



School of Social Work Student Bulletin

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NEWS FROM THE SCHOOL:

➤ **FALL CONVOCATION 2015**

Fall 2015 Convocation ceremonies will be held on **Tuesday, November 10, 2015 at 10:00 a.m.** at the Salle Wilfrid Pelletier, Place des Arts, 175 St. Catherine Street West. There are no tickets to attend the convocation ceremonies. There are no guest seating for the ceremonies but we ask you to limit your guests to **SIX**. Seating is on a first-come, first-served basis and there is no reserved seating.

Immediately following the Convocation ceremony, Social Work graduates are all invited to a reception being given by the School of Social Work in the Wendy Patrick Room (starting around 12:30 p.m.), in honour of BSW, MSW, MSc(A) and PhD graduating students

INFORMATION FOR ALL SOCIAL WORK STUDENTS (BSW, MSW, MSc (A), PhD)

CAP AND GOWN: You are responsible for reserving your cap and gown online. Please log on to the following link: <http://buildagrad.ca/mcgill>. **Registration Opens:** Friday, October 16, 2015 and **closes** Friday, October 30, 2015.

No orders will be accepted **on line** after registration closes, however, you will be able to order on site but for an additional fee.

GOWN PICK-UP: Caps and gowns must be ordered in advance and picked up at the [McGill University Bookstore](#), together with your line-up card, starting Monday, November 9, from 1:00 to 5:00 p.m. **OR** on Tuesday, November 10 starting at 8:00 a.m. **Cap and gowns are NOT available at Place des Arts.**

PHOTOGRAPHY: Each graduating student will be photographed on stage. The photographer is also available after the ceremony for additional family portraits. An information card with Photographs will be posted on Speq Photo's website at www.speqphoto.ca within 48 hours of convocation. Please contact Speq Photo directly at 514-351-8275, 1-800-363 1142, or sales@speqphoto.ca.

NOTE: Inside your diploma envelope you will find a card with information from Speq Photo.

➤ **CONGRATULATIONS TO THE FIRST GRADUATING COHORT OF THE M.SC.(A) COUPLE AND FAMILY THERAPY PROGRAM**

On behalf of Dr. Sharon Bond, Program Director, and the entire M.Sc.(A) Couple and Family Therapy team, we would like to extend a heartfelt congratulations to Ainsley Jenicek, Alexa Leon, Johanna Petkau, and Anouk Huizink on being the first cohort to complete the M.Sc.(A) CFT program.

This is a very special occasion as McGill is the first university to offer a Master's degree in Couple & Family Therapy in Quebec - the first province to formally recognize the Profession of Couple & Family Therapy.

We are very proud of the accomplishments of our four graduating students, and wish them many, many successes in their future endeavours and careers!

➤ **DR. BREE AKESSON - WINNER OF THE 2015 DISTINGUISHED DISSERTATION AWARD (HUMANITIES)**

This year's Distinguished Dissertation Award winner (Fine Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences) has spent much of her academic career studying its impact on children and their families.

Dr. Bree Akesson received her PhD in social work from McGill University. She is now an assistant professor at Wilfrid Laurier University specializing in international child protection and the psychosocial effects of war and disaster on young families.

New methods of research and practical applications of research findings are of particular interest to Dr. Akesson. She will be talking about those issues and her research in a presentation at the DDA luncheon, Saturday, October 31. It is part of the [CAGS annual conference](#) being held in Calgary. In the meantime, you can read more about her [here](#).

➤ **FACEBOOK GROUP FOR CANADIAN DOCTORAL STUDENTS IN SW**

We are calling all doctoral students looking to connect with other PhD students and candidates across Canada. A new Facebook group has been created to allow SW PhDs-in-progress to connect with each other, share information, support one another, and commiserate.

Anyone enrolled in a PhD program in Social Work in Canada is welcome to join. Check us out here: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/546736048808957/> help us spread the word!

NOTICE OF EVENTS:

➤ **TEDXMONTREAL TALK**

Myra Giberovitch, lecturer and field placement supervisor at the School of Social Work will give a talk on November 7, focusing on the positive lessons that Holocaust survivors teach us about recovery from genocidal trauma.

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➤ **SHORT TERM DYNAMIC PSYCHOTHERAPY - SEMINAR SUPERVISION @ THE ARGYLE**

This series will present Short-Term Dynamic Psychotherapy, both theory and technique. Participants must be either licensed mental health professionals or full-time students enrolled in an accredited graduate program leading to a degree as a mental health professional.

