

School of Social Work

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News from the School

Appointed Director of the School - Dr. Nico Trocmé

McGill is very pleased to announce that Dr. Nico Trocmé has been appointed as the Director of the School of Social Work. He replaces the current Director Dr. Wendy Thomson who is completing her second term at the end of June. Staff and students will know Dr. Trocmé. He is the Philip Fisher Chair in Social Work and Director of the Centre for Research on Children and Families. Dr. Trocmé is the principal investigator for the Canadian Incidence (CIS) Study of Reported Child Abuse and Neglect (1993, 1998, 2003 & 2008), the lead researcher for a Federal-Provincial-Territorial initiative to develop a common set of National Outcomes Measures in child welfare, directs the Canadian Child Welfare Research Portal (cwrp.ca), and is conducting a research capacity development and knowledge mobilization initiative involving child welfare and Aboriginal service provider agencies in Quebec. Recognized as one of the most prolific social work researchers in Canada, Dr. Trocmé is the author of over 130 scientific publications, has been awarded 25 million dollars in funding through grants, contracts and gifts, and has mentored a new generation of Canadian child welfare scholars. Dr. Trocmé has acted as a child welfare policy and program consultant to several provincial governments and Aboriginal organizations, and has presented expert evidence at various inquests and tribunals. Prior to completing his Ph.D., Dr. Trocmé worked for five years as child welfare and children's mental health social worker.

Dr. Thomson is taking a leave of absence from McGill to become Chief Executive of Norfolk County Council in England. Norfolk is a multi-function local authority, serving a population of 850,000 with a staff of 16,000 and budget of 1.6 billion pounds. Its functions include education, public health and social services for adults and children, as well as strategic land planning, environment and economic development. She has enjoyed her two terms as Director, and is pleased to have been able to recruit many new faculty and launch the Qualifying Year Program and the MSc (A) in Couple and Family Therapy.

New Administrative Assistant – Patty Tarica

The School's new Administrative Assistant, Patty Tarica, started with us on Monday, May 26th. Patty comes to us with 22 years of experience at McGill, having held positions in Enrolment

Services, the Welcome Centre, Recruitment, the Department of Chartered Accountancy and Graduate Administrative Studies, and the Centre for Continuing Education.

• New Student Affairs Coordinator – Lindsay Flood

The School's new Student Affairs Coordinator, Lindsay Flood, started with us on Monday, June 16, 2014. Lindsay holds a BA (double Major in Psychology and History) from McGill, and is currently completing her fieldwork component of a M.Ed. in Educational Psychology at McGill. Her professional experience includes work in McGill's Faculty of Law Admissions Office as well as roles as an Account Executive and Assistant Manager of Operations in the electronics and entertainment industries.

Lindsay was a member of the Bereavement Support Team at the West Island Palliative Care Residence and has over ten years of volunteer experience in such areas as advising, event organization, fundraising, academic research, in-school mentoring, and grief counselling.

Please join us in giving Patty and Lindsay a warm welcome!

• Retirement of Liaison Librarian Marilyn Fransiszyn

Message from Marilyn:

"I wish to let you know that I will be retiring May 31st after 44 years as a McGill librarian. A heartfelt thank you to those of you who chose to call upon me at some point in the last 12 years or so while I was responsible for the School of Social Work: it was a pleasure, even a joy and a source of deep satisfaction to try to help you and your students. I will miss that part of my job immensely. I will be at my post to help again if questions arise right until that date. Another librarian will be shortly be assigned the Social Work dossier and you will be informed of that. **Thank you and Farewell".**

Congratulations to Leah Freeman

Congratulations to Leah Freeman for being awarded the The Chris Tyler Marckmann International Social Work Summer Internship Award. The Chris Tyler Marckmann International Social Work Summer Internship Awards were established in 2014 by Bill Mooney (BA 1991) and Brandee Marckmann to help one or more undergraduate students in the School of Social Work

gain firsthand international experience related to their fields of study by providing partial funding to assist with travel and other expenses related to their internship.

News from SWSA

SWSA Newsletter

Please find attached the SWSA Newsletter for summer 2014.



Notices of Awards, Funding & Research

Interdisciplinary Studies of Childhood Ethics, McGill University - Call for Applications

An interdisciplinary team of researchers from McGill University is currently conducting a 5-year project to advance knowledge and practices relating to ethical concerns in childhood (**Principal Investigator: Franco Carnevale, RN, PhD**). This investigation is examining multiple realms of children's lives, including schooling, child welfare, law, child psychology, and pediatric medicine.

