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Stockton Celebrates Careers in Aging Week

Free Public Events Include Films, Panel Discussions and Lectures

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Galloway Township, NJ- A full slate of activities celebrating Careers in Aging Week will take place at Stockton College's main campus on April 12 and 14. The events are free and open to the public.

On April 12, beginning at 5 p.m., a feature length film entitled ***Away From Her*** will be presented. It is one of the first public events scheduled in Stockton's newly opened Campus Center (in Room 5). People interested in attending should park in Lot 3 and follow signs into the building.

The film portrays a touching story about a man coping with the institutionalization of his wife (played by Julie Christie) due to her Alzheimer's disease. The film debuted at the 2006 Toronto International Film Festival and was also featured at the 2007 Sundance Film Festival.

Following the film, at approximately 7 p.m., there will be a detailed discussion session lasting until 9 p.m. and covering such topics as dementia, caregiving, social supports, and treatment options. Licensed Social Worker can earn four continuing education units (CEs) from the National Association of Social Workers – New Jersey for attending the entire four hours of film and discussion. To register to earn CEs, go to www.naswnj.org, click on calendar, and locate the course. Details on fees are located there.

Two events will be offered on April 14th. From 4:30pm – 5:45pm in Room F-111 a Career Exploration Panel will discuss *Careers Working with the Aging*. The session will provide participants with an opportunity to meet and network with Stockton grads who

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work in the aging services network. Pizza and beverages will be provided. The panel is co-sponsored by The Career Center and Office of Alumni Affairs.

After a brief break, a lecture on “Grandparents Raising Grandchildren” and screening of *Grandma’s Hands*, a poignant oral history/documentary will be presented in Room F-111, from 6-7:50pm by Dr. Sharon Hines-Smith, Associate Professor of Social Work.

Careers in Aging Week (CIAW) is sponsored annually by the Gerontological Society of America and the Association for Gerontology in Higher Education and intended to bring greater awareness and visibility to the diverse and growing career opportunities working with and for older adults. Universities and colleges across the nation participate by sponsoring campus and community events. Stockton’s events are sponsored by the Stockton Center on Successful Aging (SCOSA), the Gerontology Program and the G.E.R.O.S. Club (Gerontology Education & Experience Related Opportunities for Students).

For more information please contact Dr. Lisa Cox, SCOSA Research Chair and Associate Professor of Social Work at 609-652-4310 or Lisa.Cox@stockton.edu. For more information about SCOSA and other upcoming events, visit their Web site www.stockton.edu/scosa.

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