One way to calculate the impact of School of Social Work interns on the community is by doing the math. Over the course of their baccalaureate education, students are required to spend 480 hours in field instruction. Graduate students are required to spend a total of 490 hours. By the time the school’s current enrollment of 260 students in both programs graduates, they will have poured close to 260,000 hours into nonprofit agencies and congregations in Central Texas and at some distance-learning sites.

Impressive as that number is, it doesn’t begin to tell the story. The story lies in the reciprocal impact of field education on the life of the student and in the lives of those with whom they interact. “To me, field education is the heart of the entire social work academic program,” said Ester Flores, field education program director of baccalaureate studies. “Students’ values, beliefs and preconceived notions are often challenged. And for many of our students, it is their opportunity to prepare to answer the call of the Lord on their lives.”

It is also a wake-up call for many students as suddenly theory and textbook applications take on a human face, often conveying deep pain and desperation. “We’re trusting these students to deal with real-life, immediate crisis situations,” said David Davis, executive director of the Advocacy Center for Crime Victims and Children in Waco. “That’s rewarding for them and it validates what they’re learning.” (continued on page 3)
I have never liked the term “mentor,” because it implies that an older or more experienced person is giving something in a unidirectional way to the newbie. Similarly, being the “instructor” in a seminar implies that a teacher “instructs” and the students learn. Whenever I have been in the role of mentor or instructor, I have always learned more than those who I was supposed to be teaching.

This semester is no exception. I am the “instructor” of seven students, all of whom are finishing their MSW studies with an intensive internship as social workers in a congregation, two in Virginia, one in Huntsville, TX, and four in Waco. The real student in the seminar is me, however, as I soak up what the students are doing and try to connect social work theory and research to the challenges they face. We are figuring it out together.

I have been figuring out this field called congregational social work for most of my 30-plus-year career, but I have been stunned with the realization this semester that having a social worker on a congregational staff is no longer a rarity. Neither do we have to persuade congregations that taking an intern might not only be helpful to the student but also a turning point in the development of the church that the church needs to do. For example, one intern wrote in her log:

I think a dilemma I am in right now is identifying the clear-cut goal or purpose of my time here. … I want to be of help to the congregation and community. I have accepted that this is a “foundation building” time, meaning that I cannot in three months get a lot started but I can help to identify strengths, assets and needs in the community … which I think is like looking at life the way Jesus did.

– Mallory Homeyer

They also are learning that there are challenges in congregational social work that are unlike other settings for practice because a congregation is not an agency, it is a community. Another student wrote:

This week I am learning that congregational social work often involves relationships that are personal and intimate, but they are still professional! Professional does not equal detached. But it does mean you can never step out of role.

– Jennifer Adams

These students really are “inventing” congregational social work in these placements. They are not just new professionals; they are defining the profession itself. They are catalysts for change in the congregations in which they are serving.

Each day, I am keenly aware that...
in classrooms. That’s a mutual benefit. The academic world has to stretch to make contact with the real world and the real world needs the academic perspective.”

The student enrollment growth in both BSW and MSW programs recently has challenged the school’s field education program directors. This spring, the MSW program placed 93 students in field internships in 56 agencies throughout Texas. The BSW program has 37 students in service learning sites and 33 students in 20 agencies and congregations. These numbers represent a new record for the school.

And it’s not only current students who are making a difference. Social work graduates are choosing to stay in the Central Texas area as case managers, administrators, counselors, grant writers and fundraisers, and advocates for underserved populations.

Meredith Jones, executive director of the Family Abuse Center, which serves a seven-county area in Central Texas, is a prime example. She joined the agency shortly after graduation at a time when it was in turmoil. When several staff members left suddenly, Jones turned to the School of Social Work, hiring eight interns, many of whom offer evening programs for the women and children staying in the agency’s Meyer Domestic Violence Center, a 60-bed facility.

“We were so lucky to have scooped these Baylor people up because they are so well trained and capable,” said Jones, MDiv, MSW 2006. “Most of them are right out of school so they’re energetic and motivated. The center has been completely transformed.”

Transformation is what Diana Garland, dean of the school, expected when she came to Waco 10 years ago to start the MSW program. “If this community is not changed for the better in five years, then regardless of how wonderful our educational program is, we have failed.”

This challenge is lived, taught, modeled and practiced at every level. Through field and internship student placements, continuing education workshops for practitioners, and community civic and emergency relief leadership, the school’s presence in Central Texas is significant and ongoing.

