

SCHOOL OF SOCIAL WORK

BRIGHAM YOUNG UNIVERSITY

25th Anniversary of MSW Program - November 8-9, 2007



The first MSW class took classes here at the Taylor Building.

BYU Class of 1983 Students: Barbara Bunker, Fred Butterfield, Karen Cannon, Carol Flaspoepler, Paul Denhalter, Beverly Edwards Bekker, Annette Erickson Peterson, Morgan Graham Grow, Steve Hay, Bryan Heninger, Claigh Jensen, Mark Martin, Ken Minnix, Char Moore, Bob Riggs, Michael Roubicek, Deborah Esquibel-Hunt, Carolyn Smith, Charlie Stewart, Rhonda Taylor, Brian Whipple, Floyd Wyasket.

Faculty: Gene Gibbons, Gene Shumway, Genevieve De Hoyos, Mike Seipal, Dale Pearson, Barbara Wheeler, John Christiansen, Reed Blake, Wes Craig, Barry Johnson, Sylvia Cowan-Hancock.

This year marks the 25th anniversary of our Masters of Social Work program here at Brigham Young University. The School is hoping faculty and students from the classes of 1983 through 2008 will return to campus to help celebrate. To attract previous graduates of both the MSW and BSW classes, the school will host an Alumni Conference on November 8-9, 2007 with the theme, How Firm a Foundation: Strengthening Families and Children in Crisis.

The event opens with a tailgate party on Thursday November 8th, prior

to the BYU vs. TCU football game. On Friday November 9th, the CEU presentations will begin at 9:00am in the new Gordon B. Hinckley Alumni Center. Jed Erickson will speak on the Trolley Square Crisis. Following the opening lecture, lunch will be provided. During the afternoon session, from 1:30pm-4:30pm, participants may attend three of six presentations. A total of six CEU's will be available for participants.

Between events either a hosted tour of campus or the current Museum of Art will be available for interested

alumni and/or guests. The conference dinner will be served at 6:30pm in the Skyroom. The cost of the event for BYU Social Work Alumni will be \$75 and for non-alumni guests, the price will be \$105. For either group that price also includes 6 CEU's and dinner at the Skyroom.

For more information or to register for the events please visit <http://alumni.byu.edu/Sections/NewsAndEvents/eventsnew/index.cfm?event=viewEvent&eventId=2748> or contact Lisa Willey at (801)422-3282.

From the Director

By Kevin Maret

Gene Gibbons. Gene Shumway. John Christianson. Barbara Wheeler. Reed Blake. These names may not have a lot of meaning unless you were part of the original group of graduate students preparing



to graduate with a Masters of Social Work degree in 1983. These faculty, and others, were pivotal in the creation of BYU's MSW program. A tremendous amount of time, effort, and sacrifice were put forth by these earlier faculty as they laid the foundation for the graduate program we have today, they themselves building upon the work and sacrifice of the others who had started the bachelors program. The story of how the School of Social Work came into existence to eventually include both a bachelors and masters

program is nothing short of a miracle. This coming April, we will see the 25th cohort of students graduate with a Master of Social Work degree from Brigham Young University. They will join the almost 800 others who have gone before. As I have had the opportunity of serving as Director; I have come to recognize, in a profound way, the extent to which others have helped in laying this foundation—countless others. In addition to the more visible faculty, there have been administrators, part-time faculty, field supervisors, field liaison, field directors, numerous agency staff and personnel, alumni and, of course, the students. All have been and are currently vital to the process of assisting the School in its quest for excellence in education. A sincere thanks is offered to all these friends of the School.

The future looks bright for the School of Social Work. Things are happening that need to happen. The School's foundation is indeed firm and the ongoing

building process is progressing well. If we are going to become better, we need help. I would urge those of you who can, to be more involved with our Alumni Association and to donate funds. This is our 25th Anniversary and we have several events planned, including the Alumni Conference on November 9, 2007. This will be a great opportunity to meet with former classmates, pick up some CEUs at a discounted rate, tour the Museum of Art, attend the dinner (bring your spouse or a friend and make the evening even more enjoyable!), purchase a nice dress shirt with the School insignia, and make a donation to the scholarship fund. We'll only celebrate the 25th Anniversary once, so please come and join us and help make this an event to remember! "A dwarf standing on the shoulders of a giant may see farther than the giant himself."

Didacus Stella, 1578

From the Alumni President

By Tammy Leifson



As president of the Alumni Association of the School, I welcome the new BSW and MSW students! You are in for one of the choicest experiences of your life and I know you are going to love nearly every minute spent out of the testing center!

We are anxious to know who you are and we will be taking every opportunity to meet you and adopt you into a growing family of BYU Social Work

graduates. Make sure to take advantage of the upcoming activities that will help integrate you into the field and widen your circle of contacts for career placement. The Alumni Board makes every effort to befriend and connect you to valuable resources that will help you to maximize your opportunities of finding the right fit for an employment position when you graduate.