Dates: December 5 and 6, 2015, February 6 and 7, 2016, April 2 and 3, 2016

Time: 9:00am to 4:00pm

Place: Boardroom at the Argyle Institute, 4150 Sainte Catherine W. suite 328, Westmount, Qc H3Z2Y5

Trainer: Dr. Steven Sandler, Dr. Sandler is a psychiatrist at Albany Medical Center, New York, who works in the field of individual psychotherapy. He has been practising and teaching an approach called Short Term Dynamic Psychotherapy (STDP). This approach involves the therapist's active focus on the patient's defenses, with the therapeutic goal of experiencing blocked emotions associated with disturbing events from the past. In recent years, clinicians working with this model have emphasized the factor of emotional experience while at the same time de-emphasizing treatment time.

Dr. Sandler believes that the best outcomes occur when a patient can not only talk about his emotions, but fully experience them. Research is accumulating that confirms the efficacy of this approach

Fee: \$ 1600 before September 1, 2015 (Deferred payment in quarterly payments is accepted if using Credit Card. In using a deferred payment option, you agree to be responsible for payment of the entire course)

Register now - [CLICK HERE](#)

Cancellation policy: No refunds for withdrawal will be provided prior to the start of the seminar or after the seminars.

For more information, contact the Coordinator: Donna Moffatt at donna1moffatt@gmail.com

➤ **CAREER NIGHT - CHILDREN'S AID SOCIETY OF OTTAWA - NOVEMBER 18, 2015**

Interested in a career with CASO? On November 18, 2015, you will have the opportunity to speak to Supervisors, Child Protection Workers and Youth Workers. HR reps will also be present to answer questions.

See attached flyer for our [event](#). Please **RSVP to Ayane Ali with Human Resources at ayane.ali@casott.on.ca by Friday November 13, 2015 at 4:30.**

➤ **LISTEN TO THE WOMEN: ABORIGINAL WOMEN LEADERS PANEL**

Please join us for an engaging discussion to promote awareness and discourse from the perspective of Aboriginal Women Leaders. Honor Song Alex Gray, Mi'gmaq

Made possible by the Freda L. Paltiel Award from the McGill School of Social Work. Organized by Ben Geboe, Yankton Sioux/Dakota PhD Student. **Contact:** ben.geboe@mail.mcgill.ca

Saturday, November 7, 2015

Noon-1:30 PM
SSMU-McGill Campus
3600 McTavish, Montreal
Shatner Room (B203 LB)

This is a free event-all are welcome to attend. See [poster](#) for details.

➤ **COUNSELLING WORKSHOPS AND GROUPS - NOVEMBER 2015**

Below, you will find a list of the [Counselling Service](#) workshops and groups that are offered during the month of **November**. Please feel free to pass this information on to students.

Support Group
[PhD Support Group](#)

Wellness & Life-Skills Workshops
[Skills for Assertiveness](#)
[Skills for Managing Anxiety & Stress](#)
[Skills for Emotional Regulation](#)
[Happiness: The Workshop](#)
[Skills for Developing a Healthy Body Image](#)
[Mindfulness and Academic Success](#)
[Mindfulness Meditation](#)
[Understand Who You Are with the MBTI](#)

Academic Success Workshops
[Skills for Managing Academic Stress](#)
[Skills for Building and Maintaining Motivation](#)
[Skills for Managing Exam Anxiety](#)
[Skills for Time Management](#)
[PACE](#) - Program for the Advancement of Career Exploration

[Skills for Public Speaking](#)
[Skills for Effective Study](#)

Registration is on our [website](#).

NOTICES OF FUNDING/RESEARCH:

➤ **MITACS FUNDING FOR COLLABORATIVE INTERNATIONAL RESEARCH IN INDIA, FRANCE AND TUNISIA**

Mitacs just launched a new program to support student mobility between Canadian universities and Indian Institutes of Technology (IIT).

This is an exciting opportunity to build an international research network and undertake a 12 weeks research project abroad at one of these institutes:

- IIT Bombay
- IIT Guwahati
- IIT Hyderabad
- IIT Kanpur
- IIT Kharagpur
- IIT Gandhinagar
- IIT Roorkee

This program is open to Canadian citizens who are senior undergraduate or graduate students in **all disciplines**.

The call for application will close on **November 20th**, attached is the application form and [here is the link](#) to the webpage.

