

April 2017



SU Social Work Newsletter

Spring 2017 News and Updates



Do you have any questions about the MSW program (all locations, including online)? Check out our website [here](#) for more information.

Social Work Month Highlights

Social Workers Stand Up Campaign Photo Shoot

During the month of March students were invited to take pictures using the #SUSocialWork hashtag and the NASW social work month hashtag, #SWstandup



CEU Event: Social Workers Stand Up! For Sustainability

On March 21st Heidi Moore MSW, LCSW-C presented and led a training which encouraged participants to engage in discussion about sustainability within the social work practice. The event covered the spheres of sustainability, finding opportunities and implementing it in daily practices.



CEU Event: Psychological Theories Named After the Works of Lewis Carroll

On March 8th Dr. Ellen Schaefer-Salins discussed the life of Lewis Carroll and Alice Liddell. Attendees also learned about the various psychological theories named after characters or events in Carroll's writings, as well as why Carroll's writings have stood the test of time and how they have impacted our society from a psychological and cultural perspective.



Student Spotlight



On Saturday March 11th members of the Phi Alpha Honor Society volunteered at the Eastern Shore Mission of Mercy free dental clinic. This clinic provides dental hygiene services, extractions, nutritional counseling, and restorative fillings. This event has been going on every two years since 2013. Since then, over \$2 million dollars of free services have been provided to patients on the Eastern Shore. The many volunteers who kindly donated their time consisted of licensed dentists and hygienists, staff to comfort and direct patients, and a crew that set up and took down the equipment. Phi Alpha greeted and comforted patients while waiting for their procedures, helped with registration, interpreted for those who did not speak English, and assisted taking down of equipment. Phi Alpha looks forward to helping out at future ESMM dental clinics.

In addition, the Phi Alpha Honor Society Inductions will take place on Wednesday, May 24th from 3PM to 4PM. We wish the best of luck to new members and can't wait to see what you accomplish!



MSW student Anna Barba identified a need during her first field placement and decided to fill it. After her internship ended, she continued to volunteer to coordinate services for individuals who had been incarcerated and were re-entering the community. Through her efforts, she devised her own placement for her second year.

"In Charles County there is no pre-trial services program nor is there a diversion program. Consequently, there is no mechanism within the system to connect arrestees and recently charged individuals with services. OPD works hard to fill that gap and Anna is heading the charge. Anna has been fully integrated into our defense teams. She is masterful at identifying the issues our clients face that bring them to the criminal justice system. She works tirelessly to connect our clients to services, overcoming all barriers to help them access those services. Anna cares deeply about those who suffer from mental illness, addiction, and all the symptoms of poverty. She has literally revolutionized the way the Public Defenders Office operates in Charles County and developed a presence among service providers that we have not had for years. Her work product is excellent because of her instincts, intelligence, and diligence."

- Office of the Public Defender Attorney



MSW Student of the Year, Rachel Rubenstein!
Congratulations Rachel!

THANK YOU!

The Southern Maryland Higher Education College faculty would like to thank their SWSA students at USMH for sending thank you cards to all of our Maryland sites faculty. We appreciate you!

Student Advocacy Day 2017



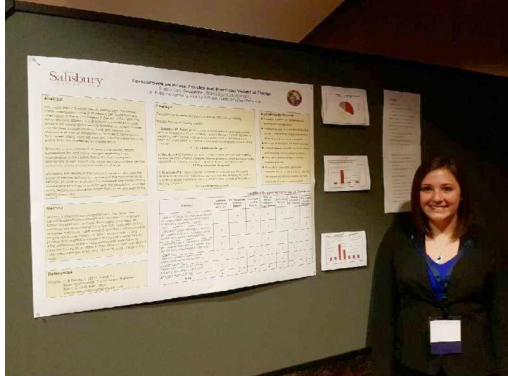
Professor Forte and SU Social Work students have been attending the NASW-MD's Advocacy Day since 2004. Students from our 5 sites attended the event - now called Legislative Education and Advocacy Development (LEAD) Day, setting the record for school representation with 50 students and 2 faculty members. Executive Director Daphne McLellan and Ann Ciekot, NASW Lobbyist, discussed the basics of legislation, social work policy priorities for the 2017 session, and resources for students who want to track bills. Professor Michael Reisch gave a stirring talk on the social work tradition of standing up for vulnerable groups and the challenges specific to our current political climate. After lunch, many students participated in a 500 citizen-strong rally at Lawyer's Mall encouraging legislators to "Keep the Doors Open." Family members, administrators, practitioners, social work leaders, legislators, and consumers of behavioral health services spoke about the needs for adequate funding. Empowered, passionate and articulate, people dealing with mental health issues, homelessness, substance use disorders, the consequences of military service, and somatic illnesses told their life stories and urged rally participants to communicate to legislators. The message is stop the cuts to the behavioral health budget and work to ensure high quality and accessible services. In the afternoon, students visited their legislators, attended committee hearings on legislative proposals, or learned during workshops about social work licensure, policy practice jobs, or health care and criminal justice policies. The LEAD Day fulfilled its mission of inspiring social work students to "GET INVOLVED."

