Dear Alumni and Friends,

I am pleased to provide you with this Silver School of Social Work 2009-10 Annual Report. This new report serves as a snapshot of the School in the past academic year, highlights major accomplishments in our programs and by our faculty and students, and includes information on the School’s funding. Our school is strong, in terms of enrollment, sponsored programs, and alumni donor participation. However, even with contributions to the School’s scholarship programs, our student financial need is great.

We have made much progress in the past year. Faculty have demonstrated their role as leading scholars in social work. Faculty and students have contributed to the quality of life at the School and New York City through field internships, volunteer service, and research. Additionally, the faculty and I are working to shape the future vision of the School through a strategic planning process, which will be ready to discuss in the next Annual Report.

I welcome your feedback on this report. We intend to publish an Annual Report each year to keep alumni, donors, students, and faculty aware of the School’s progress.

Sincerely,

Dean Lynn Videka
Mission Statement

The mission of The Silver School of Social Work at New York University is to educate professionals for social work practice with individuals, families, groups and communities and to provide leadership in the development of knowledge relevant to social work practice in a complex urban environment.

The School seeks to fulfill its mission by building and transmitting knowledge that will help to alleviate human suffering, enhance the vitality and caring capacity of communities, and promote the ideals of a humane and just world.

The School is committed to the core social work values of: belief in the dignity and worth of all individuals; the centrality and power of caring human relationships; a commitment to social and economic justice that includes freedom from all forms of oppression and access to social goods; and a dedication to practicing with integrity and the highest level of competence.

Celebrating excellence, embracing the future

2010 marks the 50th Anniversary of the NYU Silver School of Social Work. The School has been a pioneer in training over 13,000 social work practitioners and leaders in every field of practice, affecting lives around the world. From 1960s gang violence to the AIDS crisis of the 1980s to 9/11, NYU’s social workers have been at the center of response efforts that turn crises into social progress.

The 50th Anniversary has provided the School an opportunity to look back at five decades of scholarship, research, and advocacy that reflect an enduring commitment to addressing the needs of the most vulnerable populations and advancing social and economic justice. As we look to the future, these critical aspects of the School’s mission continue to inform our academic programs and direct our engagement with the communities we serve.

To mark this milestone, the School held a yearlong series of special events, including two lecture series and a reception in the Edward Hopper Studio, with Lynn Gumpert, director of the Grey Gallery. Students, alumni, faculty, and staff participated in the Silver Search, a mobile-based scavenger hunt around the NYU Campus and Greenwich Village in search of 10 social work landmarks. Additionally, his year’s May 12 convocation marked the graduation of the School’s 50th class.

For more information on the School’s history and 50th anniversary celebration, visit www.nyu.edu/socialwork/50th.
Academic Programs
Academic Programs

During the 2009-10 academic year, the Silver School’s master’s program enrolled over 1,050 students—450 admitted in the fall—with a historically high number of full-time students.

The undergraduate program admitted 42 students in fall 2009 and the doctoral program admitted 9 students. The master’s and undergraduate programs both underwent a successful reaccreditation process by the Council on Social Work Education last spring. Initial feedback from the site visit in April was positive with official reaccreditation received in fall 2010.

Among the highlights from this year:

**Undergraduate Program:**
- Offered a minor in poverty studies in fall 2010, the second cross-school minor to be offered at the Silver School.
- The number of non-social work majors taking Silver School courses has steadily increased—189 students in 2009-10 as compared with 60 students in 2001.

**MSW Program:**
- Graduated its first cohort of the School’s 32-month program, started as a pilot program. The program will continue after an examination by external evaluators found positive results in educational quality and student success.
- In fall 2009, the St. Thomas Aquinas campus in Rockland County began offering the MSW 16-month program.
- The Sarah Lawrence campus in Westchester County continued its expansion that started in spring 2009, when day-time classes were first offered on Fridays.

**Doctoral Program:**
- Graduated seven students over 2009-10, with dissertation topics covering a range of subjects, including posttraumatic stress disorder and sexual orientation, social workers’ experiences of September 11, and relational aggression and violence among urban adolescent girls.
- Articles by students were published in several journals, including the Clinical Mental Health Journal, Social Work Research, and the American Journal of Orthopsychiatry.

**Division of Lifelong Learning and Professional Development:**
- Offered seven post-master’s certificate programs, enrolling 168 students.
- Launched a new post-master’s certificate program in child and family therapy in the fall, with two new programs—on spirituality and disabilities practice—planned for 2010-11.
- Hosted several lectures, seminars, and conferences throughout the year, which enrolled 771 people, including Silver School alumni.
Academic Programs

Undergraduate Program Data

Enrollment Profiles

MSW Fall Applications

PhD Fall Applications

MSW New Enrollment

PhD New Enrollment
External Funding

The School made major gains in sponsored programs.

