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Community Organization Theory Topic of ACOSA Keynote Session...

Theory Construction for Community Organization Practice: A Challenge and a Dialogue, with Dorothy Gamble, Maria Roberts-DeGennaro, Ray MacNair and Jacqueline Mondros as panelists, will open the 1992 ACOSA Symposium at the CSWE Annual Program Meeting in Kansas City. This opening session will be on Sunday morning, March 1st, from 8:30 to 10:30 A.M.

Sixteen papers, stimulated by the APM theme of *Revisioning Community*, will be presented in seven sessions held throughout the Kansas City meeting. For the first time in Symposium history, there will be no concurrent ACOSA sessions, giving those interested in community organization and social administration papers an opportunity to attend all presentations.

Symposium Chairs Steve Wernet and Dwight Rieman have announced the following sessions for the balance of the Symposium:

Sunday, March 1 1:00 - 2:30 P.M.

Session 51: Inter-Organizational Problems in
Community Practice

Papers and Presenters:

A Model Curriculum and Practice Guide for Effective Coalition Building-Terry Mizrahi and Beth Rosenthal

Ending Hunger in the United States: A Comparison of Two Policy Initiatives--William Whitaker

Sunday, March 1 3:30 - 5:30 P.M.

Session 76: Community Practice and Empowerment

Papers and Presenters:

Social Work, Economic Conversion and Community Practice: Where are the Social Workers?--Claudia Ellano and Nancy Mary

Restoring Community to Community Mental Health: Family

Empowerment on Behalf of Children--Barbara Friesen and Nancy Korloff

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Ray H. MacNair Chosen New Chair of ACOSA...

Ray H. MacNair, Associate Professor at the School of Social Work, University of Georgia, has been elected as the new Chairperson of ACOSA. Dr. MacNair has been active with ACOSA since its beginning, having served as a member of the Board of Directors, as Co-Chair of the 1991 Symposium and as Chair of the ACOSA Awards Committee. At the University of Georgia, he has chaired the Administration, Policy and Community Organization Curriculum area since 1977 and serves as a Public Service consultant in the Institute of Community and Area Development. His research and publications focus on civil rights, social change in public welfare agencies, citizen participation, and promotion of community advocacy organizations.

John D. Morrison, a Professor at the Aurora University School for Social Work, was chosen as Co-Chair. Dr. Morrison, too, has been an active member since ACOSA's inception, and is currently serving as Treasurer and as a member of the Board of Directors.

Michael Reisch, Director of the Department of Social Work Education at San Francisco State University, has been elected as Western Regional Representative. Marie Overby Weil, Professor and Associate Dean, School of Social Work, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, will be the Southern Region's Representative, and At-large Representatives will be Jacqueline McCroskey, Associate Professor at the University of Southern California School of Social Work, Maria Roberts-DeGennaro, Professor, School of Social Work, San Diego State University, and Steve Wernet, School of Social Work, University of Illinois at Urbana Champaign. William Buffum was Chair of the Nominating Committee, which included Steve Burghardt, Aileen Hart, and Bruce Jansson.

ACOSA Membership Meeting

Sunday, March 1 from 5:30 - 7:00 P.M.

Reception follows - 7:00 - 8:00 P.M.

Check your APM Program for Location.

Symposium Program continued...

Monday, March 2 8:30 - 10:00 A.M.

Session 95: Community Action for Solving
Contemporary Social Problems

Papers and Presenters:

Toxic Waste, Social Welfare, Social Justice and Community Involvement--
M. Rogge

*Conflict Management in Citizen Participation Programs: The Lipari
Landfill Superfund Site--*Stephen Kauffman

Monday, March 2 1:00 - 3:00 P.M.

Session 136: Childrens' Service Issues in Community
Practice

Papers and Presenters:

*Child Abuse Prevention and Community Rebuilding: Steps Toward
Community Revisioning--*Seymour Rosenthal

*New Futures vs. Old Pasts: A Critical Analysis of a Community Based
Initiatives--*Vernon Moore, Rhonda Reagh Brodc and Jewell Garrison
*Teen Scene: A Research and Community Development Model Linking
Research and Practice--*Marion DiFalco

*A Study of Network Teams in Developing Inter-Agency Collaboration--*Maria
Roberts-DeGennaro

Monday, March 2 3:30 - 5:00 P.M.

Session 158: Skills and Curriculum Building for
Administrative Practice

Papers and Presenters:

A Matter of Degree: Desired Skills for Human Service Administrators--
Richard Hoefler

*The Macro Curriculum and Social Work's Return to the Community: A
National Study--*John McNutt

Tuesday, March 3 8:30 - 10:30 A.M.

Session 171: Simulations for Teaching Community
Practice

Papers and Presenters:

*Teaching Community While Building Community: A Community Practice
Simulation Game--*Philip Engle

*A Teaching Model for Political Action--*Ramon Salcido

Institutional Memberships Now Available in ACOSA...

