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### FOR PROSPECTIVE MSW STUDENTS:

Information sessions on the MSW Program are held quarterly. Please contact our Admissions Support Staff, Paul Talavera at 909 537 5501 for the date of the next MSW information session. Check out our website <http://socialwork.csusb.edu/> and/or contact Dr. Nancy Mary, DSW, Professor & Director of Student Life. at [nmary@csusb.edu](mailto:nmary@csusb.edu) or 909 537-5560.

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# CONNECTION

CSUSB Social Work Department Quarterly Newsletter (Editor: Liz Atkins)

## NEWS FROM THE DEPARTMENT CHAIR

*Teresa Morris, Ph.D. Professor and Chair*

Our great news as we start the 2006-2007 academic year is that our B.A.S.W. program was fully accredited in June. This means, not only, that our current students are in an accredited program but also that all our past graduates hold accredited degrees. Thanks to the faculty and in particular to Dr. Laurie Smith, our B.A.S.W. Director, for all the hard work on this. Our department now houses three nationally accredited programs: the M.S.W. accredited by the Council on Social Work Education, the B.A.S.W. accredited by the Council on Social Work Education, and the Pupil Personnel Services Credential for School Social Workers accredited by the California Commission on Teacher Credentialing and the National Council for the Accreditation of Teacher Education.

We start the new-year with a number of new faculty and staff. From New York, we have Dr. Martha Bragin whose area of expertise is International Social Work; in particular children who have witnessed violence in war zones. From Florida we have Dr. Paulina Martinez whose area of expertise is Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgender issues. As a new Title IVE faculty member for our B.A.S.W. program we have Lisa Shiner M.S.W. and as our new Director of the Riverside Training Academy we have Laurie Brown M.S.W. Please join me in welcoming them all. Look them up and say hello.

We continue to grow and thrive. With outstanding students, outstanding faculty and outstanding programs we look forward to the new academic year with optimism and enthusiasm. Welcome back everyone.



## NEW MONEY FOR SOCIAL WORK EDUCATION



### MSW Mental Health Stipend

MSW students with an interest in working in public mental health can now apply for a stipend worth \$18,500 for one year. Full time students apply prior to their final year. Applicants must be willing to commit to at least one year post MSW employment in county mental health or a county mental health contract agency. The stipend was offered for the first time in 2005 and is funded by the state Department of Mental Health as a result of the success of Proposition 63, which called for a 1% tax on millionaires to fund Mental Health Services.

For more information, contact the CSUSB Mental Health Project Coordinator, Kimberly Louis, MSW, LCSW at 909/537-3776 or [klouis@csususb.edu](mailto:klouis@csususb.edu)

The California Social Work Education Center (CalSWEC) is administering the program at the state level. CalSWEC, based at the University of California, Berkeley is a partnership between the California schools of social work, public human service agencies, and other professional organizations that promotes the integration of education and practice to provide culturally competent and effective service delivery to the people of California.

### BASW Public Child Welfare Stipend

The BASW now has a Title IV-E Child Welfare Training Program. Five \$15,000 stipends will be awarded to students entering the senior year of the BASW program who plan to pursue careers in public child welfare.

One student employed by a county or the state Department of Social Services will receive full tuition and fees, costs for required books, and a travel allowance for each day of class or field-work.

Stipend recipients must fulfill a two-year work commitment with one of the local counties upon graduation.

For more information contact Lisa Shiner, BASW Title IV-E Faculty member at 909/537-3838 or [lshiner@csusb.edu](mailto:lshiner@csusb.edu) or Andy Anderson, Title IVE Coordinator at 909/537-5544 [aanderso@csusb.edu](mailto:aanderso@csusb.edu)

The stipend is funded through Title IV-E of the Social Security Act and is administered at the state level by CalSWEC . For more information visit the CalSWEC website at <http://calswec.berkeley.edu>

# BASW Accredited: break out the champagne



At its June, 2006, meeting the CSWE Commission on Accreditation granted full accreditation to the B.A.S.W. at CSUSB ( See letter in photo above ). This great news is the result of a lot of hard work by faculty members of the Department of Social Work and in particular, Dr. Laurie Smith, the Director of the B.A.S.W. It couldn ' t have been done without the support of the Department ' s Community Council and the B.A.S.W. field instructors. All students who have gained a B.A.S.W. from CSUSB now hold an accredited degree. Well done to everyone!

# Welcome new faculty and staff

## ***Dr. Martha Bragin: Assistant Professor***

Her move from New York to CSUSB will allow Dr. Bragin to enjoy warmer winters as she prepares to teach in both the MSW and BASW programs this fall. Prior to joining us Dr. Bragin taught in the psychology department at City University New York, she also had a career in inter-

national social work having worked as a consultant to the United Nations and non governmental organizations. Dr. Bragin is New York educated having completed her B.A. in Comparative Literature at Bard College in 1968; her MSW at Hunter College in 1973 and her Ph.D. in Clinical Social Work at NYU's Ehrenkranz School of Social Work in 2001.