In September 2009, the awards for the year—including foundation and government funding, along with funds for training projects—totaled $352,000. By September 2010, that annual amount had jumped to over $1,889,000. Most of the increase is due to five new federal grants to faculty to be paid out over several years:

- A new $1.9 million grant from the National Institute of Mental Health for Professor Deborah Padgett and Assistant Professor Victoria Stanhope's work with homeless adults with serious mental illness and substance addiction
- Two new grants—$3 million and $2.6 million—for Professor Vincent Guilamo-Ramos from the National Institute of Child Health and Human Development
- Two continuing grants to Guilamo-Ramos—$3.8 million from the Center for Disease Control and Prevention and $433,600 the National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism

Several new and continuing non-federal grants also served to support faculty and doctoral student research in 2009-10:

- $114,200 from the Gerontological Society of America
- $50,000 from the Jewish Foundation for Education of Women
- $40,000 from the LCU Foundation
- $25,000 from the New York Academy of Medicine

Three foundation awards were obtained for 2010-11 and following years for the School’s renowned palliative and end-of-life care program:

- $60,000 from the Fan Fox and Leslie R. Samuels Foundation
- $50,000 from the Jewish Foundation for Education of Women
- $19,100 from the UJA-Federation of New York

Fundraising efforts garnered nearly $750,000 for scholarship funds and general support from more than 800 alumni and friends. Fundraising focused on gifts for student scholarships in honor of the School’s 50th anniversary and included the School’s first community-wide appeal mailing.

For the School’s non-endowed scholarship funds the following amounts were received or pledged in 2009-10:

- Silver School of Social Work 50th Anniversary Scholarship Fund: $186,600
- Silver School of Social Work Annual Fund: $160,200
- Silver School of Social Work Annual Scholarship Fund: $7,800

For the School’s endowed scholarship funds the following amounts were received or pledged in 2009-10:

- Phyllis and Marvin Barasch Fellowship Fund: $200,000
- German Society Scholarship: $2,500
- Laurie Greifer Kaufman Fellowship in School Social Work: $50,000
- Doris Kempner Fellowship: $4,000
- Anna King Memorial Fund: $1,000
- LCU Foundation: $40,000
- McCatherin-Silver Fellowship: $5,000
- Claudia Mann Oberweger Scholarship: $7,000
- Lucretia Phillips Fellowship: $2,200
The Silver School of Social Work faculty continue to be leading scholars in social work.

Over the past two decades social work has become an empirically based profession that aims to build knowledge about how to effectively service socially disadvantaged populations. The Silver School is building its research contributions to solving our society’s most pressing problems.

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In June a series of conferences was organized around Professor Jerome Wakefield’s work on depression and the conceptualization of mental illness from an international perspective. Each of the conference days explored specific topics of Wakefield’s work as debated by French, Canadian, and British philosophers; epidemiologists; psychologists; and sociologists.

The McSilver Institute for Poverty and Policy Research took a major step forward this past academic year. The Institute was launched with a presentation by Geoffrey Canada, CEO of Harlem Children’s Zone, on NYU’s Alumni Day, October 3. The Institute hosted a city-wide conference on October 16 that featured Linda Gibbs, deputy mayor for human services, and a panel of community service experts. The conference brought together approximately 100 agency heads to explore the opportunities presented by the Institute. In January 2010, Dean Lynn Videka formed a multidisciplinary McSilver Planning Committee, charged to create a mission and vision statement and suggest initial goals for the Institute. The Committee completed its work in spring 2010, and the School will search for a director in 2010-11.

Published works by faculty:

- Associate Professor Theresa Aiello, “Psychoanalysis in Exile,” *Psychoanalytic Perspectives* 6, no. 2 (2009): 8-34.


- Associate Professor Theresa Aiello, Discussion (by request of author) of “Can Anyone Here Know Who I Am?” *Journal of Clinical Social Work* 38, no. 3 (2010): 327-330.

Research and Scholarship


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- Allan V. Horwitz and Professor Jerome C. Wakefield, “PTSD: Normal Reactions to Adversity or Symptoms of Disorder?” in *The Clinician’s Guide to Posttraumatic
**Research and Scholarship**


Eight faculty members had books published, one of the highest numbers of faculty authors in recent years.

by Jeane Anastas (Columbia University Press)

**At the Crossroads: Not-for-Profit Leadership Strategies for Executives and Boards**
by Phil Coltoff (Wiley & Sons)

**Stop Overreacting: Effective Strategies for Calming Your Emotions**
by Judith Siegel (New Harbinger Publications, Inc.)

