The Significant Lifetime Achievement in Social Work Education Award recognizes the achievements of a social work educator over an entire career. The Council on Social Work Education announced that Professor Brad Sheafor will receive this honor in Chicago in February 2006 at its Annual Program Meeting.

Brad has been committed to teaching undergraduate and graduate students since he first became an instructor at the University of Kansas in 1964. He joined the CSU social work faculty in 1974. Over the past 40 years, Brad has taught a wide variety of courses including social work practice, community organizing and planning, social agency administration, and systems perspectives for social work. For the past 20 years, Brad has taught an intensive history and philosophy of social work course to incoming graduate students and more recently a two-semester research course designed to prepare students to evaluate their practice effectiveness. Last year, for example, one student reported, "Dr. Sheafor was easily the most influential element of my graduate studies." Another student stated, "I am in awe of his knowledge and ability to work with students and understand them. He is the best." During the 32 years at CSU, Brad has also served as Director of the School of Social Work, Interim Dean and Associate Dean of the College of Applied Human Sciences, Associate Director of the Human Factors Research Laboratory, and Co-Director of the Family and Youth Institute.

His teaching also extends to international arenas. He received a Fulbright Award as lecturer to Massey University in New Zealand (1982) and was a visiting fellow at the University of Canberra in Australia (2000) where he established an ongoing study abroad program. He also served as liaison between Colorado State University and Universidad de Atacama (Chile) for program consultation in several disciplines. In addition, he has served on the Board of the International Association of Schools of Social Work.

Brad’s scholarly focus on the social work profession is nationally recognized. His book, Social Work: A Profession of Many Faces, co-authored with Armando Morales, is in its 10th edition. He also co-authored with Charles Horejsi the textbook Techniques and Guidelines for Social Work Practice which is currently in its 7th edition. Reports from the publishers of these books indicate that the education of more than 200,000 students throughout the world has been supported by these textbooks. He is well known for his research on undergraduate social work education, the social work workforce, practice, the conceptualization of generalist and advanced generalist practice, a substantial task analysis of social work, and social work field education.

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Greetings from the Director!

The faculty, staff and students at Colorado State University School of Social Work are proud to announce some very exciting news.

The CSU Center on Aging is now located within the School of Social Work at 112 Education. This interdisciplinary Center has as its mission to serve as a University and statewide focal point for integrated, interdisciplinary research, education/training, and outreach efforts aimed at understanding the aging process and the contexts in which it occurs, and promoting the health and well-being of older adults. Drs. Victor Baez and Mona Schatz, faculty in the School of Social Work are acting co-Directors of the Center on Aging and Dr. Christine Fruhauf, Assistant Professor in the Department of Human Development and Family Studies, is Associate Director. Join us at a reception for the Center on Aging during our Spring Open House on March 23rd.

Our two part-time distance programs are thriving. Western Slope students will be joining our spring graduation to be hooded at the Lincoln Center on May 12th. In addition, 30 students are enrolled in our new distance program in Colorado Springs. We are now accepting applications for students with BSW degrees from an accredited school to join our Colorado Springs cohort as advanced standing students. Classes for Colorado Springs advanced standing students will begin in January 2007. Informational and recruitment meetings will be scheduled this spring for prospective students. Please be on the lookout for newspaper announcements and mailings regarding the time and location of these meetings.

I appreciate your support of the School of Social Work at Colorado State University. With your help, we have increased the number of scholarships and the amount awarded to help students prepare for the social work profession. Read about the activities of our social work students this past year in this issue of the newsletter. It is more important than ever to hear our voices on international, national, and local levels. We hope that this generosity will continue and grow so that 2006 will be full of promise and hope. Please join our alumni association, Friends of the School of Social Work, so you can be informed of our events, employment opportunities, and activities.

Thanks for all the important work that you do.

Deborah Valentine, MSW, Ph.D., Director

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His research and scholarship have been recognized by both social work and non social work scholars.

