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Will Rainford is Idaho "Social Worker of the Year"

Will Rainford, an associate professor in the Boise State University School of Social Work, has been named the 2008 Idaho Social Worker of the Year by the Idaho chapter of the National Association of Social Workers.

Rainford has worked on numerous community projects for Idahoans in need, including the Interfaith Sanctuary Homeless Shelter and legislative lobbying efforts on behalf of Catholic Charities of Idaho.

Rainford teaches community organizing and social policy and is also an experienced legislative advocate, having served pro bono for three years as the advocate for the Missouri Association for Social Welfare and four years as the advocate for Catholic Charities of Idaho.

This is not Rainford's first award of the year. He has also received the Larry Selland Humanitarian Award and the United Vision for Idaho Grassroots Organizer of the Year. Rainford also serves as the chair of the Master of Social Work Program at Boise State and is the president of the Boise State Faculty Senate.

Rainford is the fourth Boise State faculty member to receive this award since 2003.