CPACS Happenings (October 1978 Newsletter)

College of Public Affairs and Community Service, University of Nebraska at Omaha
Discussion of a new community development proposal was the main topic of discussion at the September 13th CPACS Advisory Committee meeting. The two-hour session was the group's first meeting of the 78-79 academic year.

Fourteen of the fifteen committee members have served previously. Larry Barrientos is new to the committee this year, replacing Lupana Flores.

"Although several cautions were raised, what came through most clearly was enthusiastic support for the proposed community development effort," said Robert Spire, committee chairperson. The committee requested that it go on record in support of the ideas expressed, and recommended to Dean Hinton that the proposal be implemented immediately.

The School of Social Work will participate in the 35th Annual Fall Social Work and Human Services Workshop, Thursday and Friday October 12th and 13th at the Nebraska Center for Continuing Education in Lincoln.

Cecil A. Reed, Associate Regional Administrator, Employment and Training Administration, U.S. Department of Labor, Kansas City, will be keynote speaker Thursday morning.

Friday's keynoter will be Virginia Cairns-Callan, Associate Director of the National Committee for Children in Need of Parents, in New York.

The workshop is jointly sponsored by the Nebraska State Department of Public Welfare, the Nebraska Welfare Association, the Nebraska Department of Labor and the School of Social Work, in cooperation with the UN-L Division of Continuing Studies.

Center on Aging "Brown Bag Lecture." 12:00 at UN Medical Center, Eppley Science Center, Lecture Room 1. Drs. S.J. Stohs (Medical Chemistry and Pharmacognosy) and A.N. Masoud (Anesthesiology) will discuss their research project "Glutathione Levels in Rat Hepatic and Extrahepatic Tissues as a Function of Age."

CPACS Faculty Meeting. 3:30 p.m. in Annex 19. Announcements and copies of the preliminary agenda have been sent to all faculty.

Center on Aging "Brown Bag Lecture." 12:00 at the UN-L Faculty Club. Dr. Esther Cope, UN-L History Department, will discuss her paper "Historian's Approach to Aging."
October 21  
Women of the Year Banquet, 7:00 p.m. at the Omaha Hilton. Several Omaha women will be honored at this event sponsored by the Omaha Women's Political Caucus. Tickets are $15 and include dinner and speaker. There will be a reception, with cash bar, beginning at 6:00. Contact Cathy Morrissey at 554-2919 or 556-8206 for tickets or for further information.

October 23  
Center on Aging "Brown Bag Lecture." 12:00 at the UN-L Faculty Club. Ms. Sally Van Zandt, UN-L Human Development and the Family, will discuss her paper "The Role of the Congregate Meals in Improving the Life of Elderly Participants."

October 24  
Center on Aging "Brown Bag Lecture." 12:00 at the UNO Student Center, Dining Room A. Dr. Bill Bell and Ms. Gail Kara, UNO Gerontology, will discuss their research project "Sex and the Later Years."

October 26  
Consumer Fair. 8:45-3:00 at the UNO Center for Urban Education. Topics at the fair will include social security, aging, the Omaha Police Department, utility companies, health, CETA and WIN. The fair is aimed at Omaha consumers, especially those in North Omaha.

Solutions

"Better Living Through Planning: will assist persons 60 and over in applying problem-solving principles in day-to-day affairs. The workshop, which is composed of six two-hour sessions, will be offered four times during October and November. It is part of a one-year research project directed by Shirley Waskel.

Law & Elderly

Learning to deal with legal problems is the focus of a course offered this fall. Project director Donna Eden explained that attorneys and senior law students serve as instructors for the classes, offered at six locations in Omaha. This is part of the Gerontology Program's ongoing research into educational strategies for older learners.

Panel & Forum

The Gerontology Program hosted a panel discussion and open forum on aging and developmental disabilities September 28, as part of its three-year research project on "The Gerontological Aspects of Developmental Disabilities," reports project coordinator Lee Kallstrom. Short presentations were made by representatives of UNO and four other universities currently involved in research projects funded by the U.S. Office of Developmental Disabilities, and a variety of professionals in the field discussed the problems and service needs of elderly developmentally disabled individuals.

