Dr. Nazneen Mayadas Receives 2005 NASW-Texas Lifetime Achievement Award

On November 11, 2005, in Galveston, Texas, site of the Annual NASW-Texas state conference, Dr. Nazneen Mayadas received the 2005 Lifetime Achievement Award. Dr. Mayadas was nominated by Candy Madrigal, a PhD student. Ms. Madrigal delivered the following introductory remarks.

Tonight, NASW Texas Chapter can be assured that it is recognizing the best social work values and accomplishments that can possibly be demonstrated in a Social Worker’s lifetime.

Dr. Mayadas began her professional career in Social Work doing community practice at the YWCA in Calcutta, India. As a Resident Superintendent she administered a residence for 200 girls and a guest house for international visitors. Later as a Program Director, she was responsible for 16 staff members and 2 supervisors. From 1961 to 1963, she worked as a Social Worker doing neighborhood and community work for the Friendly Inn Settlement in Cleveland, Ohio. She spent several years working at the Family Service Agency, in Vancouver, Canada, doing clinical practice with individuals, families and groups.

In 1967, she began her academic work experience as a Field Instructor, Supervisor, and Administrator for St. Louis University School of Social Services, where she also worked for two years as an Assistant Professor, after graduating from Washington University in St. Louis, M.O. Dr. Mayadas joined the University of Texas at Arlington (UTA)’s faculty in 1972, initially as an Associate professor and as a Professor since 1975. Her functions have included teaching, curriculum development, participating in committees and conducting research. Her interests are in the empowerment perspective in social work education as it relates to issues of human diversity, marginalized populations and international social work.

Dr. Mayadas was privileged to have had the opportunity to take a special leave to work for the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, in Geneva, Switzerland from 1980 to 1984, as Chief of Social Services. In this position she was responsible for Social Welfare and Educational programs for refugees in all countries served through the mandate of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees. In this capacity she had considerable experience in administration and services to world refugees.

Dr. Mayadas has made great contributions to the field of Social Work, not only by her teaching at UTA and by influencing numerous students while teaching as visiting professor at Smith College for several years and later at Washington University, St. Louis, where she taught Human Diversity and Multi-cultural Counseling for over 20 years, and as an exchange professor to S. Glamorgan Institute of Higher Education in the United Kingdom, but also, through her extensive publications related to International Social Work, Social Group Work and Direct Practice.

Dr. Mayadas has made contributions of lasting impact through her extensive list of publications which includes at least 5 books, 9 book reviews, 22 book chapters, and 49 Journal Articles. She has also developed 14 Audio-Visual materials, has presented in 102 conferences and has served as a consultant to 14 National and International Seminars. It is noteworthy to point out that the Audio-Visual materials Dr. Mayadas developed are being used by numerous universities and agencies throughout the United States. Additionally, she has served as Reviewer for several journals, including Issues in Social Development, Journal of Sociology and Social Work, Families in Society, as well as serving as co-editor of Social Development Issues for six years.

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UTA-SSW Responds to Hurricanes Katrina and Rita Evacuees

On September 2, 2005, Dr. Santos Hernández, Dean of the University of Texas at Arlington’s School of Social Work issued the following public statement:

The School of Social Work UTA joins our community and nation in mourning the loss of lives and devastating destruction of areas affected by Hurricane Katrina. Of utmost importance, we are committed to supporting the survivors of this tragedy.

He went on to detail the School’s activities that were underway to assist the victims of hurricane Katrina.

During the next week, a UTA-SSW Katrina Relief Effort committee, comprised of faculty, staff, students and the City of Arlington Victim Assistance Coordinator was formed. The committee developed and implemented a plan to assess and address the needs within each shelter in Arlington.

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SWS faculty, Randall Basham, Shannon Collier-Tenison, Ellen Murphy, Larry Watson, Cathleen Jordan, Peter Lehman and Rebecca Hegar and students, Gene Hintz and Miaora Diaconu made site visits to each temporary shelter and the Salvation Army to determine the number of people in each shelter and to assess the immediate needs of each shelter. It should be noted that Murphy, Watson and Jordan are UTA-SSW alums. By the end of the first day it was reported that ﬁve sites, Elzie Odom Recreational Center, First United Methodist Church, Eastern Star Home and Salvation Army Arlington, were sheltering 430 evacuees.

Two days later, on Thursday, September 8, Dr. Randall Basham provided basic orientation training for 70 SSW students and 16 faculty in the school’s auditorium. Debrelyn Perryman, City of Arlington Victim Assistance Coordinator and UTA-SSW alum, instructed the entire group on Hurricane preparedness.

