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Director's Comments

"We are now in the middle of the fall semester and by now you are beginning to work on all the papers and reports that are coming due much too quickly. In addition, you are beginning to think ahead to next semester and what courses you want to take or would like to take. Consider the courses that are offered by CWEP staff that include *Clinical Practice with Children and Adolescents* taught by Dr. Monit Cheung and *Supervision and consultation*, taught by Dr. Trish Taylor. You may be getting overwhelmed with all of the readings you have to do and the research that is required for your papers and reports at this time in the semester. Well, do not give up, CWEP offers you a number of supports that we hope will help you sail through these problems with ease. First, CWEP offers you the LEO mentor support. LEO stands for "Learning Enhancement Opportunities" and is intended to help you with many aspects of your writing assignments. Corrine is a current PhD student with both writing skills and knowledge of professors and their expectations at GCSW. Although she will not edit your papers, she can give you direction and constructive suggestions for written assignments and presentations. She is available by both email and in person. Don't wait till the last minute to ask for her help. She can do the most to help if you come to her early. We also have a well stocked social work library on the 4th floor that is available for you to check out books for your research, papers and reports. The CWEP library book list is online at the CWEP website: <http://www.sw.uh.edu/documents/cwep/CWEPLibraryCatalog.pdf> Our student advisor, Brunessia Wilson, is available to you and has started the academic advising for the spring semester that we hope will ease your mind regarding your plans for next semester. Finally, do not forget our web site at <http://www.sw.uh.edu/communityoutreach/cwep.php> that has tons of information and links that can help you throughout the semester. So cheer up, CWEP staff and faculty are available to you and want to help you in any way that we can. Please feel free to drop by any of our offices on the fourth floor and say hi or ask for our help. We will always be available to you. Thank you and I hope your semester is going well and if you have any issues that you would like me to address, please email me at jpapick@uh.edu or drop by and talk with me about your concerns."

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CWEP Staff Spotlight

This month we are highlighting

Kathy
Clark

1. What is your current position with CWEP? How long have you been working in this position? What prior experiences(s) did you bring with you to this position?

I have been the **Field Coordinator** for the Child Welfare Education Project for the past ten years. Prior to joining CWEP I was a CPS supervisor for ten years. All of my career has been in child welfare.

2. What has been your experience as a Field Coordinator with CWEP?

My role has changed a lot over the past ten years. When I started, field instructors were mentors within CPS – generally, they were CPS supervisors. However, in CWEP we have both employees and non-employees as students. Now, we have an outside field instructor model. In the old model, students had to switch from their old job to a new job, but now employees can stay in their units. The new curriculum allows them to build new competencies which they can apply in their existing units.

3. What has been the greatest challenge you have faced in your current position?

My greatest challenge is making sure that field agencies allow students the time to learn and grow, and not to use them as employees.

4. What do you feel is your greatest reward?

My greatest reward is to advocate for the profession of social work by encouraging students to pursue careers in child welfare. Also, I have had a great opportunity to learn and grow by working with CWEP – the people here are a great team.

5. How do you balance your work and your personal life?

I have always exercised. I go to the gym 3 or 4 times a week – that is how I keep my balance. Also, I like to laugh – I believe laughing is a good way to pass on positive energy to the next person.

6. What advice do you have for our CWEP students?

I would like the students to know that they are not alone in this learning process. I would encourage them to be sure to access the assistance that we can give them through the CWEP team.





Announcements

Social Worker Confirmed by U.S. Senate

On September 22, 2009, the United States Senate unanimously confirmed Carmen Nazario, MSW, as the next Assistant Secretary for Children and Families at the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS). President Obama nominated Ms. Nazario for this position on May 5.

In this position, Ms. Nazario will be responsible for overseeing critical programs that effect American families, as well as programs that aim to ensure that our workforce is equipped with the skills needed to effectively serve populations in need. For example, the Title IV-E child welfare training program, which is administered by the Administration for Children and Families (ACF), is a federal-state partnership that provides direct financial assistance to social work students for their academic studies, which prepares them for careers in public child welfare and in turn strengthens the labor force in children and family service settings.

Prior to her nomination, Ms. Nazario was an assistant professor at the Inter American University of Puerto Rico, where she taught social policy and coordinated the Social Work Practicum at the School of Social Work. She served as administrator of the Administration for Children and Families for the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico from 2003-2008 and also served in the Clinton Administration as Associate Commissioner for Child Care in the Administration on Children, Youth and Families and later Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary at ACF. Her past experiences also include director of social services in Norfolk, Virginia and Loudon County, Virginia.