Be sure to mark your calendar for the upcoming 25th Anniversary Conference starting on November 8th with the tailgate party at 5:00 pm at Helaman Field and continuing on the next day with the conference, "How Firm a Foundation: Strengthening Families and Children in Crisis." During the morning session, Jed Ericksen will be speaking on the Trolley Square crisis and after lunch there will be additional sessions by specialized alumni speakers. It will be a great opportunity to rub shoulders with experienced alumni who will be able to share about their own careers in the world of social work. This is

an annual event you will want to plan on attending and don't be surprised if before too long you are asked to be a presenter. The education and preparation you are engaged in will allow you to be part of a growing pool of proactive social workers – movers and shakers, as it were, and you should expect nothing less! The MSW's can look forward to the mentoring brunch in February where professional alumni will be available to answer your questions and provide insight to current career choices. It will be held at 11:00 in the Wilkinson Student Center and the food is always excellent!

Please keep your personal information updated on the alumni website <http://jhs.byu.edu/socwork/alumni/index.html> We are anxious to keep you informed of upcoming Social Work and Alumni happenings. We would appreciate any feedback as we work to meet your needs and assist you into the alumni family. It is a privilege and an honor for me to be able to serve you and the university. My hope is to continue to nurture a culture of giving that exists at BYU. Feel free to contact me with your suggestions and concerns tleifson@nafslc.org. Together we can rock the world!

Tammy Leifson, LCSW Alumni President

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Kevin Maret, MFT School Director

Lisa Willey, School Advisor

Jessica Saari, Newsletter

Robert Heaton Receives Award

On September 22, 2007, Robert C. Heaton received the Evergreen International Beacon of Light Award for his 35 year service to families and individuals struggling with issues of same-sex attraction. Shirley Cox, a faculty member for the School of Social Work, commented, "It is an honor to announce Robert Heaton as this year's recipient. He is an excellent mentor to students and post graduate interns. Above all, I have been impressed with Robert's deep respect for the worth of each individual."

After receiving his Bachelors degree in Social Work from Brigham Young University in 1969, Robert received a Masters degree in Social Work from the University of Utah in 1976. He has worked for LDS Family Services for 38 ½ years and enjoys the opportunity to work with a wide variety of individuals, couples, and families. He has specialized in services to couples and families, abuse victims, and individuals with same sex attraction who are seeking help. "I have a deep respect for the worth of each individual and feel it is an honor to be a part of the healing process." Robert and his wife Kay are the parents of nine children and have provided a home for 45 other children and young adults including youth from Belarus, Russia, and New Zealand.

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Spotlight

Jean Hawkins Receives the President's Appreciation Award

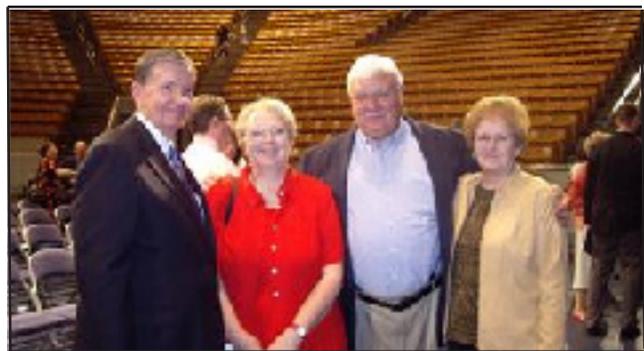


President Samuelson and
Jean Hawkins

This year Jean Hawkins, secretary for the School of Social Work, was recognized for her extraordinary service. She received the prestigious President's Appreciation Award from President Cecil O. Samuelson during the Annual University Conference on Tuesday, Aug. 28, 2007. A dinner was held in honor of all the award recipients and attended by President Samuelson and the President's Executive Committee.

Jean was nominated and enthusiastically supported by all faculty and staff members from the School. Once nominated, Jean's name was sent to the Staff Advisory Committee comprised of members, at large from the Brigham Young University community.

Jean described how she learned she would be receiving the President's Appreciation Award, "While I was taking minutes, they started talking about this award ... all of a sudden, I realized that they were talking about me. I'm sure I got as red as a beet ... I don't like to be singled out for praise – I'd rather share ...". This is the first year the recipient has also received a monetary award. Overall the experience was described by Jean as a "very humbling honor."



From Left: President Samuelson, Jean Hawkins,
Dr. Wayne Merkley and his wife Gretta Meckley.

Mission Statement

The mission of the School of Social Work at Brigham Young University is to support the overall mission of BYU and The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints by generating new knowledge and by educating and training students to use the appropriate knowledge, skills, and abilities of the social work profession to serve children and families within their environment and the context of their specific cultures.

