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## **RANDOLPH NAMED AGNES FLAHERTY STOOPS PROFESSOR**

TALLAHASSEE, Fla.—Dr. Karen A. Randolph, a highly regarded child welfare expert, has been named the first recipient of the Agnes Flaherty Stoops Professorship in the College of Social Work at The Florida State University. College of Social Work alumna Aggie Stoops and her husband, Jeff, endowed the professorship with a \$350,000 gift to the college.

Having benefited from the teaching and research insights of the social work faculty, Stoops and her husband indicated the establishment of a professorship was the best way to give back to an institution that gave her so much. “I am delighted with the appointment of Dr. Randolph, who will continue to develop her research and scholarship in the field of child welfare,” said the proud alumna.

Dr. Randolph, who has had 15 years of direct practice experience working with at risk youth and families in addition to her research and teaching, said, “It is a great honor to be named to the professorship, and I am looking forward to using this platform to help improve the lives of children and families”.

Dr. Randolph earned her Ph.D. from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill in 1999 and has been a Florida State College of Social Work faculty member since 2003. An active teacher and scholar who specializes in youth at risk, substance use prevention and family engagement, Dr. Randolph is committed to strengthening families as a way to promote child well-being.

A productive academician, Dr. Randolph has helped the College of Social Work at The Florida State University achieve prominence in recent years. She has co-authored dozens of refereed journal articles and book chapters, as well as numerous technical reports. In addition, Dr. Randolph has been awarded eight grants during her academic career, totaling over \$1,000,000 to support her research. She is active in disseminating the results of her research to a wide audience, including academicians and practitioners at local, state, national, and international settings.

“The appointment of Karen Randolph to this named professorship brings further light and support to the Florida State College of Social Work’s commitment to research, education, and practice in child welfare,” said Dean Nicholas F. Mazza.

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