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MAKING AN IMPACT

In 2008, the EWU School of Social Work and the Spokane Fire Department established the Community Assistance RESponse (CARES) Team to address the needs of elders and other vulnerable individuals and families who experience health and safety crises and turn to 911 for help. Because these callers lacked the information and supports needed to survive beyond the crisis a bridge to more appropriate services was needed. Patty Gregory, pictured with BASW and MSW social work practicum students with Fire Department personnel responding to 911 calls. The student CARES Team works with callers, family members, friends, neighbors and community agencies to help clients find alternatives to calling 911. CARES is supported by the Spokane Fire Department Foundation.
NEW FACULTY

BIPASHA BISWAS earned a MSW, as well as PhD in Interdisciplinary studies, in Social Science and Social Work at Washington University in St. Louis. She held the position of Assistant Professor in the School of Social Work at St. Louis University for four years. Her teaching interests include research, international studies, interdisciplinary studies, health and mental health, gender and development studies and HIV and sexual health. Dr. Biswas’ research focuses on international issues of care, support and prevention of HIV/AIDS and other sexually transmitted diseases, and inequities and disparities in access and utilization of healthcare services.

PETER FAWSON earned a MSW and PhD from the College of Social Work at the University of Utah. His teaching interests include gender studies, relationship violence and research. Dr. Fawson developed a series of workshops titled “Men as Allies” at the University of Utah, focusing attention on raising men’s awareness of male privilege, men’s violence against women and ways to prevent and reduce violence in all forms. His research focuses on social service program evaluation and violence prevention programs.

DONOR HIGHLIGHT

DEBORAH SVODOBA earned a MSW from Rutgers in New Jersey and PhD in Social Work from the University of Maryland. Her teaching interests include research, women’s issues and leadership. Dr. Svoboda had held social work positions as outreach coordinator, case manager, executive director, project coordinator and administrative consultant. Her research focuses on gender issues, organizational structures and capacity, as well as community well-being.

Alumna in the News

DR. JANET FINN is a 1982 MSW graduate and earned a PhD in Social Work and Anthropology from the University of Michigan. She launched a career in higher education that includes groundbreaking ethnographic, community-based scholarship on women’s issues and international development.

Addiction Studies faculty member HAYLEY LAKE and EWU Online Learning Instructional Designer PATRICK LOHMAN have been selected “Best in Track: Learning Effectiveness” by the Sloan Consortium for the 8th Annual Sloan Consortium International Conference on Online Learning in Orlando, Fla., October 2012. The Sloan Consortium Conference is a premier global gathering focused on online learning. Hayley and Patrick will present findings from an end-of-course discussion board audit, entitled, “How Will I Know What I Think Until I See What I Say?” The audit is a reflective writing assignment where students collect and analyze all their contributions to online discussions throughout the quarter. This presentation will be streamed live at http://sloanconsortium.org.

Addiction Studies now offers online graduate and undergraduate certificates. For more information visit http://www.ewu.edu/csbssw/programs/addiction-studies.xml.

INTRODUCING THE FACULTY OF THE SCHOOL OF SOCIAL WORK

BEECHER, BLAKE, Assistant Professor, MSW Program Director. MSW University of Nevada, PhD University of Utah. Scholarly interests include behavioral health and clinical practice in mental health.

BISWAS, BIPASHA, Assistant Professor. MSW Bombay University, PhD Washington University. Scholarly interests include epidemiology and etiology of risky sexual behaviors, HIV/AIDS prevention, and international social work.

BROWN, LU, Senior Lecturer, Assistant Director of Field Education. MSW Eastern Washington University. Scholarly interests include policy advocacy and social justice.

BYRNES, ED, Associate Professor, BASW Program Director. MSW and PhD University of Utah. Scholarly interests include juvenile and criminal justice, social justice, and program evaluation.

CLUTE, MARY ANN, Assistant Professor. MSW Eastern Washington University, PhD Mandel School of Social Sciences at Case Western Reserve University. Scholarly interests include hospice care and grief and loss.

CREASMAN, GRACE, Lecturer, Director of the Addiction Studies Program. MSW Eastern Washington University, MA Adult Education. Scholarly interests include addiction studies and online learning.

CROFOOT, TOM, Associate Professor. MSW Portland State University, PhD University of Washington. Scholarly interests include substance abuse, American Indian and Alaskan Native children and families.

DUMAN, CARL, Lecturer. MSW Portland State University. Scholarly interests include child welfare and clinical social work practice.

EASTEP, LORI, Lecturer, Spokane Part-time MSW Program Director. Scholarly interests include child welfare and clinical social work practice.

FAWSON, PETER, Assistant Professor. MSW and PhD University of Utah. Scholarly interests include domestic violence and juvenile justice.

HERNANDEZ-PECK, MARIA, Associate Professor, Center for Aging Studies Program Director. MSSW University of Louisville, PhD University of Denver. Scholarly interests include aging studies, community engagement, and cultural diversity.

HUDNALL, CAROLYN, Lecturer, Everett Part-time MSW Program Director. MSW University of British Columbia. Scholarly interests include advance generalist social work practice, work with families and at risk youth, and women and gender studies.

KENNEY, RICK, Lecturer, Yakima Part-time MSW Program Director. MSW San Diego State University. Scholarly interests include clinical supervision and leadership in social work practice.

KEBS, JODI, Lecturer, Vancouver Part-time MSW & BASW Program Director. MSW and PhD Portland State University. Scholarly interests include juvenile justice, children and family services, mental health and disabilities.

KOYASHI, RIE, Assistant Professor. MSW and PhD Michigan State University. Scholarly interests include interdisciplinary collaborations and social work in healthcare settings.

LAKE, HALEY, Lecturer, Addiction Studies. BS and MS Eastern Washington University. Scholarly interests include behavioral health, mental health disorders and veterans and their families.

MACKELPRANG, ROMEL, Professor, Disability Studies Program Director. MSW and DSW University of Utah. Scholarly interests include disability studies and international social work.

PARISE, LISA, Senior Lecturer, Director of Field Education. MSW University of Washington. Scholarly interests include child welfare.


RAKE, MARTHA, Professor, Director & Program Director. MSW and PhD University of Illinois at Chicago. Scholarly interests include social welfare and mental health policy, consumer perspective of social work services, and leadership.

REDDY, AMANDA, Assistant Professor. MSW and PhD University of Iowa. Scholarly interests include co-existing disorders and veterans and their families.

SCELLEY, CYNDI, Lecturer. MSW Eastern Washington University. Scholarly interests include clinical social work practice.

STANSBURY, KIM, Associate Professor, Hartford Scholar. MSW Southern Illinois University at Carbondale, PhD University of Kentucky. Scholarly interests include gerontology, gambling addictions and cultural diversity.

STIRLING, ROBERT, Senior Lecturer. MSW Eastern Washington University. Scholarly interests include child welfare and engaging fathers in care.

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