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for Alumni and Friends of the
Department of Sociology, Social Work, and Criminology
at Morehead State University

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The Chair's Corner

Greetings from the Department of Sociology, Social Work and Criminology. Your university and department continue to thrive. MSU was just recognized as a top 25 public institution in the South by *U.S. News and World Report*. Over the past year, SSWC successfully completed two self-studies. The Social Work program was reaccredited for a full 8 years by the Council on Social Work Education. Also, the Sociology, Social Work and Criminology programs and overall department were evaluated by a 5-year Academic Program Review. All reports praised our outstanding programs, faculty, students, and alumni.

From the newsletter, you can see that faculty are busy, productive and student-focused. They strive to involve students as learners and active participants, while they remain "student friendly" and committed to student success. Feel free to visit the department to renew relationships with faculty, both new and seasoned.

We continue to believe that our success is measured by our student's achievements. We take pride in our students and alumni. Let us know how we can be helpful to you. Stay in touch -- let us know what you are doing, and please complete the SSWC Alumni Form at



Ted Marshall

the end of this newsletter, so we can stay in contact with you.

Ted Marshall

SSWC Department Focus

The Commission on Accreditation for the Council on Social Work Education reaccredited Morehead State University's Social Work program for an eight-year cycle during its February 2004 meeting. MSU's Social Work program has been continuously accredited since 1977. Its recent success, which follows a two-year period of intense self-study by the faculty and a site visit by a team representing the Council on Social Work Education, secures the department's accreditation until February 2012. Along with several strengths, the officials noted the program's close relationship with the social work practice community, the dedication of field supervisors and the complementary talents of faculty.

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SSWC Department Focus

Congratulations to the May 2004 Bachelors of Social Work graduates of Morehead State University at Prestonsburg.

This academic outreach is provided by the MSU/Morehead faculty, including Drs. Cynthia Faulkner, Mary Margaret Just and Judith Stafford.

This is MSU/ Prestonsburg's second BSW cohort.

More than forty participants attended the First Annual Social Work Conference held on April 23, 2004 at the West Liberty Campus.

The conference is one of several enrichment opportunities offered by the Social Work program – and there is more to come. According to MSU Assistant Professor of Social Work, LaTonya Hesterberg, “We are pleased to be able to offer workshops like this to the social workers in our service region, and it is our plan to offer more conferences in the future.”

Three workshops were presented including, “Professional Ethics and



Spring 2004 Social Work Senior Banquet

Ethical Decision Making” by Judith Stafford, MSW, PhD, ACSW, Latonya Hesterberg, MSW, ABD and Lynn Geuirn, MSW, LCSW; “Dying with HIV/AIDS” by Carol Shutt, RN, MSW and “Basic Spanish for the Human Service Worker” by William Salazar, MA and Lisette Clark, MSW.

The conference was sponsored by the Social Work program, the

Institute for Regional Analysis & Public Policy and the Teaching and Resource Center. The second annual conference will be held in Spring 2005.

SSWC Student Focus

SSWC faculty believe that helping students nurture a “social focus” will enable students to add more meaning to their careers and environment. Our students have demonstrated this perspective from their involvement in activist causes to their scholastic achievements. Frankly, they never cease to amaze us! Here are a few examples.

- Chris Snyder successfully defended his Masters thesis in Sociology. Snyder’s thesis, “Does Rural High School Education Influence College Outcomes? A Longitudinal Study Using a Cohort of U.S. High School Seniors,” makes use of the National Education Longitudinal Study 1988-2000 Database. Snyder found that rural high school attendance and high school characteristics generally have much less impact than family resources and investments on a student’s entrance to and graduation from college.
- SSWC Social Work majors, Deanna Barnes, Corriisa Madden, Crystal Jerrell and two other MSU students participated in the Cooperative Center for Study Abroad program during the Summer 2004. The program offered students the opportunity to tour England and Scotland while receiving college credit **(Right).**