Dr. Sheafor's service to the social work profession and social work education is extensive. Brad served as President of CSWE (1984-1986) and on the APM Program Corresponding Committee (1990-2002). He has served as an accreditation site visitor and as a member of the Educational and Publication, Planning and Accreditation Commissions. In addition, Brad was a founding member of the Baccalaureate Program Directors Association, served as Program Chair for the first BPD Conference on Competency-Based Social Work Education, as well as the subsequent two BPD national conferences. He also has been a consulting editor for the Journal of Baccalaureate Social Work. Brad received the Colorado State University College of Applied Human Sciences award for Service Excellence in May, 2005 and recently completed work as a Senior Scholar for CSWE while on sabbatical from CSU. He is assisting in the design and implementation of a Leadership Development Institute at CSWE.

Brad has participated in NASW since 1963. He was President of the Kansas Council of NASW Chapters (1968-1969), chaired the NASW Curriculum Task Force (National Job Classification Project) in 1980-1982, served as member of the ACSW Examination Review Committee (1993-1996) and chaired the ACSW Exam Blueprint Development Committee in 1997. Dr. Sheafor also served as President and Vice-President of the United Way of Fort Collins.

Brad Sheafor has served the social work profession and social work education with generosity, integrity, and dedication. There is no one more deserving of the Significant Lifetime Achievement in Social Work Education Award. Congratulations Professor Brad Sheafor!

Social advance depends as much upon the process through which it is secured as upon the result itself.

Jane Addams (1860-1935), Mother of social work and Nobel Peace Prize Winner, 1931
SOCIAL WORK PIONEER: BETTY BROADHURST, Professor Emerita

Dr. Betty Broadhurst, an esteemed Professor Emerita for the CSU School of Social Work since 1985, has been dedicated to the profession of social work since 1942 when she received her M.S. in social work from Smith College. Throughout her career, Dr. Broadhurst placed an emphasis on integrating new perspectives as it applies to international social work. Beginning her international experience as a Fulbright scholar in Austria during the early 1950's, Dr. Broadhurst continued to work and study social work in Mexico, Central and South America, Europe, Asia, and Australia. Until very recently, Dr. Broadhurst lived part of each year in India. Through her association with SERVAS, and an international NGO, she promoted micro economic development among tribal groups and among women in particular.

A small village in India welcomes Dr. Broadhurst.

Dr. Broadhurst received her DSW from Columbia University in 1971 after holding several social work positions including as a clinical social worker with the Veteran’s Administration, Yale Medical Center, and Jewish Family and Children’s Services in Denver. From 1972 to 1985, Dr. Broadhurst taught social work courses at the University of Denver, the University of Texas, and Colorado State University and committed herself to developing meaningful field work experiences for undergraduate students. Since 1985, she has been Professor Emerita in the School of Social Work at CSU. Throughout her active life, Dr. Broadhurst found time to provide services to organizations and communities. She is a charter member of NASW and was named one of its esteemed Social Work Pioneers in 1997.

Frequently participating in social work functions and special events, the School of Social work is truly fortunate to count Dr. Betty Broadhurst as one of our most amazing friends and colleagues. By Cindy Webb, MSW Student

Social Work in Action for BSW Students

The undergraduate social work student organization Social Workers in Action (SWA) has been busy this year. The officers for the 2005-2006 school year are Courtney McAlister, President, Sondra Vasquez, Vice-President, Kellie Cremer, Secretary, and Melanie Dugan, Treasurer. Faculty Advisors are Malcom Scott and Roe Bubar.

This year SWA focused on community issues in Fort Collins as well as emphasizing speakers at meetings. The first project of the year involved Habitat For Humanity. SWA members strapped on belts and grasped hammers in hand as they helped Seth Kujat with Leap of Faith Roofing accomplish his goal of roofing a house in all 50 states. Habitat For Humanity builds homes for low income families all over the nation.

SWA’s next project was with Volunteers of America. Eric Kufold came and spoke about volunteering with the HandyMan project. The HandyMan Project has volunteers help the older adults with things such as changing smoke detectors and building wheel chair ramps. Eric also connected SWA with National Make a Difference Day. SWA members rolled up their sleeves and pulled out their rakes in helping clean up lawns of older residents here in Fort Collins.

