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Rothman Revision of the Three Models of Community Practice Topic of Opening ACOSA Session...

Jack Rothman will present A Revision of the Three Models Construct as the opening presentation of the 1994 ACOSA Symposium in Atlanta on Sunday, March 6, at 8:30 A.M., in the Crystal G Room of the Atlanta Hilton, Symposium Co-Chairs Mike Jacobson and Jan Schopler have announced.

Rothman, who received the ACOSA Lifetime Achievement Award for Community Organization in 1992, gave his original three models paper 26 years ago, and cites it as the professional work that has brought him the most professional satisfaction. The landmark paper, periodically updated, has been required reading in almost every community organization course during the ensuing years.

Barry Checkoway, Lorraine Gutierrez and Shanti Khinduka will participate in a response panel, and a follow-up discussion is being scheduled and will be announced. John Turner will chair the session.

IT'S HERE!!!!!!!!!!!!

The Journal of Community Practice

"The inaugural issue is stunning. The articles are exceptional for their intellectual caliber and practice insights" - Richard A. Cloward.

"The journal signals the attainment of a new level of professional maturity in the field...community practice teachers and practitioners should rejoice at the birth of this new journal" - Jack Rothman.

"Promises to provide a long-needed vehicle for the development and assimilation of scholarship on social work in community practice" - Rino J. Patti.

Diversity and Development Theme of Charter Issue of Journal of Community Practice...

Publication this winter of the first issue of the Journal of Community Practice marked the realization of one of ACOSA's long term goals --a journal that would contribute to the development and advancement of social work community practice, and provide a forum for faculty and practitioners in the specialty. Marie Weil is the editor of the new journal.

The theme of the inaugural issue is Diversity and Development. It features articles on practice, research, theory, curriculum strategies and teaching in the U.S. and abroad. Audrey Faulkner, Maria Roberts-DeGennaro and Marie Weil are guest editors for the issue, which has also been published by Haworth Press as a book in hardcover and paperback.

Readers are reminded that a subscription to the journal is included in the ACOSA annual dues.

ACOSA Futures Subject of Discussion At Open Meeting...

Future directions for ACOSA will be discussed at an informal open meeting at noon on Sunday March 6, in the Peacock Publishers Suite of the Atlanta Hilton.

"The organization has over 300 members, it has launched the Journal of Community Practice, has held a series of successful symposia, and is now ready for the next stage of development," says President Ray McNair, who will chair the meeting.

Ongoing relationships with CSWE, involvement of practitioners, recruitment and communication strategies are some of the topics for discussion. Members and visitors are invited to attend and bring their interests for ACOSA's future to the discussion.

ACOSA To Sponsor Booth At 1994 APM in Atlanta...

APM Exhibit Visitors will find an ACOSA booth greeting them this year. Jacqueline Mondros, who is organizing the effort, hopes it will assist ACOSA members to connect with each other, and help to broaden membership. The exhibit will highlight ACOSA members' published work -- papers and books -- syllabi, new books on community organizing and social administration, and other pertinent educational material about community organizing and social administration in social work.

Dr. Mondros is urging members who plan to attend APM to bring pertinent materials for use at the booth. For information, or to volunteer to assist with staffing the booth, please contact Dr. Mondros at Barry University School of Social Work, (305-899-3900) as soon as possible.

Session on Professional Productivity Scheduled with Editors...

Rino Patti, Editor of Administration in Social Work and Marie Weil, who edits Journal of Community Practice, will have a special session on Monday, March 7, from 5:30 - 6:30 P.M. in the Forsythe Room of the Atlanta Hilton.

They will discuss the preparation of abstracts and manuscripts and offer advice about how to get your work into print.

Submissions for the 1995 Symposium are due into CSWE by April 1 this year, a month earlier than in prior years. ACOSA is offering advice to authors planning a submission. Those wishing to make use of this service should contact Ray McNair, School of Social Work, University of Georgia, Athens, Georgia 30602, phone 706-542-5458.

1995 ACOSA Symposium to Address Issues Related to Serving Children and Youth...

Symposium Co-Chairs Maria Roberts-DeGennaro and Audrey Faulkner have issued a call for submissions for the 1995 ACOSA Symposium to be held in San Diego, March 2-6, 1994. Abstracts should focus on conceptual frameworks and practice theories that promote empowerment in meeting the challenge young persons encounter growing up in America, and the activities organizers and planners need to stimulate in responding to these challenges.

Persons planning to submit are referred to the APM Program for details of the call for papers, and are reminded that the deadline for submission is April 1, 1994.

ACOSA Members Contribute to New Volume on Controversial Issues in Series...

Michael J. Austin, of the School of Social Welfare at the University of California Berkley, and Jane Isaacs Lowe, from the University of Pennsylvania's School of Social Work, are the editors of a new volume in the Allyn and Bacon series on controversial issues in social work.

The new work, Controversial Issues in Communities and Organizations, contains articles about the Changing Nature of Community Organizations and Human Service Organizations, and Dilemmas Confronting Community Organizers and Human Services Administrators. Following the series format, questions are framed by the editors, and individual authors or author teams present positions pro and con in response to the question.