“I think it’s encouraging to know that through the social work program, Baylor really has developed a strong community reach, a prolonged interaction with the community, and they have a lot of respect from the community because of that,” Davis said.

Davis, MDiv, MSW (Carver), has been active in the school’s field program since the late 1990s. He taught adjunctively for two years and served as a field instructor from 1999 until 2005, when he became the center’s executive director. The center has eight student interns this spring and has had as many as 12 in one semester.

“We don’t have a waiting list,” he said. “We are able to meet so many more needs because of the student interns.”

The field placement component of the graduate program began with 22 students in 1999. At that time, Helen Harris served as field director for the BSW and MSW programs. As the numbers of placements and of students increased, the position was divided into two positions, and Harris remained as director of graduate field until spring 2007. In summer 2007, Flores and Erma Ballenger became field program directors respectively for BSW and MSW students.

“We offer our students in both programs a growing and rich array of internship and service learning opportunities,” said Ballenger, who came to Baylor from the University of Missouri-Columbia. “We also approved 23 licensed social workers as new field instructors this year.”

Walker Moore, MDiv/MSW 2007, is another example of a student who came to Waco and decided to stay. He

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our students and faculty are leading out in uncharted paths of church leadership, whether it is in congregations or working with religiously affiliated agencies, denominations or non-governmental organizations that are addressing global challenges such as human trafficking, hunger and poverty, and the HIV/AIDS pandemic.

We are not wise enough or big enough for the work before us; there are no mentors, only students here. And so we laugh, because although we are not equal to the task, the God we serve created the universe and guides our path.

Serving the Lord together,
shoulder to shoulder (Zeph. 3:9)

On faith and practice:

“I recognize that my personal valuing of God’s qualities may act as either a help or a hindrance. If I share them out of personal motivation to correct another’s theology, I am hindering my clients. But if, instead, I continue to develop the characteristics of God that I highly value – such as grace – in my work with clients, this would be helpful.”

– Sarah Martin, MSW student
spent his concentration placement at Waco Community Development Corp., which advocates for housing, economic and community development in a North Waco neighborhood. His community organizing at a major apartment complex in the area during his internship was important to the agency that he was hired full time when he graduated.

Moore, who has lived in the North Waco community almost four years, met often with the apartment’s Residence Council, although it was discontinued recently. Together, they shut down a crack house, obtained better lighting and took “baby steps” toward parents and local schools developing better relationships, he said.

“A lot of people see only the negatives here in this community, but the school drilled ‘strengths perspective’ into me and taught me to look beyond what I think are negatives,” Moore said. “I live here, I’ve invested my life in this community so it means everything to me that I can continue to work here to bring people together and revitalize this neighborhood.”

Moore’s mentoring of school children as part of his role at Waco CDC is lauded by Carol Kemp, LMSW and director of programs for Communities in Schools of the Heart of Texas, a program of Making Collaborations for Youth Count (MCYC).

“Walker Moore is doing an incredible job of mentoring students at several schools, working with parents in the identified high-crime zone in Waco,” Kemp said. “He developed his outreach model while in class at Baylor.”

And, Tasha Moore, MDiv/MSW 2007, Walker’s wife, works for CIS. “This is a strong indication of the positive influence that Baylor social work students have on one community as she is working in the same school zone as Walker,” Kemp said.

CIS-MCYC is involved in two school districts and 23 schools in Waco and Bellmead.
Its mission is to connect community resources with schools to help young people successfully learn, stay in school and prepare for life. It is a natural – and much sought-after placement – for social work students.

“The program has 14 BSW and MSW placements this spring, and regularly works with the largest number of interns from the school.

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Dana Nichole Earls, MSW 2006, was an intern with the CIS program at Brook Avenue Elementary. “I like to point out to the kids what they’re doing right,” she said, “because I think they hear too often what they’re doing wrong.” 

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are now contacting us to ask how to obtain an intern or hire a graduate or to ask for training or resource materials. Five years ago, that rarely happened.”

In the past two years, two graduate students of the school actively worked to develop immigration support services in Waco. Tihara Vargas and Viviana Triana became interested in immigration issues after a class research assignment. They organized a community conference on immigration legislation in 2006 and continued to work with local entities through their field internships. The result is The Ruth Project: A Waco Immigrant Services Center – one of only two between Dallas and Austin.

“Jesus tells us to welcome the stranger, the alien, among us,” said Vargas, who served a tour of duty with the U.S. Army in Iraq before beginning her MSW. “When we began to study immigration issues, we wanted to find a way to help people here with documentation preparation, legal case management and education about immigration laws.”

