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SHERRY CUMMINGS IS NAMED FACULTY SCHOLAR IN THE HARTFORD FOUNDATION’S FACULTY SCHOLARS PROGRAM

By Kirche Rogers

Sherry Cummings, assistant professor at the Nashville campus, was one of ten scholars from across the United States to be selected as a faculty scholar for the John A. Hartford Foundation’s Faculty Scholars Program. The Hartford Foundation and The Gerontological Society of America selected these researchers to participate in a major social work initiative funded by the Hartford Foundation to improve the well being of older adults by strengthening geriatric social work in the United States.

According to Cummings, “the elderly have a high rate of mental health disorders and a low rate of mental health care utilization.” Research in geriatric social work has focused recently on figuring out how to close the gap between mental health disorders and mental health care utilization. “[Providers] also have to be mindful of other physical complications and psychosocial issues like losses [that affect the elderly population],” said Cummings. An interdisciplinary approach to mental health disorders and service utilization by elders considers all of these issues.

Cummings will focus her research on the impact of an interdisciplinary geriatric mental health team on mental health outcomes and service utilization. For her study, Cummings will evaluate an interdisciplinary geriatric mental health team at Centerstone Community Mental Health Center (Centerstone), the largest provider of community mental health centers in middle Tennessee. Centerstone’s interdisciplinary mental health team is part of a program called Progressions, which serves older adults. Progressions is located at Centerstone’s Davidson County location and serves adults who are 55 years of age or older.

The program is designed to create faculty leaders who specialize in geriatric research and teaching. It will last two years, and during that period the scholars will participate in institutes and workshops to further enhance their research, teaching, and leadership skills. They also will conduct a research project focused on improving geriatric health care outcomes. For more information on the Faculty Scholars Program, visit The Gerontological Society of America’s website at http://www.geron.org and click on “social work.”

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MSSWs, two case managers, a nurse/psychologist, and a doctor who works as a consultant. This team provides outpatient counseling, day treatment services, case management, and crisis services.

Cummings will focus her study on several factors. First, the study will focus on the impact of the Progressions team on different measures of mental health, and it will examine hospital utilization and crisis intervention utilization by elders who have mental health disorders. Cummings will also determine the number of elders who receive services from Progressions, and she will explore the program’s drop-out rate. Finally, Cummings will compare Progressions with other Centerstone programs that do not offer services for the elderly. She will begin collecting data in September.

Cummings has received funding to support two paid MSSW internships for her study. Dr. John Wodarski, professor at the Memphis campus, will serve as Cummings’s school-based sponsor. Dr. Robert Applebaum at Miami University in Oxford, Ohio, will serve as her National Research Mentor throughout the program.

—Kirche Rogers is the editor of Stimulus.

CSW Establishes MSSW Program in Jackson

Starting in August 2001, the College will be offering the first-year courses which lead to the Master of Science in Social Work (MSSW) degree in Jackson, Tennessee. The classes will be offered on a part-time basis. To obtain an electronic application, visit the College of Social Work’s website at http://www.csw.utk.edu. For more information or to have an application mailed to you, e-mail Ann Smith at asmith23@utk.edu or call the Memphis campus of the College at (901) 448-4463.

—Kate Miller

Certificate Program in Management and Community Practice Is Now Accepting Applications

If you are interested in applying for admission to the Certificate Program in Management and Community Practice, contact Nancy Meyer-Adams at (865) 974-6498 or nmeyerad@utk.edu for more information.

The certificate program is designed so that participants can attend management and community practice classes that are already scheduled. The program requires 15 hours of coursework including three required courses from the management and community practice curriculum and two electives.

Associate Dean Bill Bell Retires

Bill Bell, associate dean of the Nashville campus, retired on June 30. Bell served as associate dean for 11 years. He began his career at UT in August 1966 and served as a field instructor at the Tennessee Prison for Women and at the Centenary Methodist Community Center. He also taught social work treatment with groups classes. Bell’s research interests are in the areas of social work with groups and social work skills training.

Bell is considering many options for spending his time in retirement. He will enjoy a break from working for a while and then will explore other interests such as learning more about web page development.

