School of Social Work Faculty Presents at the Society for Social Work Research Conference

Dr. Jina Sang, Assistant Professor, presented at the Society for Social Work Research Conference on January 14, 2018. Her poster presentation was titled, "My child rejects me: Alienated parents from separated or divorced families." In her study, she investigated what alienated parents experience following separation or divorce. She noted that in high-conflict families, where there are high degrees of anger and distrust between parents, parental alienation may occur; that is, children turn against a parent. This study highlights the difficulties experienced by alienated parents as well as coping strategies they use to deal with their feelings and stress associated with parental alienation.

School of Counseling Honor Society Clothing Donation

Chi Sigma Iota’s Alpha Upsilon Chapter (counseling international honor society, The University Of Akron Chapter) completed a holiday donation drive including 2,000 pounds of clothes. Donations were provided to Haven of Rest Ministries in Akron, Ohio. Honor society volunteers were able to secure 1,200 pounds of free clothing donated from Plato's Closet in Sagamore Hills, and 800 pounds donated from students at UA.

Gabrielle Stone and Natasha Lacey, event coordinators, explained that they are “honored to be able to help Haven of Rest Ministries through Chi Sigma Iota” by providing homeless area residents with warm clothing during the winter season. The donation drive is part of Chi Sigma Iota’s ongoing mission of advocacy and community service. Members celebrated the accomplishment at a social event at Sarah’s Vineyard.
Several School of Sport Science and Wellness Education (SSWE) faculty presented at the 88th annual Ohio Association of Health, Physical Education, Recreation & Dance (OAHPERD) Convention held in Sandusky Nov. 30 to Dec. 1. Sessions included:

- “The Utilization of Concept Maps & One-Minute Papers to Enhance Student Learning” by Dr. John Roncone, associate professor and program coordinator, SSWE Wayne College.
- “BDNF: The Case for Why Your Brain Does Need Fitness” by Dr. Judith Juvancic-Heltzel, associate professor of exercise science, and Dr. Mary Jo MacCracken, professor of sport studies.
- “Panel Discussion: Exploring the Next Step….Graduate School!” moderated by Dr. John Roncone, with panelists Jim Smith, Northmont City Schools; Dr. Alan Kornspan, professor of sport studies; Dr. Mike Duve, visiting assistant professor of instruction, sport studies; Melissa Smith, M.S., assistant professor of instruction, health education; and Tyrone Mosley, Orrville City Schools HPE teacher, and assistant lecturer, Wayne College.
- “Sitting is the New Smoking: Incorporating Movement Throughout the Day Across the Lifespan” by Dr. Judith Juvancic-Heltzel, Missy Driesbach, M.S., assistant lecturer, physical education, and Melissa Smith.
- “Sport Psychology: What Coaches Need to Know” by Dr. Mary Jo MacCracken, Dr. Robert E. Stadulis, emeritus professor, Kent State University; Dr. Bonnie G. Berger, Fellow CC-AASP, professor of sport and exercise psychology; and Dr. Adrian P. Turner, associate professor of physical education/health education, Bowling Green State University.

(Pictured above from left in the back row are Missy Dreisbach, Jim Smith, Mike Duve and Judi Juvancic-Heltzel. Pictured from left in the front row are Alan Kornspan, John Roncone, Mary Jo MacCracken, Melissa Smith, Rob Reynolds ’15, Tyrone Mosely and Danny Crish ’15.)
School of Counseling students and faculty attend keynote conference:

More than 30 School of Counseling master’s and doctoral students, along with faculty, attended the 2017 All Ohio Counselors Conference. Seven students and faculty delivered five presentations, most shared with standing room-only audiences.

A diversity of presentation topics was delivered, including substance use in adolescents, promoting supervisor multicultural competencies, evaluating candidates for gender transition, publishing in national journals, and burnout prevention among mental health professionals. Our students represented the program well, in both presentations and volunteerism.

**School of Counseling:** Doctoral student Chelsey Zolden received the 2017 Ohio Counseling Association Graduate Student Award representing the College of Health Professions.