A native of Puerto Rico, Ms. Nazario received a Bachelor of Arts with honors in Sociology from the University of Puerto Rico in 1967, and was awarded her Master of Social Work degree from Virginia Commonwealth University School of Social Work in 1973.

Opportunities to Study and Travel Abroad!!!

Students interested in traveling and earning credit should consider the following in **SUMMER 2010**:

3 SCH Social Work in China: Issues and Development
(Course taken at City University of Hong Kong)

**SCHOLARSHIPS
AVAILABLE!**

3 SCH Field Elective III
240 Clock Hours of Field Work
(Supervised by faculty in the Department of Applied Studies at
City University of Hong Kong)



Contact: Virginia Robbins, Director of Field Education at vrobbs@uh.edu
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CWEP Ice Cream Social



On Wednesday, October 14, 2009, CWEP held an Ice Cream Social for all CWEP students. Students had a chance to take a break from classes and work to mingle, talk, and enjoy some delicious ice cream!

Thank you, Joe, for sponsoring this event!



CSWE 55th Annual Program Meeting November 6 – 9, 2009

GCSW is proud to host a booth at the upcoming Council on Social Work Education (CSWE) Annual Program Meeting in San Antonio.

Please click to our website to get the details about this conference:
<http://www.sw.uh.edu/main/home.php> (click at the CSWE icon on the right). Dr. Cheung will receive an award at this conference. Stay tuned for the coverage!



**HAPPY
HALLOWEEN!**

CWEP Upcoming Events

October:

26-30 Student advising for Spring 2010

November:

9 Open enrollment begins for Spring 2010
TBA Brown bag at CPS from 12:00 pm to 1:00 pm
25-28 Thanksgiving Holiday

December:

5 Last day of classes and Field Instruction

January:

18 Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday
19 Classes begin for Spring 2010

March:

12 CWEP Symposium
15-20 Spring Break
22-26 Student Advising for Summer/Fall 2010

April:

27 Clinical Leadership Society Meeting from 12:00 to 1:00
Topic: CPS and Child Welfare

May:

15 Commencement



L. E. O.

Learning Enhancement Opportunity
Corrine Walijarvi, LEO Mentor for CWEP

Your LEO Mentor is here to help you!

When you want to get a third-person perspective about your academic preparation, or when you need someone to go over your presentation outline or paper format, please email or see Corrine Walijarvi, your LEO mentor for CWEP students.

Corrine's office hours for CWEP students in Fall 2009 are Monday from 10:00 to 3:30, and Thursday from 10:00 to 3:30 in Room 430. Feel free to email Corrine any time at cmwalija@mail.uh.edu. She looks forward to meeting with you and helping in any way!

CWEP Students

**Students considering electives for Spring 2010:
The following courses are listed in order of
recommendation for CWEP students**

- a. Clinical Practice with Children and Adolescents (Wednesday 1:30-4:30 taught by Dr. Monit Cheung)*
- b. Drugs in Society (Wednesday 7-10pm taught by Dr. Susan Robbins)*
- c. Grief and Bereavement (Thursday 6-9pm taught by Professor Sandra Lopez)*
- d. Supervision and Consultation (Monday 1:30-4:30 taught by Dr. Trish Taylor)*
- e. Multicultural Practice (Monday 6-9pm Instructor TBA)*
- f. Professional Self-Care (Wednesday 9-12 taught by Professor Sandra Lopez)*
- g. Substance Abuse and Pharmacology (Wednesday 9-12 taught by Dr. Patrick Bordnick)*

If you are a student in the LAA track, we recommend that you take DSM or Transtheoretical Practice as your "cross over" elective. Dr. Taylor will teach a session of DSM this Spring on Tuesdays from 9-12 am. Dr. Cheung will teach a session on Transtheoretical Practice on Thursdays from 1:30-4:30 pm.

Check Out Information on the CWEP WEBSITE!

Go to:

http://www.sw.uh.edu/communityoutreach/cwep_students.php

Check out scholarship opportunities for CWEP students!

Access the APA Citation Format, 6th Edition – Prepared by Dr. Cheung – A very useful format summary for all your class papers!