

Fall Semester Welcome Back Newsletter

With summer news you might have missed



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Video produced by Ruben Espiricueta

SSW welcomes back students, staff and faculty at Maverick Stampede event



Photo by Ruben Espiricueta

More than 300 students, staff and faculty came together on the School of Social Work courtyard, and enjoyed Steel City Pops frozen treats, popcorn and camaraderie during a back-to-school kick-off event on Sept. 5. Student organizations and campus groups shared fliers and information on campus resources. Click [here](#) to view all of the photos from our [2019 Let's Chill](#) event.

Ten professors join School of Social Work this academic year; six fill newly created positions

Story by Valerie Hill

The School of Social Work welcomed ten new faculty members, including two who are returning to the School of Social Work after brief absences, the dean announced recently. Several of the faculty positions were created this year.

Dr. Katherine Sanchez and Dr. Donald Schuman, who both previously worked in the School of Social Work, both returned to the school as associate and assistant professors, respectively. Meanwhile, eight new scholars also joined the faculty roster.

Read the full story [here](#).



Photo courtesy Texas Health Journal

Dr. Debra Woody, Associate Professor and Senior Associate Dean for Academic Affairs and Director of the Center for Addiction and Recovery Studies.

\$1.3 million federal grant to offer students training in addiction treatment

Story by Valerie Hill

More than two dozen students per year will get hands-on training in intervening and treating opioid and substance use disorders under a three-year federal grant awarded to the School of Social Work.

The U.S. Health Resources and Services Administration awarded the School of Social Work \$1.3 million as part of its Opioid Workforce Expansion Program. The federal program's goal is to train emerging healthcare professionals to treat people addicted to drugs, particularly opioids.

Under the grant, at least 81 advanced graduate Social Work students will be awarded \$10,000 annually to work in internships in which they will gain hands-on practice in treating and supporting individuals with substance use disorders, says Sherry Bobo, of the Center for Addiction and Recovery Studies, who helped write the grant. The students will receive specialized training from experts in the treatment field, she says.

Read the full story [here](#).

Ph.D. student wins two aging research scholarships

Story by Valerie Hill

Two North Texas gerontological societies have awarded scholarships to a School of Social Work student who is researching aging issues.



Photo by Ruben Espiricueta

Erin Roark Murphy, doctoral student at the University of Texas at Arlington School of Social Work.

The Dallas Area Gerontological Society and the Tarrant Area Gerontological Society both awarded Erin Roark Murphy nearly \$5,000 to assist with completing her doctoral studies in Social Work. Murphy is pursuing the doctorate degree at the University of Texas at Arlington.

Read the full story [here](#).



Photo by Ruben Espiricueta

Dr. Jandel Crutchfield, Assistant Professor at the University of Texas at Arlington School of Social Work.

Professors to study race biases among fund investors

Story by Valerie Hill

A cross-campus team of UTA scholars, including one in Social Work, will research whether racial biases exist in the nation's investment services field and how such discrimination might affect investors' portfolios.

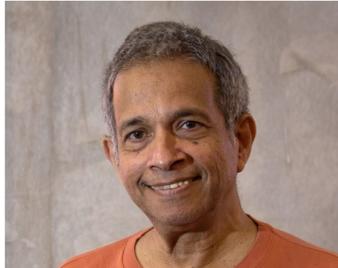
Researcher Jandel Crutchfield, an assistant professor in the SSW, will join John C. Adams and Emmanuel Morales-Camargo, both professors of Finance and Real Estate in the College of Business, on the study.

Read the full story [here](#).

International group recognizes SSW professor, editor of Social Work journal

Story by Valerie Hill

An international human services organization has recognized a UTA professor for his worldwide leadership and research in the Social Work field.



Courtesy Photo

Dr. Vijayan Pillai, Professor at the University of Texas at Arlington School of Social Work.

The International Consortium for Social Development, which has branches in Europe and the Asia-Pacific, honored Vijayan Pillai in July during its international conference. Dr. Pillai won the organization's Jim Billups International Social Development Award.

Read the full story [here](#).

MSW student receives scholarship to study mental health

Story by Valerie Hill

An Austin foundation has awarded a Social Work student a \$5,000 graduate school scholarship in hopes of addressing a critical shortage of mental health professionals in Texas.



Photo courtesy of Samantha Ostendorp

Samantha Ostendorp, MSW student at the University of Texas at Arlington School of Social Work.

The Hogg Foundation for Mental Health, one of the oldest organizations in Texas dedicated to increasing the numbers of psychiatrists, counselors and clinical social workers, named Samantha Ostendorp as one of its 2019 Ima Hogg Scholarship recipients.

Read the full story [here](#).



Photo by Ruben Espiricueta

14 exciting Social Work jobs you should know

Story by Valerie Hill

In all likelihood, you know what Social Workers do. For more than a century, Social Workers

have helped children, families, the homeless population and aging adults. Social Workers have been on the front lines of social and economic justice for decades.

Increasingly, however, Social Workers are being called to work in new and exciting sectors of society.

For example, these "new" Social Workers assist college and professional athletes with academic progress and life-altering decisions. They work at insurance corporations reviewing behavioral health claims and, more and more, Social Workers are helping in non-traditional environments, including children's homes, assisting patients who are neither hospital- nor nursing home-bound.

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