**Advanced Clinical Social Work Practice: Relational Principles and Techniques**
by Eda Goldstein, Dennis Miehls, and Shoshana Ringel (Columbia University Press)

**Handbook of Research with Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Populations**
by James Martin and William Meezan (Routledge)

**Tristesse ou Depression? Comment la Psychiatrie a Medicalise Nos Tristesse**
by Jerome Wakefield and Allan Horowitz (Mardaga)

**A Tristeza Perdida Como a Psiquiatria Transformou A Depressao em Moda**
by Jerome Wakefield and Allan Horowitz (Summus Editorial)

by Gerald Landsberg and Marjorie Rock (Pearson Custom Publishing)
Student Achievements

Silver School students excelled this year, contributing both to the quality of life at the School and beyond.

Students received several awards, including from the NYU President John Sexton, and prestigious scholarships. Additionally, doctoral students published papers in at least dozen journal articles, including the Clinical Mental Health Journal, Social Work Research, and the American Journal of Orthopsychiatry.

Among the many student achievements this year:

Shane Crary-Ross, BS '11, received a Morris K. Udall Scholarship, awarded to students who have demonstrated a commitment to careers related to the environment.

Timothy Chapman, BS '11, spoke at the Students in the Military Mini-Conference—held in August 2010—on services and programs for NYU students in the military.

PhD candidate Ben Henwood was the continuing recipient of the National Research Services Award from the National Institute of Mental Health.

Jessica Mason, BS '10, delivered the student speech at this year’s full University Commencement, held May 12 at Yankee Stadium, in front of 22,000 attendees.

At the Second Annual Silver School Student Awards seven awards were handed out to 12 students in all three academic programs. The awards include:

- Excellence in Leadership Award to the members of the Graduate Student Association
- Silver Spirit Award to Kathleen Crehan, BS '10, and Janet-Michelle Cuevas, MSW '10
- Dean’s Award for Innovation in Social Work Practice to Shalyse Henderson, MSW ‘10; Amanda Raposo, BS ‘11; and Lauren Tetenbaum, MSW ‘10
- Outstanding Student Program to RISE: Social Work in an Era of Change Conference

The NYU President’s Service Award went to several social work students and organizations: Nicole Barclay, MSW ‘11; Shane Crary-Ross, BS ‘11; the Graduate Student Association; Pi Pi Chapter - Phi Alpha National Honor Society; Katharine Savin, BS ‘10; and the Undergraduate Student Association.

Jennifer Dyer, MSW ‘10, was the NYU recipient of the National Association of Social Workers Student Award.
Faculty Awards

The faculty at the NYU Silver School of Social Work conduct research in a diverse area of subjects—from child welfare to end-of-life care to the effects of poverty.

Faculty have garnered major awards and recognitions for their research and scholarship work over this past year, both domestically and internationally.

In March, the Latino Social Work Task Force honored Associate Professor Yuhwa Eva Lu with the Leadership Award for her contributions to the social work profession and the Latino community.

Susan Gerbino, Daniel Gardner, and Esther Chachkes were presented with the Education and Training Issues Award at the 6th International Conference on Social Work in Health and Mental Health in Dublin.

Professor Jerome Wakefield was honored with the 2010 Best Book of the Year Award from the American Sociological Association’s section on Evolution, Biology, and Society for his book, *The Loss of Sadness: How Psychiatry Transformed Normal Sorrow into Depressive Disorder* (Oxford Press).

Professor Linda Mills co-wrote, directed, and produced with her husband, Peter Goodrich, the film *Auf Wiedersehen, 'Til We Meet Again*. The film premiered at the 2010 Los Angeles Jewish Film Festival, where it won Runner Up for best documentary, and was an official selection at other film festivals.

Assistant Professor Karra Bikson received the 2010 Young Investigators Award from the American Academy of Hospice and Palliative Medicine.

Professor Gary Holden’s online information service, Information for Practice, was selected for the Scottish Institute for Research and Innovation in Social Services’ Evidence-Informed Practice.
Service

At the NYU Silver School of Social Work, a connection to the community lies at the center of teaching and is integral to faculty work.

The School partners with 616 public and nonprofit agencies throughout the tri-state area. Agencies work in a range of fields of practice; the highest number of student placements were in organizations focusing on older adults, school social work, community adult mental health, and children and families.

Each semester, the undergraduate program offers students service learning courses. These courses enroll students from many majors across the University.

- Students tutored middle school students at University Settlement House.
- Students volunteered with Holocaust survivors through the nonprofit organization, Dorot.
- An alternative winter break on HIV/AIDS education and prevention was offered in Ghana.

