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School of Social Work: Office of Field Education



Field Notes: March 2019

Welcome from the Dean: Eddie Uehara

Hello, UWSSW Field Instructors and Task Supervisors! The 2019 theme of National Professional Social Work Month is “Social Workers: Elevate Social Work,” which celebrates the many contributions the profession and all social workers make to improve society. More than ever, at a time of ever growing disparities in health and well-being, social workers are needed to challenge injustice and promote a more humane society. All of our field partners in the community are core collaborators in preparing our students for the complex practice world of the 21st century, and we could not do it without you.

On behalf of the School, we express our deepest gratitude to all of you for the mentorship and practice opportunities you provide every day to prepare the next generation of compassionate, skilled and visionary social work practitioners and leaders. Each of us has a responsibility to contribute to creating a community that supports all of its members...a community that celebrates the strengths and richness of equity and diversity through collaboration, compassion, respect, and caring that bind us together. In this month dedicated to celebrating social workers, we elevate all of our Field Instructors, Task Supervisors and agencies that serve the School, the profession, and most of all, our students. Our deepest gratitude and best wishes!

ELEVATE *SOCIAL WORK*

National Professional Social Work Month in March 2019 is an opportunity for social workers around the nation and world and their supporters to educate the public about the invaluable contributions of the profession.

Every day, the nation's 680,000 social workers work to empower and elevate millions of people, including some of the most vulnerable in our society. This month we begin a conversation on how to boost the pay of social workers, which continues to lag behind that of other helping professions

Welcome from the Assistant Dean of Field Education: Kalei Kanuha

Aloha Field Colleagues!

On behalf of the UWSSW Office of Field Education, we are excited to launch this e-newsletter for our Field Instructors, Task Supervisors and practicum agency partners. The field office used to distribute an old-fashioned, hard copy newsletter via Pony Express about 20 years ago. And while we know you will now get your OFE e-newsletter within seconds (vs. days), we hope you will find it as engaging and informative as its predecessor publication.

The purpose of this OFE e-newsletter is to connect the School and the field by featuring news of interest to field education and highlighting our individual field instructors, practicum sites and even FI-student projects. We will include fun factoids (did you know Suze Orman, Alice Walker and Samuel L. Jackson have BSWs?) and important due dates in a downloadable, printable calendar you can post over your desk!

We look forward to hearing from you about topics, features and news you would like included in the e-newsletter, which we are currently planning to distribute on a quarterly basis. This communication is to connect all of you in the field, and to connect the School, OFE and our practicum partners. We appreciate the dedicated, high quality mentorship and practice knowledge you give every day to our students, the next generation of social workers. Thank you for everything you do – we elevate you during this month and always!



The 2019 world social work day highlights 'Promoting the Importance of Human Relationships'. World Social Work Day is on the 19th March 2019. It is the key day in the year that social workers worldwide stand together to celebrate the achievements of the profession and take the theme message into their communities, workplaces and to their governments to raise awareness of the social work contributions and need for further action.

This year's theme focusses on the social relationships between people's essential relationships with each other, their environments and their futures. Dr. Rory Truell, IFSW Secretary-General said:

'There was a famous moment in recent history when politician Margaret Thatcher ushered-in the current global period of conservatism and the dismantling of state services when announcing: "there's no such thing as society, there are individual men and women". Thatcher's view continues to have devastating effects as it remains dominant over many aspects of world and national politics. This 2019 World Social Work Day theme directly addresses this false and brutality conservative dogma. From the social work experience all people are bound together by social relationships that determine the quality and security of life. Worldwide the social work profession will unify in promoting the importance of building policies and practices that recognize, cultivate and enrich our interdependent relationships – for peace, the realization of all people's equal rights and a sustainable world.'

World Social Work Day, Elevating the Profession: Taylene Watson

World Social Work Day is March 19, a day to spotlight and elevate the field of social work and the nation's 680,000 social workers. As the U.S. population ages, the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics estimates the need for social work services will increase to more than 100,000 social workers in the U.S. by the year 2025. This year's theme is Promoting the Importance of Human Relationships.

No one better exemplifies that message than Taylene Watson (pictured, right), executive director of National Association of Social Workers, Washington Chapter, and clinical associate professor, School of Social Work. Throughout her career, Watson has cultivated and nurtured relationships between individuals, organizations and agencies. She has taught and mentored thousands of social workers on how to view the world through a social justice lens...



Read more here: <https://socialwork.uw.edu/news/world-social-work-day-march-19-celebrates-profession-and-its-practitioners>

Featured Field Instructor: Vaughnetta Barton



Farewell Ms. Vaughnetta J Barton, program manager for Communities in Action (CiNA)! For five-years, VB served as youth-development initiative Coordinator in central and south Seattle. Since joining the School of Social Work, she has worn many hats including Field Instructor extraordinaire. Said just one of her many students in practicum recently:

"I'm so grateful to have had the experience to learn from her.... I appreciate the way she will frame each experience as an opportunity to connect and collaborate. (Her) ability to build bridges in any setting is inspiring, and the joy she carries sets a welcoming essence for all that have the pleasure to work with her. Thank you so much for being a (F.I.) and teaching me how to show up. I hope that I can carry forward what you have taught me." --SS

On behalf of our entire OFE Team, we extend our best wishes to Vaughnetta. She is leaving to accept the position of external affairs program officer for the Rasmussen Foundation in Anchorage, Alaska, and will surely start a new chapter in an outstanding career as a change agent, mentor, teacher and administrator.

