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# FALL 2008 STUDENT NEWSLETTER

## UAF SOCIAL WORK PROGRAM

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### Greetings!

This is the first edition of what we hope will be a program update sent to all students before the start of each semester. Hopefully you will find the information in this newsletter useful as you wrap up your fall semester and begin thinking about classes for the spring of 2009.

I am excited about the many opportunities students in our program have, and hope that you will consider becoming more involved in some of the events our program has to offer. Please feel free to contact me or any other faculty at anytime if you have questions or need support.

Sincerely,

Heidi Brocious, MSW  
Interim Department Chair, Social Work



### ACADEMIC ADVISING

Do you have an academic advisor? Do you meet with them on a regular basis? Students who regularly meet with their academic advisor are better able to plan their path to graduation, and reduce the risk of taking classes that don't work towards their degree. If you don't have an academic advisor, or haven't contacted yours in a while, consider making an appointment this semester. Your advisor can review your academic progress, recommend courses and make a long term plan with you. All faculty serve as academic advisors, and you are welcome to work with the faculty of your choice – contact one today and make an advising appointment!

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## Attention Juniors! Are you ready for practicum next year?

If you are a junior in the social work program, or will have nearly completed all of your social work coursework by the end of Spring 2009, it is time to apply for practicum. As you know, your senior year is spent working 400 hours in an approved practicum site, and the process begins in your Junior year with your application.

Field Coordinators will be sending out application packets in December 2008, and all applications need to be returned by February 6<sup>th</sup>, 2009. If you think you might be ready for practicum, or would like to learn more about the field component of the program, contact Laurie Hildenbrand, Field Director for the Social Work program. Laurie's number is 907-474-6513 or email her at [fnlsh@uaf.edu](mailto:fnlsh@uaf.edu).



*Photo from 2008 summer Rural Social Work Class*

## Exciting Opportunities for Summer 2009!

Thanks to funding from the State of Alaska, Department of Health and Social Services, the UAF Social Work program has a number of exciting plans underway for Summer of 2009! Do you need SWK 320 (rural social work) or a social work elective? Funded opportunities to travel to Kodiak and Juneau to take part in intensive, experiential classes are in the planning stages. If you need these classes or are interested in seeing parts of the State while taking a social work class, contact Heidi Brocious at 1-888-796-6213 for more information.

## Distance Registration for Spring 2009

The spring distance schedule is now available, and registration for spring distance courses opens on November 24<sup>th</sup>, 2008.

The audio-conference class schedule is available online at [www.uaf.edu/rural](http://www.uaf.edu/rural)

Registration for audio-conference courses needs to go directly to the College of Rural and Economic Development, and a link to the correct registration form is also included on this site.

Other distance courses (independent study and classes through other campuses) as well as the audio conference courses are listed on the searchable site [uaonline.alaska.edu](http://uaonline.alaska.edu) – click on the distance education gateway link.

If you have difficulty with registration or need further information contact your academic advisor.

Distance classes start of January 20<sup>th</sup>!



## Registering for Fairbanks Classes

Registration for campus based classes gets underway on November 17<sup>th</sup>.

Classes start January 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2009.

To view the complete academic calendar visit

<http://www.uaf.edu/uaf/academics/cat.html>



## Want to Try a Web-based Course?

The Social Work Program is offering two newly developed web-based courses. In Spring 2009, Fairbanks and distance students can sign up for SWK 370: Social Work and the Aging Society, and in Summer of 2009 they can take SWK 470: Theories of Chemical Dependency, both completely WEB BASED! Want more info? Contact Carol Renfro at 907-474-7240