



## School of Social Work Student Bulletin

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#### NOTICE FROM THE SCHOOL:

##### ➤ **SPRING CONVOCATION 2016**



**Spring Convocation 2016** for Social Work students will be held on **Wednesday, June 8, 2016, at 10 a.m.**, under the white tent on lower campus. 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 honour of BSW, MSW, MScA and PhD graduating students (start time approx. 12:30 p.m.)

**Hope to see you all there.**

##### ➤ **A SSHRC PARTNERSHIP DEVELOPMENT GRANT – COMMUNITY & COLLEGE SOCIAL INNOVATION FUND**

**Prof. Nicole Ives** (co-investigator), **Assistant Professor** (Concordia University) **Elizabeth Fast** (co-investigator) and **Courtney Montour** (collaborator) was just approved for full funding!

The project, led by Susan Briscoe of Dawson College is entitled ***Intersecting College and Community Circles: A First Peoples Storytelling Exchange***. The primary goal is to advance a new conversation about educational opportunities for First Peoples in Quebec. We will organize a storytelling exchange: Indigenous students from the participating postsecondary schools will visit three Indigenous communities in Quebec (Kanienkehaka, Cree, and Migmaq, Inuit, or Abenaki) communities to hear their stories about education, while students here will tell their own stories about postsecondary education in Montreal. In talking circles, our students will share information and experiences with urban student life, academic expectations, specific programs, creating community, Indigenous urban activism, career and mentorship opportunities, and more. We will invite members of the Indigenous communities—secondary students, adult learners, elders, parents, professionals, teachers—to share their stories, concerns, hopes, questions, and experiences about education as well as the specific needs of their community.

#### GENERAL INTEREST:

##### ➤ **UPCOMING SUMMER WORKSHOPS**

The Counselling Service is offering multiple workshops over the summer.

#### UPCOMING WORKSHOPS FOR SUMMER:

- [Mindfulness Meditation](#)
- [Skills for Public Speaking](#)
- [Skills for Managing Anxiety & Stress](#)
- [Happiness: The Workshop](#)

For more information, feel free to contact me or visit [our website](#).

#### NOTICE OF EVENTS:

##### ➤ **MENTAL HEALTH AND PSYCHOSOCIAL SUPPORT FOR REFUGEES: MAY 25**



The Jeanne Sauvé Foundation is pleased to invite you to attend a panel on Supporting Mental and Psycho-Social Health Needs of Refugees: Bridging Theory and Practice, on **Wednesday, May 25, from 5:30-7:45 pm**, at Sauvé House.

#### **Speakers:**

- Dr. Laurence Kirmayer (Director of the Division of Social and Transcultural Psychiatry, McGill University)
- Dr. Myriam Denov (Canada Research Chair & Professor at the School of Social Work, McGill University)
- Alusine Bah (Advocate for child soldiers)
- Amal Elsana Ahljoor (ICAN McGill Executive Director)
- Adnan Mahameed (Field social worker)

More for information please visit [the event page](#). Please note that **registration for this event is mandatory**, as seating is limited. To register for this **free event**, click [here](#).

#### **Event Location**

**Maison Jeanne Sauvé**  
**1514 Docteur-Penfield Avenue**  
**Montréal, Québec H3G 1B9**  
**Tel: 514.848.9292**  
[www.jeannesauve.org](http://www.jeannesauve.org)  
[info@jeannesauve.org](mailto:info@jeannesauve.org)

#### **NOTICES OF FUNDING/RESEARCH:**

##### **➤ APPLY FOR THE MARY H. BROWN FUND**

With summer approaching, the Office of the Dean of Students invites you to explore new funding opportunities through the **Mary H. Brown Fund**.

This endowment provides a total of **\$20,000** annually for the creation and early support of innovative, on-campus projects that benefit **the physical and psychological well-being of the McGill community**.

So if you have a great idea for an exciting project, send in your application to [deanofstudents@mcgill.ca](mailto:deanofstudents@mcgill.ca) by **June 15<sup>th</sup> 2016**. To learn more, please visit [www.mcgill.ca/deanofstudents/marybrown](http://www.mcgill.ca/deanofstudents/marybrown)!

#### **JOB/VOLUNTEERING OPPORTUNITIES:**

##### **➤ TWO ASSISTANT PROFESSOR TENURE TRACK POSITIONS - FACULTY OF SOCIAL WORK, UNIVERSITY OF MANITOBA**

The University of Manitoba Faculty of Social Work invites applications for two tenure-track Assistant Professor positions (position # 22047 and #22048), beginning September 1, 2016, or as negotiated.

