

Welcome to The Voice, the weekly e-newsletter from the School of Social Work for students, faculty and staff. We hope this will streamline communication from the School so you'll have the important information you need from one source.

ELECTIVE COURSES

Three elective courses from the School are being offered for the spring semester. They are: 4V80 Stress Management for Crisis, SWO/GRT/SOC 4393 Sociology of Aging (Thursdays, 5 to 7:30 p.m.), and SWO/GRT/SOC 4316 Loss and Mourning (Mondays, 5 to 7:30 p.m.). Contact **Marilyn Gusukuma** <mailto:Marilyn_Gusukuma@baylor.edu> .

OPPORTUNITIES

Graduate students are invited to attend an interest meeting 4 to 5 p.m., Nov. 3, in Draper 121 for the minimester/Summer I course EDP 5393 Cultural Issues with Children and Families. The course is taught by Tamara Hodges and Terrill Saxon in Costa Rica. Contact **Terrill Saxon** <mailto:Terrill_Saxon@baylor.edu> .

The Homeless Coalition is looking for volunteers to participate in shifts in its panhandling survey, Friday and Saturday, Nov. 6 and 7. Volunteers will be sent out in pairs, so if you have a friend who would like to participate, let us know. We will have two training sessions with dinner - Oct. 29 and Nov. 3, both from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. For more information, contact **Kim Kotrla** <mailto:Kim_Kotrla@baylor.edu> .

DEGREE AUDITS (DARS)

You can run degree audits on BearWeb under the Advisement Menu. Click for more information on **DARS** <http://www.baylor.edu/content/services/email_link.aspx?l=dFJFalxXflNYEHhaXhhcpg==> . Dual degree students will need to run a "What if" audit because "Run Audit" will default to your Truett degree audit. Advanced Standing dual degree students need to choose "Advanced Standing" as your concentration.

ADVISORS

You can see or run degree audits for your students in the **Universal Advising System**. <http://www.baylor.edu/content/services/email_link.aspx?l=dFJFalxXflNYEHhaXhhfpw==>

UPCOMING EVENTS

Walking Alongside: Addressing Poverty in Community Ministries <http://www.baylor.edu/content/services/email_link.aspx?l=dFJFalxXflNYEHhaXhhegA==> will be Oct. 16 - 17 at Seventh and James Baptist Church on the Baylor campus. Hosted by the Center for Family and Community Ministries, the workshop will introduce church leaders to resources that have been prepared to help congregations engage in new ministries. Churches will have the opportunity to plan how to establish or improve their ministries for community transformation.

Baylor Homecoming -- Oct. 23-25: SSW Homecoming Reception in tent outside our building, 9:30 a.m. Saturday (or immediately after the parade). Contact **Judith Stolz** <mailto: Judith_Stolz@baylor.edu> for more information.

Baylor Poverty Summit <http://www.baylor.edu/content/services/email_link.aspx?l=dFJFalxXflNYEHhXhhRgQ==> -- Nov. 6-8. Sponsored by Student Activities, Student Government and the Baylor Interdisciplinary Poverty Initiative and featuring speakers from across the country to discuss issues around local, national and international poverty.

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