—Kirche Rogers

The following have given donations to the scholarship fund in honor of former Associate Dean Bill Bell:

Sandra Allen
Roy and Jeanette Bell
Louise Burgess
Centerstone Community
Mental Health Centers
Tom Cruthirds
Faye Fillers
Colleen Galambos
David Guth

Joyce Harris
Dorothy Bell Hurley
Timothy Page
Lisa Pote
Robert & Celia Rozar
Karen Sowers
Frank Spicuzza
Vicki Williams
John Wodarski
Letter from the Dean

The College of Social Work turns 60 years old this year! And, in honor of our faculty, students and alumni, the College will be hosting celebrations throughout the academic year. We will begin by hosting an open house in Nashville at our new building location. During homecoming on November 9th, the College will host a gala dinner/dance in Knoxville. In March, the College will host a reception at the Tennessee Conference on Social Welfare in Nashville. In February the College will be hosting the “Tennessee Conference,” the second part of a three-part conference devoted to the development of innovative curricula for social work education. And in addition to all of these festivities, the College is honored to be host of the Council on Social Work Education’s Annual Program Meeting in Nashville in February. Please join us for any or all of these activities. You, our alumni and friends, have helped to make the College great and we hope that you will join in the fun as we review our past and build toward the future 60 years.

This summer the University welcomed a new Provost to our university community. Dr. Loren Crabtree was previously Provost at Colorado State University. A highly-experienced administrator in higher education, he has already begun to make a positive difference for the academic community here at UT. The College of Social Work welcomes Dr. Crabtree and we look forward to his leadership as we continue building for our future.

If you have been reading Stimulus over the last few years you will know that the College has undergone many changes. Over the last four years the College has added 14 new faculty across our three campuses. We have certainly increased our strength and expertise in diversity, gerontology, and children’s mental health. Our research productivity and external funding activities are stronger than ever. We have been fortunate in attracting some of the best and brightest from across the country. This academic year we welcome two new faculty, Michael Sullivan at the Memphis campus and Brian Bride at the Nashville campus. Both come to us from the University of Georgia. We also welcome Drema Mitchell to the Knoxville campus. Mrs. Mitchell is from the Medical College at East Tennessee State University. She will head the MSSW field placement office in Knoxville. In Nashville, Dr. Colleen Galambos has assumed the role of Acting Associate Dean for the Nashville campus.

Thanks to all of our students, alumni and friends who continue to support the College in so many important ways. We hope to see many of you throughout our celebratory year.

Nancy Meyer-Adams Wins Graduate Teaching Award

By Kathy Perkey

In April, Nancy Meyer-Adams, a PhD student who is currently working on her dissertation, received the Graduate Teaching Award for her outstanding teaching skills and dedication as a graduate teaching assistant. This award is a universitywide award, and Meyer-Adams was one of only three students who received the award on the Knoxville campus this year. She was nominated for this award by David Dupper, associate dean of the Knoxville location, as a result of her evaluations from an undergraduate research course that she taught in the spring of 2000 and her graduate teaching assistant experiences with Dupper and Catherine Faver.

Meyer-Adams has taught as a graduate assistant in two undergraduate courses and served as a teaching assistant to two professors in the College. While teaching, she was noticeably enthusiastic and was always willing to help the students in any way possible, in and outside the classroom, and her students recognized what a wonderful teacher she was. According to the student’s ratings from her research course, her contribution to the course and effectiveness in teaching the material were both above the department’s and the university’s average.

On winning the award, Nancy stated, “I was very honored to receive such high recognition from the University. I also appreciate all the wonderful mentoring I have been lucky enough to receive from all the CSW professors I have been able to work with as a teaching assistant, and I am glad I took advantage of the University’s GTA Mentoring Program for the past three years. Both of these helped make this award possible for me.”

—Kathy Perkey is the editorial assistant for Stimulus.
The BSSW Student Social Work Organization (BSSW-SWO) received the Daily Points of Light Award for June 14, 2001, in recognition of its service to approximately 20 social service agencies in the Knoxville community over the past three years. The award honors individuals or organizations that make a positive and lasting difference in the lives of others and is given daily by the Points of Light Foundation, the Corporation for National Service, and the Knights of Columbus. Former UT President J. Wade Gilley nominated the BSSW-SWO for the award.

One of the major purposes of the BSSW-SWO is to facilitate and provide volunteer community service to social welfare organizations in the Knoxville community. The organization is innovative in providing members with opportunities to volunteer in the community through a structure that facilitates student organization and connects students to community needs. “The BSSW-SWO bridges a gap for [students] who often find the campus overwhelming,” said BSSW-SWO President Julie Edwards. “It gives people a home and a chance to meet other people.”