Workshops

The Gerontology Program developed and conducted a series of Workshops on Multi-Purpose Senior Centers in North Platte, Hastings and Omaha in late July and early August. Funded by the Nebraska Commission on Aging, the two-day sessions trained personnel, board and advisory council members and other interested senior citizens who work with senior centers, clubs and organizations in Nebraska.
Foster Parent Training

The first of four workshops for the Foster Parent Training Program will begin on October 29 and run through November 3. This is a Title XX project, co-sponsored by the Nebraska Department of Public Welfare and UNO CPACS. Don Deppe, CAUR, is project director and Ann Coyne of the School of Social Work is a consultant to the project. Barbara Kendrick is the program coordinator. Foster parents and caseworkers will be trained at Boys Town as discussion leaders. They will return to their hometowns and begin a 12-week training course for foster parents starting in January, 1979.

On Friday and Saturday, September 29th and 30th, UNO sponsored a proposal writers institute for faculty and staff. The institute was sponsored by the Office of Grants Development and the Office of the Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs. Don Deppe, CAUR Director and John Buskey, Associate Dean of Continuing Studies, UN-L, were instructors.

In this issue of "Happenings" we take a break from our alphabetical introductions of faculty and staff to introduce to you the people who have just joined us this fall. A sincere CPACS welcome to all of you. We're glad to have you with us!!

Sunny Andrews is new as a full-time faculty member, but certainly not new to the School of Social Work, where he has taught on a part-time basis for the last five years. His full-time employment during that time was the directorship of the Social Service Department and Multi-handicapped Children's Services at the Meyer Children's Rehabilitation Institute on NU's Medical Campus, where he also held an associate professorship in the College of Medicine.

Sunny holds the Ph.D. in Public Health from Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore, and this year is teaching Social Work in Health Care Programs and "macro practice" courses for the School of Social Work. His major professional interests are in international health organizations and in the development of health courses in social work curriculums.

An Indian citizen, Sunny has resided in the U.S. for 14 years. He, his wife, 14-year-old daughter, and 12-year-old son plan a family vacation to India in the summer of 1979. A distance runner in college, Sunny enjoys jogging, tennis, and says he's a "golf rookie." He also is a football fan and enjoys "international gourmet" cooking.

Writing Proposals

The Latest in CPACS Staff

Sunny Andrews
David DiMartino is a senior research fellow at the Center for Applied Urban Research with an urban studies orientation. Formerly, Dave was an assistant professor of Geography at Ohio State. His previous research has included housing, residential mobility, and settlement systems. A member of the Commission on National Settlement Systems of the International Geographic Union, he and two colleagues are now completing a report on U.S. settlement systems. Dave spent time in the Soviet Union in the summer of 1976 with an IGU convention. Research is Dave's main interest, especially applied research. Attracted by the prospect of community applied research, he gave up a tenured faculty position at Ohio to join the CAUR staff. Claiming to be "homebodies," Dave and his wife Lorrie enjoy refinishing old furniture and just puttering around the house. Lorrie is an amateur artist, hoping to have a little more time for art in Omaha. They and their son are hoping for a snowy Nebraska winter that will make investment in a toboggan worthwhile.

Chris Eskridge comes to CPACS from Ohio State University where he just completed the Ph.D. in Public Administration. He holds an appointment as assistant professor in the Criminal Justice Department, where he teaches CJ 101 and 371 on the UN-L campus. This semester he also commutes to Omaha to teach a section of the introductory Public Administration course. While at Ohio State, Chris was a research assistant, and was also a member of the Ohio governor's juvenile justice commission. Prior to Ohio State, Chris studied at Brigham Young University, and worked with the Utah district attorney's office and the attorney general's office. Describing himself as a "generalist" in criminal justice, Chris says his professional interests combine teaching and research. At Brigham Young, he was involved in program development and developmental research, and at Ohio State, mainly evaluation research. Chris and his wife have two daughters, two years old and five months old. Swimming is a family interest, with both girls already taking part. Chris also enjoys scuba diving, skiing, and music.

