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## OCTOBER DISASTER MENTAL HEALTH AND RESILIENCE SUMMIT FOCUSES ON UNIQUE PROGRAMS

*By Joseph Halm, TSSW Marketing*

Resilience is a common discussion point in disaster mental health circles, but Professor Jane Parker promises this year's best practices conference on the topic will be anything but ordinary.

"This is not going to be your typical conference," Parker said. "What we want practitioners to learn about are the new programs out there that are mitigating trauma and boosting resilience. We'll look at really creative and non-traditional programs."

The conference entitled "Rethinking Resilience: From Research to Rock n' Roll" will be held Oct. 8-9 in New Orleans. This year's conference will focus on the resilience of individuals, families and communities.

"We're going to talk about everything from

research-based methods to what new and creative things people are doing in the community today," said Parker, who heads the Institute for Psychosocial Health at TSSW.

Topics will include the results of a major survey of Gulf South social workers post-Katrina and what they say their practices currently look like and what methods are working. Born out of post-Katrina New Orleans, presenters also will talk about a newly created sheltering model for local domestic violence victims.

Longtime psychiatrist Dr. Ted Rynearson will present an extensive overview of trends in resilient adults who are recovering from trauma. Dr. Charles Figley will give an update on the most effective treatments for PTSD,

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### DEAN'S UPDATE

## HOMECOMING SLATED FOR OCT. 9

We seem to be living in a time where disasters occur on a daily basis. Indeed, somewhere in the world they do and in our region, they have been far too frequent. In light of this increasingly important area of social work practice, the School's Institute for Psychosocial Health, directed by Jane Parker, will sponsor a two-day event as part of "Homecoming 2010."

This event will begin on Friday, Oct. 8; culminating on Saturday and leading up to the traditional homecoming festivities with great company, food and music. Be sure to save the date for both the workshop and the homecoming event on Saturday evening, Oct. 9. More information on this will be in



your hands soon.

As we approach the five-year anniversary of the failing of the levees, we are all acutely aware of yet another disaster in our region. We are all saddened by the Gulf oil spill. The School of Social Work will have an important engagement in this area in the form of conducting mental health needs assessments and providing mental health

services and training. The School's Porter-Cason Institute, directed by Rick Ager and assisted by Parker Sternbergh will facilitate best-practices training in areas critical to the community's mental health needs.

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# LIVACCARI HONORED FOR ALCOHOL PREVENTION WORK



*Maeghan Livaccari*

When alumna Maeghan Livaccari (MSW '98) found out she was nominated for the national Outside the Classroom Prevention Excellence Award, she was honored, but she never expected to win.

"I was elated when I found out I was going to receive it," she said. "My supervisor told me she nominated me but I really didn't expect the award."

Maeghan is the Associate Director of Wellness at Tulane. Her responsibilities are to identify, develop, and administer primary prevention programs and initiatives that help support student academic success and

promote responsible decisions. But it is her efforts to identify and close gaps in alcohol prevention and education on campus that earned her the honor. Maeghan recognizes the importance of educating campus professionals and student leaders who impact students on a daily basis. Another critical initiative included having a national expert in college trends address the university's senior administration.

Outside the Classroom's Prevention Excellence Award program has several categories including the Outstanding AOD (alcohol and other drug) Professional Award, which Maeghan won. After her nomination, an independent review panel chose the recipients, who were evaluated on the degree to which they have impacted student life through visionary and innovative approaches to alcohol prevention.

"I received the award primarily because of my collaborative relationships with campus partners to create a healthier, safer campus," she said.

Maeghan's field placement while at TSSW was with the Jefferson Parish Human Service Authority in its substance abuse program. She also worked in both in-patient and out-patient settings before returning to

Tulane two and a half years ago.

"We are making great strides using a comprehensive environmental approach to address alcohol and substance use and abuse," she said.

