

CLINICAL PERSPECTIVES

The Clinical Social Work Association of Savannah

July 2009

News and Announcements

The Clinical Social Work Association of Savannah is proud to announce the election results for the 2009-2010 Board of Directors:

Executive Board:

Cathy McRae, PhD, LCSW, President

Edward Parks, LCSW, Vice-President

Legare Nadelman, LCSW, Secretary

Helen D. Shandolph, LCSW, Treasurer

Additional Board Members:

Michael Mack, LMSW, Newsletter Editor

Maggie Lee, LCSW, Program Committee Chair

Sr. Pat Brown, LMSW, Membership Chair

Irma Gibson, PhD, CEU Chair

Andrea Liverman, LPC Representative

Mary Hill, LCSW, Member at Large

Collaborative Members:

Heather Mullin-Teasley, Web Master

Results were announced at the Annual Meeting this past June 24th. The Board would like to thank everyone who took part in this election process, and will strive to do its best to meet and exceed the expectations of our membership.

We would also like to extend our gratitude for our guest speaker, Dr. Beverly Watkins, current Chair of the SSU Advisory Council and former Chair of Department of Social Work and Assistant Vice President for Academic Affairs. Dr. Watkins provided an overview of the difficult and time-consuming process of accreditation renewal, and the CSWS-S wishes the entire Social Work department at Savannah State the best of luck in this important endeavor.

Upcoming Monthly Meeting

This note is a reminder that there will be no Monthly Colloquium at the end of July. The August meeting will be held 08/26/09 at the Hoskins Center of Memorial Hospital, and the speaker will be Debbie Kearney, PhD, of

Savannah Psychotherapy. A box lunch will be provided for a donation of \$5 per person. Please RSVP Andrea Liverman at andi0308@yahoo.com no later than August 20, 2009.

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Calendar of Events:

- 07/17/09: Program Committee Meeting. Contact Maggie Hill at (404) 226-1041 for more information.
- 08/26/09: Monthly Meeting at the Hoskins Center, Room 3, in the rear of the Memorial Hospital complex. 11:30am to 1:00pm. Speaker will be Debbie Kearney, PhD.
- 09/23/09: Legislative Luncheon at Johnny Harris' Restaurant Banquet Facility from 11:30am to 2:30pm.



Clinical Social Worker of the Year, 2008-2009



Edward Parks, LCSW

Community Social Worker of the Year, 2008-2009



Kris Rice, LCSW

Mary Jane Stinson Grant Recipient, 2008-2009



Michelle S. Swanston, BSW

Honors and Awards, 2008-2009

Edward Parks, LCSW

Mr. Parks is an individual and group clinical social worker with Gateway Behavioral Health/ Savannah Counseling. Edward received his education at Florida State and the University of Georgia, where he earned his MSW. He was the Strategic Plan Coordinator for the Gwinnett Coalition of Health and Human Services until he moved to Savannah. He then served as the Executive Director for Interfaith Hospitality Network of Coastal Georgia until he accepted a position with Gateway Behavioral Health as its Day Program Coordinator, then as its Clinic Coordinator, then as the Agency Clinical Director of Adult MH Services. Most recently, Mr. Parks was a psychiatric social worker and discharge planner at the Memorial Health's Center for Behavioral Medicine Adult Psychiatric Unit.

Kris Rice, LCSW

Kris Rice has been the executive director of the Coastal Children's Advocacy Center since it opened in January, 1992. A licensed master's level social worker, she previously worked for Rape Crisis and the GA Council on Child Abuse. She and her husband, Jeff Baker, a social worker with the Savannah Chatham Public Schools, are foster parents for Chatham County DFCS. They have two grown children. Kris received her MSW from the University of Georgia, and holds a BA from Guilford College, Greensboro, NC in humanistic studies. She has also

served as program coordinator for Legal Services for the Elderly, as a counselor with Family Housing Services, and as a crisis intervention counselor for The Relatives, Inc.

Michelle S. Swanston

Ms. Swanston is a recent graduate of Savannah State University with a Bachelor of Social Work degree, and is currently enrolled in the advance-standing MSW program. An undergraduate transfer student from the University of the Virgin Islands, she is also a member of the International Student Association and the MSW Student Association.