The BSSW-SWO is divided into various committees, including fundraising, research, publicity, professional development, and the social committee. The community service committee, which includes 35 members, has been active in fundraising, serving meals at homeless shelters, collecting canned goods for a food bank, organizing parties at nursing homes, and providing social activities for children at a runaway shelter and for young women at a residential maternity shelter. The agencies that have been assisted by BSSW-SWO members include Big Brother/Big Sisters, Blount County Children’s Home, Child and Family Tennessee, Florence Crittenton Agency, Knoxville Area Rescue Ministries, and the Ronald McDonald House.

The BSSW-SWO also is involved in serving the Greater Knoxville Mental Health Association’s COMPEER program. This program matches caring, trained volunteers in supportive relationships with children and adults who receive services from mental health professionals. Many BSSW-SWO members have been matched with young clients and meet weekly with them to provide friendship and support.

The BSSW-SWO was featured on the Points of Light Foundation’s website as Daily Point of Light number 1921 on June 14 (go to http://www.pointsoflight.org/dpol/AwardWinnerShow.cfm?AwardNum=1921), and the organization has received letters of congratulations from Tennessee Governor Don Sundquist and Bob Goodwin, president and CEO of the Points of Light Foundation. Other community organizations in the Knoxville area also have sent congratulations to the BSSW-SWO. Tammy Watson, current chair of the community service committee stated that, to her, the award means that the BSSW-SWO achieved its goals. “My goals were to make links with the community, to help make social work a part of the community, and to give students the opportunity to work in the community,” she said.

Frank Spicuzza, BSSW-SWO faculty advisor, was especially pleased that the BSSW-SWO was recognized for its hard work. “What a meaningful way to say thank you to a dedicated group of students who work closely together in the community to benefit the common good,” he said. “This award will bring even more vitality and energy to an organization that welcomes social responsibility.”

Through the Daily Points of Light Award program, the BSSW-SWO has been recognized for serving a community in need. “The award brings publicity to the [community service] committee,” said Juli Aube, upcoming chair of the community service committee. “It’s very rewarding.”

—Kirche Rogers is the editor of Stimulus.
Nashville Campus Moves to New Location

On June 15, 2001, the Nashville campus of the College moved to its new 37,000 square foot home in the Polk Center at 193 Polk Avenue. The move resulted from the ending of a 10-year lease at the previous West End Avenue location. After months of searching for the “perfect” building, the College found Polk Center, which is located a short distance from the Capitol, Vanderbilt University, and Interstates 24, 40, and 440. Trevecca Nazarene College is just two blocks away. There are some built-in advantages to the facility. AT & T built the building, and then Western Electric made telephones there for years. The building was wired directly to the central switching station in downtown Nashville, so there is a higher speed of data transmission from the building. AT & T also constructed the building to have a sturdier structure than most warehouse buildings with office space.

The new building features a landscaped yard, pavilions with outdoor seating, and is very secure and has parking with a card-controlled entrance. The College is located along with the Social Work Office of Research and Public Service, the Center for Government Training, the College of Human Ecology, and Undergraduate Admissions. It has newly custom-built offices, classrooms, and a library. The new location is equipped with state-of-the-art wireless computer connections and full digital telephone services. A smart classroom will feature new web-based technology and will be compatible with the “see you see me” computer video system.

The Research Center is fully equipped and provides a supportive environment for student graduate research assistants.

—Kathy Perkey

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Upcoming Fall Continuing Education Opportunities

For more information and to register for the following professional continuing education workshops, call (865) 974-6016.

Black Clouds, Blue Skies Presented by Angie Galler Vaughan, LCSW, CCBT Friday, October 5, 2001 1:00 PM-5:00 PM (Eastern) Knoxville

LCSW Licensure Exam Preparation Presented by Carole Lovell, PsyD, LCSW, DCSW Friday and Saturday, October 12-13, 2001 8:00 AM-5:00 PM (Central) Cookeville

Web Page Construction for Health Professionals Presented by Vaughn A. DeCoster, MSW, PhD, ACSW, LCSW Friday, October 19, 2001 9:00 AM-12:00 Noon (Central) Nashville

Utilizing Effective Mentoring Strategies in the Workforce Presented by Anne Sorter, MEd Thursday, October 25, 2001 9:00 AM-12:00 Noon (Eastern) Knoxville

Resolving Ethical Dilemmas in Work with Older Clients Presented by Sherry Cummings, MSW, LCSW, PhD and Colleen Galambos, PhD Thursday, November 8, 2001 9:00 AM-12:00 Noon (Central) Nashville
Pictured here at the May Hooding Ceremony are MSSW students Beverly Gibson (l.) and Joe Ella Darby (r.).