As for the future, the Office of Wellness Services will implement BASICS (Brief Alcohol Screening Intervention for College Students) beginning this fall. Maeghan's office has worked closely with the Student Health Center to prepare to implement BASICS, which research has shown is the most effective intervention for college students. The Center for Wellness and Health Promotion (the WELL) also will open this fall. The Office of Wellness Services and the Office of Wellness and Health Promotion at the Student Health Center will combine into one centralized space on the ground level of the Reily Student Recreation Center in suite 115, so students will have a single convenient location for any health and wellness resources they may need.

"The WELL will have information about alcohol, tobacco and drug use along with general wellness, mental health, stress management, smoking cessation and sexual health," she said. "This will be an excellent resource for our student body."

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## Class of 2009 finds employment in New Orleans

When the Class of 2009 graduated in December, they faced a slowing economy, but that didn't stop them. Today, many are social workers practicing in hospitals, local universities and even a state prison.

Alumna LuAnn Gibson (MSW '09) began her career as a social worker for the Louisiana State Penitentiary at Angola about a month after graduation, and she said the experience has been enlightening.

"I'm not sure if this is the kind of social work I want to do in the future but it's a great place to start because the skills I develop here are transferable to working with any population within any setting," she said.

LuAnn's road to Angola began with a trip to the penitentiary as part of her "Death and Dying" class at TSSW. "It was a setting and a population I never thought I would work with but once I visited and liked what I saw and heard, I started to consider it," she said. "When I found out they were hiring, I was elated and wanted to give it a try."

Alumna Brooks Zitzmann (MSW '09) didn't

travel very far for her first job – she is now a Staff Counselor at Loyola's University Counseling Center (UCC) as well as an adjunct professor in Loyola's Department of Sociology teaching Human Sexuality. Her field placement was at Loyola's Counseling Center.

"I could not be happier to be in the position that I am today, and I do think my time here will prepare me for a variety of potential future social work positions," she said. "I'm grateful to have the opportunity to deepen my clinical skills while strengthening my administrative skills through advocacy and program development while simultaneously exploring my love of teaching. All of these are aspects of social work which I hope to continue throughout my career."

At Loyola, Brooks provides individual counseling to students. She will also begin co-facilitating a group counseling session for survivors of sexual assault with a member of Tulane's Educational Recourses and Counseling Center. Finally, she'll chair the annual Tulane/Loyola Take Back the Night March.

Alumna Alpha Gebre (MSW '09) was also able to turn her field placement in future employment. She has been a medical case manager at NO/AIDS Task Force for five months. The avid skydiver said her position is a great first step for her career.

"I like the one-on-one direct contact I have with clients, and the field of HIV/AIDS has always been an interest of mine," she said. "But I also want to do a more Macro focused practice in the future and be able to tackle this issue on a bigger scale."

Alumna Phyllis Tenney (MSW '09), who is now a Social Worker III in the Heart Transplant Department at Ochsner Hospital, said medical social work was always one of her passions.

"I am also interested in hospice social work. One thing I've learned from talking to experienced social workers is that one might start out working in one area and eventually find oneself doing something completely different," she said, adding that she also facilitates ERACE meetings about once a month and recently passed the GSW exam.

# TSSW Notes ..... What's Happening at Your School Today

Although our alumni are no longer roaming our halls in search of knowledge, our students are just as hungry as those more experienced hands who are reading this. Here are just a few projects going on in the community, in the classroom and in our faculty's research arenas at the School.

**The School of Social Work, in partnership with the Run for Third organization, hosted a "RaRa for Haiti" benefit walk on Saturday, May 22 to raise funds for survivors of the earthquake in Haiti.**

The event raised more than \$2,300 that was split between Partners in Health, a provider of healthcare to indigent groups, and HeARTs with Haiti, a therapeutic arts-based program for traumatized children created by the Institute for Psychosocial Health.

HeARTs with Haiti is organizing cultural programs to build resilience for Haiti's citizens, especially its children. The organization was formed Tulane faculty and its social work students.