The Ruth Project, recognized by the Board of Immigration Appeals, offers legal and social assistance four days a week and has three social work interns this spring.

“It is thrilling to see not only change in our community but transformation,” Garland said. “We have been actively engaged in beginning immigration, housing, literacy and family support services here.”

Waco a good fit

Vicki Northern, the school’s director of recruitment and career services, said that many local agencies have created positions at the BSW and MSW levels for the school’s graduates, and most graduates find a position within one to five months. More graduates are choosing to stay in Central Texas, she said.

“A lot of our students come to Baylor thinking they’ll only be here for their education, but more and more are staying in Waco to begin their careers,” she said.

Jones of the Family Abuse Center mentioned that trend, as well, citing the high concentration of innovative nonprofit organizations in Central Texas such as Friends for Life, which serves the elderly.

“Many of these nonprofits are faith-based and that’s a very good fit for Baylor social work graduates,” she said. “They have been trained in an environment to work out what it means to do social work in both a Christian and secular environment, and they usually are driven by their faith to actively help the poor.”

Leadership roles

In addition to field placements, the school has taken visible leadership roles in the community. Many of its faculty and administrators serve on boards for nonprofits, and many of those in leadership positions. Across the community, the school seeks collaborations that can lead to meaningful improvement.

In 2005, for example, thousands of refugees from hurricanes Katrina and Rita poured into Central Texas. The school quickly responded by convening community and congregational relief leaders to strategize and organize.

“Everyone was stunned by the enormity of the situation, but as social workers we know what to do. We get people together so we can all be more effective in delivering direct services,” said Garland, who called that meeting.

Mary Landon Darden, whose church was one of the first to open its doors to the evacuees, is appreciative of the school’s efforts. “Baylor’s School of Social Work responded immediately and, supervised by social work faculty and administrators, dozens of students volunteered to work around the clock.”

Educational opportunities

The school also provides continuing education workshops for local practitioners to earn their required ethic units. The MSW Colloquium, where graduate students present their research, is held each spring and draws between 70 and 100 participants.

The annual Dyer Ethics Workshop, now in its 10th year, also attracts a similar number. Last year, the workshop focused on legal aspects of social work practice and had 136 participants.

This spring, under the leadership of assistant professor of social work Kim Kotrla, the school is sponsoring a workshop titled “Key Issues of Our Time: Human Trafficking and Immigration.”

The school also provides new resources and curriculum through its three centers, which focus on family and community ministries, literacy and gerontological studies.

“The issues that we prepare our students to address are universal,” Garland said. “Every opportunity we have to inform, educate, sensitize and collaborate, you will find us beating through the underbrush to carve out the path.”
Four for Excellence

By Gaynor Yancey, Associate Dean for Baccalaureate Studies

Baylor’s School of Social Work offers a baccalaureate (undergraduate) program, a graduate program and one day, we hope to add a doctoral program. In the BSW program, students may complete their coursework earlier or later, which means they can graduate in the August, December or May commencement services of the university. By the time all three services have taken place in an academic year, the BSW program usually has an average of 35 to 40 students graduating.

The December 2007 graduating BSW class was unusually small – four women. The profile of these four women as a group, however, is reflective of our larger graduating classes. Here is that group’s profile. They are all women. Their ages range from 21 to 22 (traditional age for undergraduates). They all came from Texas. One is Hispanic. One is African American. Two are Caucasian (White). On paper, they reflect our overall BSW statistics – the majority are Caucasian (with an average of 22 percent of other races/ethnicities), in this age range, excel academically and are female.

What was different about this quartet, though, is that they all graduated either cum laude or summa cum laude. What an accomplishment and tribute to their hard and consistent work.

The individual stories of these four are amazing. One comes from significant poverty. One comes from a single parent household. One graduated in three and half years – an entire semester early! One was known as the quietest student in all of her classes. One already has been involved in research and is a published author in a professional peer-reviewed journal. One is the first child in her family to attend college and complete an undergraduate degree. One is the last child in her family to complete a college degree. One has been asked to teach cultural diversity workshops with social work agencies in Waco. One has been asked to translate life skills education into poetry, role plays, rap and other communication forms that address in different ways many of the population groups that social workers serve. One has international experiences through missions. This breadth of experience and life backgrounds are an integral part, too, of the majority of our BSW students.

