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Upcoming Alumni Event
January 19, 2012 - SSW/Widener University Alumni Event - Chester, PA
The SSW Alumni Association and Widener University are co-sponsoring a
(SSW 1976) - "Grief, Loss, and Transformation."

For more information about these and other upcoming alumni events, please visit http://www.smith.edu/ssw/about_news_calendar.php?Alumni_Events=on

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Alumni DVD Events
Two Summer Lecture Series DVDs are being offered to regional groups for viewing - Dr. Catherine Nye's lecture entitled "International Field Placements and Social Work Education: Surfacing Cultural Assumptions Enacted in Clinical Practices" and Dr. Joshua Miller's lecture entitled "Survive and Thrive: Fostering Resiliency When Responding to Major Disasters." These DVDs are available to alumni who would like to host and/or facilitate small regional alumni events throughout the country. We will provide CEUs for the event and assist in support and planning activities. Please contact Pat Gilbert in the Alumni Affairs Office at (413) 585-4290 or pgilbert@smith.edu if you would like to host or facilitate an event in your city.

Winter Blues?
How about taking a Smith College SSW Summer Seminar online! Earn .5 / 5.5 CEUs by registering for one of the Continuing Education Courses offered at Smith this past summer. Selected high attendance courses were video and/or audio taped last summer and are now being made available to you online for a limited time (till March 2012). Courses will be available mid-December. For more information or a listing of courses offered go to: http://www.smith.edu/ssw/ced

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Alumna Looking for Assistance with Project
My name is Linda Zonana, M.S.W.'60 and I am working on a project concerning people's experiences with intense vertigo, particularly those diagnosed with Meniere's Disease or Benign Positional Vertigo. I'm hoping to write something that could prove helpful to folks afflicted with these syndromes, and I need more subjects! I've been conducting structured phone interviews that last 45-60 minutes, and people have said they enjoyed doing it. So, if you, or anyone you know have vertigo and might be willing to participate, please contact me at lhzonana@yahoo.com or call me at (203) 488-6890. I will first explain in more detail what I'm doing, and then if it sounds agreeable to you, we can make an appointment for the phone interview. Thank you
Day-Garrett Award Nominations
We are seeking nominations for the annual Day-Garrett Award. Your professional contacts and affiliations in the field make you an ideal source of nominations for this prestigious Smith College School for Social Work award. If you would like to submit a nomination for the Committee's consideration, please complete the on-line form available at http://www.smith.edu/ssw/alumni/sswaawards.php. The nomination deadline is February 15, 2012.

Volunteer Opportunities
The School for Social Work relies heavily on the efforts and goodwill of our alumni to help us in the areas of prospective student networking, mentoring current students, providing reduced rate psychotherapy to students, hosting SSW events and participating in our on going fundraising effort. Our Volunteer Opportunities Form has been updated to more easily capture information on the areas of volunteer interest of our alumni. Please visit http://www.smith.edu/ssw/alumni/documents/VolunteerOpportunitiesfor2010-2011.pdf for more information. You can register to be a volunteer by completing the Volunteer Opportunities Form or by contacting Pat Gilbert, Alumni Affairs Office, at (413) 585-4290 or pgilbert@smith.edu

2012 SSW Annual Fund
We have just sent out our Annual Fund appeal letters and hope that you will consider making a gift the the School for Social Work this year. Your participation this year is critical for us to reach our goal and continue to provide scholarship and financial aid to deserving students.

The importance of a gift at any level is very important; when your contribution is added to the gifts of others, the collective impact is significant. A contribution to the Annual Fund will make a difference. Your participation is a testament to your continuing belief in the exceptional value of a SCSSW education. To use the on-line gift form please visit: http://www.smith.edu/ssw/about_gift.php
Planned Giving
Please let us know if you have included SSW in your estate plans so that we may recognize you as a member of the Smith College School for Social Work Planned Giving Society. Also, please let us know if you are considering making a gift of stock or a related security. David Brown, Director of Development and Alumni Affairs, would enjoy speaking with you about ways you might consider supporting SSW through a gift of an annuity or other giving vehicle. You can contact David Brown at (413) 585-7964 or debrown@smith.edu

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On-line Directory and Listserv
Find classmates and search for SSW alumni in a particular geographical location! This self-service tool is available to you now through the on-line directory. To log into the on-line directory, go to: http://alumnae.smith.edu/ where you will find the log in box in the upper right corner of the page. If you need help, contact Pat Gilbert, Alumni Affairs Office, at (413) 585-4290 or pgilbert@smith.edu

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