BSSW Senior, Michelle Ritchie (l.), receives congratulations.

May 2001 BSSW graduate Amanda Miller received the Knoxville area branch of the NASW’s Student of the Year Award on March 30.

PhD students Alex Washington (l.) and Nancy Meyer-Adams (middle) enjoy a moment of conversation with Meyer-Adams’s husband, Marcus Adams (r.), at the May Hooding Ceremony.
The CSW Salutes Its Third-Year Doctoral Students

By Kathy Perkey

The College would like to recognize five PhD students who are embarking on their third year of study in the program.

Gary Cuddeback graduated from Furman University, located in Greenville, South Carolina in 1991, with a BA degree in Psychology. In 1997, he received his MSW degree, and a year later he received a Master of Public Health degree, both from the University of South Florida. He is currently working with Dr. John Orme and the Children's Mental Health Services Research Center on the Casey Foster Applicant Inventory (CFAI), which is a foster parent applicant inventory. He hopes his dissertation will focus on foster-care related issues and feels it will most likely be based on the data collected on the CFAI. In addition to working on his doctoral studies in social work, Cuddeback also is working on a minor in statistics and is considering pursuing a master's degree in statistics at UT.

Gretchen Ely graduated from the University of Tennessee, Knoxville, in 1993, with a BA degree in Speech Communication, and in 1998, she received her MSW degree from Washington University in St. Louis. Ely currently is working on her dissertation, which focuses on adolescent dating violence and its relationship to adolescent pregnancy. She received the Yates Dissertation Fellowship Award for the Fall 2001-Spring 2002 semesters. Ely has gained much experience in the social work field. She worked at the UT College of Human Ecology as an East Tennessee supported employment consultant for UT-TIE, which is a grant-based program that does advocacy work for individuals with disabilities. Ely also has worked as a vocational counselor for Helen Ross McNabb Center and a homeless case manager for Volunteers of America. She is now working part-time as a medical social worker doing family planning counseling. Ely plans to graduate from the doctoral program in August 2002.

Alyson Christiansen graduated from the University of Tennessee in 1997, with a BA degree in Psychology, and in 1999, she received her MSW degree from the University of Georgia. She is currently working on her dissertation, which focuses on the population of juvenile sexual offenders, particularly those who have not been targeted by the judicial system. Christiansen has been a volunteer for Habitat for Humanity, Love Soup Kitchen, the COMPEER Program, and the Crisis Outreach Program. Christiansen has worked as a daycare provider to underprivileged children and as a counselor for YMCA. In addition, she has received internships at the Department of Family and Children Services as a foster care and intake worker and at Legal Aid Services, located in Athens, Georgia, as the agency’s only social worker. Christiansen plans to graduate from the doctoral program within the next year and one-half.

Will Constable holds a BA degree in Math from Lincoln Memorial University, a master's degree in Criminal Justice from Eastern Kentucky University, an MSW degree from the from the University of Louisville, Kentucky, and a master’s degree in Education from Union College in Kentucky. Constable’s dissertation topic is “A Synthesis of the Correlates of Delinquency.” He plans to graduate from the doctoral program in 2002.

Michelle Carroll holds a BA degree in Psychology from the University of Missouri-St. Louis, and an MSW degree from St. Louis University. She is a captain in the United States Army and plans to graduate from the doctoral program in 2003.

—Kathy Perkey is the editorial assistant for Stimulus.
Colleen Galambos is Named Acting Associate Dean

Associate Professor Colleen Galambos was named acting associate dean of the Nashville campus, effective July 1. Since joining UT in 1999, Galambos has taught social policy and macropractice courses at UT. Her research interests include advance directives, aging, macropractice, and professional ethics.

Prior to joining UT, Galambos served on the faculty of Western Maryland College, where she chaired the social work department and developed and coordinated an interdisciplinary minor in gerontology. Galambos also held faculty appointments at the University of Maryland and Catholic University.