***Karma Walkers*, a documentary about 12 TSSW students who leave New Orleans for India to work with orphans,**

**lepers and Tibetan refugees in the mountaintop kingdom of the Dalai Lama, premiered May 4 in Tulane's Freeman Auditorium.**

Since 2002, Dean Ron Marks has led students on annual month-long immersion trips to Dharamsala, India, where students have taught English, worked with orphans in the Tibetan Children's Village, consulted with the Tibetan government officials and learned about traditional Tibetan culture.

Documentary filmmaker Bill Delano, the *Travel Channel's* host of "Not Your Average Travel Guide," joined the group in 2007, documenting their daily activities as students, as social workers and as new visitors to a far-off land. The result is *Karma Walkers*, a 65-minute film that explores the transformative power of travel.

"*Karma Walkers* hopes to document how widening one's own circle of compassion can help facilitate the growth of a happier, more confident world," said Delano. "If you've ever thought about dropping everything to travel to the other side of the world to champion the cause of a displaced people, then this film might just inspire you to try."

**Five Dec. 2009 graduates presented their professional project at the National Association of Social Workers annual Louisiana state conference in March.**

For their final project, Lindsey Baldwin, Molly Bartlett, Martha Magnuson, Lisa Mosca and Allison Staiger, created two children's books, *Sammy's Secret* and *The Bullydog*. Each book, complete with color illustrations, focuses on a traumatic issue children might face.

*The Bullydog* presents bullying from the point of view of both the victim and bully, while *Sammy's Secret* focuses on how to deal with fear. Both use bibliotherapy, a therapeutic tool in which books, stories and poetry are used as a means to gain insight and to help individuals deal with certain issues such as anger.

"We were able to teach our students that it is important to express their feelings in a healthy manner instead of keeping it inside," Staiger said.

Designed for children ages 5–11, the books grew out of the students' experiences at their field placements, which were either with New Orleans Public Schools or with agencies such as Save the Children or Midtown Mental Health Clinic.



(Above) The second-line celebration gets under way on Saturday, May 22 at Audubon Park during the RaRa for Haiti fund-raising walk. Enjoying the event are, from left, Mary Palmer, TSSW student; Parker Sternbergh, assistant director of the Porter-Cason Institute; and second-line leader Darryl Young, known as DancingMan504.

## RARA FOR HAITI!

More than 75 students, faculty and community members raised more than \$2,300 to benefit Haiti relief programs on May 22 during the RaRa for Haiti benefit walk. A RaRa is similar to a New Orleans second line parade. For the full details about the RaRa for Haiti, read the story above.



# TSSW ALUMNA GRANTS WEDDING DREAMS



*TSSW alumna Jo Ann Schwartz Woodward (MSW '75) and her husband John Woodward*

When alumna Jo Ann Schwartz Woodward (MSW '75) graduated from TSSW, she went straight to work for Jewish Family and Children Services in Florida where she worked in their children's therapy program.

Today, she has planned three platinum weddings and averages 30 to 38 weddings a year, but the journey from professional social worker to wedding planner is one of innovation and heartbreak.

After moving to Houston, Jo Ann's career evolved into managing three adolescent units at local hospitals.

"It was just unbelievable. I just loved it. Moving from working with children to working with adolescents was just very different. I loved the experience," she said.

But Jo Ann's social work path changed dramatically when her brother committed suicide.

"It was very upsetting. It was a difficult time for me and my family, and I really felt

that I needed to step away from providing therapy for a while. I didn't think that I would be at my best," she said.

She started her own business marketing social workers and psychologists, and eventually became a director of business development before her position was eliminated just a week after the 48-year-old married her husband and future business partner. It was this moment that led her to wedding planning.

"I did not want to go back into a private practice. I did not want to go back into a hospital setting. I did a lot of thinking about what did I love about what I was doing, and how does my social work education and background fit into where I want to go next," she said. "I loved my wedding. I loved the planning, the detail."

Jo Ann and her husband, John Woodward, set up a booth at a bridal show, and this month they will celebrate their ninth year in business. The first year, they planned 12 weddings, and every day, Jo Ann still uses her social work skills.