Keeping the tradition going SWA sponsored seven families this Thanksgiving from the Northern Colorado AIDS Project (NCAP). Both food and monetary donations were collected to create seven complete Thanksgiving dinners for families impacted by HIV/AIDS. This years members also helped serve food at the Thanksgiving Banquet put on by NCAP. SWA looks forward to another great year serving the Fort Collins Community. By Sondra Vasquez, BSW Student
Dr. Malcolm Scott Joins Social Work Faculty

The School of Social Work welcomes Malcolm E. Scott, MSW, Ph.D. who has recently joined the faculty as an assistant professor. Malcolm arrived at Colorado State University on August 14, 1999 after completing the Bachelor of Science Degree in Social Work (BSW) from Southern University, Baton Rouge.

Over the several years he has been at Colorado State University, Malcolm has actively participated in a number of academic and community activities. He has served as a community coordinator in Apartment-Life where he was the recipient of the International Honorary for Leaders in University Apartment Communities; was the 2003-2004 recipient of the Martin Luther King, Jr. Fellowship Award; worked with the Academic Advancement Center (ACC), has been an active participant with the annual MLK March and Harmony Library Black History Month Presentations, and (as Music Director for the Abyssinian Christian Church in Fort Collins) was influential in the start of the annual “Gospel Fest” held at Colorado State University.

Upon completing the Master of Social Work degree in May of 2001 at Colorado State University, Malcolm was accepted into the School of Education’s, Educational Leadership Program (Interdisciplinary). Just this past July 6, Dr. Scott successfully defended his dissertation and was awarded his Ph.D. degree at the Fall 2005 Commencement Ceremony.

Prior to Colorado and receiving his academic appointment in the School of Social Work, Malcolm worked as a graduate Research Assistant in the Family and Youth Institute, where he also coordinated the Gerontology Interdisciplinary Studies Certificate Program (GISP). Additionally, he has worked for the Louisiana Department of Public Safety and Corrections, Louisiana Department of Social Services, Division of Child Protection, and with the Colorado Department of Human Services, Design Team Project.

Dr. Scott’s research interests include program evaluation and instrument development, issues facing vulnerable populations, recidivism and children with incarcerated parents, and partnership between Historically Black Colleges and Universities and Predominately White Institutions. Currently, Dr. Scott teaches human behavior at both undergraduate and graduate levels and social welfare policy. He has also taught principles and philosophy of social work. Please stop by his office and welcome him to our faculty.

Life at Hull-House had accustomed me to going straight to the homes of people about whom I wished to learn something and talking to them in their own surroundings, where they have courage to speak out what is in their minds.

Alice Hamilton
In late July, Dr. Mona Schatz traveled to Recife, Brazil, to present a paper at the International Consortium on Social Development (ICSD). Her paper, "Using Dialogue and Theatre as Creative Approaches for International Social Work Practice," recognized in part, the work of Paulo Freire, whose Centro Paulo Freire Brasil Institute is located in Recife, received special recognition. In August, Dr. Schatz then traveled to Tirana, Albania, meeting Dr. Marita Rumano, (MSW, 2001).

Dr. Schatz was able to visit various human services and social work professionals during her stay. One highlight was an interesting visit to a shelter home run by the Sisters of Mother Teresa in Tirana. In this two floor building, the Sisters care for both homeless and ill women and mothers and children who need safe shelter. Mother Teresa was born and raised in Albania, and the Sisters serving in Albania feel a vital connection to her and her homeland of origin.

From Albania, Mona then went to Tbilisi to meet with colleagues interested in organizing an international family practice conference. Dr. Schatz is collaborating with other social workers to host a multinational conference in Tbilisi in 2007. Anyone interested in attending such a conference, can obtain more information from Dr. Schatz, or go to the Institute for International Connections website http://www.iiconnect.org/.