Professor Sam Faulkner and students at Kings College, London

SSWC Student Focus

- Sociology minor, Holly Rayburn, was a Development and Administrative Intern for *Choice USA* in Washington, D.C.
- Stephanie Conley, a recent SSWC graduate, served as temporary interim social worker for Mountain Manor Nursing Home in Paintsville, KY this past summer **(Right)**. Here Stephanie is photographed with her supervisor, Sharon Welch, BSW.
- Several SSWC students participated in the MSU Spring 2004 production of Eve Ensler's, *Vagina Monologues*. SSWC actors included Sarah Snyder (Sociology), Alkeshia Blackmon (Social Work), Kristen Cox (Sociology), Bits Dansberry (Sociology), Susan Schaffer (Sociology) and Tara Lynch (Sociology). The play was directed by Sociology major, Rosalind Donald and co-produced by Social Work major, Opal Murrel. Production proceeds went to Pathways Counseling Center and organizations associated with sexual assault awareness at MSU **(Below)**.



Recent BSW graduates, Sarah Grimes **(Left)** and Jessica Wilson **(Right)** during a practicum event last Spring in Menifee County.



Spring 2004
BSW GRADUATES



SSWC Graduates of Spring 2004

Cynthia Akers

Jeremy Armstrong

Michael Barnett II

Shannon Bear

Lesley Bragg

Alkeshia Blackman

Sharon Brengartner

Linda Browning

Joy Burke

David Butcher

Cameron Combs

Dawana Conley

Stephanie Conley

Amanda Dixon

Donalene Dunaway

Tiffany Fannin

Matthew Farmer

Jennie Geer

Sarah Grimes

Willa Hall

Khristy Haynes

Christopher Hester

Sharon Holland

Jimmy Johnson, Sr.

Jasmyne Lewis

Kelly McCarty

Crystal McClurg

Sharon Meade

S. Kathy Meadows

Culver Nile

Adam O'Bryan

Bobbie Joe Parker

Christina Post

Jacy Quire

Hollie Rayburn

Brian Reynolds

Wanda Rose

Shenia Seagraves

Stephen Singer

Joseph Smith

Michael Smith

Kimberly Shrout

Kathy Tackett

Rebecca Thomas

Ashlie Thompson

Donna Todd

Jason Venema

Jessica Wigginton

John Willis

Jessica Wilson

Lauren Vien

Jill Volking

Jared Young

Jody Bishop (MA)

Ruslyn Case-Compton
(MA)

Leah King (MA)

Linda Spurlock (MA)

Jeremy Tackett (MA)

My high school teachers were wrong; my college professors do care. . . .

Amanda Harris,
Senior

I can't imagine going anywhere else to get an education!

Deanna Barnes,
Junior

What Some Students are Saying about SSWC...

In classes for my major, I **wanted** to learn. ...I enjoyed my readings and my assignments. I enjoyed my classes.... I have been blessed to have such wonderful, passionate teachers...The teachers in high school say how the teachers in college do not care and will fail you without even blinking [an eye]. I used to believe them. I was [at first] terrified of college, and I was terrified of failing. My high school teachers were wrong; my college professors **do** care.

Amanda Harris,
Senior, Sociology

I feel that sociology has helped shape the person that I want to be. ...I actually found what I love. I hope that one day I may be able to teach others as you all have taught me. I want you to know that you have really touched my life and impacted me in many ways...I never would have thought that I would have found the best thing for me and that I would be so blessed with those around me here at Morehead. I feel that I've had such a great experience getting my BA. I can only hope for a just as wonderful experience in grad school.

Sarah Snyder,
Senior, Sociology

As a junior in the Social Work program, I am just getting in to the crux of what it entails. I have found the program thus far to be both challenging and rewarding. The cohorts are small enough that you are able to bond with one another. There is a sense of camaraderie. The faculty are very personable and truly interested in students' success. I can't imagine going anywhere else to get an education!

Deanna Barnes
Junior, Social Work

SSWC Faculty Focus

SSWC is happy to reunite with two of its faculty after their year-long absence. **Dr. Clarendia Phillips** completed an NIMH Postdoctoral Fellowship in the Department of Behavioral Science at the University of Kentucky. **Dr. Rebecca Katz** returned to SSWC after her appointment as a Visiting Faculty Fellow in the Republic of Georgia at Tbilisi State University.