"I find that when you're bringing couples together, just because people are getting married that does not mean that they have good mental health. There are a lot of emotional issues. It is not just all about the beautiful dress and the beautiful flowers and the incredible reception. There are so many things that lead up to that important day," she said.

Jo Ann said being able to listen and conduct an incredible interview are the keys to her success.

"My interviewing skills that I learned at Tulane are amazing. I use them with every bride and every couple. I'm able to get from them what is the most important aspect of their wedding. I think that is

what sets us apart from other planners," she said.

Jo Ann even performed a family intervention for a bride that works for her today, but that was the first and only time she let social work and her wedding planning overlap.

Today, Schwartz & Woodward plan weddings in Houston and destination weddings across the U.S. as well as in other countries. One of her platinum weddings for Sheila and Santosh in Houston featured more than 900 guests, three days of festivities, and \$150,000 worth of jewelry. Even with three platinum weddings under her belt, Jo Ann treats each event equally.

"Everyone wants to feel like their wedding is platinum, and we help to make that happen," she said. "Every wedding that we do, I want to be as perfect as humanly possible. Honestly, I feel the same pressure for every wedding. When my brides tell me that they feel like their wedding was the only wedding we're doing, that is exactly what I want them to feel."

Jo Ann credits her TSSW experience and her field placement group at Touro Hospital for her success.

"They helped me grow emotionally and as a person. Those are valuable skills and experiences that I carry on for a lifetime," she said. "We were a very special and diverse group."

"I felt that my social work degree from Tulane was the best of the best. These are skills that you use throughout your life, and I just happen to apply them to the wedding business."

*Jo Ann would love to hear from her former classmates and may be reached at [joann@schwartzwoodward.com](mailto:joann@schwartzwoodward.com). Visit [www.schwartzwoodward.com](http://www.schwartzwoodward.com) to learn about her business.*

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## WORKSHOP TO COINCIDE WITH HOMECOMING FESTIVITIES

and Parker will present on the meaning of resilience for professionals across their careers.

Other presentations will include a report on cultural trauma, guidelines to encourage workplace wellness, an update on the state of behavioral health care in greater New Orleans, a report on the oil spill and programs started in its wake and how the creative arts are used to aid children who

have experienced trauma.

For a \$150 fee, professionals can participate in the two-day event and earn eight CEU hours. On Friday, Oct. 8, the conference will be held from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. The conference will conclude Saturday with the final session from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. at the Lavin-Bernick Center on Tulane's campus.

"The first day will be an update about dif-

ferent disasters, including the Gulf Oil Spill and the Haiti earthquake, and effective programming around those disasters," Parker said. "The second day will focus more on the creativity of local practitioners and the effectiveness of new programs as well as ways to boost professional resilience."

Registration will begin in mid-August. Check TSSW's web site for the most up-to-date registration information.

## ALUMNA'S PASSION FOR CHILDREN AND MUSIC PAIRS SOCIAL WORK CAREER WITH CLOWN BUSINESS

*Several people in my family and extended family are teachers, counselors and therapists. So I went into "the family business..."*

*-- Debra Goldstein Smith*

Tulane has always been a part of alumna Debra Goldstein Smith's (MSW '79) life for as long as she can remember. In elementary school, she participated in piano contests at Dixon Hall. As a teenager she went bowling and played tennis in the basement of the old U.C. She watched her first Saints game at the old Tulane Stadium. Her uncle, Dr. Harris Goldstein, taught at TSSW during part of his career. Smith contends, "There was not really a question of where I would go..."

Smith's undergraduate major was Early Childhood Education. After graduation, she found herself teaching in a preschool and soon realized that one of the most enjoyable parts of the job was talking with the parents about their children's development and behavior.

"It seemed like the next step was to further my education in that field. After talking to my parents and other family members, I decided to go to Tulane for the MSW," Smith reflects.