Galambos has an impressive range of experience working in non-academic settings and serving on social work boards and committees. She is the former executive director for the Maryland Gerontological Association and is the former director of admissions, outreach, and social work for the Cardinal Shehan Center for Aging. Galambos served on the advisory board for long-term care for the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Health Care Organizations, the Executive Committee and Board of the National Association of Social Workers, and she has served on the program planning committee of the Council on Social Work Education. Currently, Galambos serves on the examination committee for the Association of Social Work Boards, serves as a consultant to the SAGE-SW project with the Council on Social Work Education and the Hartford initiative, is treasurer of the Tennessee chapter of the NASW, and is a member of the public policy committee for Senior Citizens, Inc. in Nashville.

Galambos has several goals for her new position as acting associate dean. “First, I want to get everyone settled into our new space [on Polk Avenue],” she said. She also will work to procure additional external funding for the Nashville campus’s new location and will continue to increase the College’s presence in the community. A future goal is to develop a research center in Nashville. Galambos also places a high priority on enhancing the relationship between CSW students and the College as a whole.

—Kirche Rogers

Hisashi Hirayama and Miho Nuki Join the Tokyo University of Social Welfare Faculty

Hisashi Hirayama, professor emeritus, was named dean of the Tokyo University of Social Welfare in April 2000. Hirayama served as professor and associate dean of the College’s Memphis campus before retiring and moving to Tokyo. In his new position as dean of the Tokyo University of Social Welfare, Hirayama is overseeing a plan to start a master’s degree program next year, if faculty vacancies can be filled this year.

One of Tokyo University of Social Welfare’s newest faculty members is Miho Nuki. She joined the faculty as a lecturer in April at the same time that Hirayama became dean. She graduated from the College’s BSW program.

You are cordially invited to the College’s first annual Homecoming Gala!

Who: Alumni, faculty, staff, students

What: Join fellow alumni, faculty, staff, and students for a night of dinner and dancing. A silent auction will be held to fund student scholarships. This will also be a special preview event of the College’s upcoming 60th anniversary celebration.

When: Friday, November 9, 2001, from 6 PM until Midnight

Where: Rothchild’s in Knoxville

Cost: $25 per person

Registration Information: Contact Nancy Meyer-Adams by e-mail at nmeyerad@utk.edu or fax her at (865) 974-4803 to register.
**Cynthia Rocha Wins Professional Promise in Research and Creative Achievement Award**

*By Kirche Rogers*

Cynthia Rocha, associate professor at the Knoxville campus, was one of four recipients of this year’s Professional Promise in Research and Creative Achievement award. The University presents this honor to young faculty who have demonstrated exemplary scholarship in their fields of study.

Rocha was recognized for her studies on garment workers who lost their jobs due to plant closings and on issues facing TennCare recipients. The study on garment workers focuses on dislocated workers who lost their jobs due to the decline of manufacturing work and the increase of work in the service industry in the United States.

Rocha’s study on TennCare was conducted in two parts. In 1995, she surveyed a random sample of Knoxville’s poorest population to find out what kind of insurance they had, if they had any at all. In 1997, Rocha interviewed those study participants who had reported having problems with TennCare to find out what the problems were and how the participants solved the problems.

—*Kirche Rogers is the editor of Stimulus.*

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**Quilt Square Registration**

To register for the quilt square project, please return this registration slip with a check for $15 made payable to the University of Tennessee to Nancy Meyer-Adams, 118 Henson Hall, Knoxville, TN 37996-3333. **The registration deadline is November 19, 2001, and the finished quilt square deadline is January 16, 2002.** You may mail your finished square to the above address or drop it by the nearest College of Social Work campus by January 16, 2002.

Name_________________________________________
Address _____________________________________
Phone (       ) ___________________________________
E-mail________________________________________

The quilt themes are 60 years of professional social work in the state of Tennessee, what you do as a professional social worker in the state of Tennessee, and your fond memories at the College.

—*Kathy Perkey*
The Tennessee Conference on Social Welfare (TCSW) named Mary Catherine Willard (MSSW ‘77) Tennessee Social Worker of the Year for 2001 at its annual conference in Nashville last March. Willard, an alumna of the Knoxville MSSW program, is the assistant director for the Senior Citizens Home Assistance Service in Knoxville (SCHAS), which provides homemaking services and transportation for the elderly in Knox County and nine other surrounding counties. She has worked with the organization for 12 years and as assistant director she oversees the Knox County region, supervising 85 assistants who serve 300 clients.