Notable Awards and Achievements



Dr. Becky Anthony & Dr. Jennifer Jewell
Engaging With Students On Social Media

Drs. Anthony and Jewell recently published an article in the journal of Technology in Human Services. This research article entitled,



Shelby Carl, Cecil College

"Attending the BPD Conference was a wonderful learning opportunity that helped inform and enhance my social work education at SU. The various faculty sessions and workshops strengthened my racial equity lens, showed me new avenues of interest for my current research on the prison population, and intensified my passion for research. Through presenting my honors, undergraduate thesis, I engaged with faculty of social work programs all over the country, and connected with other students. I would encourage other BASW and MSW students to consider conducting their own research and attending in the future"

In addition, Shelby Carl is our BASW Student of the Year! Congratulations, Shelby!



International Women's Day at SU

Professor Eileen Gilheany spoke about "Macro Social Work: Empowering Women to Change and Improve Their Communities" at the 2017 Salisbury University's Hearing Women's Voices #InternationalWomensDay event.

"Students' Perceptions of Utilizing Twitter in a Social Work Course", was published in the Journal of Technology in Human Services.

This article was published in February 2017 and presents findings from their use of Twitter in the social work classroom research study. For social work month, both also hosted a Documentary Movie Night showing the film "13th" followed by a #MacroSW Twitter chat on Mass Incarceration.



Dr. Anthony, Dr. Jewell and Dr. Forte attended the 2017 Annual BPD Conference

Dr. Jim Forte of the SU Social Work Department presented his "Back to the Future: Tools for Theory-Practice Integration - Then, Now, Soon. As Time Travel Guide". Dr. Forte led participants to the past and reviewed strategies for teaching theory-practice integration; stopped in the present and shared 10M tools for teaching theory analysis, application, communication, construction, and critique; journeyed to the future and demonstrated a pilot approach to teaching theorizing for professional development.

Dr. Becky Anthony also presented at The Association of Baccalaureate Social Work Program Directors 2017 Annual Conference in New Orleans, LA. Her presentation, *Road Map for Success: Incorporating Social Media in the Social Work Classroom*, featured strategies, tips and best practices for how social work educators can utilize social media in their classrooms.

Winter 2018 South Africa Study Abroad

Faculty: Dr. Becky Anthony (Social Work) & Dr. Reid (Nursing)

The Department of Nursing and the Department of Social Work join forces to partner with Child Family Health International (CFHI) to provide students with an opportunity to explore the challenges of HIV/AIDS as well as other health problems in beautiful Cape Town, South Africa. Undergraduate students from any major may

apply. Applications are due May 1, 2017.

For more information on the program, deadlines, and financial aid and/or to apply to the January 2018 South Africa Global Health Study Abroad Experience please visit the [Education Abroad](#) website.



UPDATE: Winter 2017 Trip to Ecuador

"I am incredibly blessed to have been given such an amazing opportunity. Cuenca is a beautiful city rich in culture and breathtaking landscape. Our time was short and we left so many parts of the city untouched, but the memories from our adventure will last forever. We were able to leave with a newfound appreciation of the heritage and indigenous community living in Latin America. All of us were able to grow within ourselves and through having one another. Our group was truly immersed in the culture and we were able to see first-hand community problems and community solutions of Ecuador."

- Emily Goodchild, MSW Student



**Child and Adolescent Behavioral
Health Education Initiative**
at Salisbury University

Learn more about CABHEI

The mission of the Child and Adolescent Behavioral Health Education Initiative (CABHEI) at Salisbury University is to establish a multi-disciplinary approach to ensure a trained professional workforce, utilizing a three-pronged approach: community education, training for current students (future professionals), and current professionals.

[Info Sheet](#)

What is the Human Services Living Learning Community (LLC)?



The **Human Services Living Learning Community (LLC)** is a perfect fit for any incoming freshman student who wants to gain a greater understanding of what it takes to work with and advocate for people involved with the child welfare system, individuals who struggle with mental illness and substance abuse, veterans, and at-risk communities. Being a part of the Human Services LLC will allow students to engage in enrichment activities focused on community based work, real world opportunities to create change, and fun social activities that are also rewarding! To learn more about the **Human Services LLC** please contact Dr. Victoria Venable via email at vmvenable@salisbury.edu.

Upcoming Events

- **Graduate School Virtual Fair** April 13th 10AM - 4PM
- **Naloxone Training Event** April 28th from 10AM - 1PM in GUC Nanticoke A/B/C
Register deadline is April 14th at 12PM
- **May Clothing and Food Drive** **Boxes will be in the SOWK Department in TETC and all residence halls on campus**
- **Finals** May 18th - 24th
- **Phi Alpha Honor Society Inductions** May 24th 3PM - 4PM
- **MSW Hooding Ceremony and Commencement** May 24th 6PM
- **May Undergraduate Commencement** May 25th 10AM

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