



# School of Social Work Student Bulletin

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### NOTICE FROM THE SCHOOL

- **SOCIAL WORK INVITED LECTURES SAVE THE DATES (from 9:30-10:30 am) as below:**

**Oct 24, Andrea Doyle**, Clinical, PhD in Social Welfare @U of Washington, 2008; MSW@ McGill, 1988; [BSW@McGill](#), 1986; [BSc@McGill](#), Psychology, 1985; speaking about **Strategic Use of Validation in Social Work Practice**.

**Oct 27, Luna Vives**, Policy, PhD in Geography @ UBC, 2013; MA in Geography @ UBC, 2007; BA in Sociology @Universidad Complutense de Madrid, Spain, 2004; speaking about **“Immigration Policy as a Framework for Social Work Practice”**.

**Oct 31, Zulfiya Tursunova**, Policy, PhD @ U of Manitoba, 2012; MA in Peace & Conflict Resolution @European U Centre for Peace Studies, Austria, 2005; MA in Education Admin @Kent State U, OH, 1998; BA Philology in English & Arabic @ Tashkent State U of World Languages, Uzbekistan.

**Oct 31 @ 1 pm, David Firang**, Policy, PhD @ U of Toronto, 2011; MSW @ UoT, 2002; MA in Geography @ U of Saskatchewan, 1995; BA in Geography & Resource Development, U of Ghana, 1989.

Please visit the [website](#) for complete details on each lectures.

- **THE KAGEDAN LECTURE ON SOCIAL WORK AND HUMAN RIGHTS - ANNUAL ALUMNI HOMECOMING LECTURE**

Presented on **October 27th, 2016, at 6:00 p.m. in the Wendy Patrick Room, Wilson Hall, 3506 University.**  
**“Advancing social justice through rights based practice in the Middle East: ICAN McGill”**

**RSVP: October 24<sup>th</sup> to [marilena.orsini@mcgill.ca](mailto:marilena.orsini@mcgill.ca)**



**ICAN:** [The International Community Action Network \(ICAN\)](#), formerly known as the McGill Middle East Program (MMEP), is committed to creating a world in which all people share the same rights. We believe that social justice is the most reliable foundation for strong, healthy, and tolerant communities. Since 1997, ICAN has established 11 community centres in some of the most disadvantaged areas of Palestine, Jordan and Israel. These ICAN centres provides basic human rights such as legal aid, education, housing, and much, much more to over 120,000 people each year, implementing programs that engage, educate and empower the citizens most affected by conflict, economic hardship, and instability.

**SPEAKERS:**

**Amal Elsana Alhjoob** is one of the key shapers of public opinion regarding the status of the Arab minority and the status of women in Israel. In 2010, she was chosen by The Marker (Israeli business publication) as 1 of the 101 most influential people in Israel; was one of the women leaders recognized in 2005 by the World Association for Small and Medium Enterprises for her contributions to economic empowerment programs for Bedouin Arab women. She has also been nominated for the Nobel Peace Prize. She is the founding director of AJEEC - Arab Jewish Center for Equality, Empowerment and Cooperation and co-director of NISPED - Negev Institute for Strategies of Peace and Development. As a former graduate of the ICAN Fellowship Program, Amal has returned to McGill to pursue a Ph.D. and become the new Executive Director here at the International Community Action Network (ICAN) in McGill's School of Social Work.

**Sami Al Kilani** began his career as a physicist and poet, and was an Amnesty prisoner of conscience in the 1980s. He was a delegate to the Madrid Conference and has been a strong advocate for non-violence since the 1980's. Sami is one of the founding members of the Arab non-violence movement, which meets for one month each summer in Beirut and has evolved into the first Arab University for Non Violence (AUNV). It aims to institutionalize the culture of non-violence in Lebanon and all the Middle East. Sami is the founder of the first RBCP centre in the West Bank and his doctoral thesis explored the implementation of the RBCP model in Palestine. Today he is Dean of the Faculty of Educational Sciences at An Najah National University.

**Dr. Jim Torczyner** joined McGill University in 1973 after obtaining his D.S.W. from the University of California, Berkeley. In 1975, he founded Project Genesis, a community-based grassroots organization that empowers people from diverse backgrounds to advocate for entitlements, to change social policy, and to develop alternative community organizations. In 1990, Professor Torczyner founded the Montreal Consortium for Human Rights Advocacy Training (MCHRAT) which extends multi-disciplinary expertise to groups that have traditionally lacked access and power such as the disabled, members of minority groups, and homeless youth. In 1994, Professor Torczyner refocused his attention primarily on the Middle East and founded The McGill Middle East Program in Civil Society and Peace Building (MMEP), now ICAN, with a belief that the reduction of inequality and the promotion of civil society are intricately related to peace building.

- **SOCIAL WORK FALL CONVOCATION – NOV. 2, 2016**

Fall 2016 Convocation ceremonies will be held **Wednesday, November 2, 2016 at 10:00 a.m.** in Salle Wilfrid Pelletier, Place des Arts, 175 St. Catherine Street West. Immediately following the Convocation ceremony, you are

all invited to the reception being given by the School of Social Work in the Wendy Patrick Room, in honor of BSW, MSW, MScA and PhD graduating students (start time approx.12:30 p.m.)

