Message from the Chair

Welcome to the 2016-17 school year. This year, we welcome nearly 90 new BSW students and 70 MSW students. To the nearly 70 returning BSW seniors and 70 returning MSW students, you are one step closer to graduation! I have always gotten excited about back to school time as it represented the start of something new. If I’m being honest, I also adored all of the new and shiny school supplies, especially my 1980s trapper keeper, Strawberry Shortcake lunchbox, and Miss Piggy messenger bag (see my 2nd grade first day of school picture below). I loved the possibility of what I would learn and read in the coming year. Even as a 2nd grader, I liked to imagine how different I would be at the end of a school year. I knew I would be smarter, more worldly, and more mature than I was on the first day of school.

Today, the same is true. If you put the work in, you will be smarter, more worldly, and a more mature social worker on the last day of the term than you are today. You will have acquired new skills, learned new material, worked with new clients, and been part of change. You will have the opportunity to become more worldly through three study abroad and global experiences (see page 6). You can change the world by voting on November 8th (see page 5) or by participating in the social work club activities (see page 7).

No matter what you do, do something. You are responsible for your learning and self-improvement. To inspire you, here are a few quotes about education:

The only person who is educated is the one who has learned how to learn and change - Carl Rogers

There is no magic to achievement. It’s really about hard work, choices, and persistence - Michelle Obama

An investment in knowledge pays the best interest - Ben Franklin

Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world - Nelson Mandela

I dream of a country where education would prevail - Malala Yousafzai

Have a great term-
Sarah
GREATER MIAMI VALLEY JOINT
MASW PROGRAM

We are growing! This academic year, we have 69 new students, bringing enrollment to 120 in our program. We have completed 4 successful years, and are switching to Miami University’s calendar this Fall.

If you plan to apply for Summer or Fall 2017, start working on your application now. You will need 3 professional reference letters, a personal statement, and a GPA of 3.25 for the Advanced Standing Program or 3.0 or above for the Traditional Program (2 year). The application deadline for the Advanced Standing Program is January 15, and for the Traditional Program is February 15. Part time options for both programs are available.

If you have any questions about the MASW program, contact Mary Clem at mary.clem@wright.edu or

Words of Wisdom from Mary:
When applying to the MSW Program, apply early. Don’t wait for the application due date to request your transcript or recommendation letters to be sent to us. The sooner your application packet is complete, the sooner it is reviewed by the department and the sooner you will hear from us. If you are not sure about something, call and check with us.

MSW Student interview:
Eric North
Class of 2017

Q: How did you know you wanted to be a social worker?
A: I knew that I wanted to be a social worker when I began mentoring children who were diagnosed with life-threatening illnesses. I realized that I wanted to work in a profession that worked to improve people’s quality of life. Social work is that profession!!

Q: What is the best piece of studying advice you would give to someone starting the Social Work program?
A: The best piece of studying advice that I would give someone starting in the SW program is to form a study group. Go through the chapters together, compare notes, and quiz each other. Do NOT expect to learn an entire chapter in the fifteen minutes before class starts.

Q: What do you plan to do after graduation?
A: A few weeks after graduation my wife, son, and I will be going to Hawaii for vacation! After vacation, I hope to be employed full-time working with children and families in the Dayton area! My areas of interest are child welfare, and medical social work.

Mary Clem, B.S. MIS
Administrative Specialist
MSW Program
WSU Department of Social Work
Meet our Faculty

Dr. Theresa Myadze
Professor
Department of Social

How did you know you wanted to be a social worker? I knew I wanted to be a social worker when I learned of the many interesting fields of social work practice and what appeared to be an abundance of job opportunities.

What was the most interesting place you lived and worked? The most interesting place I’ve lived in and worked was in Jos, Plateau State, Nigeria where I taught social work, psychology and sociology at a local university.

What is the biggest change you have seen in social work over your career? The biggest change I’ve seen in social work over my career (since the 1970s) was the shift away from viewing religion as a taboo topic in social work practice to viewing it as another aspect of a client’s identity.

What sort of things do you do for fun? I enjoy interacting with loved ones, watching movies, dining out and relaxing by playing my favorite trivia game “Sudoku.”

What is the best piece of advice you ever got? The best advice I’ve ever received was from my mother who told me when I was going off to college that I should read my Bible and never forget to pray.

