

Simmons School of Social Work  
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300 The Fenway  
Boston, MA 02115

**Saturday, May 8, 2010**

**Registration is limited, please register by April 16!**

**Registration fee: \$45.** To register online, please visit [alumnet.simmons.edu](http://alumnet.simmons.edu). To register by phone, please call the Office of Alumnae/i Relations & Annual Giving at 800-831-4284. **Event attendees are eligible for 3.0 CEUs.**

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HAVE YOU BEEN THERE?  
Preventing and Responding to Suicide

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PLEASE  
JOIN US

*featuring keynote speaker:*

**Shawn Christopher Shea, M.D.**

*Director of the Training Institute for Suicide Assessment and Clinical Interviewing, and Adjunct Assistant Professor of Psychiatry at the Dartmouth School of Medicine*

Join Simmons faculty, students, and alumni  
in related workshops on

**Saturday, May 8, 2010**

Linda K. Paresky Conference Center, Simmons College  
Boston, Massachusetts

8:15 A.M. REGISTRATION AND CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST

8:45 A.M. WELCOME

**Stefan Krug '80SW, Ph.D. '94SWD**  
Dean, School of Social Work

**Helen G. Drinan '75LS, '78SM**  
President, Simmons College

**Cassie McCarthy '08SW**  
Chair, SSW Alumni Events Committee

9:00 A.M. KEYNOTE SPEAKER

**Shawn Christopher Shea, M.D.**

*The Mysteries of the Human Matrix: The Quest for Resilient Happiness in the Prevention of Suicide*

Pulling from his award winning book of philosophy—*Happiness Is*—and years of helping individuals coping with mental illness, Dr. Shea takes the audience on a provocative journey into the importance of philosophical inquiry. He will talk about its usefulness in unstalling stalled treatment planning, enhancing the therapeutic alliance, and preventing suicide.

Dr. Shea is an internationally acclaimed clinical innovator and author of six books and numerous articles, including *The Practical Art of Suicide Assessment*. His works have been translated into many languages including French, Greek, Japanese, and Chinese. Dr. Shea's text *Psychiatric Interviewing: the Art of Understanding* has been chosen by the Medical Library Association for the Brandon Hill List.

10:45 A.M. BREAK

11:00 A.M. ATTEND ONE OF THE FOLLOWING WORKSHOPS:

#### WORKSHOP ONE

**Suicide Prevention Work with Homeless Youth:**

*We are the only people who really value them*

**Ruth Dean, MSW, DSW**

Professor, Simmons School of Social Work

**Rebecca Mirick, MSW**

Lecturer, Simmons School of Social Work

11:00 A.M.

#### WORKSHOP TWO

**Suicide among Immigrant Populations:**

*Policy, practice, and prevention issues*

**Hugo Kamyra, M.Div., MSW, Ph.D.**

Professor, Simmons School of Social Work

#### WORKSHOP THREE

**Exploring the Link between Substance Abuse Disorders and Suicide Risk**

**Michael Melendez, MSW, Ph.D.**

Professor, Simmons School of Social Work

#### WORKSHOP FOUR

**The Meaning of Help: Clinical approaches to reducing mental illness stigma in suicidal clients**

**Marilyn Downs, MSW**

Doctoral Candidate, Simmons School of Social Work

#### WORKSHOP FIVE

**Assessing Risk and Fostering Resilience among GLBT Youth**

**Colby Berger, '09SW, Ed.M.**

Executive Director, Adoption and Foster Care Mentoring

#### WORKSHOP SIX

**Before and After Suicide: Is it ever possible to not be second-guessed?**

**Stephen F. O'Neill '81SW, JD**

Social Work Manager for Psychiatry & Primary Care and Associate Director, Ethics Support Service, Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center

12:30 P.M.

#### LUNCH AND BUSINESS MEETING

Remarks by **Sonia Michelson '85SW**

President, SSW Alumni Board and

**Jessica Eves '09SW**, Board Elections

1:00 P.M.

#### AWARDS PRESENTATION

**Audrey Ely '71, '73SW**

Chair, SSW Alumni Board Awards Committee

2:00–3:00 P.M.

#### RECEPTION

Please join us as we honor retiring faculty members.