- **Dr. Stephen Eliason** has accepted a position at University of Montana at Billings. We wish him the best.
- SSWC welcomes three new additions to its MSU/Morehead junior faculty. **O. Roberta Salyers, PhDc** (Criminology) hails from Mississippi State University, where she is completing her doctoral studies on cultural variations in tolerance towards forms of sexual deviance. **LaTonya Hesterburg, PhDc** (Social Work) is completing her doctorate in Social Work at the University of Kentucky. Her research involves the evaluation of social work practice courses using problem-based learning. **Dr. Shondrah Tarrezz Nash** (Sociology) had completed a postdoctoral research appointment at the University of Illinois at Chicago in the Department of African-American Studies just before coming to SSWC. In addition, the Social Work program welcomes former adjunct **Elizabeth Bishop, MSW** as full-time facilitator of its Prestonsburg site. Bishop is a graduate of Prestonsburg Community College, Morehead State University and the University of Kentucky's MSW Program.
- Several SSWC faculty participated in the 27th Annual Appalachian Studies Conference held in Cherokee, North Carolina, March 26-28, 2004. Among the presenters and conveners were the following: **Dr. Judith Stafford**, "Kentucky Youth Connect: Mentoring Foster Teenagers in Eastern Kentucky;" **Dr. Edward Reeves** (co-presenter), "What Determines Educational Attainment Inside and Outside Appalachia?;" **Dr. Eric Swank**, "Attitudes Towards Homosexuality Among Central Appalachian College Students;" **Dr. Samuel Faulkner**, "Facilitating Employee Cohesion Training in the Workplace;" **Dr. Susanne Rolland**, "The Uses of the Apprenticeship System in the Antebellum Period in One Western North Carolina County" and **Dr. Cynthia Faulkner**, "Increasing Employee Cohesion in 10 Rural Eastern Kentucky Counties Utilizing Challenge Course Training".
- **Dr. Bernadette Barton's** first book, *Stripped: Inside the Lives of Exotic Dancers* will be published by The New York University Press in 2005. Recent professional presentations include "How Race Colors a Woman's Experience of the Exotic Dancing," The American Sociological Annual Meetings, San Francisco, CA, August 2004 and "Dancing on the Borders," The Southeastern Women's Studies Association, Savannah, GA, March 2004.