An institutional membership category has been added to the available memberships in ACOSA. These memberships, set at \$35, make it possible for Schools, Departments, Agencies and Organizations to belong to and support ACOSA.

Sustaining Memberships, also \$35, also benefit ACOSA. Regular Memberships are \$25, students may join for \$5.

Membership Chair Terry Mizrahi has recently mailed notices to members reminding them that 1992 dues are now payable.

Letter from the President...

Happy New Year!

I am looking forward to our 1992 Symposium on Community Organization and Social Administration in Kansas City! Steve Wernet and Dwight Riemann have planned an exciting Symposium. Several paper presentations focus on some rather innovative ideas for curriculum design and research projects. I hope that you have the opportunity to attend the Symposium.

Our ACOSA Annual Membership Meeting is scheduled for Sunday, March 1 from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m. We need your input at this meeting in our efforts to develop and strengthen the organization. After the membership meeting, the ACOSA Reception will be held from 7 to 8 p.m. The reception is a great time for networking and building relationships.

The first Annual Volume, Community Organization and Social Administration: Advances, Trends, and Emerging Principles, is expected to be ready for distribution in 1992 by Haworth Press. This first Annual was co-edited by Terry Mizrahi and John Morrison. The papers included in the Annual are representative of some of the "best thinking" in the practice field of community organization and social administration. This special issue will be very useful to students, practitioners, and educators.

Ray MacNair developed an exceptional set of criteria for nominating persons for the award, Outstanding Leader in Macro Practice. We are looking forward to honoring two recipients of this award at the Symposium. One recipient will be honored for his/her lifetime work in the area of community organization and the other recipient will be honored for his/her lifetime work in the area of social administration.

Audrey Faulkner has done a fantastic job in creating our ACOSA Newsletter. We still need a logo for the newsletter, so please forward your ideas for a logo to Audrey. She is in the process of developing a positive professional image of the organization through the newsletter.

Since my term as Chair of ACOSA expires at the end of the 1992 Symposium, I want to express my appreciation to all of you for your support and interest in the creation of our organization. Several of you have been key performers in building and maintaining our membership-based organization. The relationships that I have developed within the organization have certainly nurtured my professional and personal interest in social work education. Thank you for your support!

Your friend and colleague,

Maria Roberts-DeGennaro, Chair

CONFERENCES COMING UP...

The Black Family: Black Males Overcoming Life Threatening Obstacles is the topic for the National Black Family Summit 1992. It will be held March 11-13 at the Sheraton Hotel, Columbia, South Carolina. For further information contact Dr. Augustus Rodgers, College of Social Work, University of South Carolina, Columbia, SC 29208.

VIDEO AVAILABLE...

Women, Organizing and Diversity: Struggling With the Issues, a video about the strengths and struggles of fifty women organizers from across the country who met in February, 1989 in New York to discuss the strategies for progressive social change in the 90's, is available through the Education Center for Community Organizing (ECCO), 129 East 79 Street, New York, NY 10021.

Women on the Advance, the written proceedings of the Conference on Women & Organizing at which the video was filmed, is available from ECCO for \$5 per copy.

Note From The Editor...

Please keep me informed. Planning a Conference?
Editing a new book? Had an article published?
Moved to a new School? Read a book you'd like to
review in brief? Received a grant for research of
interest to ACOSA members? Let the Editor know...
Send to Audrey Faulkner, 731 West Olive Street, Fort
Collins CO 80521, or call 303-482-4613.

POSITIONS AVAILABLE...

School of Social Welfare

Nelson Rockefeller College of Public Affairs and Policy
The University at Albany, State University of New York
135 Western Avenue, Albany, New York 12222

The School of Social Welfare is seeking to fill two full-time tenure track positions at the assistant professor level beginning in September 1992. Applicants should possess an MSW degree, a doctoral degree (or nearing completion) and relevant social work experience. Candidates with expertise in cultural diversity and minority issues are especially encouraged to apply. Applicants should have the ability to conduct research and publish in a substantive field.

We are seeking two applicants:

- 1) one with the ability to teach direct practice with expertise in mental health, work with adults, children, and families and
- 2) one with a community organization orientation and skills in organizational development and change.

Those with strong quantitative skills, interest in interdisciplinary collaboration and work with students are encouraged to apply. Qualified individuals should submit a vitae and the names of three references by February 28, 1992 to Lynn-Videka Sherman, Dean, at the above address.

THE SCHOOL OF SOCIAL WELFARE IS AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITY/AFFIRMATIVE ACTION EMPLOYER. APPLICATIONS FROM WOMEN, MINORITY PERSONS, HANDICAPPED PERSONS AND VIETNAM ERA VETERANS ARE ESPECIALLY WELCOME. APPLICATIONS FROM GAY AND LESBIANS PERSONS ARE WELCOME.