## ***Laurie Brown , M.S.W.***

Director of Riverside site of the Public Child Welfare Training Academy. A native New Yorker, received her BA in Psychology and Sociology from Skidmore College in Saratoga, NY. She has a MSW from the State University of New York at Albany, and worked as a clinician in the counseling office at Skidmore College for several years before relocating to Califor-

nia. She has worked for the last 16 years at Riverside County DPSS, in the Children's Services Division, as a line social worker, supervisor, trainer, and for the last 7 years as a Regional Manager. She has been training for the Public Child Welfare Training Academy since 1997. She is currently working on her Ph.D. in Social Policy and Research at Loma Linda University. She is married and has two children, a 21 year old daughter and a 17 year old son.

## ***Dr. Paulina Martinez : Assistant Professor***

Dr. Martinez comes to CSUSB from Barry University in Florida. She has practice experience working with ethnically and racially diverse populations in urban and suburban communities. She has also worked with children, families, immigrants and refugees, and in mental health. Dr. Martinez was an adjunct professor

at Florida Atlantic University and worked as the Assistant Director of Field Education.

She earned her B.S. in Psychology at the University of Houston, TX in 1985; MSW at Florida International University in 1994 and Ph.D. in Social Work at Barry University, Miami Shores, FL in 2006. Dr. Martinez will teach Foundation Micro Practice in the MSW program. Her research interests are Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender issues.

## ***Lisa Shiner, M.S.W.***

As B.A.S.W. Title IV-E Faculty Ms. Shiner will be involved in the interview and selection process for students seeking Title IV-E Stipends. Ms. Shiner will also serve as an advisor and will teach the cohort of students who plan to pursue careers in public child welfare.



Ms. Shiner has been a social worker for more than 15 years. She graduated from Temple University in Philadelphia in 1991 and has worked as a clinician, case manager, supervisor, trainer, administrator, and educator. She has been involved in the MSW Intern Program for Riverside County. Ms. Shiner has taught in the M.S.W. program since 2005.

Outside of work her time is spent with her two children, ages 7 and 9, and her husband.

# More new faces...

**Patsy Andrada, MSW, LCSW**  
Director of Field Education

Ms. Andrada joined the Department of Social Work in September as the Director of Field Education for the MSW and the BASW programs.



Ms. Andrada's specialties include bilingual/bicultural social work, gerontological social work, macro practice, community outreach and crisis intervention.

Ms. Andrada also worked with the elderly in the Home Health Department at San Antonio Community Hospital, and in a Gero-psyc unit at East Valley Hospital where she was authorized to write holds on elderly clients who were a danger to themselves and others or were gravely disabled. In addition Ms. Andrada has worked in community medical and mental health agencies and in private practice with multiethnic clients.

In the area of bilingual/bicultural social work Ms. Andrada worked with a group of Spanish speaking elderly in New Mexico who had been institutionalized in a nursing home for many years. She facilitated groups in Spanish and elicited reminiscing via visual, tactile, olfactory, and auditory stimulation using objects that were culturally relevant.

Ms. Andrada is originally from New Mexico where she earned her B.A. and M.S.W. in social work at New Mexico Highlands University.

Ms. Andrada has a passion for studying Depth Psychology to better understand human behavior. She is a voracious reader of professional materials, Tom Clancy novels and poetry by Pablo Neruda and Kahlil Gibran. She also likes to garden and cook.

**Kimberly Louis, MSW, LCSW**

Mental Health Stipend Program Project Coordinator



Ms. Louis earned her MSW from Cal State Long Beach in 2000 and has acquired experience and knowledge that will be an asset in her new position at CSUSB. She has worked in acute care hospitals, and community-based and inpatient mental health care organizations where she provided individual and group therapy. She has specific interests in cross-cultural/linguistic matters and women's reproductive mental health issues. Ms. Louis combined both these interests when she researched and instituted a translator program in a cancer research center. She was also instrumental in designing and developing a postpartum support group for new and experienced mothers and their families in the Inland Empire.

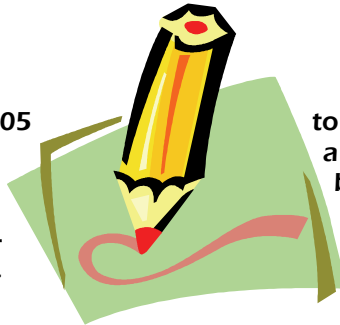
Ms. Louis enjoys singing in the church choir, traveling, freshwater fishing, hiking, basketball, cooking/entertaining, and spending time with her two yellow Labrador retrievers.

# ...And More



**Katharine Peake,**  
**Department Writing Tutor**

Ms. Peake was hired in Sept. 2005 to help students improve their writing skills. MSW students completed a writing assessment in the fall and sought out help from Ms. Peake based on her feedback. Students have also been referred by professors and their peers. She generally meets with students during her office hours or by appointment, but has also held telephone conferences with students after they e-mail their papers for her to review.



