



# The Scoop Sheet

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

### **The Organization of Black Social Worker Students (OBSWS) Holiday Toy Drive November 2nd-December 14th**

Unwrapped toys are being collected to give to nineteen families at M.D. Fox Elementary School in Hartford. These families are in severe financial need and would greatly appreciate this act of kindness. Take a look at the OBSWS Board for an update on the progress of the holiday toy drive, a list of fundraisers to help sponsor this event, and a list of the children we are striving to serve. Please drop off age appropriate, unwrapped toys in the box located by the Student Org office on the 2nd floor, room 224. Please see the OBSWS board for toy suggestions

### **OBSWS Fundraiser**

To help sponsor the OBSWS Holiday Toy Drive there will be a number of Bake/Lunch Sales. The bake sales will consist of brownies, cakes, cookies, and pastries for \$1.50 each. The lunch sales will consist of a deli sandwich, chips, and a soda for \$5.00. Table will be located in the second floor hallway. **Don't forget to bring cash on these dates!**

**Bake Sale: Thursday, November 12th 12:45-2 p.m.**  
**Lunch Sale: Tuesday, November 17th 12:45-2 p.m.**

**Latin American Student Organization**  
**Thursday, November 5th**  
**Rm. 320-D, 3rd Floor**  
*Lunch will be Provided*

Students do not need to be Latino to be a part of LASO. We hope to have students join us at our first meeting so we can have a productive year. If this meeting is not at

a convenient time, please let Charlie Ortiz, chair of LASO, know what better times would work for future meetings. Students can contact Charlie Ortiz at [Charlie.Ortiz@uconn.edu](mailto:Charlie.Ortiz@uconn.edu). Please check out LASO's bulletin board on the second floor for more information.

### **Community Organizing: America's Hope? Wednesday, November 11th 5:30-7:30 p.m. Zachs Community Rm.**

Interested in community organizing? Don't miss this event! Join us for a talk and discussion with Wade Rathke, founder and former leader of ACORN (Association of Community Organizations for Reform Now), and Robert Fisher, Professor of Community Organizing at UCONN School of Social Work.

### **Food and beverage begins at 5:30, discussion will begin at 6 followed by book signing.**

For more information, contact University of Connecticut School of Social Work Dean's office, 860- 570-9295.

### **Community Based Approaches to Refugee Assistance: The Case of Iraqis in Jordan and Syria Friday, November 13th 12-1:30 p.m. *Lunch will be provided.***

Mr. Ebye is a social worker who has administered programs in community development and refugee protection in Uganda, worked with refugees fleeing the Rwandan genocide, and Iraqi refugees in Jordan and Syria.

Sponsored by School of Social Work Center for International Social Work Studies and the Human Rights Institute's from Ideas to Action Series.

## **GRADUATION CORNER**

### **ATTENTION: Potential December 2009, May 2010, August 2010 Graduates!**

In order to begin the graduation process, you will need to complete the School of Social Work Graduation Form

that has been emailed to your Husky Mail account the week of October 19th.

**This form should be completed and emailed back by November 13th to the account you receive it from.**

**Students who are considering a summer block should stop by Student Services/Registrar's office to pick up the graduation form.**

If you have any questions, please email: [Milagros.Marrero-Johnson@uconn.edu](mailto:Milagros.Marrero-Johnson@uconn.edu)

### **SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION**

#### **UConn School of Social Work Scholarships 2009-2010 Academic Year**

The School of Social Work MSW scholarships are now posted on the bulletin board across from the elevator on the first floor of the SSW building.

This year we are awarding almost thirty thousand dollars in scholarships. There are twelve scholarships and all have different criteria for selection. The criteria are on the posted scholarship flyers and some will have several recipients. These scholarships are open to all MSW students, regardless of year.

**The due date for submissions is January 20<sup>th</sup>**, and the scholarships will be awarded during the spring semester.

Scholarship recipients are expected to attend a scholarship luncheon on April 6, where they will be able to meet the scholarship donors.

### **REGISTRATION INFORMATION**

#### **Spring and Intersession 2010 Registration**

**The School of Social Work Spring 2010 on-line registration begins on Tuesday, November 24<sup>th</sup> at 6 a.m.** The e-mail sent to you on Weds., 10/21, is from the Graduate School in Storrs – their registration appointment time differs from ours. **The final version of the Spring '10 schedule will be available for your review, and online, the first week of November (11/2/09).**

**Intersession '10** – Two courses will be offered during Intersession: **BASC 5350 Analysis of Social Welfare Policy and HBEL 5300 Substance Abuse I.** Intersession on-line registration begins early November. Social Work students will receive an e-mail as soon as the schedule is available for these classes.

If you plan on meeting with your academic advisor, please print out a copy of your unofficial transcript from your student account. Instructions for using the system are available at

[www.peoplesoft.uconn.edu](http://www.peoplesoft.uconn.edu)

Please feel free to contact us at 570-9049 or 570-9053 if you encounter any problems or need assistance.

### **STUDENT INFORMATION**

#### **Puerto Rican and Latino Studies (PRLSP) Substantive Area**

This area of study is designed to provide a social work perspective on current issues affecting Puerto Rican and Latino populations.

Fall 2009 Latino Educational Series: Sponsored by the Latin American Student Association (LASO) and the Puerto Rican Latino Studies Project (PRLSP). All presentations are in SSW RM 220, from 6:30 – 8:30 pm.

•11/3/09: "Being Latina in the United States"

For additional information or descriptions please visit Rm. 320D, call 570-9070, or email the PRLSP; [prlsproject@uconn.edu](mailto:prlsproject@uconn.edu)

#### **Social Work Practice with Immigrants and Refugees**

This course introduces the nature of the migration experience for individuals, families, and populations who arrive in the U.S. from different parts of the globe. Immigrants from nations in Africa, Asia, the Caribbean, Eastern Europe, Latin America, and the Middle East are discussed.

A conceptual tool is presented enabling students to examine the cumulative effect of migration experiences that occur in the immigrant's home country, an intermediate country, a refugee camp, and in the U.S. The conceptual vehicle is applied to varied immigrant populations, as well as individual immigrants.

Other areas of inquiry include immigration policy (with particular attention to unauthorized immigrants), and cross cultural content. Toward the end of the course service providers in contact with different immigrant groups will be guest presenters.

#### **Scoop Sheet Submission:**

Deadline is on Thursdays at 12:00 Noon for inclusion in the following week's issue. The deadline for the November 9th Scoop Sheet is Thursday, November 5th. Submissions should be emailed to [Milagros.Marrero-Johnson@uconn.edu](mailto:Milagros.Marrero-Johnson@uconn.edu) or placed in her mailbox in her mailbox in Room 130.