When asked about her specialty as a social work practitioner, Smith responds, "I have worked in the field of foster care and adoption my entire career. I started working at Associated Catholic Charities in New Orleans, finding foster families for Vietnamese unaccompanied minors; moved on to the State of Louisiana Foster Care Department; and then moved to Northern Virginia. I worked in another refugee foster care program; then for a consulting company as director of the National Adoption Information Clearinghouse, and now I work for three different



*TSSW alumna Debra Goldstein Smith (MSW '79) works for three different private adoption services and moonlights as Debbie the Clown for her third career.*

private adoption agencies."

Parallel to social work, Smith worked as a music teacher for young children -- first, as a music counselor in summer camps as a college student. Later, even when working on full-time social work jobs, Smith continued to teach music at synagogue Sunday schools and at a secular preschool. Smith considered this second area of interest to be fun and an alternative world to her social work career.

Smith shares, "I am the kind of person who remembers every song I ever learned as a child, whether in school, camp, on the radio, or from family records. I realized if I put on a clown suit and makeup and played the guitar and sang, it was entertaining and fun for children; and might even bring in a little money! So, I became 'Debbie the Clown.'"

In the Washington, D.C., area where Smith now lives, the population is extraor-

dinarily diverse.

"I entertain a lot for East Indian families, and for many other ethnic groups, including Russian, Korean, Vietnamese, Filipino, and Hispanics from a variety of countries, as well as African Americans and Caucasians. It has been enriching and fun to work with all of them," she says.

Smith also believes that her cross-cultural training and experience from her social work career, has helped engage customers of diverse cultural backgrounds.

She explains, "For instance, when I worked with the Vietnamese unaccompanied minors, I learned a little of the Vietnamese language. When I recently did a clown party for a Vietnamese American family, who spoke excellent English, believe me, they were fully acculturated in all ways. I spoke to them in Vietnamese, and they were surprised and delighted. It added to the fun of the party!"

Smith's passion for children and music led her to join a local "Clown Alley," which is an organization of clowns. She reflects, "I'd like to develop that craft a little more. They give workshops on magic, juggling, balloon animals, and just being silly. I don't really have much talent in the first three areas, but I love being silly with the children I entertain. There is a whole world of clowning, with regional and national conferences and the like. Not sure how much I'll get into it, but I'd like to explore it..."

"I'll always be a social worker and a music teacher. Now I'm exploring my third identity!"

**Debra Goldstein Smith has been married to Gary Smith since 1986. They have one adult son Justin, one daughter, Talia, who recently graduated from high school and one grandson, Leo.**



## NEWEST ALUMUNAE

*The Spring Class of 2010 was typical in size, but their achievements are anything but small. A total of 11 students graduated in May, most of whom were completing their three years of classes as part-time students. Pictured are MSW graduates (bottom, left to right) Heather Kinney, Mary Fitzpatrick, Kelly Dixon, Daria Morris, Kim Black (MSW/MPH), (top) Shelley Boles, Andrea Simmons, Janet Peters. Other graduates included Jane Alexander, Fran Mantell and Thuy-Tien Pham. Congratulations to each of our newest alumnae and best of luck in your future careers.*

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## DEAN'S MESSAGE: ENROLLMENT SURPASSES PRE-KATRINA TALLY

The School's work continues to be far reaching. As noted previously, we continue to maintain a very active engagement in Rwanda where Assistant Professor So'Nia Gilkey has been providing training in the psychosocial needs associated with persons living with HIV/AIDS. Dr. Gilkey's work is expanding and will be moving into an additional phase of assisting the National University of Rwanda to develop the first school of social work in Rwanda.

Under the very capable leadership of Professors Charles Figley and Fred Buttell, doctoral education will return to the School beginning in the fall 2011 semester. Drs. Figley and Buttell, along with a consortium from the School of Liberal Arts and the School of Architecture, crafted a proposal to the University administration to create

a new doctoral program in social work focusing on cities, culture, and community. The program will be fully funded by the University's Office of Academic Affairs with recruitment occurring this coming year and the first class beginning in September 2011.