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Ms. Peake's regular hours for SW tutoring are Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, from 8-10am. She can be reached in her office at SB 302G or by phone at 537- 5302 or through e-mail at [kpeake@csusb.edu](mailto:kpeake@csusb.edu) Ms. Peake can also be reached at her office in Jack Bown Hall at 537-7358. Ms. Peake and her husband, Lloyd, live in a small rural-like community in the mountains where they enjoy the peace and quiet, "since we're basically stick-in-the-muds." She and her husband are the servants for their three cats. Ms. Peake enjoys reading about writing, composition, rhetoric, as well as 17th and 18th century literature and non-fiction about a variety of subjects. Other hobbies include walking and needlework.

## OUR NEWEST SUPPORT STAFF

**Deanna Rinebolt,**  
**Title IV-E Administrative Assistant**



Deanna joined us in December 2005. She previously worked with Campus Crusade for Christ for 13 years and with the County of San Bernardino for the past two years. Deanna has three adult children. Her son and his wife recently presented her with her first grandchild. She loves being a grandma.

**Paul Talavera,**  
**Department ASA**



Paul joined us in May 2005. He previously worked for the Department of Biology for two years while he attended classes for his undergraduate degree in Art History. He is currently slated to start the Masters in Art program with a concentration in photography. Paul is married with no children.



2006 BASW Graduates

Berenice Aguirre  
 Uche Asiodu  
 Claudia Campos  
 Angelica Casarez  
 Dalila Celis  
 Lizbeth Corrales\*  
 Luis Larrazabal  
 Heather Marshall-Pyle\*\*

Andrea Moore  
 Dianet Penilla  
 Rosita Reyes  
 Lauren Rodriguez  
 Dee Thigpen  
 Laketa Thomas  
 Fatima Villa\*

*\* Outstanding Social Work Graduates*

Go Social Work

Social Work students were selected as the College of Social and Behavioral Sciences outstanding students for 2005-2006. Heather Marshall-Pyle was the Outstanding Undergraduate Student and Maren Oslund the Outstanding Graduate student.

This is a great achievement since our students were competing with students from eight other departments.

# 2006

MSW

GRADUATES

Xochitl Alvarez	Maud Garcia	Frances Quintana
Diane Ausillio	Carmen Gibson	Jody Reimer
Anna Avila	Courtney Glazer	Guille Robles-Burgos
Noreen Ayres	Michelle Green*	Larry Rodriguez
Cheryl Babb*	Tricia Haggerty	Vanessa Romo
Cynthia Bailey	Sarah Hayes	Courtney Roushion
Cherie Barnstable*	Valerie Hentzschel	Vicky Sanderlin
Victorine Benjamin	Dannely Hernandez	Maria Santana
Stephen Borchers	Jennifer Hilt*	Milton Scott
Cathy Brown	Mary Holmes	Soulafa Shakhshir
Rachel Rittman Caudillo	Tammy Hunt	Karina Sicairos*
Keri Chavez	Lorna Levias	Ana Stockwell*
Alexa Christensen	Samantha Lillo	Bernice Tabil
Marshall Brown	Gabriel Mejia	Jennifer Tinamisan
Nomsa Chali	Marcela Mercado*	Sarah Tuttle
Lea Campos	Dorothy Mokate-Wilson	Adrienne Vance
Soe Cortez	Sunshine Munesue	Savannah VanKummer
Vanessa Crayton*	Colleen Murphy	Amanda Vasquez
Abraham Diaz	Melissa Myers	Adrianna Vazquez*
Grace Dobey	Nicole Nanchy	Jennifer Veal
Colleen Duggin	Holly Ninneman	Richard Vela
Sabrina Eisner	Ada Ocasio	Maria Weiss
Romero Fahlgren	Maren Oslund*	Toyoko Yagi*
Dragana Gajic	Rebecca Owens*	

**\* Outstanding Social Work Graduates**

**Awards for Outstanding Research**

**Best Project:**

1st Maren Oslund  
 2nd Cheri Barnstable & Samantha Lillo  
 3rd Xochitl Alvarez & Marcela Mercado

**Best Poster:**

1st Buille Robles-Burgos & Ada Ocasio

2nd Sarah Tuttle & Stephen Borchers;  
 3rd Cheri Lyn Fahlgren Romero & Sarah Hayes

**Most Relevant Topic:**

1st Melissa Myers  
 2nd Guille Robles Burgos & Ada Ocasio  
 3rd Adriana Vazquez & Sabrina Eisner

## Faculty Promotions



### **Janet Chang, Ph.D.**

Congratulations to Dr. Janet Chang on earning tenure and a promotion to Associate Professor. Dr. Chang is a UCLA graduate whose professional specialties include Ethnic minority women's mental health issues, child abuse prevention among Asian American families and culturally sensitive service delivery.

### **Laurie Smith, Ph.D.**

Another UCLA alum, Dr. Laurie Smith was awarded early tenure and promoted to Associate Professor. She earned her doctorate from UCLA in Social Welfare then taught at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas in the MSW program. Dr. Smith joined the faculty at CSUSB in 2002 as an assistant professor and Director of the BASW program.



# Poster Day 2006 Poster Day 2006



