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Iona Social Work: Progress Notes

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Greetings from the Department Chair

The faculty and staff of the Social Work Program is pleased to share departmental updates with our alumni, field instructors, and supporters. The current academic year has had many highs and lows; nevertheless we continue to excel with faculty promotions, scholarship, travel and service activities, and current students and alumni achievements and recognitions, among others. We hope you enjoy catching up with what we've been up to in this edition of the Newsletter and consider what you might contribute to the next publication. As always, we greatly value any feedback you wish to offer on this spring / summer edition.

Thank you for your continued interest in and support of the Iona College Social Work Program.

Sincerely,
Penelope J. Moore

In the Department

Dr. Penelope J. Moore was recognized for her sustained scholarship with a promotion to the rank of Full Professor in spring 2016. Current scholarship endeavors include activities around publication of a co-authored text entitled *Reaching our neediest children: How to bring a mental health program into the schools*. Drs. Matich-Maroney and Moore's abstract, *Practice-informed research & research-informed practice: Walking our talk by flipping the classroom of an undergraduate social work research course & evaluating its outcomes for students*, was accepted for poster presentation at the 2016 Annual Program Meeting (APM) of the Council on Social Work Education, Atlanta, GA, in October. This paper has also been submitted for publication consideration. In addition, Dr. Moore gave an invited presentation on the topic of "Active Aging and Self Care" to a group of IBM retirees in March.

Dr. Jeanne Matich-Maroney, during her sabbatical year, has been engaged in a variety of projects including her ongoing work as a member of the college's Core Curriculum Committee, tasked this year with preparing for roll-out of the new Core Curriculum in fall 2016. Most recently, she received one of six *Academic Innovation Grants* awarded by the College's Faculty Excellence Fund to develop a justice-themed Columba Cornerstone course (First Year Seminar) that will examine the role of empathy in the aspirational pursuit of social and economic justice. As a first-year seminar, the course has a number of goals designed to facilitate student engagement in the academic community of the college, but it will also serve as an opportunity to expose freshmen to social work as a potential major early in their academic experience. Dr. Maroney is particularly excited to introduce students to the social work research of Dr. Brené Brown through the inclusion of her TedTalks as part of the course content.

Through her evaluation research work in the Center for Social Research, Dr. Maroney was invited by the *Larchmont-Mamaroneck STEM Alliance* to serve as a STEM expert at their annual *Mamaroneck High School Talks – Career Roundtables*. In this capacity, Dr. Maroney shared the career path that led to her involvement in evaluation research and particularly the work she has been engaged in with the Larchmont-Mamaroneck RADAR Community Coalition whose goal is to promote health/wellness while decreasing underage drinking and drug use among the youth of Larchmont-Mamaroneck.

Professor Ilene Haspel earned promotion to the rank of Senior Clinical Lecturer (spring 2016) and continued to serve on the Student Life Diversity Committee, helping to plan the Inaugural Multicultural Recognition Ceremony for the college on Friday, May 6th. Our very own Dr. Robyn Brown-Manning was the keynote speaker. Dr. Nyre gave the opening remarks, and both the Iona College Gospel Choir and Iona Singers performed, in addition to several students. The goal of the event was to celebrate the academic and leadership achievements of our diverse Iona College community by honoring graduating seniors.

In the Department Continued

Dr. Meryl Nadel was elected College Council/Faculty Senate Secretary.

Dr. Robyn Brown-Manning, Adjunct Professor, won the Adjunct Faculty Senate Award for this academic year. She will be honored at the Fall Convocation. Stay tuned...

Student News

Iona in Mission Abroad

Professor Meryl Nadel, two Social Work majors (Hannah Smith '17 and Elsy Bonilla '16), two Diversity and Social Welfare minors (Alexa Rueda '16 and Jill Mitchell '18), and seven other students participated in a two-week Iona in Mission trip to Zambia, Africa from May 23rd to June 7th. This unforgettable journey incorporated service work (teaching and participating in youth work, including establishing relationships with vulnerable and orphaned children), experiencing and learning about life in a developing country, participating in Mass and other activities with the local Christian Brothers, visiting the magnificent Victoria Falls, viewing the animals for which Africa is known (including the rare White Rhino), eating delicious Zambian food, shopping for local crafts, and much, much more! An added bonus was spending time with Iona Social Work alumna Sr. Petronella Lubanga '04. Hannah Smith was our excellent Student Leader!

Field Instruction in Social Work II

We were excited to have several field instructors share their expertise with our seniors in Field Instruction in Social Work II this past semester. Laura Leone, Institute for Family Health, spoke with our class and brought lots of toys to play with in her presentation on Play Therapy. Glenda Bryan, Westchester County Department of Social Services, shared her insights on Motivational Interviewing with Adolescents. In addition, Jackie Ripepi, Iona College Counseling Center, gave a very informative presentation on Cognitive Behavioral Therapy. Thank you to our wonderful partners in social work field education!

Phi Alpha Induction Ceremony March 15, 2016

In honor of Social Work Month, the Department held its annual Kappa Tau Chapter, Phi Alpha Honor Society Induction ceremony. The '15-'16 officers, Marissa Basedow, Rachel Spear and Kathryn Baller inducted the following new members: Briana Alejandro, Danielle Di Sanza, Laura Grant, Caileen Johnson, Erhomwon Natasha Osamwonyi and Valerie Tommasone. In addition, Jacqueline Ripepi LMSW, Coordinator of Alcohol and other Drug Services, Iona College Counseling Center was inducted as this year's honorary member.

