2016 Spring Symposium: 
Emerging Issues in Integrated Behavioral Health Care

The 2016 Spring Symposium, Integrated Behavioral Health: Emerging Models of Health Care, was held on March 2nd, 2016, in Talley Ballroom. Drawing over 200 attendees, and students from seven universities, NC State Social Work Department’s annual symposium focused on addressing issues in our current behavioral healthcare system, as well as providing solutions to such problems. A range of professionals, including social workers, physicians, nurses, pharmacists, addiction specialists, counselors, health directors, and policy advocates, all came together for a day of engaged learning and professional networking.

Participants had the opportunity to hear keynote speaker and LCSW, Sharon Dempsey, discuss the importance of taking into account the “mind-body connection” of clients, as well as the significance of incorporating this thinking into our current behavioral healthcare system. Five breakout sessions took place, presented by a number of professionals, many of whom, are physicians. The afternoon concluded with a panel discussion, led by community agency representatives who are currently employed in an integrated behavioral health setting.

Overall, it was a great day full of collaborative learning and networking. Many thanks to all who made the Symposium a success!
On March 15 & 16, several students from the Social Work department, like Graecie Vrchota, took part in presenting The Tunnel of Oppression, an interactive experience that examines contemporary issues of race, class, domestic violence, religion, body image, gender identification, and discriminatory forms and processes. Participants were guided through a series of scenes that aim to educate and challenge them to think more deeply about these issues. This event, hosted by Multicultural Student Affairs, provided a great opportunity for NC State students to think critically about issues that impact our NC State community.

“It's hard to try and get people to understand issues that we discuss for the Tunnel because sometimes people just aren't open to listen or think we are preaching to the choir. But having events where people can take the first steps in changing the way they view things or maybe find another way to explain oppression is always beneficial!”

- Graecie Vrchota
BSW Senior & Tunnel Participant

2016 Graduate Student Research Symposium

Congratulations to the following MSW students for being selected to represent the Social Work Department in the 11th Annual Graduate Student Research Symposium on March 23rd:

Patricia Adams
Caregiver Perceptions about the Impact of a Bilingual DBT Skills Group for Adolescents and Caregivers: A Process Evaluation

Jasmin Ahluwalia

Herb Brown, Monique Conway, Casey Smith, & Justine Tsau
Understanding the Impact of Habitat for Humanity of Wake County’s Homeownership Program on its Homebuyers

Leelynn Pinion
Through the Eyes of Youth: Evaluation of Staff in a Restitution Program for Court-Involved Youth
Student Organizations

GSSWA

On April 18th, the GSSWA heard from Sharon Hirsch, the President and CEO of Prevent Child Abuse North Carolina. Sharon was present for discussion and information on child abuse, how to spot it, and what our roles are in reporting it. It was informative and timely, as April is Child Abuse Awareness Month.

GSSWA is currently seeking new officers for the upcoming 2016-2017 year. If interested in joining GSSWA or becoming an officer, please contact Monica Dhulia at madhuli2@ncsu.edu or Amanda Jones at aljones6@ncsu.edu.

On April 6th, the Department of Social Work Faculty & Staff welcomed many of the new, incoming MSW students at the Spring 2016 Admitted Students Reception.

Social Work Evaluation Poster Session

Thursday, April 21, 6:30 PM - 8:30 PM
Caldwell Lounge

We cordially invite you to attend our Evaluation Poster Session. Advanced-year Master of Social Work students have spent the current academic year planning and conducting needs assessments and evaluations of social work interventions. Come find out what our students have learned, and how their projects can inform social work practice and help make the world a better place.

For more information, please contact Dr. David Fitzpatrick. We hope to see you there!

Spotlight on a Student:

Camie Tomlinson
MSW Candidate, 2016

Camie Tomlinson was selected to present her Capstone research project to the RTI International Ending Gender Inequalities Conference on April 12th. Camie’s project is an evaluation of the Center for Family and Community Engagement’s training, “Learning to Support, Include, and Empower LGBTQ Youth in Substitute Care.” The Conference was an action conference, focusing on ending gender inequalities at the nexus of HIV, drug use, and gender-based violence. Overall, there were at least 29 countries represented at the conference. Congratulations, Camie, on your outstanding achievement!

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Diversity, Recruitment & Retention Committee

DRR is pleased to announce that it will be launching its newly designed Weebly site at the end of April. This site has been a yearlong project, which seeks to answer many FAQ’s for current and prospective NC State Social Work students!

Phi Alpha Honor Society

Congratulations to the many students that were inducted into the Epsilon Kappa chapter of the Phi Alpha Honor Society on April 5th. New officers were appointed and light refreshments followed.

The Social Work department will host its 2016 graduation on Friday, May 6th at 2 pm in the Talley Student Union. Congratulations, all soon-to-be social workers!
Department of Social Work
Faculty Achievements

National Paper Presentation

Poster Presentation

Local/Regional Conference Research Presentations


Publications


Other Achievements
Ellis, A. (2016, March)
- Earned the NC State Certificate of Reflective Teaching
- Selected as a 2016 Child Intervention, Prevention, & Services (CHIPS) Fellow. Organized by the University of Pittsburgh and funded by the NIMH Division of Services and Intervention Research (DSIR), the CHIPS program provides intensive workshop, mentorship, and webinars to support fellows in submitting early career awards to DSIR.

Hardesty, M. (2016)
- Frank R. Breul Prize for best paper in Social Service Review.

Bullock, K. (2016, March)
- Elected to NADD (National Deans and Directors) Board