From the Dean’s Desk

This fall we highlight some of our outstanding faculty, doctoral students, alumni, and supporters. Our capital campaign kick-off has been very successful to date. The close of the campaign is in 2011. We invite you to join your fellow alumni with a donation to the college to help keep our programs strong and the college moving up in the rankings. Congratulations are due to all of you! The strength of our college relies on the quality of our students, the outstanding teaching and research of our faculty, and the leadership of our alumni and donors. Thank you to all of you who have stepped up to help us in the capital campaign.

As you read this issue, you will note the college’s increasing emphasis on global social work practice and the provision of international experiences for our students. Much of this emphasis is supported by donors who have provided resources to support these efforts. We are especially grateful to those who recognize the need to educate our students for our world without borders.

As I read this issue of Stimulus I marvel at the resilience of our college. Despite the economic recession and the stark realities of the budget crisis, the faculty and staff of the college and our donors and alumni continue to move forward with creativity, enthusiasm, and stamina determination. Your commitment to the college is nothing short of amazing! It is a privilege to work with such dedicated faculty, bright and enthusiastic students, and strong supporters of the college. Despite the current economic realities, the future remains bright for the college as we move forward in important ways, not only remaining relevant to practice concerns but also in creating new knowledge to lead us into the future.

Thanks for all you do to support the college!