

**University at Albany
State University of New York
School of Social Welfare**

REQUIRED SUMMER READING

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BSW and MSW New Student Orientation

Friday, August 24, 2007

9:30 AM – 4:30 PM

All incoming BSW and MSW students must attend this orientation. If you are not able to attend, please call Dawn Knight-Thomas at (518) 591-8769 by Wednesday, August 1, 2007.

Required Summer Reading:

“Random Family: Love, Drugs, Trouble and Coming of Age in the Bronx”

Author: Adrian Nicole LeBlanc

Important Information: You can purchase this book in paperback on Amazon.com, or your local bookstore.

Please think about the questions, and be prepared to discuss the themes in this book at the New Student Orientation, especially as they pertain to the mission at the School of Social Welfare.

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Questions pertaining to the book:

1. LeBlanc's book encompasses the experiences of two women. What impact do you think that race and gender have on poverty?
2. As you read this book, what did you truthfully think about Jessica and Coco? As a practitioner, how would you work with clients with life circumstances such as these women?
3. How do you think this book and/or your life experiences will assist you when you are working with a client who feels defeated, underpowered, and/or discouraged with their life circumstances?
4. Other thoughts and comments.