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Dean's Advisory Council to Welcome Four New Members

Four new community members will join the Dean’s Advisory Council in January bringing the total membership to sixteen. The new members are:

- **Bob Gladney**, CEO Kindred Hospital Tarrant County Arlington. Bob has a social work degree, is married and has two children in college.
- **Tom Rourke ’78**, COO Ascend Health Corporation. Tom received his M.S.W. from UTA in 1978 and is a Licensed Clinical Social Worker. He is married and has two adult daughters.
- **Carlton Lancaster**, Executive Director Senior Citizens of Greater Tarrant County. Carlton resides in Arlington with his wife and they have two adult children and two grandchildren.
- **Heather Reynolds ’02**, Executive Director Catholic Charities Diocese of Fort Worth. Heather received her M.S.W. from UTA in 2002. She is married and resides in Fort Worth.
- **Dr. Rebecca Hagar** began her term as the faculty representative in September.

School Hosts Two Lectures of International Interest

**Tonderai Munakiri**, a current SSW M.S.W student, presented a lecture in the SSW auditorium entitled Social Welfare in Zimbabwe on October 20th. Mr. Munakiri is from Zimbabwe and a member of the Shona Tribe.

**Dr. Tom Watts** organized this lecture.

**Dr. Doreen Elliott** organized a lecture titled Gender Issues in Muslim Societies of Southeast Asia, presented by **Dr. Husain Siddiqui** on October 10th. Dr. Siddiqui is a visiting Fulbright Scholar from Jamia Millia Islamia, New Delhi, India. Both lectures were well attended by UTA students and interested people from the community.

New Faculty and Promotions

**Jamie Page**, previously a visiting assistant professor, joined the UTA-SSW this fall. She received her bachelor's degree in social work at San Diego State University in 1989 and her M.S.W. at the University of Hawaii in 1991. She graduated with her Ph.D. from Stony Brook University in New York in December, 2004. Jamie has worked extensively in the field of homeless health and mental health in clinical, administrative, and research capacities. She has experience and interest in harm reduction approaches to care, drug policy reform, non-traditional mental health practices, and oppression of marginalized groups.

**Welcome to Kirstin Painter ’93** who began her position as Project Coordinator in the Child Welfare Center in October. Kirsten replaces Theresa Buehler who recently moved out of state with her husband. Kirsten received her M.S.W from UTA-SSW in 1993 and is currently a SSW PhD student.

**Congratulations to Darlene Santee ’99** who was recently named Director of Admissions. Her diligent recruitment work during the last year resulted in a 5.5% increase in enrollments this fall.

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Second Annual Night of Excellence Dinner

**Saturday, April 22, 2006**  
6:00-9:00 P.M.

The event will be held at the Hilton Arlington in the Grand Ballroom.

The evening will begin with a wine and cheese reception before the dinner and program. Join us as we celebrate the success of our students, alumni and faculty.

**Dr. Charles Mindel** will be honored for his work on the occasion of his retirement.

Proceeds from the event will go to the Alumni Scholarship Fund.

Invitations to be mailed in March.

For information, call Donna Pope at 817.272.0924.

The Future of Social Work: University and Practice Community in Partnership

**Friday, April 28, 2006**  
8:00a.m.-3:00p.m.

**UTA-SSW Complex**

Presentations by SSW Alumni, Faculty and PhD Students.

The objective of this conference is to enhance the relationship and open dialogue between the University and the Practice community.

Information will be mailed in March.

For Information, call Joanne Fein at 817.272.5356.

The SSW and Arlington Women's Shelter co-hosted a candle-light vigil on October 27th in the Architecture Courtyard. The public event commemorated survivors of and those who have lost their lives to domestic violence. Dean Hernández presented remarks on behalf of the school.
Annual Fall Reception Celebrates New School Year

Dean Santos Hernández hosted more than 50 SSW faculty, staff and friends of the school at the annual Fall Reception on September 23rd at Shady Valley Country Club. Dean Hernández took the opportunity to praise the efforts of everyone in attendance for their work with the School and to encourage continued involvement.

Faculty Awards and Grants

Dr. Rebecca Hegar – Named as the U.S. Associate Editor of the British Journal of Social Work after a national search by the journal. This journal is highly regarded and this is a very prestigious appointment.

Drs. Hector Diaz and Randall Basham – Awarded a $45,333 grant from the Adventist Development and Relief Agency International entitled Community capacity, Micro-economic Development and Democratization: the Cases of Bolivia, Honduras, Nicaragua and Peru. The grant will be used to conduct research in these countries.

Dr. Maria Scannapieco—Awarded a $250,000 grant from the Children’s Bureau titled Child Welfare Supervisor Training: Knowledge and Tools for Culturally Responsive Delivery and Management of Federal Independent Living Services for Youth in Foster Care. Kelli Connell-Carrick, former Child Welfare Center Program Director and PhD alumna is a co-principal investigator.

Dr. Emily Spence – Received notification of a grant award in the amount of $50,066 for the Homeless Collaboration Project involving Union Gospel Mission and Day Resource Center.

A contract in the amount of $16,500 with NetCare was secured to provide evaluation services.

Also received notification that the Community Services Center was approved for a $50,000 sub-contract to provide evaluation services through a federally funded collaborative grant with The Tarrant County Work Force Development Board.