Dr. Kristin Anderson Moore Speaks at Third Annual Hinckley Lecture



The third annual Marjorie Pay Hinckley Lecture guest speaker was Dr. Kristin Anderson Moore, the President and Senior Scholar at Child Trends. Her presentation “Child and Family Well Being: A New Look” was given on Thursday February 8, 2007 in the Joseph Smith Building. Dr. Moore is a social psychologist and one of the nation’s leading researchers of

children and families. Her studies have spanned issues related to sexual behavior, teen childbearing, non-voluntary sex and statutory rape, family structure, fertility, marriage, fathers, and families for three decades, with an emphasis on disadvantaged families. She has published numerous quantitative studies, including analyses of the implications of poverty and welfare, the consequences of teen and non-marital fertility, and the antecedents of adolescent problem behavior. More recently she has established the Research-to-Results program at Child Trends which focuses on the conceptualization, design, implementation, improvement, evaluation, and dissemination of information about effective programs to policy makers, donaters, practitioners, and other researchers. Dr. Moore’s lecture expressed the need to take

a more optimistic attitude toward studying family and child well-being. Commenting on the lecture Megan Perkins, a first year Masters student in the School of Social Work said, “It is so important in our day to focus on family strengths rather than the negative way in which the media portrays the family.” Dr. Moore pointed out substantial improvements taking place within the family unit. Life expectancy, education, and the average household income have increased while the infant mortality rate has decreased. Dr. Moore emphasized, “We need not just a vision of what we want to squelch, but also a vision of what we want.” The lecture was well attended by students, alumni, university officials, and general authorities from the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

International Scholarships Allow Students to Reach their Goals



Above: Sipiwe Mutindo, MSW graduate.

For many international students the dream of going to a university and receiving a formal education is just that, a dream. However, many are trying to change this wishful thinking into a reality at Brigham Young University where international students are provided scholarships assisting them to fulfill those dreams. Two students have used their scholarships at the School of Social Work to do great things. Sipiwe Mutindo, a recent graduate of the masters program said, “Being an international student is hard in that our families sacrifice all they have in order for us to get an education; and still that sacrifice is not enough for us to get our education abroad. The education that I received by being a recipient of your scholarship is going to bless my family and my country.”

Isson Joseph, a current first year masters student expressed his hope in the future saying, “My commitment and determination is to enhance the well-being of Haitian people and help them meet their basic needs with particular attention to those who are vulnerable, oppressed, and living in poverty.”

Right: Isson Joseph current MSW student.



Social Work Professor Honored with College Young Scholar Award

Dr. Gordon Limb was awarded the first ever College of Family, Home and Social Sciences, Young Scholar Award. This 2007 award recognizes outstanding promise and contribution by faculty in the early stages of their academic careers and includes a monetary award for research over a three year time period.

Currently Dr. Limb is working on "Fragile Families" within Native American populations. He hopes in the future to work with the child welfare national database on child abuse and neglect, while continuing to focus on the Native American population.

When Dr. Limb was notified he had been nominated, he wrote a brief summary on his qualifications as a candidate for the award. After being chosen he remarked that, "It is nice to know that all your hard work is paying off."



Dr. Limb is one of many faculty members who is promoting mentored learning. Last year alone, he had ten masters level social work students working with him. He asserts, "An emphasis on the future of this profession starts with those we mentor."

Dr. Gordon Limb joined the faculty in 2005 from Arizona State University.

Student Presents with Faculty at International Conference



Above: Presentation group at the International Consortium for Social Development

Holly White, a second year Masters student in the School of Social Work, accompanied Professor Jini Roby to Honk Kong, China to present a paper, "Internet Assisted Adoptions: a Call for Regulation," at the International Consortium for Social Development. White, who began this work on internet assisted adoption activities winter semester of 2006, says, "My professor Dr. Roby [and I], have written this paper in hope that we may be forefront of this new growing practice and encourage a dialogue among child welfare practitioners, policy makers, and adoption and internet experts."



A group of students meeting with a resident at Richmond Fellowship of Hong Kong for Community Mental Health

Dr. Jini Roby received a graduate mentoring award which allowed her to work with White. Though this was White's first time presenting at an international conference, Dr. Roby commented, "Holly and I had a wonderful time presenting together and she did a great job! It didn't seem that this was her first time at a major international conference as she had a great deal of poise and was able to field questions well."

There were more than 1000 attendees from over 40 different countries which gave Roby and White the chance to network and enjoy the diverse cultures, program highlights, and other presentations. Overall White describes the conference as amazingly rewarding and an eye opening experience both academically and personally.



Above: Dr. Jini Roby and center Holly White

Student Serves Internship in Ethiopia



Above: The Village of Hope offers care for

Jenelle Tittlefitz, a Bachelors of Social Work student, completed her summer internship at the Village of Hope. The high risk children's center strives to create a loving family environment for fifteen orphaned and abandoned children ranging in age from ten months to seventeen years.

Below: Jenelle and the children developed strong bonds during her time



While there, Tittlefitz worked with the children as well as Ethiopian professionals, creating a healthy sustainable living environment. Because a majority of the children at the village suffer from physical illnesses such as malaria and typhoid, the Village of Hope maintains a medical clinic, which offers two or three open community medical consultations per year. The clinic is staffed with physicians and health care specialists from Ethiopia, as well as the United States.



Above: Village of Hope creates a family environment for the children being cared for.