- **BSW COHORT ADVISING**

**Attention: BSW Students**

The School of Social Work advises all BSW students to be actively involved with planning their individualized program throughout their undergraduate experience. It is strongly encouraged to begin with seeing their assigned BSW Cohort Advisor at the beginning of U1 before the end of Fall Add/Drop deadline. After that, students are expected to update or modify their program plan with the appropriate advisor at least once per academic year in U2 and U3.

**U1 Cohort Advisors:**

Karen Hetherington: [karen.hetherington@mcgill.ca](mailto:karen.hetherington@mcgill.ca); for students with last name beginning with A - Ma  
Katherine Maurer: [katherine.maurer@mcgill.ca](mailto:katherine.maurer@mcgill.ca); for students with last name beginning with Me - Z

**U2 Cohort Advisors:**

Marion Van Horn: [marion.vanhorn@mcgill.ca](mailto:marion.vanhorn@mcgill.ca); for students with last name beginning with A - M  
Shadi Martin: [shadi.martin@mcgill.ca](mailto:shadi.martin@mcgill.ca); for students with last name beginning with N - Z

**U3 Cohort Advisor:**

Trudy Blumstein: [trudy.blumstein@mcgill.ca](mailto:trudy.blumstein@mcgill.ca)

Please contact your assigned Advisor via email.

**NOTICE OF EVENTS:**

**“BLENDING FAMILY THERAPY MODALITIES: CREATING STRUCTURE THROUGH PLAY”**

We have the pleasure of announcing that two students from the Master of Science (Applied) Couple & Family Therapy program, Sarah Burley & Anita Mehta, have been accepted to present their work at the [International Family Therapy Association’s 25<sup>th</sup> World Family Therapy Conference](#) taking place in Spain next March 2017. They will present an abstract titled “*Blending Family Therapy Modalities: Creating Structure through Play*” which will serve to demonstrate a case involving the therapeutic interventions of theraplay® and structural family therapy approaches.

[https://www.gofundme.com/2sn7hj9k?utm\\_source=internal&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_content=cta\\_button&utm\\_campaign=upd\\_n](https://www.gofundme.com/2sn7hj9k?utm_source=internal&utm_medium=email&utm_content=cta_button&utm_campaign=upd_n)

**Overview**

- **Title:** *Blending Family Therapy Modalities: Creating Structure through Play*
- **Introduction:** The success of optimal family therapy is contingent on a thorough family assessment. Perhaps even more critical is the determination of an appropriate treatment plan to best support the family. There are many differing treatment modalities for a therapist to select from and it is often an integration of several approaches that form the most effective treatment plans. This presentation will describe the family of a little girl who is sad and angry. Diagnosed with Oppositional Defiant Disorder (ODD), she was being raised in two homes by two parents who were as oppositional as her diagnosis. An integrative approach using theraplay® and structural family therapy was used to create a treatment plan for her and her mother.



## NOTICE OF RESEARCH

- **GREY SMOKE MEDIA SCHOLARSHIP**

Our team is reaching out to post-secondary educational institutions to link them to our new scholarship program valued at \$3,000 per annum. Students must be enrolled in a post-secondary institution and pursuing a career in any of the following fields of study:

- 1) Business Marketing;
- 2) Communications;
- 3) Liberal Arts;
- 4) Social sciences;

The link and application form is located here: <http://greysmokemedia.com/scholarship-application/>. Our deadline is December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2016 but we will be offering it on a yearly basis.

The scholarship is live now on our site. We would appreciate if you could post it so that your students can have the opportunity to apply. We've already received some interest from word-of-mouth but would like to open up the pool of applications.

## JOB/VOLUNTEERING OPPORTUNITIES:

- **CAREERS SERVICE**

Winter, Spring and Summer Break Social Work Placements Abroad - Volunteering overseas is a perfect way to learn and develop skills, living outside your comfort zone and having the time of your life. Expect to meet likeminded individuals, getting immersed into a new culture and boosting your resume with international work experience. You can expect to work from 2 to 12 weeks in places like Kolkata (India), Sri Lanka and Nepal where social development is critical. Get in touch by email [hello@volunteeringjourneys.com](mailto:hello@volunteeringjourneys.com) or visit [www.volunteeringjourneys.com](http://www.volunteeringjourneys.com) for details.

- **WINTER 2017 TEACHING ASSISTANTSHIP JOB POSTINGS**

Teaching Assistantship positions in the School of Social Work for the winter 2017 term will be available for application from **October 15<sup>th</sup> to November 15<sup>th</sup>, 2016** on McGill Career and Planning Services (CaPS) website (<https://csm-caps.mcgill.ca/>) for the following courses:

Course #	Title
SWRK 223	Poverty & Inequality
SWRK 327	Approaches to Community Practice
SWRK 326	Practice with Individuals & Families II
SWRK 325	Anti-Oppression Social Work Practice
SWRK 525	Critical Thought & Ethics

Should you wish to submit an application, please complete the [Graduate Student Application](#) for Teaching Assistantship Form and submit this form electronically to [alana.bonner@mcgill.ca](mailto:alana.bonner@mcgill.ca) along with your covering letter, and current CV no later than **November 15<sup>th</sup>, 2016**. All applicants will be informed of the outcome of their applications on **December 20<sup>th</sup>, 2016**.

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