- **Dr. Robert Bylund**, through his association with the Institute for Regional Analysis and Public Policy, was commissioned by the Buffalo Trace ASAP Board to study adults in the Buffalo Trace Region. The research is designed to describe individuals' attitudes, perceptions, and norms regarding alcohol, tobacco, and other drugs.
- **Dr. Cynthia Faulkner's** recent works include Robinson, Amburgey, Swank, & Faulkner, C. (2004). "Test cheating in a rural college: Studying the importance of individual and situational factors." College Student Journal; Faulkner, C. (Forthcoming). "Social Work Career Path as a Program Evaluator" in Many Paths, One Purpose: Career Choices for Human Services and Social Work Majors. Edited by Nguyen, T., Lexington Books; "Family Violence" presented at The Ties We Bind: A Pattern for Peace, April 2004. Morehead, KY. Also, she and **Dr. Samuel Faulkner** will be presenting their research, "Increasing Foster Family Satisfaction and Cohesion Using Challenge Course Activities," at the 9th International Family Violence Conference in San Diego, CA in September.
- **Dr. Samuel Faulkner** has authored the forthcoming book chapter, "Probation Officer as a Career Choice for Social Workers: An Overview" in Many Paths, One Purpose: Career Choices for Human Services and Social Work Majors. Edited by Nguyen, T., Lexington Books. He and **Dr. Cynthia Faulkner** also authored the following publication and book chapter: "Poverty as a predictor of child maltreatment." 2004. Journal of Poverty, vol.8, no. 1 and "Domestic Violence in the Indonesian-American Community" in Domestic Violence in Asian American Communities: Prevalence and Treatment Implications. Edited by Nguyen, T., Lexington Books. In Summer 2004, Dr. Faulkner participated in a Cooperative Center for Study Abroad program, in which he and students from MSU and other universities traveled to London and Scotland. While there, Dr. Faulkner taught a comparative course on child maltreatment in Great Britain and the United States.
- **Dr. Constance Hardesty** will conduct the paper presentation, "Death and Spirituality", at the 30th Annual Mid-South Sociological Association Annual Meeting in Biloxi, MS, October 2004. This past spring, she was appointed to the Diversity Content in Curriculum Committee as part of MSU's Diversity Initiative. Dr Hardesty also has supported and accompanied several SSWC student activists in both university and global causes.
- **Professors Latonya Hesterberg** and **Ted Marshall** presented workshops at the 8th Annual Kids are Worth It Conference held in Lexington, KY between September 1-3. Professor Hesterberg's workshop was entitled "Tips in the Investigation and Prosecution of Child Sexual Abuse Cases: A Multidisciplinary Approach." Professor Marshall's presentation was "Dealing with Difficult People: Their Behavior, Your Response".
- **Dr. Christopher Hensley** is the editor of the American Journal of Criminal Justice and was interviewed in the Discovery Channel documentary, *Love Behind Bars*, about his research on inmate sexual assault. In March 2004, he presented two papers at the Annual Meeting of Criminal Justice Sciences in Las Vegas, NV, including "Inmates' motivations for committing childhood animal cruelty" and "Examining the characteristics of male sexual assault targets in a southern maximum security prison." Some of the many recent works associated with Dr. Hensley include Hensley, C., Koscheski, M., & Tewksbury, R. (2003). "The impact of institutional factors on officially reported sexual assaults in prisons". Sexuality and Culture, 7(4), 16-26; Hensley, C., Koscheski, M., & Tewksbury, R. (2003). "College students' attitudes toward inmate programs, services and amenities". Criminal Justice Studies, 16(4), 295-304; Hensley, C., Miller, A., Tewksbury, R., & Koscheski, M. (2003). "Student attitudes toward inmate privileges". American Journal of Criminal Justice, 27 (2), 249-262; Hensley, C., Wright, J., Tewksbury, R., & Castle, T. (2003). "The evolving nature of prison argot and sexual hierarchies". The Prison Journal, 83(3), 289- 300.
- **Dr. Mary Margaret Just** has contributed to the 6th edition of Diana DiNitto's textbook, Social Policy, along with editions four and five. Dr. Just has also co-authored a book chapter, "Resilience in Recovery," with DiNitto. The chapter will be included in R.R. Greene's edited volume, Resilience-Enhancing Social Work Practice.
- **Dr. Rebecca Katz's** recent works include "The Feminization of Poverty in Rural Kentucky: Creating Crime and Excessive Social Control," For the Common Good: A Critical Examination of Law and Social Control. Edited by Robin Miller and Sandra Browning. Carolina Academic Press, January 2004 and "Crime and Corruption in Georgia: What Works," Presented at the First International Associations of Criminology Meetings. Paris, France, May 2004. Forthcoming 2004 encyclopedia entries include Encyclopedia of White-Collar and Corporate Crime. Edited by Lawrence Salinger, with ten entries ranging from the "History of White Collar and Corporate Crime" to "Sexual Harassment" and Encyclopedia of Criminology, "Family and Delinquency." Fitzroy Dearborn Publishers. Book and article reviews include Inequality, Power and Development, by Jerry Kloby. In Journal of Political and Military Sociology, Forthcoming 2004; Millennial Violence in Armed Forces and Society; The Journal of Research in Crime and Delinquency and The Electronic Journal of Sociology.