Tittlefitz met the founders of the Village of Hope in 2006 while volunteering in Ethiopia for ProLiteracy Worldwide. Impressed by their NGO [non-governmental organization] she offered her assistance.



Training at the Village of Hope was critical and difficult. The trainings focused on learning how to keep things clean and sanitary in an effort to



Above: Stability is a primary goal at the Village of Hope.

prevent the spread of germs and disease. However challenging, Jenelle says the experience was well worth it. When asked why she was always smiling in pictures at the Village of Hope, she replied; "A smile is the light in the window of your face that tells people you're at home. All I can say is that I love what I am doing, where I am, and the people I am with. How could I not smile?"

Below: Tittlefitz and the children have fun with face paint



The Village of Hope is run strictly on contributions to support the community medical clinic and the children's education, food, and living expenses. To learn more please visit their website at: <http://www.villageofhope-ethiopia.org/index.html>.

Preserving Inheritance and Memories in Uganda



Above: Cole Hooley and Mallory Parry take a break from home visits to play soccer with some of the local children

Dr. Jini Roby, a practicing attorney and faculty member, and five students traveled to Uganda this summer to assist children facing a number of crises. Armed conflicts as well as the HIV/AIDS epidemic have caused some 2 million children to lose one or both parents. The loss felt by these children extends beyond emotional deprivation, as many times relatives or neighbors take the little property left by the deceased parents and leave the children with nothing to survive on and no way in which to remember their parents or family heritage. The children are left adrift with no lasting family ties. The five students, three students from the J. Rueben Clark Law School and two from the School of Social Work, who accompanied Dr. Roby focused their efforts on assisting HIV parents.

In conjunction with The AIDS Support Organization (TASO) in Entebbe and the Women Lawyers of Uganda, over 300 wills and 250 memory books were completed. These vital documents will protect the children from the loss of their inheritance and preserve priceless memories of their parents. Cole Hooley, an undergraduate student in the School of Social Work, serves as project manager, beginning January 2007 through the end of the project. The data is currently being analyzed and articles prepared for publication. Mallory Parry, also an undergraduate student in the School of Social Work, served as treasurer and technical manager. Both were stationed on-site in Uganda from May to August. When asked about the experience in Uganda Cole Hooley said, "I think that it is interesting because you go into an experience like that thinking that you are going to be the teacher and try to help the people improve their lives and then when you come

home, you realize that you were the student just as much as you were a teacher." For their work this summer the TASO manager, Henry Muzoora, publicly thanked the team for assisting some 100,000 clients. He stated: "Last year, I became acquainted with Associate Professor Jini L. Roby of the School of Social Work at Brigham Young University, USA, who was doing research in Entebbe and we discussed collaboration this year to assist TASO clients in completing wills and memory books.... The management and clients of TASO Entebbe heartily appreciate the support that the Centre has received from the Executive Director, Dr

Below: The BYU student team with advocacy trainers



Alex Coutinho in realizing this dream. Special thanks go to Prof. Jini Roby and her team of 5 committed students from Brigham Young University."

Below: Children from the local village sing for Cole Hooley



School of Social Work Professor Receives Brigham Award



2007 Brigham Award Recipients: Dr. Jini Roby is third from the right.

This last April Dr. Jini Roby was honored by receiving the Brigham Award, initiated by the BYU Student Association. The students solicited online for nominations which were then reviewed by a committee. Once the votes were tallied, the top five nominees were selected and ranked. The committee said they felt confident and sure of their selection of Dr. Roby due to her outstanding work and service both within the Brigham Young University community as well as throughout the world.

“When I was notified that I would be a recipient of the Brigham Award, I was sure they had the wrong person.” She feels that the work that she has done and continues to do brings immense joy to her life. After being selected, Dr. Roby had the opportunity to have lunch with Coach Bronco Mendenhall, which she considered an added bonus. About the experience she expressed, “I would like to say that without the support of wonderful colleagues and especially the fantastic students, I could not have even been considered.”

Of receiving the Brigham Award Dr. Jini Roby said,



Dr. Jini Roby and her husband Dr. C. Y. Roby at the awards banquet

Social Work Student Helps Run Search for Missing BYU Student



Camille Cleverly

of love and devotion the hundreds of searchers had for Camille. Only a handful knew Camille personally; however, their commitment to finding her was inspiring. Jones says that she learned a great amount about the time, effort, and organization running a search party requires.

Wendy Sheffield from the school was called by the search team directors to debrief the core volunteers following the announcement that Camille’s body had been found at the base of a cliff, near Bridle Veil Falls up Provo Canyon. Jones commented about the experience saying, “I think it is very common today to feel like the world is just falling apart. While this may be the case--it was so good for me to see how many good people are out there waiting for an opportunity to serve.” Camille will continue to live on in the hearts of those whose lives she touched.

On Thursday August 30, 2007 Camille Cleverly was last seen leaving her apartment on her silver and purple mountain bike. She was reported missing on Friday August 31, 2007 and a search for her was initiated. Emma Jones, a masters student in the School of Social Work, was Camille’s Relief Society President and played an important role in the search efforts.