Successful applicants will receive **\$5,000** research award from Mitacs to support student travel expenses, research-related expenses, and student stipend. The Institute in India will also provide a local grant equivalent to **\$5,000** to cover accommodation, research, and local expenses associate with the research project.

See [proposal](#) for full details.

➤ **GRADUATE STUDENT/POSTDOCTORAL FELLOW SECTION OF *CHILD MALTREATMENT* EDITORIAL BOARD – CALL FOR PAPERS**

Child Maltreatment (CM) is seeking outstanding graduate students, interns, or postdoctoral fellows to serve as members of the Student Section of reviewers, which is adjunctive to the CM Editorial Board. The Student Section provides students an opportunity to gain experience in the scientific peer review and publication processes. Student Section members provide anonymous manuscript reviews under the supervision of a faculty mentor. Once the student review is approved by the faculty mentor, it is included in the journal's decision and feedback process and forwarded to authors. As with all CM reviewers, students then receive anonymous copies of all other reviews of the manuscript, so that they may compare their analysis and comments with those of recognized experts in the field. Student Section members are encouraged to attend and participate in Editorial Board meetings and discussions, but do not serve as Board members. They are expected to complete up to four reviews a year.

A total of six students will be selected to serve 2-year terms from 1-1-2016 through 12-31-2017. Applications are encouraged from students, interns, and postdoctoral fellows of diverse backgrounds and professional disciplines, including psychology, social work, medicine, law, criminal justice, and other areas related to child maltreatment. At the beginning of their term as reviewers, students must have at least two years remaining under the supervision of their faculty mentors in their graduate or fellowship programs.

Applicants are asked to submit, on line (childmaltreatment@gsu.edu), a single PDF document that includes the applicant's CV, statement of interest, and faculty mentor's letter of support. The student statement should describe professional area(s) of interest and goals for a two year term as student reviewer with CM (no more than

2 pages, double spaced, 12 point font). The faculty mentor's letter should indicate the qualifications of the student applicant and the willingness to supervise up to four reviews a year. **Application materials are due on November 15, 2015. We anticipate announcement of student selection will be made in by the end of December 2015.**

➤ **DELTA KAPPA GAMMA WORLD FELLOWSHIP**

The Delta Kappa Gamma (DKG) Society International promotes professional and personal growth and excellence in education and is offering \$4,000 (US) funding opportunities to pursue studies in Canada and the United States. Applicants must be female, registered, full-time Masters or Doctoral students. Applicants cannot be a citizen or landed immigrant of Canada or the United States or a Delta Kappa Gamma member.

Value: \$4,000 US

Deadline: December 15, 2015

Application Process: Hard copy of application (see attached) and all supporting documents submitted to: Delta Kappa Gamma World Fellowship

Barbara Angus
168 Lakeview Ave
Pointe Claire, Quebec
H9S 4C1, Canada

Eligibility: To be eligible to apply, Candidates must be registered, full-time Masters and Doctoral students. The applicants must be female, and cannot be a citizen or landed immigrant of Canada or the United States or a Delta Kappa Gamma member.

More Information: Please consult dkg.org or email Barbara Angus barbangus@bell.net

JOB/VOLUNTEERING OPPORTUNITIES:

➤ **TEACHING ASSISTANTSHIP POSITIONS IN THE SCHOOL OF SOCIAL WORK FOR THE WINTER 2016**

Teaching Assistantship positions in the School of Social Work for the Winter 2016 term are now available for application until **November 15th** on McGill Career and Planning Services (CaPS) [website](#) for the following courses:

- SWRK 223 – Poverty & Inequality
- SWRK 327 – Approaches to Community Practice
- SWRK 326 – Practice With Individuals & Families
- SWRK 325 – Anti-Oppression Social Work Practice
- SWRK 525 – Critical Thought & Ethics

Should you wish to submit an [application](#), please complete the attached Graduate Student Application for Teaching Assistantship form and submit this form electronically along with your covering letter, and current CV no later than **November 15th**.

All applicants will be informed of the outcome of their applications on **December 4th**.

➤ **RECRUITMENT: IHSP WINTER INTERNSHIP PROGRAM**

The call for applications to our Winter 2016 Internship Program is underway. Please refer to the website for up to date information, including positions available and instructions on how to apply:

<https://www.mcgill.ca/ihsp/studentprograms/internship/apply>

Deadline to apply: October 30, 2015.