Charlene Gray is an assistant professor with the School of Social Work, who teaches clinical skills courses and also supervises some of the Social Work students serving internships. Charlene had lived in Nebraska for about a year when she joined the School faculty in January 1978. A Kansas native, she has lived in many parts of the country, working as a psychiatric social worker in Texas, teaching at Utah State University, and most recently pursuing the doctorate in Social Welfare at the University of Maryland. Her dissertation on the subject of child abuse was completed this summer.
With a major professional interest in child welfare, Charlene wants to follow up her dissertation research on child abuse, and soon will begin a piece of historical research on children who came to Nebraska from the east coast in the early 1900's as foster children. She is also interested in the family and in Social Work theory and history. With homes in North Platte and Lincoln, and working in Omaha, it's a good thing she loves to travel! Husband Alan is working a the doctorate in agronomy at UN-L, but is currently assigned to NU field station in North Platte. Charlene enjoys Colorado for cross-country skiing, white-water canoeing and hiking, and is hoping for her first European adventure next summer.

August (Gussie) Hayter -- pronounced Hitter-- replaces Barb Richards as Secretary II in the School of Social Work. She enjoys secretarial work and most recently worked at Concordia Lutheran College in Portland, Oregon.

Gussie and her husband have two boys aged 6 and 9. The Air Force brought them to Omaha from Colorado (via Texas) just in time for the blizzard of 1975-- and they stayed!! Needlecrafts are her leisure-time activities, and Gussie confesses to being much more a spectator when it comes to sports. With the boys' involvement in sports, however, she'll qualify as "#1 fan."

Kaylene Richards-Ekeh is an instructor with a joint appointment in Criminal Justice and the Goodrich Program. She is new to full-time college teaching, having previously been a graduate teaching assistant in the Department of Sociology at UN-L while working on the Ph.D. She expects to finish her dissertation on women in prison this year.

Kaylene lives in Lincoln and teaches one criminal justice course on the UN-L campus. She is involved in teaching English in the Goodrich Program. Professionally, she is interested in the social sciences, and, specifically, her work in sociology is focused on criminology. She hopes to continue teaching at the university level.

Originally from Jamaica, Kaylene came to the U.S. as a teenager. Her bachelor's and master's studies were done in New York, and husband Martin Ekeh's career brought them to Nebraska. He is a biologist and Midwest representative for ICI, America. They have a 9-month-old son, Chidi-Obi (African for "your belief is in your heart"). With family, job and dissertation, Kaylene has little spare time, but enjoys tennis, is an avid football fan, and loves to travel when time permits.
Cassie Spohn is an assistant professor in the Goodrich Program, where she is a member of the social science teaching team. In addition to her duties in the Goodrich Program, Cassie teaches one section of Urban Studies 201. Prior to her association with CPACS, Cassie worked as a research associate with the Institute for Business, Law and Social Research at Creighton University. Simultaneously she was finishing work on her dissertation which dealt with the role of advisory boards in the national policy process. She received the Ph.D. in Political Science from UN-L this past spring. During the past year, she was also co-project coordinator for a study to determine the needs of Nebraska Native Americans. (Funded by the Nebraska Legislature.) Cassie's professional interests include public policy analysis, political socialization (particularly children's attitudes toward the U.S. president), and the impact of U.S. Supreme court decisions. Cassie lives in Lincoln with her husband, John Gruhl, who is a member of the Political Science faculty at UN-L. They enjoy travelling and spent six weeks in Europe last summer, mostly in Italy, France, and Switzerland. In addition to travelling, Cassie says her personal interests include jogging and going to foreign films.

Staff Activities

Dr. Lee is the principal investigator on a $9,995 project from the Omaha District Office of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to conduct a study on the demand for more moorage space in the Omaha metropolitan area. He also recently published a statistical manual "A Computerized Demonstration of the Central Limit Theorem in Statistics." Copies of the manual may be obtained from Dr. Lee. September 17-20, Dr. Lee participated in a panel discussion at a conference in Washington, D.C.