Emma was one of the core volunteers who was trained to manage the search center, which was based primarily out of the Harman Building on the BYU campus. Throughout the experience Jones was touched by the amount



Wendy Sheffield



Emma Jones

Program Links Students with Professionals

A new program, sponsored by the Student Alumni Association at Brigham Young University, is working to connect students with professionals in the community. The "Take a Cougar to Lunch" program gives students the opportunity to meet and have lunch with professionals practicing in their fields.



Many restaurants on BYU campus offer discounts for participating students.

The dialogue between pairs gives insight to students regarding career options and prepares the student to "go forth and serve."

This program, a one-time mentoring session, was introduced in 2005 and continues to grow annually. The program was not developed as an interview process, but rather as a networking opportunity for students. For more information regarding the program or to participate please visit <http://alumni.byu.edu/Applications/Tactl/index.cfm>.



The Cougarreat Food Court is a great example of a place to meet and share lunch

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information at*

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Alumni updates

Brian R. Anderson, LCSW (BSW)

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Class of 1972

Douglas A. Gale, (BSW, 1972) Received his MSW from the U.of U. in 1976 and has worked the last six years as the director of ScenicView Academy in Provo.

Class of 1975

Bonny Dale Ksenics Palmer, (BSW 1975) Lived in Washington, DC area since graduation. Served in San Diego (Spanish) Mission 1976-1978. Has worked for a labor union for the past 28 years. Married to John Palmer, have two grown children.
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Class of 1977

Linda Celestre Mahoney, (BSW 1977) Executive Director of the Interfaith Council of Solano County, a coalition of 25 different faith communities dedicated to addressing issues of poverty and homelessness in Solano County, CA. Director of Heather House homeless shelter, the only permanent

homeless shelter in Fairfield, CA. Heather House is based in LDS welfare principles, and has successfully moved 400 clients from homelessness to permanent housing.

Class of 1979

Dennis D. Perkins, (BSW, 1979) Has worked at LDS Family Services for 26 years. Has been Agency Director in Indiana and Farmington, UT. Currently works for the Missionary Department in Salt Lake City.

Class of 1981

Bruce W. Davis, MSW, (BSW 1981) MSW 1983, Florida State University. Works for the Department of Veteran Affairs, Gainesville VA Medical Center, Visual Impairment Services Team Coordinator. Coordinates services for visually impaired veterans and their families.

Class of 1985

Mark de St. Aubin, (MSW 1985) After working in medical social work for almost 11 years, joined the faculty of the College of Social Work at the University of Utah and is currently Associate Professor/Lecturer in the MSW program. Since 1996 he has coordinated field work and taught such courses as HBSE, Grief and Loss, SW with End-of-Life/Palliative Care, and Advanced Practice in Health MSW program. Currently serves on the State of Utah SW Licensing Board and on the national board of the Society for Social Work Leadership in Health Care. He sends greetings to all his fellow alumni.
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Class of 1987

Wendy Sheffield, (BSW, 1985; MSW, 1987) Working as Associate Field Director at the BYU School of Social Work. Author of *Stay Alive*, which is used throughout Africa and with millions of children and families. Teaches

them cognitive/behavioral skills that will keep them HIV/AIDS free and help build strong families. Authored Family Environment Program which is used throughout the world to strengthen families through weekly family night. Translated and published into 12+ languages.

Lori Draper Smith, (BSW 1987) Married to Brian Robert Smith. Worked as a counselor for Timp Mental Health at the Regional Adolescent Center in Provo and for the State of Utah as a licensed social service worker for the Division of Family Services as a foster care worker. While raising three children she worked a short time for a private adoption agency and then with the Salt Lake City school district for six years. She is currently the Honor Code counselor for the LDS Business College. She lives in Salt Lake City, Utah with her husband Brian and three children.
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Class of 1988

David T. Ballard, LCSW, (MSW 1988) Has worked since 1988 with sexual offenders and victims of abuse; DDMR offenders in group homes; adolescent gang kids at Rivendell; Human Affairs/Aetna; Utah State Department of Corrections (10 years) on the Inpatient men's and women's Psychiatric units and the out-patient substance abuse and mental health units; IHC on-call crisis therapist 16years; Currently, he is in private practice in Provo, Utah in my own office...I also work, still, for IHC and I teach Abnormal Psychology each semester at Utah Valley University.

Leigh Germann, (MSW 1988) Works part time for LDS Family services in Austin, Texas.
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Class of 1991

Milena Garcia Skollar, LCSW, (BSW 1991) A licensed clinical social worker and family therapist who currently practices part-time in Atlanta, GA. She received her Master's from Columbia University in 1993. Afterwards, she attended the world renown Ackerman Institute for Family Therapy where she studied child focused family therapy. Milena has worked in a different variety of settings including family therapy centers, hospitals, schools and private practice and is featured in various videos for the Connect with Kids Network. Watching families grow and heal from difficult life circumstances is a personal fulfillment which allows her to love the work she does.