In addition to tackling their research and teaching work, faculty members take on key leadership roles on nonprofit organization boards of directors and committees at the Silver School and New York University.

Professor Jeane Anastas was elected president-elect of the National Association of Social Workers by its members. Her term as president-elect began July 1 and will end June 30, 2011. From July 1, 2011, through June 30, 2014, Anastas will lead the Washington, DC-based association as president.

Professor Trudy Festinger was elected president of the Kenworthy-Swift Foundation.

Associate Professor Tazuko Shibusawa served as a board member for the New York Coalition for Asian American Mental Health.

Associate Professor Mary Ann Jones is founding chair of the Advisory Committee for the Fahs-Beck Fund for Research and Experimentation, a fund of The New York Community Trust. She also chaired the NYU Faculty Benefits Committee.

Assistant Professor Ellen Tuchman served on the steering committee for the Center of Excellence on Addiction at University Langone Medical Center.

Associate Professor James Martin chaired the Caucus of LGBT Faculty and Students in Social Work.
2009-10
Full-time Faculty
(as of summer 2010)

Theresa Aiello, Associate Professor of Social Work
Alison Aldrich, Clinical Assistant Professor of Social Work
Patti Aldredge, Clinical Associate Professor
Jeane W. Anastas, Professor of Social Work
Karra Bikson, Assistant Professor of Social Work
Alma J. Carten, Associate Professor of Social Work
Esther Chachkes, Associate Clinical Professor of Social Work
Phil Coltoff, Katherine W. and Howard Alibel Visiting Professor and Executive-in-Residence
Suzanne England, Professor of Social Work
Trudy B. Festinger, Professor of Social Work
Martha A. Gabriel, Associate Professor of Social Work
Daniel S. Gardner, Assistant Professor of Social Work
Susan B. Gerbino, Clinical Associate Professor of Social Work; Coordinator, Sarah Lawrence College Program
Eda Goldstein, Professor Emeritus of Social Work
Gladys Gonzalez-Ramos, Associate Professor of Social Work
Diane Grodney, Clinical Associate Professor of Social Work
Robert Leibson Hawkins, Assistant Professor of Social Work; McSilver Assistant Professor in Poverty Studies
Gary Holden, Professor of Social Work
Mary Ann Jones, Associate Professor of Social Work
Gerald Landsberg, Professor of Social Work
Yuhwa Eva Lu, Associate Professor of Social Work
Virgen Luce, Clinical Assistant Professor of Social Work
James I. Martin, Associate Professor of Social Work; Director, PhD Program
Thomas M. Meenaghan, Professor Emeritus of Social Work
Linda G. Mills, Senior Vice Provost for Undergraduate Education and University Life; Professor of Social Work, Public Policy and Law

Diane Mirabito, Clinical Associate Professor of Social Work
Peggy Morton, Clinical Associate Professor of Social Work; Coordinator, Undergraduate Field and Service Learning
Duy Nguyen, Assistant Professor of Social Work
Maryellen Noonan, Associate Professor of Social Work; Associate Dean, Academic Programs and Director, MSW Program
Deborah K. Padgett, Professor of Social Work
Marjorie Rock, Associate Professor of Social Work
Dina J. Rosenfeld, Clinical Associate Professor of Social Work; Assistant Dean, Undergraduate Programs, Director, BS Program
Caroline S. Rosenthal Gelman, Assistant Professor of Social Work
Jeffrey Seinfeld, Professor of Social Work
Tazuko Shibusawa, Associate Professor of Social Work
Judith Siegel, Associate Professor of Social Work; Coordinator, St. Thomas Aquinas Program
Sandy Speier, Clinical Associate Professor of Social Work
Victoria Stanhope, Assistant Professor of Social Work
Shulamith Lala Straussner, Professor of Social Work
Helle Thorning, Clinical Professor and Assistant Dean of Field Learning and Community Partnerships
Carol Tosone, Associate Professor of Social Work
Ellen Tuchman, Assistant Professor of Social Work
Lynn Videka, Professor of Social Work; Dean
Jerome C. Wakefield, University Professor; Professor of Social Work; Professor of the Conceptual Foundations of Psychiatry, NYU School of Medicine; Director, Project on Biometrics, Clinical Judgment, and Validity of Diagnostic Criteria, InSPIRES (Institute for Social and Psychiatric Initiatives: Research, Education and Service), Department of Psychiatry, NYU School of Medicine; Affiliate Faculty, NYU Bioethics Program; Affiliate Faculty, NYU Center for Ancient Studies
Allison Werner-Lin, Assistant Professor of Social Work
Eileen Wolkstein, Director, Division of Lifelong Learning and Professional Development; Adjunct Assistant Professor
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