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INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE NEWSLETTER

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Dr. Qin Gao, Comparative Social Policy
Dr. Shirley Gatenio Gabel, International Comparative Child & Family Policy
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Dr. Marciana Popescu, Social Policy
Dr. Rachel Robinson, Curriculum Development, China
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Global Service Specialization

This specialization incorporates a global perspective for practice locally as well internationally. This program is an overlay on the existing curriculum, and can serve as an enhancement for the clinical, client centered practice and management, administration, or research concentrations. It includes curriculum on social welfare, community organizing models, social policy analysis, advocacy and practice focused on immigrants and refugees. This specialization has been developed to support the mission and objectives of our MSW program to serve in our inner city with its heterogeneous immigrant and refugee population, and to serve in our increasingly interconnected world. Upon successful completion of the designated courses and field requirements, students will receive a Global Service certificate.

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INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE FACULTY NOTES

Dr. Gregory Acevedo attended the International Federation of Social Workers (IFSW) World Conference, in Munich, Germany where he delivered a paper on Migration and marginalization: The Puerto Rican experience in the United States. He also teaches Social Welfare Analysis and Advocacy -Immigrants in the Global Service specialization.

Dr. Robert Chazin has served on the Organizing Committee for the International Consortium for Social Development's (ICSD) next biennial symposium, to be held in Hong Kong, July 2007. ICSD is an organization of practitioners, scholars and students which seek to bring about economic and social improvement through capacity building. He also co-authored a paper with Meredith Hanson titled, "Cross National Collaboration and Social Work Curriculum Development presented at the July 2006 International Federation of Social Workers World Conference, in Munich, Germany.

Dr. Elaine Congress presented papers on the Culturagram and on Indigenous Peoples in a Landscape of Risk, as well as organized a panel on Social Work Education around the World with speakers from Australia, England, Japan and the United States at the International Social Work Conference in Munich, Germany last summer. She is a representative for the International Federation of Social Workers (IFSW) at the United Nations and the North American representative to IFSW Permanent International Ethics Committee.

Dr. Carole Cox gave a lecture on social work involvement and care for older persons with Alzheimer's disease to the neurology faculty of the School of Medicine in Beijing, in August of 2006. Over 200 attendees heard from Dr. Cox and a German research physician whose focus was the etiology of dementia and changes in the brain. Dementia in China is treated primarily through the medical system; thus there is much interest in our psychosocial treatment of dementia.

Global Service Policy Requirement:

SWGS 6007 Social Policy Analysis, Advocacy and Practice (Immigrants and Refugees)

OR

SWGS 6007 Social Policy Analysis, Advocacy and Practice (International Social Work)

AND

SWGS 6705 Comparative International Social Welfare

OR

SWGS 6605 Community Organization (International)

OR

SWGS 6017 Empowerment Practice with Immigrants and Refugees

Dr. Shirley Gatenio Gabel helped create the internet-based Clearinghouse on International Developments in Child and Family Policies at Columbia University. She has worked with international organizations to develop advocacy agendas for children and families. Dr. Gabel was recently a Senior Fulbright Scholar in Bulgaria where she taught research and policy courses and researched the effectiveness of social policies in Bulgaria in reducing the social exclusion of Roma children.

Dr. Anita L. Lightburn organized and chaired the First International Conference on Mental Health and Child Welfare: Research Perspectives for Children and Adolescents, in September, at Fordham, bringing researchers from 8 countries together for the benefit of administrators, scholars and practitioners from Massachusetts, Connecticut, New York and New Jersey. She also presented a workshop at a conference "Integrating Family Support Programs, Managing the Child Welfare/Mental Health Interface", with colleagues from the UK.

Dr. Marciana Popescu has a core passion for international social development. Her work in this area started in 1994, as a result of a study tour organized by UNICEF in the United Kingdom. She continued to work with UNICEF, eventually becoming a consultant on family policy, and being part of a taskforce specifically dealing with domestic violence in Romania.