Class of 1992

Michael Gibbons, (MSW 1992) Michael has been serving as Director of Student Support at Southern Virginia University since 2003. He also teaches courses in the Family and Child Development major and oversees much of the service learning initiatives... Michael's wife, Kristie (BYU, BA, '99) is also employed by SVU as the Assistant Dean of Students over Residence Life and their oldest daughter, Jessi, is a freshman at SVU this year. Michael serves as bishop of the Buena Vista, Virginia family ward.

Kenneth P. Gonzalez, (MSW 1992) Currently serving as an Associate Professor in the school of leadership and education sciences at the University of San Diego. He and his wife, Elizabeth, 3 year old son (Kael Joaquin) and 6 month old daughter (Xiomara-Mia) live in Chula Vista, California. He just published my first edited book (with Raymond V.

Padilla), titled "Doing the Public Good: Latina/o Scholars Engage Civic Participation." The book is published by Stylus Publications. He wishes his classmates well and hopes "to hear from you!"
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John Stewart, (MSW 1992) Worked for 10 years at the Gathering Place in Orem, Utah specializing in addiction work. For the past 6 years he has been the Clinical Director at New Haven- a residential treatment center for adolescent females and their families based in Spanish Fork and Saratoga

Springs, Utah specializing in recovery work with students and their families. Currently he is serving on the School of Social Work's Alumni Board. He has been married 22 years and has three sons- one in Russia on a mission, a 13 year old and a 10 year old- all boys. (And 64 daughters at work). "Life is good!" johns@newhavenrtc.com

Class of 1993

Randy Huntington, (MSW, 1993) Working at Wasatch Mental Health and has had a private practice in Provo/Orem for 12 years.

Jill Jeppson Johnson, LCSW, (MSW 1993) Crisis Intervention Specialist for past 11 years-Work part-time in Kaiser Emergency Department . Married with two boys, ages 4 and 18 months.

Nancy K. Skanchy, (MSW 1993) Worked for Community Mental Health from 1993-2005. Had a private Practice with Columbia River Associates from 1997-2005, worked part time with LDS Family Services in Portland, Oregon, and Group Private Practice with Western Psychological for 18 months. Currently starting solo Private Practice in Vancouver, WA.

Class of 1995

Marty Matheson, (MSW 1995) Continues his employment at Wasatch Mental Health in Provo, overseeing the Adult Day Treatment services and the Community Volunteer Program. He is part-time faculty at BYU for the School of Social Work and the School of Family Life, and is a therapist for LDS Family Services. He recently portrayed Karl G. Maeser for a film the LDS Church and BYU produced on the beginning years of BYU, and he can be seen several mornings every week as a beginning yoga demonstrator for BYU-TV's: "Total Body Workout."

Class of 1996

Kristy (Waters) Aruynova, (BSW 1996) Started out working in a nursing home before she served a mission. Then worked as a Targeted Service Coordinator for disabled adults, and as a Psychosocial rehab worker for children, and now works for a school district as a social worker. She also does some part time work at a group home for disabled women. She continues to live in Idaho Falls, Idaho and has one son, age 7.
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Darren Furman, PHD (2006), (MSW 1996) Worked the past 10 years in an elementary school setting..."Nothing beats School Social Work!" In 2000, feeling unfulfilled, he returned to college and spent the next 7 years taking night classes, subsequently earning a PHD in Education. Presently, in his spare time, to support a missionary son in Taiwan, a daughter/freshman in college, and my wife and 4 remaining children at home, I work a second part-time job as a Clinician with LDS Family Services in Rexburg, Idaho.
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Nathan Gibbons, (BSW 1994, MSW 1996) Recently returned to Utah with LDS Family Services, after working for 6 years in Colorado as the Agency Director. Nathan's new assignment is the Clinical Supervisor for the Provo Agency. His family consists of 3 boys and 2 girls, ages 4-13. He now lives in Cedar Hills and is very excited to be back near family and friends.

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Donna Grindstaff Kuonen, (BSW 1996) (MSW 2005 CSU: Long Beach) Has worked in Public Child Welfare. Utah DCFS, Payson Office, Intensive Family Preservation & In Home Services. California, County of Ventura Children and Family Services (8 years). Line Worker-Emergency Response, Court Intake. Supervisor, Emergency Response. Currently Supervisor: Placement, Team Decision Making, Family Decision Making, and Emergency Relative Approval.

Douglas Stone, (MSW, 1996) Has worked at USHYC and Chrysalis in Provo/Orem for 5 years. "Sandy Smith placed our youngest son into our house and we now have 3 rowdy boys! Thanks Sandy!"

Scott Taylor, (MSW, 1996) Has worked at Wasatch Mental Health in Provo, UT for more than 11 years.