Ethnography is the overarching research methodology, with embedded normative and quantitative analyses as well as numerous participatory and knowledge mobilization strategies. We are offering funding for several trainees to support their participation in this project (specific number of positions to be determined based on the eligible candidate pool). We are seeking a diverse pool of candidates. **For more information, see attachment**.



Job/Volunteering Opportunities

Course Lecturer – McGill University

The School of Social Work would like to invite interested candidates to submit their applications to teach the following courses in the 2014-15 academic year.

SWRK 327 – Approaches to Community/Group Practice

Scheduled for the Winter 2015 term on Mondays from 2:30-5:30.

Course Description: This course aims to deepen students' understanding of the community practice component in social work, and to help students develop skills relevant to work in community settings. Students will be introduced to many different models of community practice, and will examine community approaches from historical, ideological and practical perspectives. Participants will also be prepared to apply community approaches within their own social work practice.

The course will be divided into two sections. Module One will focus on the principles, models and ideology involved in community practice, as well as the history of community practice in Quebec. Module Two will cover practical skills useful in a variety of community practice settings. Concrete examples and discussion of current issues in community practice will be integrated throughout the course.

SWRK 428 – Social Policy & Administration

Scheduled for the Fall 2014 term on Fridays from 8:30-11:30.

Course Description: SWRK 428 provides social work students with the knowledge and skills to understand, analyze, and critically evaluate social policy. The course focuses on the impact of policies on service users and how social workers contribute to social policy formation.

Learning Outcomes

- understand key concepts, definitions and perspectives related to social policy –
 especially within the Canadian context;
- demonstrate how social policies are developed and implemented at the various levels of government (Federal, provincial, municipal);
- understand how evidence is used to inform policy;
- identify how ideology, values, and choices influence social policy;
- demonstrate the relationship between social policy and social work practice;

- critically explore and understand how macro policies affect micro experiences;
- reflect critically on the underlying assumptions of language how language (i.e., in written documents and speeches) shape policies;
- formulate and present a position in favour or against a relevant social policy

Please send your covering letter and resume to <u>alana.bonner@mcgill.ca</u> no later than Wednesday, June 25th, 2014.

Assistant Professor (June 30, 2014)

The University of Northern British Columbia, in conjunction with the School of Social Work, has an exciting opportunity awaiting a creative, energetic, and adventuresome Social Worker who is comfortable working with people from a variety of backgrounds and cultures, and who is willing to contribute to the development of Social Work education in the regions served by UNBC including the opportunity to teach in multiple modalities. This position is anticipated to be an appointment at the rank of Assistant Professor with a start date of January 1, 2015. The application deadline is **June 30, 2014. For more information, please see attachment**.



Assistant or Associate Professor of Social Work Couple and Family Therapy

The School of Social Work of McGill University invites applications for a full-time tenure-track position, beginning January 2015. The ideal candidate will demonstrate a passion and talent in excellent clinical practice and will have established a promising program of research and scholarship in the field of couple and family therapy. S/he will hold a doctorate in social work or a related discipline and have experience in teaching and clinical supervision. Strong consideration will be given to qualified applicants who have expertise in working with children and families across the lifecycle, are bilingual (French and English), eligible for certification as a psychotherapist and couple and family therapist in the province of Quebec, and have experience working with diverse populations. For more information, see attachment.



Lecturer (introductory course in statistics for graduate students in social work)
 (July 11, 2014)

The Centre for Research on Children and Families (CRCF) is currently looking for a lecturer to teach an introductory course in applied statistics, aimed at students enrolled in the master and Ph.D. programs. The application deadline is **July 11, 2014**. **For more information, see attachment.**



One-Year Postdoctoral Fellowship in Community-Based Early Childhood
 Prevention Research (U. of Maryland School of Social Work)

The University of Maryland, School of Social Work is seeking a postdoctoral fellow to begin no later than **September 1**, **2014**. The fellowship provides an opportunity to join an existing research team conducting basic and intervention research related to risk and protective factors, early parenting, and infant/toddler socio-emotional development. The fellow will be provided time, space, and mentoring to develop his/her early career scholarship. **For more information, see attachment.**

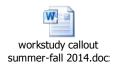


• Service and Professional Representative – School of Continuing Studies

The School of Continuing Studies is looking a Service and Promotional Representative for the Downtown campus for the Summer 2014 and Fall and Winter 2014-2015. This is a great position for a student wishing to learn more about promotions and publicity or with an interest

in social engagement and arts and culture. This position is supported by the McGill work study program.

For further information, see attachment or call Jasna Hancevic at 514-398-3684.



For more information on Job/Volunteering Opportunities, please visit our website at http://www.mcgill.ca/socialwork/students/jobs.