

VISITING FULBRIGHT SCHOLAR  
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FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF LAPLAND, FINLAND  
WILL BE GIVING A PUBLIC LECTURE:

**"Social Work and the Media:  
Exploring the Child Protection  
Failures in Finland"**

April 10, 2013

Time: 10 am – 12 noon

Place: Henry Madden Library Room 2206

Everyone welcome!

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Laura Tiitinen is researcher in the Faculty of Social Science at the University of Lapland, Finland. Her research interests lie in the use of media and other public communication in macro social work, which is a unique and internationally under-investigated area, in the field of social work research. Media is a great tool for social workers to communicate with the wider public and create pressure for political changes.

Laura completed her MSW in the University of Lapland with the thesis: *The Light and Shadow of Social Work Publicity – The Structural Effects of Social Work Silence*. She was then selected to be a full time researcher in the Finnish Social Work Doctoral School. Recently, she has been conducting her doctoral dissertation research. The dissertation focuses finding out for what purposes social workers use the media in macro social work as well as social workers' freedom of speech. She was granted a Fulbright Scholar which brings her to Colorado State University, Fort Collins, during the spring-summer 2013.

Previously, Laura has worked as a social worker in Youth Mental Health Center. She also worked as a coordinator for Finnish Social Work Doctoral School. At the same time, she coordinated the Nordic-Baltic Doctoral Network in Social Work, which is doctoral education network for 7 Nordic and Baltic countries.