These four women plan to pursue their graduate degrees in social work. They have been accepted to the premier social work schools in the nation – Baylor University, Columbia, Temple University, the University of Pennsylvania, the University of Texas, and the University of Houston. It is now their choice! Their academic achievements have given them the freedom to make these choices.

We are blessed to have the privilege of teaching and learning with all of our students. These four women are representative of the overall strength and experiences that our students bring into the BSW program. Each student is a potential world-changer in his or her part of the world. We are grateful to come alongside.

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A lot happens in fields – plants grow, battles rage, players win and lose, dreams appear and horizons expand. For new social workers, going to the field means an opportunity to engage human life in places of growth, conflict, loss, dreams and imagination.

The field setting, whether it is an agency, congregation or community, is a sacred place with energy to carry students from classroom role-plays and concept papers into real-world contexts where suffering is palatable, texts are everyday human stories and answers are not so easily found. When an effective match is made between the calling and gifts of the student and the mission of the field organization, the potential for learning is unparalleled in social work education. For this reason, we place the field experience at the center of the curriculum and at the heart of learning the craft of social work.

Making these matches is one of the most rewarding yet challenging tasks faced by social work educators. It requires the art and skill of attending to the nuances of student interest and aptitude. It requires an in-depth understanding of the heartbeat of the field organization and its strengths and boundaries. It requires prayerful consideration of the possibilities.

Our leader in this vital enterprise is Erma Ballenger, director of graduate field education. She teams with Ester Flores, director of baccalaureate field education and both are assisted by Krista Barrett, program manager for field education. Together, they create a diverse inventory of field learning sites and a thorough process for making sustainable student-organization matches for all enrolled in field education.

This spring we made 93 matches for MSW students in field placements, a 30 percent increase over any other year in our history. It became obvious that the available field placement sites in Waco and surrounding communities could not meet the demand. Agreements were made with agencies, churches and/or religiously affiliated organizations in Austin, Dallas/Fort Worth, Texarkana and Amarillo.

Student interests and our commitment to finding organizations that could respond to these interests stimulated the placement of three students in Virginia, two in Fredericksburg and one in Richmond, and three in Washington, DC.

In an important way, the placement of six students in these distant locations stimulated educational innovations and new strategic relationships. In order to conduct weekly field seminars, Helen Harris, senior lecturer, introduced us to Elluminate Live, a real-time online interactive communication technology. Relationships with social workers, agencies and churches forged in the matching process created new friends and constituents for the school. For example, these social work colleagues provided the field instruction for the students: Michael Wolf-Branigin at George Mason University; Ronald Foreman at Salvation Army; Beverly Jeffries at Salvation Army; and Diane Kane at Virginia Commonwealth University Medical Center (VCUMC).

Each placement provided outstanding advanced practice and concentration-specific learning experiences. Summey, Harder and Smyer had the opportunity to conference with elected officials and other national leaders interested in ending world hunger, protecting and defending religious liberty or ending human trafficking. At Fredericksburg Baptist Church, Bush and Chapman advocated for and assisted refugees with resettlement, and Sykes at VCUMC worked...
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### New Fields

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with patients who have undergone kidney and liver transplants.

These students report that their internship experiences have been professionally and personally life-enriching and life-changing. For example, Jennifer Smyer observed:

> My internship has been nothing less than an eye-opening experience. I have been privileged to be exposed to national task forces that are collaborating with their strengths and services to combat sex trafficking. I have been able to meet those who have been "mothers and fathers" in the movement of abolishing sex trafficking, both domestically and internationally. My internship has opened doors to make contacts with these mentors who have been fighting in the trenches and who are delighted to assist the next generation of abolitionists who are following them in the fight. I believe that I will draw on these mentors and their expertise for years to come.

An unforeseen benefit of these new placements was the bonds of collegial caring and friendship that developed. As Catherine Sykes reflected on her DC-area cohort and distance learning, she wrote:

> While we are each engaged in faraway learning experiences, our common mission of serving others with Christ-like humility brings us together on a weekly basis, despite the geographic distance. So while we are far away from the familiarity and comfort of Baylor’s School of Social Work, we are not modest about carrying the school’s mission wherever we go.

We celebrate the near and distant fields of learning that are so welcoming of our students. We are thankful for the affirmation of vocation and for the professional preparation so freely offered. We look forward with expectation for the opportunity to make the powerful matches that make leaders out of students and organizations into incubators of justice and compassion.