In late August, Dr. Schatz traveled to Istanbul where she attended the First Global International Studies Conference. She also presented a paper entitled “Fostering Civil Societies: Using the Dialogue Approach in Academic Learning Circles and in Community Decision-making Forums.” Dr. Schatz keeps a journal when she travels. She said that this summer’s journal begins with this sentence: “For 13 years now, I have traveled overseas in some capacity that relates to social work practice or scholarship. Somewhere deep inside me there must be an urge to travel in order to better understand the world and how my view of life connects with people in other parts of the world.” Interestingly, consciously, I do not ever remember saying to myself and others that I want to travel outside the U.S. to different parts of the world.” In fact, Dr. Schatz has more travel planned. She heads off this spring semester to Australia to be a Faculty in Residence at the University of Canberra, a special semester-long opportunity made available through our College of Applied Human Sciences. She hopes to travel to other countries during this semester in her continuing effort to understand the needs of vulnerable and oppressed populations all over the world.
The Social Work Research Center (SWRC) is beginning its second year as part of the School of Social Work in the College of Applied Human Sciences at Colorado State University. The mission of the SWRC is to create formal links between higher education and community partners that advance social work theory, promote social justice, and enhance learning in areas such as child welfare and juvenile delinquency. The SWRC is uniquely designed to study social work interventions while promoting evidence-based research, practice, and policy. The SWRC also provides training, evaluation, and program development services to child welfare agencies, governmental entities, community groups, and university students and faculty.

The primary initiative of the SWRC is the Applied Research in Child Welfare (ARCh) Project, which is a research consortium comprised of 12 county Departments of Human Services in Colorado (i.e., Adams, Arapahoe, Boulder, Broomfield, Denver, Douglas, El Paso, Jefferson, Larimer, Mesa, Pueblo, and Weld). The first research topic investigated by this group was the effect of kinship care on child welfare outcomes. Specifically, a systematic review, descriptive study, and outcome study were conducted to determine the efficacy of kinship care as compared with traditional foster care. The main finding that there are likely no harmful effects of kinship care on permanency, safety, and well-being outcomes is now being shared with child welfare professionals to inform social work practice and policy in Colorado and the United States.

The current study for the ARCh Project will explore the effect of treatment on the recidivism, behavior, and attitudes of juvenile sexual offenders. To answer this timely research question, a systematic review of the literature on this topic will be generated. By Mark Winokur, Ph.D., Director of Social Work Research Center

We must be aware of the real problems of the world. Then, with mindfulness, we will know what to do and what not to do to be of help.

Thich Nhat Hanh

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The upcoming 2006 year will be productive for the SMSWA folks. We are organizing a social action project and will have several sessions available for Social Work students to attend including topics such as grant writing and APA style writing workshops.

If anyone is interested in joining a committee or attending a meeting, please contact April Swann at april_swann@yahoo.com for more details on the dates and times of the meetings or upcoming projects. We look forward to a fun filled year at SMSWA! Best of luck to you all!
Hispanic Student Outreach: Colorado Trust Foundation Supports Two MSW Students for Work in Behavioral Health

On Friday October 14th, Dr. Maria Puig presented a seminar entitled, "Hispanic Immigration into the United States" in Greeley at the Monfort Children’s Clinic. Participants included graduate students in a new bilingual internship program with North Range Behavioral Health (NRBH). The Colorado Trust Foundation provides three-year funding as part of their efforts to increase the number of Hispanic medical professionals in Colorado. Becky Marrojo, former director of the Multicultural Services Program with NRBH, wrote this grant as a way to address the disparities in the provision of mental health services for the growing Latino population in Northern Colorado.

North Range Behavioral Health is working, in conjunction with faculty and staff from Colorado State University’s School of Social Work as well as from University of Northern Colorado’s School of Professional Psychology, to make this Bilingual Internship Program a model of excellence in clinical training for the nation. The School of Social Work welcomes Lucia Puga and Olivia Abeyta-Gonzales to our MSW program.

The Workers are Few and the Need is Great!
MSW Student Called to Assist in Providing Post Katrina Disaster Relief Services

What does it mean to be an AmeriCorp alumna, trained by the Red Cross, and a MSW student at CSU? It means that when I received a letter from AmeriCorps asking if I could assist in the Post Katrina/Rita disaster relief; I could use all my skills and make a difference. My field instructors and professors excitedly shouted, "If that’s not social work, I don’t know what is!" For two meaningful and emotional weeks, my wife and I were deployed to Louisiana and touched God’s children and were so divinely touched back. We served in a Family Service Unit that provided emergency finances ranging from $365.00 to $1,565.00, while brokering various other services. We began at the Cajon Dome in Lafayette, in which 4,000 survivors/evacuees called home. My first client was a 50-year-old man who lost his family and cried with me for 40 minutes. My last client was an inspirational woman who swam in the New Orleans water, occupied the Super Dome and now worked to help her evicted community. Later, I was recruited as a Community Liaison. The task was to partner with local non-profits, train volunteers and paid evacuees/survivors, and organize and operate one-stop resource sites in small cities and rural areas, such as Opelousas and Ville Platte, LA. My hope is that the School of Social Work at CSU will continue to prepare social work professionals and students to serve at a moment’s notice in the event that another natural and/or human created disaster occurs.