After a very busy 13 years, Judy Lewis has stepped down from her position as director of field education. Dr. Lewis' tenure in this position has been stellar; working tirelessly to maintain a first-class operation, assuring regular training for our field supervisors, and advocating for a strong field education component. We are all delighted that she will continue to be part of the School as a full-time faculty member. Heather Gillis, who has been the assistant director of field education, became the new director

on July 1. Dr. Gillis' enthusiasm for and expertise in field education will serve the School well.

Finally, after five years of rebuilding, we have now officially reached and exceeded our pre-Katrina enrollment. The new incoming class of MSW students will surpass our enrollment from the fall 2005 semester and will come from all regions of the United States. Applications for the new class were highly competitive, and we look forward to welcoming this new group to our community in late August.

Hope to see each and every one of you in October at Homecoming 2010!

## HOMECOMING 2010 IS JUST AROUND THE CORNER

*By Lou Franchina, Development*

Summertime, and the livin' is . . . busy. While other parts of campus may be a bit more subdued at this time of year due to a lack of students, here at the School of Social Work, we are as busy as ever with classes, community service, and extra-curricular activities in full effect. Summer also is a natural time of transition from one year (academic and fiscal, if not calendar) to another, a time for us to reflect on previous achievements and to look forward to future

activities.

Glancing back, we can recall a series of learning events conducted by two prominent faculty from Sapir College in Israel, our own faculty's instrumental involvement in the establishment of the Disaster Management Leadership Academy, and the premiere of *Karma Walkers*, a documentary film that chronicled our annual trip to India.

Looking ahead, we have exciting plans for continuing education offerings, lecture series, and, of course, WAVE'10, our an-

nual homecoming and reunion celebration. More details about this last item will be coming soon, but in the meantime, please mark the weekend of October 9 on your calendars, and visit <http://tulane.edu/homecoming/> for additional information.

And please remember that all of this is made possible by the generous support of alumni like you.

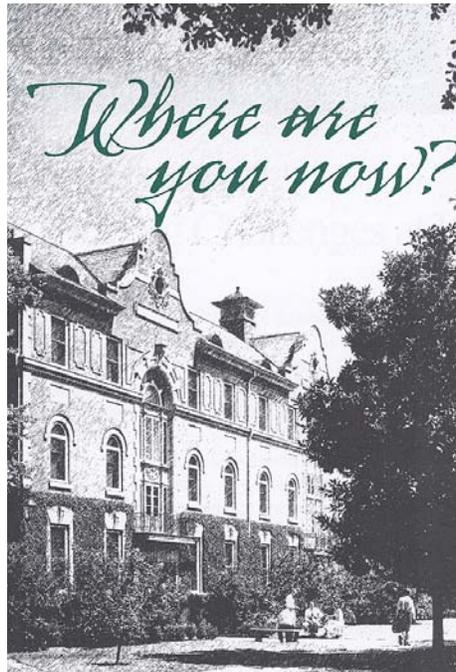
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**Mary Andrus-Overley (MSW '77)** of Bloomington, In., is currently working as a medical social worker on a PRN basis while searching for full-time employment. While in New Orleans, she taught courses on aging, and Mary says she plans to move sometime later this year.

**Rhoda Bridges (MSW '09)** of Bogalusa, La., is in the process of establishing a nonprofit social work organization.

**Carey Domino (MSW '92)** of Baton Rouge, La., is the founder of Shero Productions, LLC, a company that empowers women to make positive life decisions through inspirational apparel, seminars, workshops and literature. She was also a presenter for NASW - Louisiana on Post Traumatic Relationship Disorder. Carey has published two books -- the novel *Sideline Ho* and the self help book *Who Does She Think She Is? A Girlfriend's Guide to Surviving a Breakup Before She Has a Break Down*. She has a new novel coming out this summer and is working on her Ph.D. in psychology.