Upon receiving an undergraduate degree in sociology, Willard began her social work career with the Welfare Department (now Department of Human Services). “I worked with wonderful social workers [who] had the spirit for serving the poorest of the poor,” she recalled. After taking a period of time off to start her family, Willard entered the part-time master of science in social work program in Knoxville and took classes as she was able for seven years until she completed her degree.

After another period away from social work in which she worked for her husband’s business, Willard joined SCHAS in 1989 and has found her work there to be very rewarding. She relishes the opportunity to work in the field in addition to performing her administrative duties.

Throughout her career, Willard has been an active volunteer in social service-related organizations such as FISH, Agape House, Mobile Meals, YWCA, and Ladies of Charities. She also has maintained ties to the College, serving on the Dean’s Board of Visitors and on the curriculum review team for the recent accreditation process.

Willard is very appreciative of the honor TCSW has given her for her achievements as a social worker but says what she hopes the award will do the most is bring respect to the profession. “[Social work] is a wonderful profession. It’s where the rubber meets the road,” she explained. “Sometimes it’s as simple as talking to people. Social work shows you how to be a good listener and meet people where they are.”

—Kirche Rogers is the editor of Stimulus.
On March 30, Clevonne Turner, assistant director of professional continuing education in the College’s Office of Research and Public Service (SWORPS), received the Knoxville Area Branch of the National Association of Social Workers’ (NASW) Lifetime Achievement Award in recognition of her years of service as a social worker. She was very honored to receive the award, stating, “I am deeply appreciative of...all those who have taught, nurtured, and sustained me throughout my career, which really feels blessed and special.”

Before joining SWORPS in 1994, Turner held several social work and academic-related positions. She maintained a full-time private psychotherapy and consultation practice in Lexington, Massachusetts, and taught at Boston College School of Social Work. She also served as assistant clinical director of the Stone Center for Developmental Services at Wellesley College, assistant dean of student affairs at MIT, and as staff clinician at the Indiana University Psychiatric Service.

Upon joining SWORPS, Turner was charged with coordinating the College’s statewide continuing education program, which had been inactive for several years. With the help of one part-time assistant, Turner developed the program from scratch, offering only one course initially. The continuing education program now offers approximately 20-30 workshops to social work professionals and students each year.

Phyllis Betz, CSW field placement coordinator in Knoxville, noted in her nomination statement, “Without a doubt, [Turner] is one of the most active and effective networkers that I have ever met.”

Paul Campbell, director of SWORPS, also noted Turner’s natural ability to bring people together to achieve common goals. “Clevonne exemplifies the term ‘networker,’ and her abilities to work cooperatively and productively with a wide range of individuals and organizations is unsurpassed in our field,” he said.

Turner also has applied the principles of social work to her personal life. “My husband, John, and three daughters have not only embraced me along with my chosen profession, but [they] are actually like honorary social workers in the ways they interact with others, which makes me very proud,” she said.

In addition to her duties as assistant director of professional continuing education at SWORPS, Turner serves on several local boards, including The American Red Cross, Senior Citizens Home Assistance Service, “211” Social Service Information Board, and the Knox Area Branch Steering Committee of NASW.

The CSW Will Host The Tennessee Conference 2002 in February

On February 8-10, 2002, the College will host the second in a series of three conferences that will explore social work education and practice. UT has formed a partnership with The University of Kentucky and Virginia Commonwealth University, the purpose of which is to provide three conferences (one in each location) that will examine the current state of social work education in detail.

The second conference, to be held in Knoxville in February 2002, will focus on designing a new curriculum for social work education. The theme of the second conference is “Bridging Practice and Education: Reconceptualizing the Future of Social Work Education.” Participants will be asked to design a new social work curriculum based on the ideas that emerged from the Kentucky Conference.

Each conference spans two and one-half days. Four papers and discussions of each paper will be presented over a two-day period. The remaining half-day will be used for discussion and preparation for the next conference.

The Tennessee Conference will be held at the Hyatt Regency in Knoxville and will include a reception at the Women’s Basketball Hall of Fame. The College is accepting abstracts for the Tennessee Conference through October 15, 2001. For information on registering for the conference or on submitting abstracts, please e-mail Nancy Meyer-Adams, the Tennessee Conference coordinator, at nmeyerad@utk.edu.

—Kirche Rogers
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