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Welcome to the 4th Issue of the Social Work Field Education Signature Pedagogy E-Newsletter. Browse this Issue to read about student field orientation, Social Work Matters' special brunch, Field Director's six-year involvement with student lobbying, and Field Instructor's workshops beyond the classroom...

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Field Advisory Board Member Addresses Peers



Photo By: Tiffany Cuthbert

On May 9, 2012, Director of Field Education Dr. Selena T. Rodgers facilitated the group field orientation meeting for students scheduled to enter SCWK 410 in Fall 2012. Forty-seven attendees were highly participatory in the meeting. This year's orientation included a positive address from Field Advisory Board Member Bryce Prosper. He congratulated students on their hard work and encouraged them to embrace the internship experience. Mr. Prosper is scheduled to enter field education this upcoming fall. Noteworthy, Mr. Prosper has led numerous projects in his role as President of the Social Work Club at York including Annual Legislative Action Day in Albany, NY. Read more about Lobby Day on page 3 of this Issue.

Group orientation is the initial opportunity for students to learn about Field Placement and Seminar, and to sign the "Field Education Student Agreement" which delineates the Social Work Program's expectations for professional performance behaviors at field internships. York College Sexual Harassment Committee member Dr. Michele Gregory also discussed sexual harassment policies (quid pro quo and hostile work environment). Read more at: http://portal.cuny.edu/cms/id/cuny/documents/level_3_page/001178.htm.

In solidarity,
Dr. S.T. Rodgers

The Social Work Field Education E-Newsletter was established in December 2010 to share relevant information about field education, the Program, and trends in the Profession. The E-Newsletter is issued bi-annually to the cadre of participating field instructors — are the heart of York's social work program.



Office of Field Education
presents

“Social Work Matters”

Special Brunch

Wednesday, May 23, 2012

10:00 am to 12:30 pm

York College of the City University of New York
Social Work Program/Department of Social Sciences
School of Health and Behavioral Sciences
Room 2D01

in special recognition of

Dr. Alma Norment

Former Field Education Director, York College/CUNY
(1985 to 1986) & (1996 to 2003)



in celebration of

*Social Work Clinical Supervisors, Task Supervisors,
Seminar Instructors and Field Education Advisory Council*

Field Seminar Instructor Creates Opportunities for Individual and Group Engagement Beyond the Classroom



Professor Brown Celebrates Social Work Students Who Are Phenomenal Women

On March 22, 2012 and March 29, 2012, Parthenia Brown, Part-time Assistant Professor of Social Work, York College of The City University of New York, in collaboration with York's Women's Center conducted workshops in celebration of Women's History Month. The focus of the workshop was "The Psychology of Women". On March 22nd Professor Brown presented a video of Dr. Maya Angelou reciting her famous poem "Phenomenal Woman". The video depicted the diversity of women. The second discussion centered on Oprah Winfrey's article, "What I know for Sure". Students engaged in a lively discussion about 20 affirmations. Dr. Selena T. Rodgers (Assistant Professor of Social Work/Field Director) and Dr. LindaMichelle Baron (Professor and Chair of Teacher's Education) dropped by the workshop. In support of self-empowerment, Dr. Baron recited her poem, "If I were music".

Professor Brown, LMSW, is a York Alumnae '85 and a retired School Social Worker from the New York City Department of Education (2009). In her role, she conducted various workshops on empowerment and self-esteem with the pregnant and parenting teens to help them continue their educational endeavors. In 2011-2012, The National Association of Professional Women recognized Parthenia Brown as "Woman of the Year" for her demonstration of excellence and dedication within her profession. She has been teaching at York College for 10 years. Professor Brown is currently teaching Field Education.

Rejuvenating Social Work Program Bulletin

Professor Brown was recently given permission by York College's Program Director, Dr. Vadim Molodovan to update the Program's Bulletin Board to enhance the beautiful poster that signifies the "Social Work Program". It gave me great pleasure to decorate the board with affirmations and information for students, staff, and guests" stated Brown.



Field Education Director Honored During Social Work Month



Photo L to R: Honorable Helen M. Marshall (Queens Borough President), Executive Director Joan Serrano Laufer (Queensboro Council for Social Welfare), Dr. Selena T. Rodgers (York College of The City University of New York), New York State Commissioner Arlene Gonzalez-Sanchez (Office of Alcoholism and Substance Abuse) and President Thomas L. Tedeschi (Queensboro Council for Social Welfare).

On March 30, 2012, one of the highlights of National Social Work Month at the Queensboro Council for Social Welfare 21st Annual reception held at Queens Borough Hall was the presentation of the Eleventh Annual Fred Kuo, Jr. Memorial Award to Dr. Selena T. Rodgers for fostering respect and understanding in human diversity. Fred Kuo, Jr. of Great Neck, NY, was a 53-year old Engineer who perished in the World Trade Center, Tower 2, 91st Floor on 9/11/2001. The ceremony was co-hosted by Honorable Queens Borough President Helen M. Marshall, United Way of New York City, and the New York City Chapter of the National Association of Social Workers.