**Hannah Gould (MSW '80)** of Greenbelt, Md., is currently working as a Nephrology Social Worker at DaVita Dialysis in Oxon Hill, Md. Hannah has contributed several articles to the Maryland Division of Corrections newsletter (1998) about social work services in the state prisons. She was also a contributor to the 1998 Maryland Executive Summary of Housing for persons with AIDS. She also showed her softer side in November 2009 with a humorous article about being a new social



worker at DaVita that was published in the *DaVita Counselor*, an on-line social work magazine for employees. Hannah retired from the State of Maryland after a career in Social Services and in Public Safety and started her own business, Growth Centered Therapy, which offers assessments and short term counseling for criminal, juvenile, and guardianship courts.

**Beverly Lovett (Ph.D. '93)** of Duxbury, Mass., is a professor of Social Work at Bridgewater State College in Bridgewater, Mass. Beverly has published articles in the *International Journal of Child Abuse &*

*Neglect, The Journal of Child & Adolescent Social Work*, and the *New Social Worker Online*.

**Quickson Ndlovu (MSW '07)** of Pflugerville, Texas, is working on completing his Ph.D. in Human Services. Quickson is also working with the Texas Department of Family and Protective Services in Austin, Texas.

**Major Keith O. Washington, MS, USA, (MSW '89/MPH '93)** of Copperas Cove, Texas, has been a military clinical social worker for nearly 16 years. He served as a Naval Officer from 1994-2002 and is now a Army Officer. Keith received a Red Cross Volunteer Award in 2005 in Seoul, South Korea. He also received an Achievement Plaque in 2005 from NASW for chairing and being on the ACSW exam writer and reviewer committee from 1997-2006. Keith has been deployed to Kirkuk, Iraq, and Tallafar, Iraq, in the past four years.

**L. Jeromy Williams (MSW '99)** is a Clinical Social Worker in the PTSD Outpatient Clinic at the Veterans Affairs Puget Sound Health Care System American Lake Division. Williams lives in Tacoma, Wash.

**Ann L. Vogt (MSW '66)** of Glen Allen, Va., retired in December of 2008 from the Virginia Department of Social Services. After a year of retirement, she returned to work part-time at the Department of Social Services in Richmond, Va. Ann enjoys traveling and would love to hear from some of her classmates.

## Randolph fought for social, economic justice



*Dorothy Randolph was an Associate Professor at TSSW for 30 years, but she was far more than an instructor. Just two years after Pearlle Elloie broke the color barrier for students at Tulane, Dorothy became the first African-American professor at the School of Social*

*Work in 1965. Dorothy passed away in April of this year, and she will be missed. She was truly a pioneer in not only social work but also in the New Orleans community. The following is her obituary as it appeared in the Times-Picayune.*

Dorothy Sturken Randolph, a retired professor of social work at Tulane University and former director of social services at Charity Hospital, died Sunday, April 11 at her home. She was 88.

Mrs. Randolph was a lifelong resident of

New Orleans.

She graduated from Xavier University and received a master's degree in social work from Louisiana State University.

After 14 years as a social worker with the Louisiana Department of Health and Hospitals, she joined the faculty at the Tulane University School of Social Work in 1965. She was the first African-American teacher in the school's master's program. She retired in 1999.

During her tenure she was appointed the director of social services at Charity Hospital. This position was a cooperative endeavor between the state and Tulane.

After retiring from Tulane, Mrs. Randolph continued working as a counselor in child custody cases from her home until 2005.

Mrs. Randolph "lived her life through her chosen profession," her family said. "She

was a social worker and her life's purpose was the quest for social and economic justice."

She was a former board member of many organizations including Christopher Homes, Covenant House of New Orleans, Xavier University, the Urban League and Crescent House.

She was a member of Alpha Kappa Alpha sorority, the NDT and Chic Clique bridge clubs and the Ladies Greenery Garden Club.

Her husband, Allison B. Randolph Jr., owner of several companies including KBCE Radio in Alexandria and Ran-Der Industries in Morgan City, died in 2005.

Survivors include a son, Allison B. Randolph III; three daughters, Ann Elizabeth Randolph, Penelope Randolph Biagas and Vaughn Randolph Fauria; 11 grandchildren; and 15 great-grandchildren.



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