Editors: Maya Tsekenis, MSW Student & Dr. Elaine Congress

March is Social Work Month

Dates to Remember	Featured Stories
<p>HISTORICAL TRAUMA WELLBEING AND DISPLACEMENT OF INDIGENOUS WOMEN March 6, 2007 Fourth Annual Women's Symposium International Women's Day 113 W 60th Street 12th Floor Lounge 5:00pm – 7:30pm R.S.V.P Congress@fordham.edu</p>	<p><u>Fulbright-Hays Seminar and Study Tour in China</u> Dr. Winnie Kung</p> <p>Dr. Pat Brownell and Dr. Winnie Kung, as members of a Fulbright-Hays Seminar group, went on a study tour to China last summer. The Fulbright grant was obtained by GSSS Women and Girls' Institute in collaboration with Rust College in Holly Springs, Mississippi. The grant supported 16 scholars from social sciences and humanities throughout the country visiting 11 cities in China. In addition to Drs. Brownell and Kung, Joan Cavanagh from Campus Ministry, and Elizabeth Cooper from the Law School were two other scholars from Fordham who went on the trip. The themes of the seminar were women and minority issues in post-economic-reform China. The participants also compared women in rural and urban areas.. One of the highlights of the visit was the trip to Tibet in addition to touring the capital of Beijing, and other cultural and historical cities like Xian. It was a very stimulating and enriching experience for all the participants as they became more aware of different cultures and social systems. The cultural shows and the bargain shopping were also another source of gratification!</p> <p>Based on their different research interests, Dr. Brownell was able to delve into the lives of the older adults in China in recent decades, while Dr. Kung explored the impact of the reform on family life, such as power hierarchy in spousal relationships and effect of the one-child policy on parent-child relationships. They presented at two learned lunches at the School, sharing their thoughts and experiences with other faculty and students. Interested persons can learn more about the trip by visiting the website: www.fulbrightchina.com. To view additional slides, click on the faces of scholars in the group picture on the first page of the website.</p>
<p><i>The 24th Annual Social Work Day at the United Nations</i> Save the Date!</p> <p>Friday, March 23rd, 2007</p> <p>Women and Development: Best Practices</p> <p>United Nations Headquarters New York, NY 1pm to 4pm</p> <p>Co-sponsored by: International Association of Schools of Social Work International Federation of Social Workers</p> <p>Announcements, details and free web registration will be at http://bluehawk.monmouth.edu/swork/UN/ Pre-registration for this U.N event is required!</p>	<p><u>Interning at the United Nations: An Insider's Look</u> Faith McBride-Byrne Fordham MSW Advanced Year Student</p> <p>A day at the U.N. begins with attending the Department of Public Information (DPI) briefings. In this setting, a variety of different world issues are considered by a diverse array of speakers. This is a time when ideas start and differences become apparent. NGO members, students included, have the opportunity to ask questions and initiate discussions.</p> <p>Each student selects a different committee to follow and spends the afternoon attending the committee or participating in other relevant events as they arise. Currently I am involved with the NGO Committee on the Status of Women and have joined their subcommittee on Violence Against Women. We are presently preparing for the Commission on the Status of Women which will start at the end of February and are planning a parallel event examining violence against girls and its effects over the life span.</p>
<p><i>First Annual</i></p> <p>GLOBAL SOCIAL WORK DAY</p> <p>Join over half a million social workers around the world in celebrating our profession and the important work that we do!</p> <p>LEARNED LUNCH – TUESDAY MARCH 27, 2007 12:40 -1:30 Room 713</p> <p>Sign up with Polly Kaplan Room 717A</p>	<p><u>Interning at the United Nations: An Insider's Look</u> Faith McBride-Byrne Fordham MSW Advanced Year Student</p> <p>A day at the U.N. begins with attending the Department of Public Information (DPI) briefings. In this setting, a variety of different world issues are considered by a diverse array of speakers. This is a time when ideas start and differences become apparent. NGO members, students included, have the opportunity to ask questions and initiate discussions.</p> <p>Each student selects a different committee to follow and spends the afternoon attending the committee or participating in other relevant events as they arise. Currently I am involved with the NGO Committee on the Status of Women and have joined their subcommittee on Violence Against Women. We are presently preparing for the Commission on the Status of Women which will start at the end of February and are planning a parallel event examining violence against girls and its effects over the life span.</p>