before I came, which was her first year here, she was making lots of trips all over the state of Georgia visiting with alums and getting us connected again, and then I was hired and we started having receptions in different places all over the state in Augusta, Savannah, Atlanta, Milledgeville, all over. We try to make several trips a year to visit either with a group or individually.

Q What do you like the most about your work in the School?

A I love the people I work with. And I love getting to know the alums. Social workers are great. They are really wonderful people. I have made some really good friends in the field of social work. Attending professional conferences also gives me the opportunity to see many of our alums.

Q Is there something that you're particularly proud of from your contributions to the School?

A I feel like I have offered to the alums a person that if they need to talk to someone in the School about what's going on or if we're going to do an event in their town or community there is someone to talk to about the plans. I feel like I am kind of an anchor for the alums here. And I do like to get involved in all facets of things going on in the School where alums are involved. One of things I'm most proud of was instituting an alumni newsletter, which has evolved into our magazine, which reaches out to alumni with news about the School and their classmates. As alumni director the magazine has been very close to my heart because it brings the School and our alumni together.

Q Is there anything you'd like to tell me about yourself or your work that I haven't asked or that you'd want our alums to know?

A I want the alums to know that I am here. If they've got any questions or if they have any suggestions as to get-togethers in their different areas they should contact me. We've got a growing family of alums all over the United States. and abroad. In fact we had dinner with some when we went to Washington, D.C. recently. We would love to come and visit them and anybody who's interested, call us, and we'll be more than happy to work with a group to get our alums in touch with each other and the School. We're here, and we want to stay connected with our alums! ●

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The Alumni Office tries to keep its records current to ensure that you continue to receive School of Social Work news. If you have an address or employment update, please fill out this form and send it to: Laura Ciucevich, Office of External Affairs, School of Social Work, The University of Georgia, Tucker Hall, Athens, GA 30602; e-mail: lciecevi@uga.edu. Or visit our Website: www.ssw.uga.edu. Thank you.

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