Alumni Updates

Wright State University’s Social Work Alumni Society presents…

Annual Beer & Wine Tasting and Silent Auction Fundraiser

Proceeds benefit the Social Work Alumni Student Scholarship Fund

Wednesday, September 14, 2016
5:30-7:30 pm

$20 includes 4 tastes & hors d’oeuvres

Fifth Street Brew Pub
1600 E Fifth St
Dayton, OH 45403

Tickets available in the SW Dept, 270 Millett, or at the event.

Mark your calendars:

• Monday, September 12 is the quarterly meeting of the Social Work Alumni Society at 6pm in the Board Room of the WSU Foundation Building.
• Wednesday, September 14, Annual Beer & Wine Tasting and Silent Auction Fundraiser.
• Wednesday, Oct 5 there will be a training on Human Trafficking at the WSU Foundation Building, Board Room. The tentative time is 6:00-9:15, 3.0 CEUs, free for students and Gold members of the WSU Alumni Association, $30 for others.
• Book Club continues to meet on a regular basis.

For more information about the WSU Social Work Alumni Society, please contact Barb Keferl at bkeferl@sbcglobal.net.

To become a member go to http://www.wrightstatealumni.com/
Dear Jane—
What are office hours, and how should I use them?
Signed,
office hours seeker

Dear O H Seeker,
Office hours are one of the most underutilized services that universities offer. All faculty are required to hold weekly office hours. The purpose is to provide students with one-on-one time with their faculty outside of class.

You can come to office hours to get help with a concept you are having trouble with, to discuss an upcoming assignment, go over ways to improve a paper, or talk about the social work profession. Office hours are listed on the syllabus.

Faculty also have office hours "by appointment." If you have class during a professor's office hours and want to meet, you should email the faculty member to ask to schedule another time. It is helpful if you schedule a week in advance and tell the faculty when you might be available.

~ Jane

Jane Addams,(1860-1935), was a pioneer American settlement social worker, public philosopher, sociologist, author, and leader in women's suffrage and world peace. In 1931 she became the first American woman to be awarded the Nobel Peace Prize and is recognized as the founder of the social work profession in the United States.
CHECK IT OUT ~ our top tips

Social Workers vote. For information about voting in Ohio, including registering to vote, changing an address, locating your polling place, and requesting an absentee ballot, visit: http://www.sos.state.oh.us/sos/elections/Voters.aspx

Five Books to Check Out at the Library

Encyclopedia of Social Work ~ This comprehensive resource is a great place to start your Social Work research, no matter what the topic. Think of this as a first stop in “pre-search.” – available electronically through the University Libraries catalog

Writing with Style: APA style for Social Work – As a social work student, you will be writing a lot. In addition to covering official APA style rules, this workbook also offers guidance on summarizing articles, writing the different sections of a paper, and preparing a presentation.

Professional Writing for Social Work Practice ~ This guide focuses on effective writing skills for future social work practitioners, including agency reports, client documentation, court letters, grant applications, and more.

The Field Placement Survival Guide: What You Need to Know to Get the Most from Your Social Work Practicum – This collection of articles addresses a variety of issues that students encounter during field placement that will help you make the most of your experience.

ASWB Clinical Exam Practice Questions : ASWB Practice tests & Exam Review for the Association of Social Work Boards Exam – Prepare for your licensing exam with this book of exam review and practice tests.

For more information about books available at Dunbar Library, contact Mandy Shannon (mandy.shannon@wright.edu) or visit the research guide at http://guides.libraries.wright.edu/social_work/books.

Support our Efforts
Please consider the many opportunities to give to the WSU Social Work Department through the SW Program Fund, SW Student Scholarships, and SW Alumni Society Scholarships. Check these out and give at https://liberal-arts.wright.edu/connect/give-to-the-college

Easy Crock Pot Vegetable Soup

Here’s how…
1. In a bowl mix all ingredients except frozen vegetables
2. Place vegetables in the Crock Pot Slow Cooker and then pour mixed ingredients on top.
3. Cook on low for 4-6 hours.

Try this… Cook some egg noodles and add to vegetable soup 30 minutes before serving. Sprinkle with parmesan and croutons. Delicious!

http://easycrockpot.com/vegetable-soup-recipe.html
Study Abroad at Home

Want to study abroad but lack the time and money to do so? Study with international students and faculty from Switzerland from July 1-15, 2017. Sign up for Summer B SW 3890 – comparative social work. This course counts as your social work elective. Students will meet from 9a-5p each day to compare and contrast social service delivery in the US and Switzerland. Typically, class will be held in the morning, followed by an afternoon visit to a social work agency. Students will be required to participate in two evening social events each week (e.g., going to a Dragons game, dinner with Swiss visitors, 4th of July cookout). For more information about the course, see Dr Twill (sarah.twill@wright.edu). The course is open to BSW and MSW students.

