

## **University at Buffalo School of Social Work Celebrates National Social Work Month**

We are hosting three major events in celebration of National Social Work Month:

### **Social Issues: Global to Local Luncheon 3/2/15**

#### **Behind the Veil: The Lived Experiences of Women in the Arab Gulf**

Women in Muslim countries are often seen as victims of oppression under Sharia law and Islamic traditions with little agency over their own lives and decisions. While arranged marriages remain the norm, in Qatar and the United Arab Emirates women comprise the majority of university students, hold high positions in government and enjoy a 100% literacy rate. Via a live Skype conversation with an open audience at UBSSW, Dr. Lacey Sloan, professor of Social Work at Zayed University in the United Arab Emirates will share her personal experiences and the stories of local women as they balance Islam, family, local cultural traditions and the ongoing global struggle for equality.

### **International Film Festival**

#### **Which Way Home (Film Screening) 3/25/15**

“Which way home” is a documentary that follows unaccompanied child migrants as they journey through Mexico on a freight train en route to the U.S. border. The film will follow by a conversation with Human Rights Advocate Reverend William L. Wipfler, PhD who has spent 60 years advocating for human rights throughout the world, especially in Central and South

America. He has received numerous awards for his efforts and made a significant, lasting impact on the lives of individuals and communities at home and abroad. Rev. Wipfler will foster conversation that challenges us to see these issues through a new lens. This provocative discussion will include the following topics: (1) The socioeconomic and political conditions leading to migration, (2) The current U.S. administration's immigration policies, (3) The real impact of immigrants on the U.S. economy, and (4) The experiences of immigrants in the U.S.

## **Podcast Series**

### **inSocialWork Photo Contest**

We at inSocialWork, the podcast series of the University at Buffalo School of Social Work, would love to hear your story! Through March 27th, visit and 'Like' our Facebook page. Then post a picture that shows how social work has transformed you and be entered to win a mounted Transformation poster! You can find learn more about our photo contest by visiting the UB School of Social Work's website <http://socialwork.buffalo.edu/resources/our-podcast-series-insocialwork.html>