ACOSA members contributing to the book include Jacqueline Azzarto, F. Allen Brawley, John Michael Daley, John L. Erlich, Audrey Faulkner, Burton Gummer, Lynne M. Healy, Peter Kettner, Armand Lauffer, Sharon Maxwell, Steven L. McMurtry, Ray McNair, Terri Mizrahi, Jacqueline Mondros, F. Ellen Netting, Barbara Pine, Michael Reisch, Felix Rivera, Tim Sampson, Janice H. Schopler, Evelyn Slaght, and Eli Teram.

Community Organizing Career Opportunities Discussed In New Career Directory...

Community Organizing as a Career Choice is the topic of a chapter by Dr. Terry Mizrahi in Mental Health and Social Work Career Directory, just published by Visible Ink publishers. In her chapter, Dr. Mizrahi discusses the history of organizing, the work of the giants in the field, how to get started in organizing, and what the various educational opportunities are.

"While the revitalization of community organizing within social work is occurring, it is not in the mainstream of the profession. Those interested in pursuing careers in organizing within social work will have to find or establish their own support group and seek comfort in the social missions grounding their work," Dr. Mizrahi writes. She also directs potential organizers to ACOSA, as a catalyst for community organizing education and practice.

CHANGES...

The Rutgers University Center for Community Education has changed both its name and its location. It is now **The Center for Social and Community Development** and is located at Building 4086, Room 139, Livingston Campus, School of Social Work, Rutgers University, Piscataway, NJ 08855. **David M. Chavis** is the Center Director and **William Tatum** is the Director of Program Development. The New Jersey Network on Family Life Education, the New Jersey Network on Adolescent Programs, and the Rutgers AIDS Training Project are under the Center's umbrella. The Center also provides field services and sponsors research.

ACOSA Membership Meeting

Sunday, May 6th, 5:30 pm

George Washington Room, Atlanta Hilton

Awards Ceremony & Reception to Follow

Two New Specialties Offered By University of Pittsburgh Graduate Program...

The University of Pittsburgh's graduate program in community organization is now offering two new specialties within the community organization program. The Specialties in Human Services Organizing and in Community Economic Development provide "an intense and absorbing blend of field placement activities and course work," according to the University's announcement.

In the Human Services Organizing area, a special set of courses helps the student master the emerging strategies and techniques needed to organize and deploy coalitions, collaborations, and partnerships among a wide variety of agencies and organizations. Students specializing in Community Economic Development Organizing take courses such as the community as a local economy, the art of "packaging a deal," citizen participation in planning, marketing for nonprofits, the organizing and operating of business incubators, human services as job creators, and the constructive use of community education.

In the program, students complete two extensive internships that allow them to test theory and strategies and experience organizing in the field with seasoned community organizations and institutions.

CONGRATULATIONS...

William H. Whitaker has been elected to the board of directors of Bread for the World, an international anti-hunger organization. Whitaker, who is an associate professor of social work at the University of Maine, is a founding member of the Maine Coalition for Food Security and a member of the national coordinating committee for the Campaign to end Childhood Hunger. He is presently working on an effort to document the extent of childhood hunger in Maine and to promote anti-hunger policy at the state level.

POSITIONS AVAILABLE...

MACRO Practice Positions, School of Social Welfare, SUNY Albany. One or two full-time, tenure track positions at the Assistant Professor level. Qualifications include an M.S.W. degree, a doctoral degree and relevant social work experience. Substantive expertise in mental health practice is a priority, and individuals with multi-cultural research and teaching interests are particularly encouraged to apply. It is expected that the successful applicant(s) will have the ability to conduct research and publish in a substantive field. Send letter of application, curriculum vitae, and the names of three references to Dean Lynn Videka-Sherman at School of Social Welfare, Rockefeller College of Public Affairs and Policy University at Albany, State University of New York, 135 Western Avenue, Albany, N.Y. 12222.

SUNY 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 lesbian persons are welcome.

Community Organization and Social Administration tenure-track position, University of Maryland at Baltimore. Appointment at the Assistant/Associate level. An M.S.W., earned doctorate, in social work or a cognate field, and two years experience in Community Organization and/or Social Administration practice required. Primary responsibility in instruction in the community organization and social administration concentration, especially community organization development and action, and community practice in the foundation curriculum, community organization, community development and social action field practicum liaison, advisement, and other service responsibilities of faculty. Opportunity for doctoral program teaching and serving on dissertation committees. Track record or demonstrated potential for development of theory and research in community organization, community development and social action and publication required. Preference given to applicants with demonstrated expertise in one of the fields of practice of social and community development, aging, families and children, health, mental health, or occupational work. Submit curriculum vita and three letters of reference to David A. Hardcastle, Ph.D., Chair, COSA Search Committee, University of Maryland at Baltimore, School of Social Work, 525 West Redwood Street, Baltimore, Maryland 21201.

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