The Social Work Program is privileged to announce the establishment of a new scholarship in honor of Dr. Susan Vaughn. The idea for this scholarship came from alumni of the UM Social Work Program who wanted a way to recognize Dr. Vaughn’s extraordinary contributions to social work education in Alabama at the University of Montevallo for over 30 years. The Dr. Susan Vaughn Advocacy Scholarship will support social work students who meet the requirements for the social work program and who exhibit a desire to help vulnerable and underserved populations through advocacy and community service. The scholarship was announced at an alumni luncheon on September 28, 2012, and several alumni turned out to share their stories of Dr. Vaughn, including Ms. Mel Robinson, Ms. Sherry Webb, Ms. Kelly Duke and Mr. John Wills. We need $25,000 dollars to endow the scholarship by 2017, so any and all contributions are welcome. Please see the Alumni News Form on page 3.

Advocacy Day 2012

The 9th annual Advocacy Conference, Serving Veterans and Military Families: A Call to the Social Work Profession, was held on September 28, 2012. The conference was sponsored by the University of Montevallo’s Social Work Program, along with partners from the University of Montevallo’s Counseling Services, the University of Montevallo’s Counseling Program, and the Montevallo Chapter of the National Association of Multicultural Education (NAME). The aim of this conference was to provide students and practitioners with important information regarding the challenges veterans face as they re-adjust from deployment back to civilian life. More than 120 participants including social workers, teachers, counselors, students, UM alumni, and faculty members attended the workshop. Our very own Dr. Jason Newell, Ph.D., was the keynote speaker. Dr. Newell has more than four years of experience working with veterans and military families for the Tuscaloosa and Birmingham VA Medical Centers, where he completed his dissertation work on trauma and professional self-care.

After Dr. Newell’s presentation, a discussion panel took questions from the audience, and members of the panel included Jim Day, professor of history at UM and Army retired; Larry Cohill, director of the Montgomery Veteran’s Center; Amanda Fox, UM veterans services coordinator; Crystal Garner, Birmingham Veterans Hospital Research Division; Johnna Matthews, Tuscaloosa Veterans Hospital Social Worker Inpatient Psychiatric Unit; Gabrielle Metz, Birmingham Veterans Hospital social worker; and John Pinion, Jasper Outpatient Clinic social worker. Students from the Social Work Program served as volunteers and assisted with registration, continuing education unit (CEU) certificates, welcoming guests and breaks.
Welcome to Dr. Meredith Tetloff
The Social Work Program is pleased to welcome Dr. Meredith Tetloff to the faculty. Her primary research interest is community practice interventions, most recently with a focus on university-community partnerships. Her professional experience is primarily in the field of nonprofits, including working with refugee and immigrant families in Atlanta, UNICEF in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania, and youth development programs in Brooklyn, N.Y. and Atlanta. Dr. Tetloff received an undergraduate degree in political science from Birmingham-Southern College in 2000, a Master of Social Work from Columbia University in 2004 and her Ph.D. from the University of Georgia in 2012. During her free time, Dr. Tetloff enjoys spending time with friends, running and following politics. She lives in Montevallo with her six-year-old son, John Oliver, and her Golden Pyrenees, Lexi. Dr. Tetloff joined the faculty in August 2012 and teaches the following courses for the Program: Social Policy, Introduction to Social Work Practice, Substance Abuse and our new course, Social Work Practice with Groups.

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Summer Harvest

During the 2012 Summer Session, Dr. Laurel Hitchcock partnered with Dr. Jill Wicknick (Biology) to offer Summer Harvest, an interdisciplinary course about the basic issues of food insecurity, food distribution and food equality that provided assistance and home-grown food to a local social service agency working to reduce hunger in Shelby County. Social work students, along with biology and environmental studies students, worked at the UM Organic Community Garden along with attending lectures from course professors and guest speakers.