- **Dr. Shondrah Tarrezz Nash** conducted the session, “African-American Women and the Social Construction of Intimate Male Partner Violence,” at Xavier University’s April 2004 symposium, *Women at the Crossroads: Gender, Equity and Parity in Cincinnati, OH*. Upcoming presentations and publications include: “Women and Religion/Spirituality,” (Organizer) Mid-South Sociological Association Annual Meetings, October 2004, Biloxi, MS; “On Entrapment and Emancipation: Narrative and the Experiences of Abused Christian Wives,” Association of Humanist Sociology Annual Meetings, November 2004, Louisville, KY and “The Black Church and Community Economic Development” in Conrad, Whitehead, Mason and Stewart (Eds.), *African Americans in the United States Economy*, Rowman & Littlefield Publishers, Inc. Dr. Nash’s forthcoming article on African-American women’s constructions of intimate male partner violence will be published in *Violence Against Women* early next year.
- **Dr. Clarenda Phillips** has conducted the following professional presentations: “Lifting as We Climb: African American Resilience,” Invited lecture at Centre College Convocation Series, Danville, KY, February 2004, and “The Trouble with Peers: Adolescent Marijuana Use”, paper presented at the Midwest Sociological Society Annual Meeting, Kansas City, MO, April 2004. Other presentations involving Dr. Phillips include “OxyContin use among Appalachian Women” by Phillips, C. M., Leukefeld, C., Roberto, H., Staton-Tindall, M., Schumacher, M., Garrity, T. & Webster, M, paper presented at the Kentucky Coalition for Women's Substance Abuse Services Conference, Lexington, KY, May 2004, and “Treatment History among Women in Drug Courts” by Schumacher, M., Phillips, C. M., Staton-Tindall, M. Webster, M., Garrity, T. & Leukefeld, C, paper presented at the Kentucky Coalition for Women's Substance Abuse Services Conference, Lexington, KY, May 2004.
- **Dr. Ed Reeves** and **Dr. Robert Bylund** are currently revising their article, "Are Rural Schools Inferior to Urban Schools? A Multilevel Analysis of Kentucky Accountability Data," for resubmission to *Rural Sociology*. Other recent works associated with Dr. Reeves include Parkansky, Steven and Edward Reeves. 2003. "A Spatial-Ecological Model of Educational Attainment in Appalachia." *Papers of the Applied Geography Conference* 26: 212-221; Price, Derek V. and Edward B. Reeves. 2003. "Student Poverty, School Accountability, and Postsecondary Enrollment: A Challenge for Educational Reform in Kentucky." *Journal of Poverty* 7(4): 21-35 and Reeves, Edward B. February 2004. "Expenditure Streams and School Improvement in Kentucky: Does Money Matter?" *Occasional Research Paper*, No. 8, Center for Educational Research and Leadership, Institute for Regional Analysis and Public Policy, Morehead State University, Morehead, Kentucky.
- **Dr. Judith Stafford** is conducting research on social work practitioners. “A Day in the Life of Rural Social Work” will examine BSW professionals.
- **Dr. Eric Swank** has had several articles accepted for publication in the last year, some of which were initiated from personal and student research projects. His first deals with the interplay between racial attitudes, gender role prescriptions and welfare spending (*Arete*). His second, co-authored with two SSWC graduates (See “Alumni Update), examines the issues of sexual orientation attributes, gay/lesbian contact and homophobia in Eastern Kentucky (*Journal of Homosexuality*). Dr. Swank’s forthcoming work in *College Student Journal* analyzes academic cheating among college students. The article was co-authored by Social Work **Professor Cynthia Faulkner** and two SSWC undergraduate students (See “In Touch”). Finally, Dr. Swank promises that his future “data analysis classes will be as easy as always.”

SSWC Faculty Biographies

- **Bernadette Barton** (PhD, *University of Kentucky*) Research Interests: Sexuality Studies, Feminist Theory, Social Inequality and Popular Culture
- **Edward Breschel** (PhD, *Duke University*) Research Interests: The Effects of Social Context on Health/Longevity, Alternative Health Movements, Gerontology and New Religious Movements
- **Robert Bylund** (PhD, *Pennsylvania State University*) Teaching/Research Interests: Research Methodology, Data Analysis, Sociology of the Family and Gerontology