➤ **ASSISTANT OR ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR – MEMORIAL UNIVERSITY**

Applications are invited for two tenure-track faculty positions at the rank of Assistant or Associate Professor subject to budgetary approval. Normally preferred candidates will have a BSW and/or MSW degree; in addition to a completed PhD in social work (or a related discipline) is required for an appointment to a tenure track position at the rank of Assistant or Associate Professor and to be in a tenure-track position.

Candidates are encouraged to submit both electronic and hardcopy applications in the suggested order with the following headings:

Table of Contents
Application letter
Current CV
Teaching Dossier
Research
References

The electronic applications are emailed to:

Dr. Donna Hardy Cox, Dean
<mailto:deansocialwork@mun.ca>

Hard copy applications are addressed to:

Dr. Donna Hardy Cox, Dean
School of Social Work
Coughlan College
Memorial University of Newfoundland
St. John's, NL A1C 5S7

➤ **MCGILL UNIVERSITY - POSTDOCTORAL FELLOWSHIP POSITION IN CHILD WELFARE RESEARCH, CENTRE FOR RESEARCH ON CHILDREN AND FAMILIES**

POSITION SUMMARY:

McGill University and the Centre for Research on Children and Families (CRCF) invites applications for a Postdoctoral Fellow position funded through the *Building research capacity with First Nations and mainstream youth protection services in Quebec* (BRC) initiative, a Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council Partnership Grant. In addition to pursuing their own program of research in child welfare, the Fellowship researcher will collaborate with faculty and graduate students on activities related to the BRC initiative focusing on examining the dynamics and outcomes of child welfare services; supporting the research capacity of child welfare agencies; developing expertise in analytical methods using administrative data within a participatory research framework; and mentoring graduate students involved with the BRC program. If appropriate, the Postdoctoral Fellow can take the opportunity to teach an intro-level seminar on statistics.

ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS:

Candidates must be eligible for postdoctoral status, as defined by McGill University regulations, and must be within five years of graduating with a Ph.D. Please refer to <http://www.mcgill.ca/gps/postdocs> for additional requirements set by McGill University.

Annual salary: \$42,000 + \$2,000 for research related travel expenses

To Apply: Submit curriculum vitae, statement of research interests, three letters of reference and writing sample. Review of applicants begins November 11th, 2015 and will continue until the position is filled. Applications should be directed to [Nico Trocmé](#) or 3506 University Street, room 303, Montreal, QC, H3A 2A7.

See [posting](#) for further information.

For French version, click [here](#).

➤ **SENIOR SOCIAL WORKER (FULL-TIME, PERMANENT) - PHOENIX SUPPORTIVE HOUSING PROGRAM**

Job Summary: This position will work within the Supportive Housing Program, which is comprised of two residential programs that offer long-term housing for youth aged 16-24. Phoenix House is a ten-bed co-ed residence. Through 24/7 support, it offers safe, supportive housing for youth learning skills for independent living. The Supervised Apartment Program is a program for ten youth living in three homes that are transitioning from semi-independent living with on-site staff to independent living.

This new program brings two existing programs together and requires a social worker who can effectively support program development and change management to help lead their unity into a continuum of services. Under the supervision of the Coordinator, the Senior Social Worker is responsible for providing supportive counselling and case management to ten youth residing in the Supervised Apartment Program and overseeing the case management responsibilities of four staff members at Phoenix House.

TO APPLY * Please note that interviews may take place during the posting period.

Please forward a resume and a cover letter (in Word or as a PDF document) with pertinent information about your qualifications by **November 15, 2015** to: Karen Damtoft, Human Resources Manager kdamtoft@phoenixyouth.ca with the **subject line: Sr. Social Worker**.

For full details, see [posting](#).

➤ **ACADEMIC ASSOCIATE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR ICAN (INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY ACTION NETWORK)**

The Executive Director is responsible for the overall direction and guidance of ICAN's multifaceted program which includes training through graduate fellowships, research regarding the implementation of rights based practice in conflict zones, and practice through the implementation of leading edged centers affiliated with our academic partners in the Middle East. The Executive Director is responsible for the overall direction and management of ICAN as well as for the procurement of funds to ensure ICAN's continued operations.

Please submit applications, including a personal statement and a CV/résumé, to Prof. James Torczyner, Academic Director for ICAN, at james.torczyner@mcgill.ca. Please have two reference letters sent to the same address and ask your referees to include your name in the subject line of their email. Consideration of applications will begin Tuesday, October 20. The new Executive Director will take office as soon as possible after that date.

For full details, see [posting](#).