By Marc Fortney, MSW student
Field Notes

Working for Larimer County Department of Probation is challenging and exciting. After all, you work with juvenile and adult offenders. Your clients are tough, they are street wise; they have stolen, broken, punched and crashed their way into the system. They probably don’t smile when you walk into the room, they don’t even want to be there....

Each semester 4-6 social work students complete their field placements with Larimer County Probation. Students work with individuals who have committed drug offenses, domestic violence and sexual assault or have driven while intoxicated. Students also supervise clients who have been placed on probation for criminal charges such as theft or aggravated assault. Some clients have cognitive impairments or are involved in a Victim Assistance or Restorative Justice program.

A social work intern’s introduction to the probation office is Gina Pando, the volunteer coordinator. After 15 hours of basic training, students have opportunities to explore specific topics on which they receive advanced training. In their comments and evaluations, the students identify many strengths of Larimer County Probation as a field placement site. Strengths include opportunities to work with a wide diversity of clients, peers and professionals; to collaborate between probation and other agencies; a positive learning environment; multi-level involvement with cases and in court systems; and the support they receive for their individual learning styles.

This agency is just one of over 500 agencies that provide experiences and supervision for social work students in field. We are so very fortunate to have quality field instructors, task supervisors, and field agencies that are committed to our students’ education.

Interdisciplinary Ph.D. Program – Update

The School of Social Work is pleased to report that our second cohort of Ph.D. students is currently into their second year of classes. This Ph.D. program is housed in the Interdisciplinary Ph.D. program in the School of Education with a five course concentration in the School of Social Work. Within these 15 credits in Social Work is the requirement to teach at both the undergraduate and graduate levels. This past fall semester, four Ph.D. students experienced supervised college teaching in the School of Social Work. Our doctoral students are enthusiastic, bring new ideas and knowledge into the classroom, and provide a wonderful opportunity for enhancing the School’s curriculum. We are also very pleased to report that two students who have completed all of their Ph.D. requirements and graduated this in December. Both graduates are former MSW students in the CSU School of Social Work: Malcolm Scott (MSW ’01) and Jim Harris (MSW ’99). Congratulations to these pioneers!

A third cohort of Ph.D. students will be admitted into the program this spring to begin classes in the fall of 2006. Anyone interested in becoming social work faculty or researchers should contact Vicky Buchan with any questions you may have about the Interdisciplinary Ph.D. program. Phone: (970) 491-5211 or email: buchan@cahs.colostate.edu.
The School of Social Work initiated its third distance education program in January 2006 with an MSW program to be delivered in Colorado Springs. Thirty students began the program on January 9th with a week of classes on the Fort Collin's campus. The distance education class is composed primarily of individuals from the Colorado Springs-Pueblo area but has also drawn students from Steamboat Springs, Salida, Cheyenne Wells, Denver Metro area, Loveland, and Boulder. According to the program coordinator, Dr. Eleanor Downey, the students collectively have over 400,000 hours of human service experience or an average of 6.2 years per students. The rich human service background reflects experience in child protection, disabilities, adult protection, mental health, hospice, gerontology, medical settings, homelessness, family violence, education, and criminal justice.

A part-time program designed for working professionals, the traditional MSW curriculum is distributed through nine semesters rather than four and is taught by the on-campus School of Social faculty. The Colorado Springs MSW program is delivered through weekend classes held at the Colorado State University-Pueblo-Citadel Campus in Colorado Springs. The two previous distance education programs were held on Colorado's Western Slope. On May 16, 21 students from the Western Slope will receive their MSW degrees. The purpose of the distance education programs is to provide quality graduate social work education for students living outside the Fort Collins area.