Class of 1997

Starling L. Hall, LCSW, (MSW 1997) Since 1997 Star has worked as a clinician and as a business consultant. He recently founded a treatment and educational consulting firm in Orem, Utah where he works with parents, clinicians and educators to find appropriate interventions for troubled youth (www.teen180.com). He also works nationally with professionals and programs for specific clinical niche needs...His firm has built a national online directory of professionals that will launch soon...Alumni from the BYU School of Social Work who work with troubled youth are offered a free standard listing in the directory. If you want to be listed in the directory, you may call or email. 801-226-2470 star@teen180.com

Ricardo Merchan, (BSW 1997, MSW 2002) In the past ten years, he got married, had two children, bought a home in Burbank (two years ago), and has been working in the social work field the whole time in the private, non-profit sector and obtained his MSW at Cal State LA. From there he was employed with Los Angeles County's Department of Children and Family Services and has been there five years, with the last three years in the Department's Latino Family Preservation Program. He is still considering starting hours for his LCSW, but happy where he is at present. "Social work" does not end for him at quitting time, as I he is bishop of a local LDS ward.

Chris Michalek, (BSW 1992, MSW 1997) Recently left the State Hospital and the State of Utah. This past summer, he accepted a position with the Veterans Administration as the Chief of Domiciliary services in Battle Creek, Michigan, where he is starting a 40-bed psychosocial residential program for homeless vets. His family loves Michigan although it is odd not living so close to campus and the Wasatch Front... "I hope this update finds everyone well and would welcome hearing from you." c.michalek@gmail.com

Class of 1998

Rick Adams, (MSW, 1998) Has worked the last 8 years at Utah State Hospital and other services in Salem.

Stuart Harper, (BSW 1996, MSW 1998) Has been with Family Support & Treatment Center in Orem since 1998. sharper@unitedwayuc.org

Class of 1999

Amy Stansel Adams, (BSW 1999) MSW 2001 UCLA. Worked with the Los Angeles County Department of Children and Family Services from 2001-2002 and with the Los Angeles Unified School District- as a School

Kelly Ballard, (BSW 1999) Worked for one year as a 7th grade school counselor in the Provo school district after graduation then stopped to begin her family. She and her husband Mike, a Patent Attorney in SLC, live in Draper and have 3 boys and 1 girl. She has always been grateful for the education she received at BYU in Social Work because it has "truly blessed our family."

Rachel Cutler Crandall, (BSW 1994, MSW 1999) Is a stay at home mom with 7 kids where she has lots of practical uses for social work on a daily basis. rachelmcrandall@comcast.net

Laura Stone, (BSW 1999)
BYUBakers@aol.com

Class of 2000

Kelly Job, (BSW 2000, MSW 2007 from University of Denver) Has had 3 children since graduation, a 5 year-old daughter and twin 3 year old boys. Her MSW concentrated on the high-risk youth track.

Class of 2001

Annette Hall, (BSW 1999, MSW 2001) Wanted to give an update on her sister-in-law and classmate Erin Roberts Rolfson who passed away after a seven month battle with melanoma cancer. Erin was expecting her third child at the time of her diagnosis. We were grateful she was able to deliver a healthy baby girl prior to her passing. Erin worked for three years at LDS Family Services in Houston Texas and specialized mainly in women and children's issues. She made a great impact in the lives of so many.

Michelle Bretzing Jacobi, JD, (BSW 2001) JD 2005, University of Pittsburgh School of Law. Married William Russell Jacobi on March 4, 2006, and resides in Omaha, Nebraska. They have a little girl, Liberty (Libby) Diane Jacobi, born July 13, 2007. Prior to the birth of her daughter, she worked full time as the General Counsel for IntegriGuard, a corporation specializing in fraud, waste and abuse oversight for the Medicare program. Currently, she is only working part time as General Counsel for IG.

In Memory



Erin Roberts Rolfson

(BSW Class of 1999, MSW Class of 2001)

Erin Roberts Rolfson, age 30, passed away April 4, 2007 at M.D. Anderson Cancer Center in Houston, Texas. Erin died after a short, courageous battle with aggressive cancer, first diagnosed in October 2006 while expecting her third child.

Her courage, faith, and strength sustained both her and her family through seven difficult months.

On March 26, daughter Kennedy Erin Rolfson was born prematurely so Erin could begin receiving more aggressive treatment. Erin believed her greatest service was as a wife and mother. Information on Erin's passion and life can be found at:

<http://erin-roberts-rolfson.blogspot.com/>

Contributions can be made to the:

Erin Roberts Rolfson Memorial Fund C/O Don Roberts 2111 1st St, Lewiston, ID 83501

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Alumni updates

Class of 2002

Dan Messick, (MSW 2002)
messickdl@ldsfamilyservices.org

Christopher Miller, (MSW, 2002) Chris has worked in Provo School District for 5 years, creating and developing a new exciting district run truancy program.

Class of 2003

Layne Daybell, (MSW, 2003) Has worked as the Director of the Provo Deseret Industries for the past 2 years and is happy to have MSW interns back at DI.