In recognition of Dr. Rodgers' years of dedicated service to the borough of Queens, the social work profession, and research on posttraumatic growth among diverse populations, Queens Borough President Helen M. Marshall presented her with a Declaration of Honor and designation of Friday, March 30th, 2012 as "Dr. Selena T. Rodgers Day".

Rochdale Village NORC Honors Their Very Own

In March 2012, Rochdale Village *Naturally Occurring Retirement Communities* (NORC) presented Professor Selena T. Rodgers with the Rochdale Village NORC Award in recognition of Social Work Month for her Outstanding Leadership in Education and Research in the field of Social Work. Professor Rodgers has been a resident of the Rochdale Village Community for the past 16 years. Review full article printed in the York Academic Affairs Update April 2012 Issue. *Photo* L to R: Selena T. Rodgers (York College/Social Work Program) and Sherba Austin (Rochdale Village NORC Director).



Six Years and Counting... Annual Legislation Action Day in Albany



Six years and counting...The Field Education Director has collaborated with several social work faculty members providing guidance to the social work club in organizing their annual Legislative Action Day to Albany, NY. Students have engaged in full day meetings with NYS Assembly, Senate members, and their senior staff. On several occasions, students have joined with York's President Marcia Keizs and Director of Government and Community Relations, Earl Simmons.

Students have advocated advancing the legislative agenda of New York State Social Work Education, the National Association of Social Workers, and York College/CUNY. Examples of the human rights and social and economic justice issues have included: (1) **Anti-Cyber Bullying Bill** to prohibit bullying and cyber-bullying on school property, (2) **Dignity for ALL Students Act** to amend the New York Education Law to prohibit bullying and harassment, (3) **DREAM Act** to allow current, former, and future undocumented high-school graduates and GED recipients a pathway to U.S. citizenship through college or the armed services, (4) **Higher Education for Public Assistance Recipients** to allow Higher Education to meet TANF work requirements by permitting attendance in up to four years of post-secondary education to count toward, an individual's public assistance employment requirement and resource exemptions for monies set aside for paying for education, (5) **Juvenile Justice Reform and Reinvestment in Community-based services to youth and families** to improve services to children and help prevent youth crime by closing juvenile detention facilities in NY and replace them with alternatives to detention programs that focus on empowerment – counseling, education and therapy, (6) **Safe Harbor Act** to provide housing, legal, educational, and other services for commercially sexually exploited youth, and (7) **Tuition Assistance Program (TAP)** to eliminate the proposed \$75 reduction in TAP awards to students. Students have also lobbied for reinstatement of funding for childcare centers CUNY-wide and funding for York College Academic Village/Conference Center.

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Face Book Page:

<http://www.facebook.com/#!/groups/172573566140056/>

National Research Announcement

Are you a MSW? Do you have experience supervising undergraduate students? Interested in sharing your experience? If so, please visit:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/SWsupervisors>

Social Work Resources

Bureau of Labor Statistics, Occupational Outlook Handbook, 2010-2011 Edition: <http://w.bis.gov/oco/ocos060.htm>

Center for Clinical Social Work: <http://ww.centercsw.org>

Council on Social Work Education <http://ww.csew.org>

Dorothy I. Height and Whitney M. Young, Jr. Social Work Reinvestment Act: <http://ww.socialworkreinvestment.org/SWRA/>

National Association of Social Workers: <http://ww.socialworkers.org>

Social Work Insurance: <http://www.naswassurance.org/pdf/PLIStud-WS0304.pdf>

Social Work Examination Preparation: <http://ww.socialworkerexam.com/>

Special Thanks

The Field Office faculty and staff offer a special thanks to the Social Work Supervisors for mentoring our students.

Congratulations Isabelle Hubert, CUNY Office Assistant 2, on your acceptance to Stony Brook University's Master of Social Work program and for your continued unwavering administrative support.

| Important Dates | Fall 2012 Schedule |
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|  | 05/09 ~ Student orientation for 1st year practicum students |
| | 05/23 ~ "Social Work Matters" Special Brunch |
| | 08/27 ~ Fall 2012 begins |
| | 09/17 ~ 1st Group Meeting with Field Faculty & Orientation for <u>First Time</u> York College Supervisors (ONLY for those supervisors who are supervising social work students for the first time) 9:30 - 11:30 (Room 3A10) |
| | 10/17 ~ 2nd Group Meeting with Field Faculty for ALL supervisors 9:30 - 11:30 (Room 3A10) CSWE Assessment Training |
| | 11/14 ~ 3rd Group Meeting with Field Faculty – for ALL supervisors 9:30 - 11:30 (Room 3A10) - CSWE Assessment Training |
| | 11/14 ~ Field Education Advisory Council Meeting 11:30 - 1:30 (Room 3A10) |

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Mentor a student today to become an emerging social work leader tomorrow...

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