Martin Luther King Jr. 2019 Awardee: Tracy Harachi



This year's community service award recipient, Tracy Harachi, was unanimously selected from ours—as one of the six health science schools: dentistry, nursing, pharmacy, public health, medicine and social work. As part of our campus' Health Sciences Administration and UW Medical Center MLK program, all appeared to ratchet up their game in the national tribute of peace & justice that is MLK Day.

The recognition was "...long overdue," according to Dean Uehara. This, since Tracy has served the social work community for nearly three decades, where she has been a tireless champion of students, particularly those who are first generation or from underrepresented minority groups, including international students. Her long-standing efforts to establish and grow a powerful and effective partnership with Cambodia's Royal University in Phnom Penh and its Department of Social Work figured prominently in her selection for this year's award. This department at RUPP, which is celebrating its 10th anniversary this year, is the first and only higher education unit in Cambodia to receive external accreditation. Effusive praise included the following:

"Dr. Harachi...has worked assiduously, tirelessly and selflessly to create a local social work infrastructure in Cambodia to meet basic psychosocial needs and in Seattle, where she collaborates with others to address the needs of Cambodian immigrants locally," said Professor Nancy R. Hooyman, dean emeritus and director of the doctoral program. Moreover, in her supporting letter, Associate Professor Emiko A. Tajima said: "Honoring Tracy Harachi with the Martin Luther King Jr. Award would acknowledge her longstanding work on behalf of marginalized communities, would recognize the vital role she plays in the University of Washington and global community, and would do great justice to this esteemed award."

While Chenglin Hong (MSW '20) wrote in his letter of support: "As a professor, mentor and friend, the support that she gave me is more than I can possibly imagine." Lecturer J'May Rivara echoed these sentiments, noting that Tracy is the embodiment of Martin Luther King's message to create "a more equitable and inclusive environment on campus and around the world." The annual recognition is now in its 20th year...and counting!

Tracy was presented with this award at this year's School of Social Work Celebration of Martin Luther King Jr. Day, Co-Sponsored by the UWSSW Diversity Council, the SSW Dean's Office, the NASW-WA Chapter & our own Office of Field Education.

The Doorway Project: Charlotte Sanders

Growing up, Charlotte Sanders didn't know what social work was. She did, however, know "what it felt like." Her mother, a worker with the Department of Social and Health Services, would participate in donation drives for members of the Toppenish farming community on the Yakama Indian Reservation and Charlotte would help out.

"She showed me the social responsibility of helping people connect with a community," Sanders says. "That brought me closer and closer to discovering what social work was."

Today, Sanders serves as teaching associate in UW School of Social Work. Her sense of the vital role community plays in determining behavioral outcomes has only grown stronger with time. Working with populations experiencing homelessness and other privations of need, Sanders says she will often reflect on the support she received from a "wonderful extended family" and how so many other people she encounters didn't—or couldn't—benefit from the same...

Read the Full article here: <https://www.washington.edu/wholeu/2019/02/28/faculty-friday-charlotte-sanders/>

Upcoming Events and Important Dates

MARCH

Women's History Month

March 21 - International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination — #EndRacism

March 31 - Transgender Day of Visibility #TDOV

APRIL

April 1 – First Day of Instruction for Spring Quarter 2019

April 2 – World Autism Awareness Day – global observance to raise awareness for people with autism

April 7 – World Health Day – UN day to promote global health

April 9 - Equal Pay Day #EqualPayDay

April 10 – FEAC Consultation Group Meeting – School of Social Work

April 12 - International Day for Street Children — #StreetChildrenDay

April 16 - National Stress Awareness Day #StressAwarenessDay

April 18 – UW SSW Career Fair, SSW Gallery, 4:30-6:30pm

April 22 – Earth Day – global holiday to raise awareness & appreciate the environment

April 24 - National Administrative Professionals Day #AdministrativeProfessionalsDay

MAY

Asian Pacific American Heritage Month - Jewish American Heritage Month - Older Americans Month

May 1 - May Day #MayDay / International Workers Day #IntWorkersDay

May 15 – International Day of Families – global day to recognize the importance of families

May 17 - International Day against Homophobia and Transphobia #IDAHOT2019

TBD – UW SSW Field Instructor/Task Supervisor Appreciation Event

June

LGBT Pride Month

June 1 - International Children's Day #ChildrensDay

June 5 – World Environment Day – UN day to raise awareness for the environment

June 7 – Last day of Instruction for Spring Quarter 2019 / End of Quarter Evaluations Due

June 8 – World Oceans Day – UN day to raise awareness for the importance of oceans

June 20 – World Refugee Day – UN Day to raise awareness for the plight of refugees around the world

June 24 – First Day of Instruction for Summer Quarter 2019 Term A

June 29, 30 – Seattle PrideFest

Suggestions?

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