

CONVERSATIONS UNLIMITED - Monday, July 15, 1985

INTRO UP AND UNDER

Hi, everybody. Mention the words ~~_____~~ "social welfare" and ~~_____~~ what comes to mind? I think of two things: social work, a way of making a living, is one of them. The other is a short way of expressing a noble ideal -- social welfare equals ^{//} "for the good of society as a whole." Social welfare means all of that and so much more. Today we'll be talking about social welfare in its several meanings.

With me is Dr. Barbara Simon, who is assistant professor in the School of Social Welfare at the State University of New York at Stony Brook. Dr. Simon teaches a course in social change, has prepared analyses of service delivery systems and works with students interested in making careers in social welfare. I suppose I should begin, Dr. Simon, by exposing my ignorance of this broad and expanding field. I grew up during the Great Depression and I still tend to think of social welfare as "the Welfare Department," the folks from downtown who ^{are} come by to be sure that the mother and kids ^{and that they} getting a welfare check are, in fact, entitled to that kind of help. Social welfare means ¹ more than that to you, doesn't it.

INTERVIEW DR. SIMON:

- Define basic philosophy behind social welfare
- Outline some of the areas of effort:
 - * Support systems for unmarried and/or elderly women
 - * Feminization of poverty
 - * Work training
 - * Alcoholism
 - * Deinstitutionalization
 - * Adoption, foster care, child abuse
 - * Aging out
 - * Health care
- Private and public agencies
- International/immigration
- Educational opportunities

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We'll return in a moment to talk about social welfare as an opportunity for those seeking a career, or a career change. Please stay with us.

BRIDGE MUSIC UP AND UNDER

Hi. I'm Al Oickle. I'm at the State University of New York at Stony Brook with Dr. Barbara Simon, assistant professor in the School of Social Welfare. Dr. Simon, we've been talking about "the new" social welfare, ^{an} an expression I use only because I suppose that most listeners, like me, still think of "welfare work" as helping the poor get on the public welfare rolls and collect money. We've established ^{that} that it's much more than that. ~~today~~ Let's look now at the whole field of social welfare as one for career opportunities. I know that at Stony Brook you work with incoming students, helping with curriculum advising. Tell me about your students. They aren't all starry-eyed kids fresh out of high school, are they?

INTERVIEW DR. SIMON:

- Review makeup of SUSB social welfare student body
- Describe core curriculum
- Examples of curriculum specialization
- Practicum and internship opportunities
- Job training and placement services
- How many colleges offer such programs?
- Describe some of SUSB's graduates (success stories)
- For more information...

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