Paul Lee
CAUR

Chuck Powell
Patsy Daniels
Gail Kara
Gerontology

Mr. Powell and Ms. Daniels recently completed a slide-tape presentation on "Social Programs for the Elderly: A Case Study." The presentation traces the development of U.S. social programs for older persons, showing how one individual was able to use many of the services. Mr. Powell and Ms. Kara conducted one-day training workshops in mid-August for advisory councils of the Eastern Nebraska Office on Aging, the Retired Senior Volunteer Program, the Foster Grandparent Program, the Senior Companion Program, and the Nutrition Program for the Elderly.

Sheila Collins
Ezra Kohn
Social Work

Ms. Collins and Dr. Kohn presented a workshop on Alleviation of Cultural Barriers in Human Services. Participants were workers from the Douglas County Office for Children and Youth. Included in the session was the identification of future training needs to improve services to minority populations.

Bill Wakefield
Criminal Justice

Dr. Wakefield was recently elected by the Faculty Senate to serve in the newly created post of "Faculty Senate Student Liaison Officer," and also to serve on the UNO Faculty Grievance Committee.
Dr. Wakefield was also appointed by the Chancellor to serve on the Search Committee for the Dean of the College of Fine Arts.

Dr. Bolton and Ms. Scott, along with Dr. Rich Blake (UNO Counseling and Guidance) presented a paper "Occupational and Educational Information in the Field of Gerontology" at the annual meeting of the Personnel and Guidance Association in late September. "Gerontology Education: Its History, Diversity and Potential" by Dr. Bolton and David Peterson (former Gerontology Director) was published in the Summer 1978 issue of Generations.


Dr. French has also been active with the Lincoln Indian Center. He is primary investigator and principal grantsman for a $110,000 grant to the center titled "Native American Correctional Treatment Program." The grant is from the U.S. Department of Labor. In addition, he was appointed "administrative advisor" to the center's executive director; and in June and July directed a three-week in-service criminal justice training program for the staff at the Indian Center.

Dr. French has completed the six month "College Instructors Program", School of Criminal Justice, State University of New York at Albany.

Dr. Thorson spoke on "Curriculum Development in Gerontology" September 18th at a statewide meeting on Higher Education and Gerontology at the University of Mississippi in Oxford.

Dr. Secret received the Ph.D. in Political Science from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln at the August graduation. CONGRATULATIONS!!

Ms. Zelinsky served as chairperson of the Council of Social Work Education's Undergraduate Accreditation Site Team at Texas Christian University in Fort Worth September 24-26. She is also serving on a study committee of Jewish Family Services of Omaha to review adoption policies.

Dr. Dendinger spoke to the Nebraska Welfare Association on "social work education" at their monthly meeting on August 15th.
Dr. Bell and Ms. Kara's article "Service Utilization and Adjustment Patterns of Elderly Tornado Victims in an American Disaster" (co-authored with former Gerontology staffer Constance Batterson) will be published in the October issue of Mass Emergencies.

In mid-October, Dr. Bell will speak on "Human Sexuality: Personal Freedom vs. Institutional Constraints" as part of a workshop on human sexuality sponsored by the Nebraska Civil Liberties Union in Lincoln.

Beginning October 3rd, Ms. Tremblay will offer a 3-credit course in Native American Arts and Crafts History for the Native American prisoners at the Nebraska Penal and Correctional Institution in Lincoln.

Ms. Waskel conducted a training workshop on the use of the "Planning and the Third Age—Especially for Women" pre-retirement package. The workshop was sponsored by the Nebraska Commission on the Status of Women and the Women's Division of the Department of Labor.

After four years at UNO, Public Administration secretary Pat Winquest will move to Vermont, a place she has always wanted to see. If all goes well, she'll leave about October 7th, look for a nice place to settle, and visit daughter Lynn in Maryland. Vermont seems a good place for a lover of cold and snow like Pat, and we wish her well in her adventure.

Kathy Sullivan (Gerontology) and husband Dan are the happy parents of Daniel Ryan who arrived on September 20th. It should be noted that Daniel didn't arrive until his dedicated mother had turned in items for this issue of "Happenings"—just the day before!! Nice work on both counts, Kathy. And WELCOME, Daniel!