### SSW Alumni

Amy (Muskrat) Bihl (BASW 2004) is an LMSW at the Providence Sub-Acute Care Unit in Waco, TX. amybihl@gmail.com.

Connie E. Evers (MSW 2007) received her social work licensure in August 2007 and is a social worker at Meals on Wheels and More in Austin. eversrock@yahoo.com.

Allison (Wiatrek) Henley (BASW 2002/MSW 2003) works in College Station, TX, and Katy, TX, at DaVita, a dialysis clinic. She and husband, Matt, will move in December to Wright-Patterson Air Force Base in Ohio. allison_henley@hotmail.com.

Sandy Jones (MSW/MDiv 2003) and husband, Robert, are the proud parents of Grace Elizabeth Jones, born Sept. 26, 2007, at 7 pounds 6 ounces and 19 inches.

Mona Orosco-Barrientos (BASW 2002) is an LMSW and works as the new parent support program coordinator with the Department of the Army in San Antonio, TX. mona.orosco@us.army.mil.

Esther Reyes (BSW 2007) is working as outreach coordinator at Manos de Cristo, a faith-based nonprofit organization in Austin. She will attend graduate school this fall.

### Carver Alumni

Emily Martin (MSW 1991, Carver) is working as a psychiatric social worker at Moccasin Bend Mental Health Institute. She recently was honored as the Employee of the Year for the hospital. Emily Martin@state.tn.us.

We’d love to hear from you!
Send your news and updates to Krista_Barrett@baylor.edu
With a brother in the Army, Daphne Paul’s awareness of the needs of military servicemen and women has increased. Now, as she prepares to graduate in May with her MSW, Paul will apply her social work skills in direct ways to address some of those needs.

She learned in March that she was one of 14 nationwide selected to serve a residency at Eglin Air Force Base in Florida starting in June. The 10-month residency is preparation for a career in Air Force social work.

“What an awesome opportunity to serve others and my country,” said Paul. “Life is such an adventure. I never pictured myself here but God is so good and faithful to lead.”

The residency focuses on a broad spectrum of social work issues from child and spouse abuse to marital and family counseling, substance abuse counseling, reintegration of AF service members who have been in combat into their families and “regular life,” medical social work, outpatient clinical social work and psychiatric social work.

Paul is completing her internship this semester at the Waco VA Medical Center, where she handles discharge planning for veterans, as well as individual counseling and therapy.

“All of the patients have some sort of serious mental illness, and are learning how to cope and handle their illness in a society where it is often stigmatized,” she said. “Many of the patients have little or no family support due to repercussions of poor illness management or general misunderstanding or miseducation about serious mental illness. This section of the hospital provides a place for rehabilitation as the veterans become stabilized and prepare for discharge into other programs that the VA maintains in the community.”

On the Air Force Base, Paul will be working with active duty Airmen and women rather than veterans, so the treatment will be different.

“Social workers look not only at the individual, but also look at the bigger picture, seeing all the systems involved in the client’s life, working to empower the individual as well as end systems of oppression and injustice. This is holistic work on a micro, mezzo and macro level,” she said.

Paul graduated from Columbia International University with a double major in Bible and Intercultural Studies in 2002. During her time there she took advantage of several study abroad opportunities, including one program in Mexico that she fell in love with and then worked for after graduation.

As a team leader for the EduVenture program in Mexico, Paul led outdoor adventure activities such as hiking and horseback riding to help teach spiritual principles to her students. In that remote location, she had no electricity and was thankful just to have running water. “The experience pushed our students physically, mentally and spiritually,” she said.

Paul returned to the United States in December 2005 to find that a war had begun while she was away.

“I didn’t know what God wanted me to do,” she said. “I felt a major burden for the military, so I started looking into how I could help.”

The search began with health care and eventually led her to social work and Baylor University. “Baylor had a great integration of faith and practice. It provided this balance of professionalism and Christian ethics I was searching for,” she said.

Helen Harris, lecturer in social work, has mentored Paul during her graduate education. “She is an extraordinary person and student. She is excellent in every way, absolutely committed to the Lord and does the highest level graduate work I have seen,” Harris said.

Paul has had opportunity to work on research projects with the faculty and said that she was most impressed by how much the professors at the school care about the success of their students.

“These professors just are so inspiring and so positive about what they do, you can’t help but be excited about this work,” she said. – By Tricia Herrmann, Communications Specialist
School donates to tornado-hit school

Faculty and staff donated $540 for the disaster relief fund established to help the social work program at Union University in Tennessee after the campus was hit by a tornado in early February.