Honors Convocation May 1, 2016



Congratulations to the following seniors who participated in this year's Spring Honors Convocation: Laura Accurso, Kathryn Baller, Marissa Basedow, Aricelies Gonzalez, Meghan Hawthorne, Erhomwon Natasha Osamwonyi, Sarah Schutz and Rachel Spear. Sarah Schutz and Kathryn Baller each received Social Work Departmental Awards and Kathryn Baller, as a dual major, received both the Ronald Federico Award presented by the Social Work Department and Foreign Language Award presented by the Spanish Department.

Student Travel

Paul Black ('17) was selected to participate in a prestigious Summer Internship Program at Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore, MD.

Alessandra Crimi ('18) attended the Ireland Study Abroad Program during the spring semester.

“As you think further about what you have learned, I hope you will realize how many opportunities you have to affect the future.” Ron Federico

“Touch a life, make a difference.”

“Social workers make a difference every day!”

Ron Federico Capstone Conference



The 14th Annual Ronald Federico Senior Capstone Conference was held on Friday, May 6, 2016 to showcase the accomplishments of graduating seniors. Following greetings from Dr. Moore and Associate Dean of the School of Arts & Science, Amy Stackhouse; James Genova ('92), LCSW, Executive Director of the Scarsdale Edgemont Family Counseling Services, delivered the Keynote Address. Following the presentations, there was a celebratory luncheon, which included recognition of Field Instructors, Seniors and Robin Dorne ('90), LMSW, employee of Hospice of Westchester, who received the Sixth Annual Gero-Ed Community Partnership Award.



Alumni News

Graduate School Acceptances with Advanced Standing

Marissa Basedow ('16) will attend Fordham University Graduate School of Social Service, Long Island Campus at Molloy College.

Meghan Hawthorne ('16) will attend the University of Southern Connecticut.

Kimberly Hill ('16) will attend Monmouth University Graduate School of Social Work, New Jersey.

Natasha Osamwonyi ('16) will attend Adelphi University Graduate School of Social Work.

Kiana McAuley-Pomeroy ('16) will attend New York University Silver School of Social Work.

Sarah Schutz ('16) will attend New York University Silver School of Social Work.

Rachel Spear ('16) will attend Fordham University Graduate School of Social Service On-line Master's Program.

Keith McPherson ('07) will attend Fordham University Graduate School of Social Service On-line Master's Program.

New Jobs/Internships

Kathryn Baller ('16) will spend academic year 2016 – 2017 teaching English while living with a host family in Spain.

James Carrigan ('16) has accepted a position at the Grove School in Connecticut where he completed his senior internship.

Michael Arterberry ('91) will give the Commencement Address on June 24th at Port Chester High School. *If looking for an engaging motivational speaker, Michael can be reached at www.michaelarterberry.com.*

Newly Licensed

Colleen Ciriello ('14) recently received her LMSW license.

New Graduate

Bridget Wahmann ('14) recently received her MSW from Fordham University Graduate School of Social Service.

Marriage and Birth Announcements

Rosie Garlan ('14) and Samantha Salvati ('14) celebrated Sam's wedding in England in summer 2015.

Michael Rodriguez ('12) and Emma Ames ('12) became newly engaged on Sunday, June 5th in Montauk, Long Island.



Travel

Elsy Bonilla ('16) recently returned from the annual Iona in Mission trip to Zambia.

Caroline Zepeda ('16) traveled to Nazareth Farm during Spring Break (Holy Week) and participated in the immersive service-learning experience in Massachusetts as part of Dr. Nadel's Sustainability and Community: An Environmental Justice Perspective course in April.

Other

Sister Petronella Lubanga, C.S.J.B., ('04) resides in Kitwe, Zambia in the country's Copperbelt region. She serves as Dean of Social Science at The Zambia Catholic University, as well as directing an orphanage. In her role as Dean, she has established Zambia's first social work education program! She is very busy and doing well.

Rosie Garlan ('14) recently started her "first official job as a social worker" at Search and Care on the Upper East Side providing case management services for homebound seniors.

SERVICE-LEARNING TRADITION IN SOCIAL WORK CONTINUES

Academic Service Learning in Social Work

Academic Service Learning is the term applied to a pedagogy (way of learning) that includes partnering with a community group to carry out activities with them, reflecting on that learning experience, and examining the social justice aspects of the chosen efforts as part of a for-credit course.

Sustainability and Community: An Environmental Justice Perspective is an elective course that was offered during spring semester. The course applies social work principles to environmental issues. As part of the course, the class participated in two service-learning experiences. We worked with GROW! Lincoln Park Community Garden here in New Rochelle to help prepare planting beds for the growing season. We then participated in a weekend immersion experience by traveling to the Agape Community in rural MA where we learned about sustainable living and participated in gardening, wood gathering, and related aspects of this worldview. The course was enhanced by financial support from Con Edison.

Why does Ron Federico have a Fund? What's it to Me?

Ron Federico was the founder of Iona's social work program. He is remembered as brilliant, energetic, and committed to social justice. He died an untimely death from AIDS. After his passing, a memorial fund was set up. This fund helps students with unexpected expenses, such as transportation to field, books, or other urgent needs. You or one of your friends may have been helped by the fund. The fund is now running low and could use donations of any size! Please send your donation to Iona College Advancement Department, New Rochelle, NY 10801 and indicate **VERY CLEARLY** that your donation is for the **Ron Federico Memorial Fund**. THANKS!

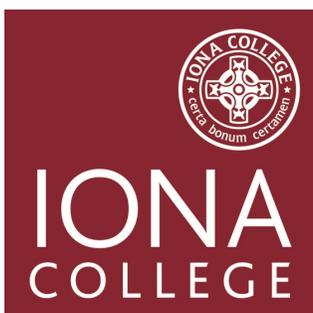
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