Christy Kobe, (MSW 2003) Received her LCSW Feb 2006 and in April 2006 entered in sabbatical in order to be a full-time stay-at-home mom to “the two most adorable kids in the world—my 3 year old daughter and 1 year old son.” Her husband started his own consulting firm Jan. 2006. They are living in SLC. christy_kobe@yahoo.com

Nicole (Orton) Lofgran, (BSW 2003) After graduating from college she went to work for the summer in Rexburg, ID doing PSR work and evaluating children at a special needs day care until her husband started medical school in Pullman, WA. There she did on call CPS for a year until the day before she had a baby girl. They moved to Seattle for a year then Boise for two with her husband’s schooling and I stayed at home with the baby. Now they are in UT again while Brian does his residency at McKay Dee Hospital and she is a stay at home mom, with no immediate intentions of changing that... They are anxiously anticipating our second child’s birth (another little girl) around Christmas this year. nicilee@hotmail.com

Chad Schaugaard, (MSW 2003) He and his wife Shelley have 3 children, Bryson (7), Abbey (5), and Parker (10 months). After graduation he took a job with LDS Family Services in Portland, Oregon. They were there for 4 years and just last month he was made the director of the LDSFS agency in Albuquerque, New Mexico. He has been able to stay in touch with several classmates that were hired with LDSFS at the same time... Darren Ashton (director of the Oklahoma agency), Jared Neal (Idaho), Brad Reimer (Washington), Kurt Olsson (Colorado). chadschaugarrd@hotmail.com

Class of 2004

Tiffany Anguse, (BSW 2004) She and her husband and I are currently living in their home-state of Texas where she is staying at home with her 11-month-old son, James. A new program, VOW Healthy Marriage Education Initiative, began in her area a few months ago and she has had the opportunity to work for them on occasion as well as volunteer in other community programs. dancegenerations@gmail.com

Michelle Davidson Rocha, (BSW 2004) (MSW 2007, ASU). Currently working for the Maricopa County Attorney’s Office as a Victim Advocate. She was married last December and they are thinking of moving back to Utah next year! “Yea!” laughfirst55@hotmail.com

Josh Brown, (MSW, 2004) Has worked at the Salt Lake City VA Hospital for the past three years. He is program coordinator of the VA’s Community Residential Care Program.

Matt Garber, (BSW 2001, MSW 2004) Currently working and living in the Seattle area for the LDS church at Deseret Industries. He is the Development Manager in Seattle and Federal Way WA as well as Portland OR. He provides vocational counseling, assessments, casework, and job

training and placement. He has been married for 9 years and he and his wife have three kids, Hannah, Madelyn, and Miles (ages 6, 3, and 3 months). I love the Seattle area, but would love to move back to Utah eventually.

Tammy Leifson, LCSW (MSW, 2004) Currently serves as President of the Alumni Association and is working at the House of Hope in Provo, UT. She received a promotion to Clinical Director and is working on transitional housing for the homeless on Food and Care Coalition.

Lisa Tamaki Reinbold, (BSW 2004) (MSW 2007, University of Washington) Has worked as a skilled Nursing/Rehab Center Social Services Director and DCFS foster care and in-home worker. She is currently Child and Family Mental Health Counselor at Youth Eastside Services in Seattle, WA. Contact: via mspace or facebook

Abbigale Vincent (Abby Roberts), (BSW 2004)(MSW, 2005) Graduated from Columbia and then worked as a dialysis social worker in Dallas, TX until June 2007 when her first child, a girl named Ava, was born. Currently she is a stay-at-home mom with plans to keep up her licensure. abbigale@gmail.com

Lynn Whitaker, (MSW, 2004) Currently works with Alpine Home Care and Hospice in Orem. She received her LCSW and is teaching aging at BYU and Social Work Introduction and Case Management at UVSC.

Class of 2005

Joanne Clements, (MSW 2005) Currently works at Fort Hamilton Hospital in Hamilton, OH. joannec528@yahoo.com

Michelle Evans, (MSW 2005) Is living and working in Florida near her family, soaking up the sun and enjoying nieces and nephews. She is working part-time for LDS Family Services and for a local community agency, and is happy to be in social work!

Jana Roberts, (BSW, 2005) Works for the Department of Family Services in Las Vegas, Nevada as a foster care worker. HappyJana2@hotmail.com

Class of 2006

Abi Williams, (BSW 2006) (MSW 2007, U of U) Licensed as a CSW, she works at Community Nursing Services in Salt Lake and Layton areas with home health and hospice patients. ajw100@gmail.com

Jenny Infanger, (BSW, 2004, MSW, 2006) Works as a therapist part-time with the Green House Center for Growth and Learning in Pleasant Grove,

Utah, mostly doing play therapy with children who are adopted or in foster care. She has enjoyed her time there, but will be quitting at the end of October. She is attempting to emotionally support her husband in his second year of law school at BYU and loves being at home with her two year old son and his soon-to-be little brother, due in December. mswmom@gmail.com

Class of 2007

Marc Gilchrist, (BSW, 2007) He and his wife Brooke welcomed Lincoln V. Gilchrist on the morning of April 28, 2007. He weighed 5 lbs. 11 oz. and was 20 inches long.

Kendra Goodrich, (BSW, 2007) She and her husband Jason welcomed Levi Dean Goodrich on August 29, 2007 weighing 8 lbs. 13 oz. and 22 inches long.