There were no deaths, but damage to the facility was extensive. Dormitories were destroyed and many students were left without living arrangements.

3 students selected for Who’s Who issue

One BSW and two MSW students were named to the 2007-08 Who’s Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges. Seventy-two Baylor students were identified through campuswide nominations based on criteria of scholastic excellence and campus leadership. Social work students selected are Lance Summe, MSW; Tihara Vargas, MSW; and Natalie O’Connor, BSW.

Several receive service awards

Baylor University honored faculty and staff members for their years of service in February. Those from the School of Social Work honored include:

5 years: Kelly Atkinson, Krista Barrett and Marilyn Gusukuma
10 years: Kay Boatman, Diana Garland, Helen Harris and Vicki Northern

Congratulations to all of you!

Several receive service awards

Geron students recognized

Nine students in Social Work gerontology received certification in dementia care this spring. The presentations were made by Kent Herring (back, far left), then administrator of the Wesley Woods Alzheimer’s Care Center, and by Jim Ellor (back, far right), director of the Baylor Center for Gerontological Studies. Students are (front, from left): Irine Thomas, Crystal Leatch, Flor Avellanda (BSW intern), Rebecca Fredricks and Tiffani Horowitz. (Back row, from left) Herring, Melissa Ishio, Yolanda Robbins, Meka Horton Linsey Helm and Ellor.

Workshop April 11 explores human trafficking, immigration

A workshop on “Key Issues of Our Time: Human Trafficking and Immigration” will be held beginning at 8:15 a.m. April 11 in Room 127 of the Baylor Law School.

Social workers and licensed professional counselors can earn three continuing education hours.

Presenters will include Kate Rocke, chair of the Austin Human Trafficking Coalition; Shannon MacCleery, staff attorney with Catholic Charities of Central Texas; and Richard Munoz, director of the Immigrant Service and Aid Center (ISAAC) in Waco.

The workshop is sponsored by the School of Social Work and is held in partnership with the U.S. Health and Human Services: Administration for Children and Families and Rescue & Restore for Victims of Human Trafficking.

Kim Kotrla, assistant professor of social work, is coordinating the event.

To register or for more information, go to www.baylor.edu/social_work and click on Events.
SCHOOL & COUNTY SIGN AGREEMENT

Baylor School of Social Work entered into an educational service agreement with McLennan County to provide BSW and MSW social work students internship learning experiences at the Highway 6 Jail in Waco, with placements beginning in the spring 2008 semester.

The county has authorized student stipends of $8,000 a year, plus $4,000 to pay for licensed master’s social work supervisors of the students.

The school previously has placed two MSW students in the County Jail, but the new arrangement will provide financial assistance.

Student internship experiences may include case management; group, individual or family problem-solving interventions; personal, vocational and social skills development; and case consultation.

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During a recent visit to campus, Bob and Glenella Scarborough of Keller, TX, presented to Dennis Myers, associate dean for graduate studies, a copy of the first volume purchased with earnings from an endowment fund established by the couple to help the School of Social Work purchase library materials. Bob, a 1952 Baylor alumnus, is a veteran social worker and ordained Baptist minister who retired in 1997 as a marriage and family therapist. He served as director of social services for several hospitals before going into private practice. Glenella served for many years as an executive with Girl Scouts of the USA. The book is the new edition of Christianity and Social Work, which was co-edited by Laine Scales and includes chapters by several School of Social Work faculty members.
**Books**


**Publications**


Sherr, M. E., & Jones, J. (2007). Considering family and significant others in the faculty recruit-


**Presentations**


Recognizing literacy programs (ministries) of excellence. Conference on Internationals and Literacy Ministries. Baylor University, Waco, TX.


Job search resource

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Good Times at NACSW

The school was well-represented at this year’s annual meeting of the North American Association of Christian Social Workers in Orlando, FL, Feb. 7-9. Several faculty, students and alumni of the school and alumni of Carver presented workshops, poster sessions or were involved in panel discussions. The group gathered one evening for dinner at an Ethiopian restaurant (top left). MSW students Viviana Triana and Tihara Vargas (top right) sample an exotic dish. Vicki Northern, director of recruitment and career services, and MSW student Carmen Branscum (left) enjoy the evening. Dean Diana Garland (below) visits with Casandra Brown, MSW alumna (left), and David Monticalvo, a prospective graduate student from Southeastern University.
**Capstone Countdown**

MSW students prepare for the presentations they will give at the MSW Practice Colloquium May 7.

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