- **Cynthia Faulkner** (PhD, *University of Texas at Arlington*) Research Interests: Child/Family Welfare, Foster Family Cohesion, Multiple Birth and Low-Income Families
- **Samuel Faulkner** (PhD, *University of Texas at Arlington*) Research Interests: Challenge Course Interventions, Corporate, Foster families and Chemical Dependency
- **Constance Hardesty** (PhD, *University of Kentucky*) Teaching/Research Interests: Race/Class/Gender Attitudes in Families/Schools and Inequality in Social Institutions
- **Christopher Hensley** (PhD, *Mississippi State University*) Research Interests: Sexual Behavior in Prisons; Attitudes toward Homosexuality; Serial Killers; Criminological Theory
- **LaTonya Hesterberg** (MSW, PhDc, *University of Kentucky*) Research Interests: Child Welfare, Social Work Education, Problem-Based Learning
- **Mary Margaret Just** (PhD, *University of Texas at Austin*) Research Interests: Social Support for At-Risk Populations, Social Work for Older Persons and Bringing BSW-Level Education to Rural Areas
- **Rebecca Katz** (PhD, *University of Oklahoma*) Research Interests: Developmental Theories of Crime, Family Violence, Race/Gender/Class Intersection with Regards to Criminal Justice System Processing, Delinquency
- **Ted Marshall** (MSW, *University of Kentucky*, Department Chair) Research/Teaching Interests: School Violence, Child Sexual Abuse, Adult Survivors of Child Sexual Abuse and Inmate/Father Parenting Programs
- **Shondrah Tarrezz Nash** (PhD, *University of Kentucky*) Research Interests: Religion and Culture, Intimate Partner Violence, Christian and African-American Women's Constructions of Intimate Partner Violence
- **Clarenda Phillips** (PhD, *University of Illinois at Urbana*) Research/Teaching Interests: African-American Social Support Networks, Community Contexts, Health Behaviors and Outcomes
- **Edward Reeves** (PhD, *University of Kentucky*). Research Interests: The Social Contexts Linked to Educational Achievement/Attainment, Human Ecology and Regional Analysis and Religion
- **Susanne Rolland** (PhD, *Emory University*) Research Interests: The American Family in Historical Perspective, Domestic Violence, and Cultural/Value Conflicts and Their Resolutions
- **David Rudy** (PhD, *Syracuse University*) Dean, Institute for Regional Analysis and Public Policy
- **O. Roberta Salyers** (PhDc, *Mississippi State University*) Teaching/Research Interests: Social Deviance, including sexual and religious deviance (i.e., Wicca) and white collar crime.
- **Michael Seelig** (JD, *Capital University*, MSW, *Ohio State University*) Dean, Caudill College of Humanities; Teaching/Research Interests: Law and Social Work, Social Welfare History and Ethics, Ethiopian Child Welfare Issues, Social Work and Critical Thinking Movement
- **Judith Stafford** (PhD, *Ohio State University*) Teaching/Research Interests: Grassroots Group Community Work, Oral History of Eastern Kentucky Social Workers and Micro/Mezzo/Macro Skills

- **Eric Swank** (PhD, *Ohio State University*) Research Interests: Antiwar Activism, Welfare Reform, Media/Politics Interactions and Racial Attitudes
- **Suzanne Tallichet** (PhD, *Pennsylvania State University*) Teaching and Research Interests: Gender and Inequality, Work and Occupations, Appalachian Studies, Sociological Theory with an Emphasis on Feminist Theory

SSWC Adjunct Faculty

Morehead Campus

Lynn Geurin, (MSW, *University of Kentucky*) Law and Social Work

Timothy Hare (PhD, *University of Albany*) Anthropology

Carol Shutt (MSW, *Western Michigan University*, RN), Death and Dying

James Watts (MSW, *University of Kentucky*) Crisis Intervention

Prestonsburg Campus

Gwendolyn Hall (MSW, *University of Kentucky*) , Social Work Micro Practice

Susan Houston (MSW, *University of Kentucky*), Crisis Intervention

Shauna Moore (MSW, *University of Kentucky*) Field Experience for Social Work Minors

Charlie Daniel, Sociology/Criminology*

Peggy Davis, Sociology*

Vickie Woodward, Sociology/Criminology*

West Liberty Campus

Wilma Tate (MSW, *University of Kentucky*), Orientation to Social Work

Ron Clatos, Sociology*

Benny Easterling, Sociology/Criminology*

Mt. Sterling Campus

Lisa McGlothlin (MSW, *University of Kentucky*), Orientation to Social Work

Jennifer Shrout, Sociology *

Ashland Campus

Geri Willis (MS, *Morehead State University*, MS, *University of Kentucky*) Beginning Helping Skills

Mary Thomas, Sociology *

Wilma Justice (MSW, *University of Kentucky*) Death and Dying, Law

Whitesburg Campus

Helen Brunty (MSW, *University of Kentucky*) Beginning Helping Skills

* Experience and academic interests unknown to editor at time of publication



MSU/Morehead Office Staff

Jennifer Madden (Left) is an MSU Academic Department Specialist. She has been a vital part of the SSWC staff for 12 years. A feisty but friendly mentor and problem solver for both students and faculty, Jennifer enjoys family, friends and horses. Her son and daughter, Asa and Corriisa Jo, are both SSWC undergraduates.