Announcing: Ben Granger Distance Education Scholarship

Beginning in 2006, a $500 scholarship will be awarded to a student enrolled in distance education social work program. The scholarship was named to honor the former director of the School of Social Work, Dr. Ben Granger. Dr. Granger is responsible for developing and initiating the School's first distance education program in 1998 on Colorado's Western Slope. In his Emeritus position as Director and Professor of Social Work he continues to teach when called upon, and will be teaching the advanced social policy analysis course on the Western Slope Spring semester. As part of this course on policy advocacy and practice he will be taking students to the State legislature.

Dr. Granger, with his wife Georgia, co-direct HABIC (Human-Animal Bond in Colorado). HABIC is a program of the School of Social Work and College of Applied Human Sciences. HABIC provides human-animal intervention teams and programs in such services as schools, residential treatment, long-term care and rehabilitation, hospitals, and hospice.
Diversity makes for a rich tapestry. We must understand that all the threads of the tapestry are equal in value, no matter their colour; equal in importance no matter their texture.

Maya Angelou

A trained Human-Animal Bond in Colorado (HABIC) team works with an autistic child toward his individual goals during an Animal-Assisted Therapy (AAT) session.

CSU students, Michelle Metcalf and Moriah Barton were awarded Honors for their research entitled "Social Distance and Diversity". They joined students from all over the US presenting at the Baccalaureate Program Directors Conference in Austin, Texas, November 2005.

Vernett Timko in the SW 511 Class on the CSU Ropes Course, November 16, 2004.

SWA Thanksgiving Food Drive 2004 for NCAP—Tanya Ahmed, Jen Vespa, & Cindy Webb shopping for food!

April Mason, Dean of CAHS, Professor Bruce Hall, and Mary Francis, Assistant Director of University Advancement at the Fall Forum October 2005.


Maisa Shelmire, is an Advanced Standing MSW student from Southern University of Baton Rouge, LA.
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establishment of a School of Social Work Distance Education Program. Students enrolled in one of the distance education degree programs are eligible.

☐ Richard Mimiga Scholarship Fund (#19685)
This endowment fund was established by Rick's colleagues, friends, and former students in honor of his tenure as a faculty member in social work. The award goes to an undergraduate or graduate student committed to working with diverse populations.

☐ Larry Morita Scholarship Fund (#49203)
This scholarship was established for students planning to work with gay and lesbian clients. Larry was an MSW graduate of the School of Social Work who passed away after a brief and difficult illness. He was a highly creative clinician who practiced with intelligence and warmth.

☐ Michael J. Schissler Scholarship Fund (#19705)
This memorial scholarship was established by his wife, Elizabeth, in 1990. Michael, who died in 1989, was a 1970 graduate of CSU in sociology and was involved with social work issues.

☐ School of Social Work Scholarship Fund (#53123)
This fund is for both undergraduate and graduate scholarships for students studying social work.

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After watching the news and listening to the victims of Katrina tell their stories, it was evident that as a social worker I needed to do something. I also remembered what it was like when Hurricane Andrew devastated parts of Dade County in August 1992, and how long it took the Miami community to recover. I proposed the students in the Human Diversity Practice class consider helping the victims of Hurricane Katrina and suggested that each person donate one item to help the victims of Katrina. These items had to be non-perishable goods, but included things like toiletry/personal hygiene items, canned goods, baby diapers, clean clothing, and other goods. Other social work students also heard about this project, contacted me, and volunteered to help garner more donations. One of the students was able to get a friend who worked at Federal Express to waive the cost of shipment. Heather Griffiths, a BSW student, brought over 15 boxes of donations she collected on her own. After about one week, the students filled 24 boxes with of donations. All 24 boxes were sent to a shelter in Tyler, Texas, as a result of Dr. Vicky Buchan’s assistance in locating this shelter. I also want to thank Mary Mencin, in the School of Social Work, for repacking and helping out when it came time to ship these boxes. I couldn’t have done it without her. To all of the students who donated and personally gave so much of their time, thank you for your hard work and for the countless contributions they made to this effort.

By Maria Puig, Ph.D., Associate Professor