From the New President

Welcome to the 2009 - 2010 **CSWA-S** year. I am your "new" president, although I have been around thirty years as a Clinical Social Worker in Tennessee and Georgia. I'd like to thank Helen Schandolph for her contributions as President for the past two and a half years. We have a great Board for the next year and they are already hard at work putting together upcoming events. Please plan to attend the September 23rd Legislative Luncheon and speak to your issues. This meeting will be at the Johnny Harris's Banquet Center on Victory Drive, so we need to "pack the park." If you have any feedback or suggestions, please email me at mcra1452@bellsouth.net or call me at 232-0304. I look forward to working with you all.

Cathy McRae, PhD, LCSW
President, CSWA-S

Overview of Past Events, 2008-2009

2008-2009 Monthly Meetings

This past year, the CSWA-S was fortunate to have wonderful, knowledgeable guests speak on a variety of topics. The speakers and topics for the monthly meetings were as follows:

Month/Year	Topic	Speaker
August 2008	AmericanWork, Inc.	Rick Lally
September 2008	Legislative Luncheon	Sue Fort
October 2008	Reed House/NAMI	John Richards
November 2008	CMS Changes	Hunter Hurst
January 2009	The Impaired Professional	William Ellien, MD
February 2009	The Homeless Authority	Mark Baggett
April 2009	Overview of DFCS	Yvonnia Brown
May 2009	PTSD/Deployment Stressors	Maj. Christopher Warner
June 2009	Annual Meeting	Beverly Watkins

2008-2009 Learning Institutes

August 2008	Sexual Anorexia/Compulsive Disorders	Frank Barker
February 2009	Dealing with Sudden Death	Chris Foley

2009 Annual Conference

March 2009	Dialectical Behavior Therapy	Shari Manning
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Additional Educational Opportunities

March 2009	LCSW Examination Prep	Jackie Pray
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Contact Our New Board Members

If you would like to receive more information about our organization, or to voice a suggestion, contact information for the 2009-2010 CSWA-S Board of Directors will be posted on our website at www.socialworksavannah.com

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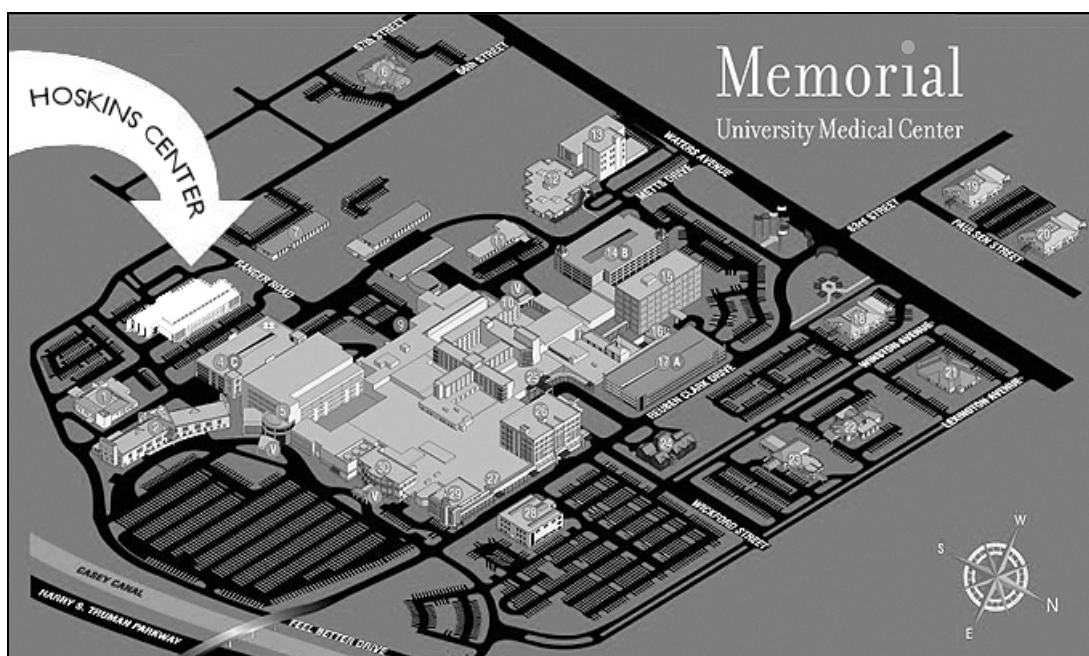
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Our New Meeting Location



The CSWA-S is pleased to announce that the new location for our monthly meetings will be the Hoskins Center of Memorial University Medical Center, located in the southeast corner of the hospital campus. From the main entrance on Waters Avenue, this corner is in the far back, towards the right. Ample parking is available, however, please observe all posted regulations and restrictions.