Interested in studying in Switzerland? An ambassador study abroad program will go to Switzerland for a very similar class in the summer of 2018. The study abroad experience will cost approximately $1000, plus airfare and summer tuition. The course is open to BSW and MSW students.

US- Mexico Immigration Border Trip

Join a Sinclair-WSU social work delegation to the US-Mexico border to learn about immigration issues. Enroll in SW 3890 – 1 credit hour in Spring 17. We will work with Borderlinks (http://www.borderlinks.org/) to study the issue. We will fly to Tuscan on Friday, March 3rd and return on Monday, March 6th. During the visit, we will observe an immigration court hearing, talk with social workers who assist Mexican border crossers, participate in an immigration simulation activity, and explore Tuscan. Students will attend two classes to prepare for the trip, and one upon return. Students will be responsible for a $150 course fee, plus airfare to/from Tuscan. Space is limited to 5 student participants. For more information about the course, contact Dr Twill (sarah.twill@wright.edu). The course is open to BSW and MSW students.

Ambassador Program to Japan

Dr Carter will be leading the Summer 2017 Ambassador Program to Japan. During the 3.5 weeks in various cities throughout Japan, students will enjoy an incredible range of experiences. In past years, students have learned to dye silk and make jade art. Students stay in a variety of settings including hotels, dorms, and even with Japanese families on the weekends. This trip is truly a once in a lifetime opportunity. Students who have gone on this trip regularly come back excited to sign up again. The 2017 estimated cost is $2900, not including airfare, and the trip does qualify for WSU financial aid. A financial aid expert will meet with you to discuss specifics. If you are interested in going on the trip you should contact Dr Carter (james.carter@wright.edu.) Space is strictly limited to 10 selected students.
Don’t Miss These Events

Come one, come all to the greatest school year of all! Drop by the Social Work department on Thursday, Sept 1st from 10am - 5pm to celebrate the start of the school year. We will have popcorn and you will have a chance to take a polaroid picture with your friends.

Dessert with the Chair
Stop by the social work office, 270 Millett, for cookies with Dr. Sarah Twill, SW Chair
Open to all social work and pre social work majors.

Tuesday, October 4th
11—12 noon
12—1 pm
2—3 pm

Fall 2016 Dates to Note:
Monday, Aug 29 - First day of classes
Monday, Sept 5 - Labor Day, University closed
Friday, Sept 9 - Fall graduation application deadline
Tuesday, Sept 13 - 11:30 am
Thursday, Sept 15 - 1:00 pm
Friday, Sept 16 - Phi Alpha Induction Ceremony
Friday, Sept 16 - Last day to drop with 100% tuition refund
Sunday, Sept 25 - 4 pm - Get To Know You Social @ Fairborn Park
Friday, Sept 30 & Saturday, Oct 1 - https://www.wright.edu/homecoming
Tuesday, Oct 4 - Dessert w/Dr. Twill @ 11-12noon or 12-1pm or 2-3pm in 270 Millett Hall
Saturday, Oct 8 - Alzheimer's Walk
Tuesday, Oct 11-Thursday Oct 27 - Halloween Card making for Greenbriar Nursing Center in 270 Millett
Monday, Oct 17 - Spring schedule released
Saturday, Oct 22 - Ohio Makes a Difference Day
Thursday, Nov 3 - Spring registration begins
Tuesday, Nov 8 - ELECTION DAY. Don’t forget to vote!
Tuesday, Nov 8-Tuesday Nov 22 - Thanksgiving Card making for Greenbriar Nursing Center in 270 Millett
Friday, Nov 11 - Veteran’s Day, University closed
Tuesday, Nov 22 - Thursday, Dec 15 - YWCA Children’s Winter Clothing Drive, drop off in 270 Millett
Wednesday, Nov 23 - No classes, offices open
Thursday, Nov 24 & Friday, Nov 25 - Thanksgiving holiday, University closed
Friday, Dec 9 - 5-8pm - Kids Nite Out, After Party for volunteers 9-midnight
Saturday, Dec 10 - Last day of classes
Monday, Dec 12 - Finals week
Saturday, Dec 17 - Fall Commencement
Friday, Dec 23 thru Friday, Dec 30 - Christmas and Winter Break, University closed