The ideal candidates will have a commitment to and/or demonstrated record of working and researching collaboratively with Indigenous Peoples and Communities, fostering and enhancing connections with Indigenous organizations. She/he will be a creative and energetic individual with a demonstrated interest in advancing Indigenist social work, guiding graduate students in the development and implementation of their community based projects or theses, and contributing to the strengthening of Indigenous communities.

Knowledge and professional experience directly relevant to these positions are: Indigenous ways of being; social work policy related to Indigenous peoples; Indigenous based social work programming and practices; critical theories, particularly those focused on colonialism, anti-colonialism and Indigenism; and Indigenous focused research. Individuals should know relevant Indigenous protocols.

Candidates applying for either of the Assistant Professor tenure-track positions will preferably have a social work degree and hold or be near completion of a Ph.D. degree, be able to work in partnership with Elders, and work collaboratively as a team member.

Candidates are encouraged to submit electronic application packages. Applications for the positions must include a letter of introduction/statement of interest, curriculum vitae, and the names of three referees. Applications should be submitted in confidence, to:

**Chair, Recruitment and Hiring Committee**  
**c/o Jodi Petch**

Faculty of Social Work, 521 Tier Building  
University of Manitoba, Winnipeg, MB R3T 2N2  
Email: [jodi.petch@umanitoba.ca](mailto:jodi.petch@umanitoba.ca)

Applications are due by May 24<sup>th</sup>, 2016. Consideration of applications will begin May 25<sup>th</sup> and will continue until each position is filled. Application materials, including letters of reference, will be handled in accordance with Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (Manitoba).

➤ **FALL 2016 TEACHING ASSISTANTSHIP**

Teaching Assistantship positions in the School of Social Work for the Fall 2016 term will be available for application from April 30<sup>th</sup> until May 30<sup>th</sup> on McGill Career and Planning Services (CaPS) website (<https://csm-caps.mcgill.ca/>) for the following courses:

Course #	Title
SWRK 220	History & Philosophy of Social Work
SWRK 221	Public Social Services in Canada
SWRK 320	Practice with Individuals & Families I
SWRK 321	Practice with Groups
SWRK 424	Mental Health & Illness
SWRK 428	Social Policy & Administration
SWRK 342	Practice with GLBT-S People
SWRK 224	Human Development

Should you wish to submit an application, please complete the attached 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 May 30<sup>th</sup>. All applicants will be informed of the outcome of their applications on July 5<sup>th</sup>, 2016.

➤ **MONTREAL URBAN ABORIGINAL COMMUNITY STRATEGY NETWORK COORDINATOR**

**Title:** Montreal Urban Aboriginal Community Strategy NETWORK Coordinator  
**Location:** Montreal  
**Contract duration:** Permanent  
**Working hours:** 40 hours/week. (Must be able to work flexible hours, as needed)  
**Hourly rate:** To be decided

Under the supervision of the NETWORK Steering Committee, the Coordinator's mandate is to support the development and implementation of the NETWORK's strategic plan. The Coordinator is responsible for the management of the NETWORK office, and for supporting the Working Committees in their work, while ensuring effective communications within the NETWORK.

**Main Tasks**

- Support the NETWORK Steering Committee
- Support the implementation of the NETWORK's Action Plan
- Management of the Office

- Administration and Communication
- Finances
- Carry out all related tasks that may be entrusted by the Steering Committee

#### **Education and Experience**

- Hold a University Degree in Business Administration, Public Administration, Social Sciences or other discipline deemed pertinent; and
- Have at least three (3) years of experience in a managerial position; and/or
- Another equivalent combination of education and experience

#### **Expertise**

- Knowledge of the Montreal Urban Aboriginal Community Strategy NETWORK
- Have a practical knowledge of strategic planning and community development
- Have a practical knowledge of the Aboriginal demographic and the various stakes at play for members of the Aboriginal community of Montreal
- Financial management and accounting skills

#### **Skills and aptitudes**

- Intermediate or advanced computer skills
- Excellent organizational, coordination, and time management skills
- Excellent oral and written communication skills in both English and French
- Solid aptitudes in financial management and bookkeeping
- Aptitude for giving presentations
- Excellent interpersonal communication skills
- Experience of the dialogue and consultation processes in decision-making

#### **Personal qualities**

- Must be able to work as a team
- Must be autonomous
- Must be able to work flexible hours
- Maturity and discretion

Please send your CV, cover letter and 2 references (contact name, email or telephone number) to the NETWORK Co-Chair, Nakuset: [nakuset@gmail.com](mailto:nakuset@gmail.com) The application **deadline is Wednesday, June 1, 2016 at 5:00 pm**. Only suitable candidates will be contacted for an interview. Preference is given to Aboriginal candidates

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