SSWC Alumni UPDATE

Announcing the Construction of The Department of Sociology, Social Work and Criminology's "ALUMNI ROOM"

The Sociology, Social Work and Criminology faculty and staff at Morehead State University announce the construction of a new multi-media room for SSWC students in Fall 2004.

This new technological environment will feature a HV-3000XG Model Elmo high resolution visual presenter, a bi-amp CMA-30 mixer and two JBL Control 25 speakers with mounts.

The benefits of such a cutting-edge learning and research facility are far-reaching. We are counting on members of the MSU SSWC alumni to assist us in our efforts.

Here's how you can help.

All donations toward the new multi-media room are welcomed and tax-deductible. However when you donate \$100, your name/organization will be featured on a plaque with other donation providers.

As a tribute to your consideration – and your legacy – the multi-media room will be appropriately named, "The Alumni Room." If interested, please mail your donations to the following: MSU Department of Sociology, Social Work and Criminology, 347 Rader Hall, Morehead, KY 40351. For further information, call the Morehead State University Director of the Department of Sociology, Social Work and Criminology at 606.783.2656.

Keeping in TOUCH

SSWC ALUMNI, KEEP IN TOUCH!

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then mail or
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newsletter!

- Two SSWC graduates are currently enrolled in the University of Kentucky Graduate School. Both Brian Foudray and John Paul Bryan are pursuing a Masters Degree in the Department of Sociology.
- BSW graduates Lisa Carver and Vicki Eldridge have co-authored an article with Dr. Eric Swank. The work is published in the Journal of Homosexuality and examines sexual orientation attributes, gay/lesbian contact and homophobia in Eastern Kentucky.
- Former SSWC and MSU Department of Psychology Student of the Year, Nao Hagiwara, is pursuing a graduate degree in the Department of Psychology at Michigan State University. Hagiwara also has led sizeable efforts to encourage students' involvement in political activism.
- Paul Whitaker, a former MSU Sociology undergraduate, is a PhD Student at Emory University and is associated with its Institute for Women's Studies.
- BSW graduate Jessica Wilson is employed with the Scott County Protection and Permanency.
- Former Social Work undergraduates, Melissa Marshall and Linda Browning are employed with the Nicholas County Health Care and Morehead's Life Care Center respectively.
- Graduates Jennie Geer, Elizabeth Marland and Jessica Wigginton are currently enrolled in the MSW program at the University of Kentucky.
- SSWC graduate Nathan Lowe accepted a position with the Department of Juvenile Justice. He is also enrolled in the Eastern Kentucky University Graduate School.
- Former SSWC undergraduate students, Erin Robinson (**Right**) and Rita Amburgey (**Left**), along with Drs. Cynthia Faulkner and Eric Swank, co-authored an article published in the College Student Journal (2004). The publication examined test taking and cheating within a rural college setting. Here the former students are shown presenting their research.



SSWC ALUMNUS SNAPSHOT

Dr. BETTE J. DICKERSON

Associate Professor of Sociology

American University

Washington, DC



Education:

**B.A., '72, Sociology
Morehead State University**

**M.Ed., '75, Special Education
University of Louisville**

**Ph.D., '86, Sociology
Washington State University**

Selected Accomplishments:

- **Former Director of Women and Gender Studies Program, American University**
- **Outstanding Professor of the Year, American University Student Confederation**
- **Chesapeake Regional Scholar in African American Studies**
- **Editor, African-American Single Mothers: Their Lives and Families**
- **Association of Black Sociologists, Past President**

If you are a SSWC graduate and would like to be featured in the Alumni Snapshot, mail your vitae and contact information, including email address, to the following:

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SSWC ALUMNI INFORMATION FORM

Date

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Your Title

Type of Business

Work Address

SSWC is compiling the names of graduates and friends of the department. Please complete the SSWC ALUMNI INFORMATION FORM, add any news, comments or memories below and forward them to:

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