

November - December 2018 News Update



Video: This news video update includes faculty and student achievements, our latest advancements in research, our attendance at CSWE and the impact an MSW alumna is making in the City of Arlington.

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SSW significant rankings, achievements for 2018 – Year in Review

The UTA School of Social Work had a phenomenal year receiving more than 15 top national and state academic rankings, adding [14 new faculty members](#), and conducting more than \$7 million in funded grants, fellowships, scholarships and other sources for innovative interdisciplinary research.

Faculty, students, alumni and staff received national and international honors and awards this year for their work and achievements in social work.

Our reputation for being a “Research Powerhouse” dedicated to improving the health and the human condition and developing partnerships for a just society is helping make the UTA School of Social Work a recognized leader in Social Work education.

For a listing of our 2018 Achievements in rankings, research, community involvement, faculty and student awards/honors and [Year in Review Booklet](#) click [here](#).



Assistant Professor Noelle Fields receives NIH Grant

UTA School of Social Work Assistant Professor Noelle Fields received a \$96,074 National Institutes of Health grant to improve the ways in which families manage Alzheimer’s disease and related dementia with their loved ones.

Fields is a collaborator on a project titled “Utilizing Senior Companions to Enhance Dementia Care Services and Supports” and will be working with principal investigator Dr. Joseph Gaugler at the University of Minnesota, where the NIH grant was funded. Read the full story [here](#).

Assistant Professor Diana Padilla named Fulbright Scholar

School of Social Work Assistant Professor Diana Padilla has been awarded a Fulbright Scholarship. The grant will enable her to further develop her global research in the area of Latino adolescent interpersonal violence in Bogotá, Colombia.

The Fulbright Program is designed to expand and strengthen relationships between the people of the United States and citizens of other nations and to promote international understanding and cooperation. Read the full story [here](#).



Professor Rick Hoefer named Founding Editor

School of Social Work Professor Richard Hoefer has been named Founding Editor of the new Springer journal, The Journal of Policy Practice and Research.

The Journal of Policy Practice and Research brings together research and practice insights that can inform, develop, and affect social policy. The Journal is an outlet for research and scholarship on policy practice, macro-social practice, community practice, social policy, social policy scholarship, the creation and administration of social policy and programs and related topics. It also includes research on the education of students and practitioners on these topics. Read the full story [here](#).

Assistant Professor Kathy Lee earns early success

Assistant Professor Kathy Lee just completed her first semester as a faculty member at the UTA School of Social Work, and has already received three awards this year from the Gerontological Society of America (GSA) and the Council on Social Work Education (CSWE) for her research on the physical and mental health of vulnerable older adults.

At the 2018 GSA annual scientific meeting in Boston, MA, Lee received the Junior Scholar Award for Research Related to Disadvantaged Older Adults. Read the full story [here](#).



UTA School of Social Work faculty, students attend CSWE

The Council on Social Work Education held its annual program meeting in Orlando, Florida Nov. 8 - 11, and the UTA School of Social Work faculty and graduate students attended, presented research and learned about new advances in the field.

The 64th annual program meeting was held at the Walt Disney World Swan and Dolphin Resort in Orlando, Florida. The theme for the 2018 annual program meeting was “Expanding Interprofessional Education to Achieve Social Justice.” Read the full story [here](#).



Social Work MSW alumna works for Arlington Police Dept. as Victim Services Coordinator

A School of Social Work alumna is personifying the term ‘Agent of Change’ within the community of Arlington as she celebrates her one year anniversary as the Victims Services Coordinator for the Arlington Police Department.

Carnesha Collins, a Licensed Clinical Social Worker (LCSW) and a Licensed Chemical Dependency Counselor (LCDC), attended the University of Texas at Arlington School of Social Work from 2012 to 2014 and earned her Masters of Social Work Degree. However, her journey in becoming a social worker was an enlightening one as she realized her full potential throughout her studies. Read the full story [here](#).

UTA School of Social Work professor retires after 23 years

Professor [Peter Lehmann](#) retires at the end of the 2018 fall semester.

Dr. Lehmann has been with the UTA School of Social Work for 23 years. He started at UTA in 1995 as an Assistant Professor, received tenure in 2001 and was promoted to Associated Professor in 2002. He has been a full Professor since 2014.

Professor Lehmann served twice as the Director of the SSW Center for Clinical Social Work and has served as a therapist, trainer and clinical supervisor for more than 30 years. Dr. Lehmann earned his Bachelor of Social Work degree from Windsor University, his Master of Social Work and Ph.D. in Social Work degrees from Wilfrid Laurier University in Ontario, Canada.



UTA School of Social Work graduates 647 candidates at the Fall 2018 Commencement

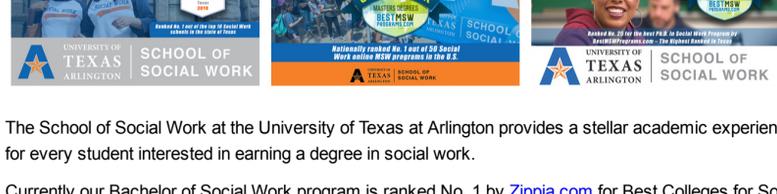


The School of Social Work at UTA congratulates its six doctorates, 532 master’s and 109 baccalaureate graduates who received degrees at the commencement ceremony on December 14 at College Park Center. Approximately 5,400 students participated in the commencement ceremonies Dec. 13-15 at College Park Center on the UTA campus. The newest graduates will join the ranks of more than 230,000 UTA alumni around the globe.

The School of Social Work’s faculty and staff wish all graduates the best in their professional and academic careers. Thank you for your dedication, service and research contributions to UTA, the School of Social Work, and the social work profession.

To learn more about UTA’s Fall 2018 Commencement ceremonies, visit the university’s [commencement page](#). Photos of UTA’s social work commencement ceremony are available on the School of Social Work’s [Flickr page](#).

Are you interested in UTA School of Social Work?



The School of Social Work at the University of Texas at Arlington provides a stellar academic experience for every student interested in earning a degree in social work.

Currently our Bachelor of Social Work program is ranked No. 1 by [Zippia.com](#) for Best Colleges for Social Work Majors in Texas for 2018.

Our Masters of Social Work Program is ranked No. 1 by [BestMSWPrograms.com](#) for the Best Online Masters of Social Work Degree Program.

Our Ph.D. program is also ranked No. 25 in the nation for the best Ph.D. in Social Work Program by [BestMSWPrograms.com](#) – Making us the highest ranked Ph.D. in Social Work Program in Texas.

With top-tier [rankings](#) and internationally and nationally recognized faculty, the School of Social Work provides high-quality education for all who attend. Learn more by visiting [our website](#) or submit an Interest Form [here](#).