Dr. Rebecca Hegar and Assistant Dean Larry Watson – have entered a contract with the Texas Department of Family and Protective Services (TDFPS) to construct a WEB-based examination for Child Placement Administrators. Dr. Hegar and Dean Watson recently completed a similar project with (TDFPS) to develop an examination for Child Care Administrators.

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Faculty Publications and Presentations

Dr. Tom Watts – presented at an international conference on the US and West Africa held at UTA in April.

Dr. Hector Diaz – presented at an international symposium in Madrid and Caceres, Spain in June. The symposium, Hispanics in the U.S. and Immigrants in Spain, was sponsored by Universidad Complutense. The title of Dr. Diaz’s presentation was Factors Impacting the Socio-Economic Development of Hispanics in the U.S.

Drs. Hector Diaz and Tom Watts – co-authored a text titled Alcohol Abuse and Acculturation Among Puerto Ricans in the United States: A Sociological Study. It was published by Edwin Mellen Press in September.


An article was co-authored with M.J. Mahoney and entitled “Constructivism and Psychotherapy”. In World Psychiatry, 4 (2), 74-77.

A third publication, co-authored with C.A. Simmons, entitled “A cognitive model to explain gender differences in rated of PTSD diagnosis” was published in Grief Treatment & Crisis Intervention, 5 (3), 290-299 in August.

Dr. Rebecca Hegan – Published “Privatization of Child Welfare Services in the U.S.A. Current Policy in Historical Context” in the August issue of Social Work, 23(1 /s), 121-145.

Co-authored with M.J. Herie, M. an article entitled “Web-Based Education: Applications, Implications, and Issues”, to the students and faculty of Kaohsiung Medical University, Taiwan, 17 Nov 05.


Ms. Dheeshana Jayasundara (current PhD student) and Dr. Vijayan Pillai – co-authored an article entitled “Health Care Systems and How They Affect Minorities in Developed Societies: A Comparison”. It has been accepted for publication by the Journal of Health and Development.

Dr. Randall Basham – Presented emergency relief training to 70 SSW students and faculty in September, in response to hurricanes Katrina and Rita.


Dr. Shannon Collier-Tenison – presented and participated in a panel discussion for the Arlington Social Services Provider Network luncheon event. Her presentation was entitled “Footprint of the Hurricane Katrina Evacuees”.


Drs. Richard Schoech and Randall Basham – Presented the following papers at the World Conference on E-learning in Corporate, Government, Healthcare and Higher Education, in Vancouver, Canada in October:

• Basham, R. E. “Data visualization in evaluating service delivery and in educating service providers in data analysis”.

• Schoech, R. “Teen Substance Abuse Prevention Virtual Community”.

• Basham, R.E., Rycraft, J. R., & Schoech R., “Visualizing data on violence against children: Detection and prevention of violence in statewide child protective services (CPS) using an online analytical processing (OLAP) technology and online training”.

Dr. Richard Schoech – Co-authored with Y.C. Wong an article entitled “A tale of three cities: Teaching Online to students in Shanghai from Hong Kong and Texas”. Journal of Technology in Human Services, 23(1 /s), 121-145.


Dr. Richard Schoech – Presented “Working in & Leading the Technology Revolution in Social Work: A Discussion”, to graduate and senior undergraduate students at the School of Social Work, Kaohsiung Medical University, Taiwan, 21Nov05.

“Protection Service’s Performance Measurement and Decision Support”, to practitioners and administrators from Kaohsiung County and City Government, Taiwan, 18 Nov 05.

Dr. Lon Johnston – Abstract submitted to the Diversity Symposium was accepted and he is invited to present at the symposium in Melbourne, Australia in December. His paper is “The Influence of Religion on the Coming Out Process for Lesbian Adolescents in the United States: A Quantitative Analysis.”

Dr. Schoech presents at the School of Medial Sociology and Social Work, Kaohsiung Medical University. Left is UTA SSW PhD student Brian Wu-Dar who served as translator.
Two Graduating BSW Students Present Papers at the 2005 McNair Summer Research Forum

School of Social Work graduating BSW students Kan’Dace Council and Tiffany Powell presented McNair Scholar Research papers in August on campus at UTA.

Ms. Council was sponsored by Dr. Don Granvold and her paper was entitled Are There Differences in Attitudes By Racial Background Regarding Corporal Punishment in Domestic Abuse Perpetrators?

Dean Santos Hernández was present to greet and congratulate the students for their excellent presentations.

Students Welcomed to Campus at the Annual Faculty Flipper

Despite scorching 100+ weather, students enjoyed an old fashioned outdoor barbecue, served by the faculty on September 27th in School of Social Work Courtyard.

Field Day was a resounding success on September 21st with 62 metroplex agencies represented. The event was well attended by prospective SSW interns.
Alumni Publications and Awards

SSW Distinguished Alumni Awarded to Dr. Walter Nguyen

Once a Vietnamese refugee, Dr. Nguyen has spent most of his life in the United States helping other refugees. He began in 1984 working as a bilingual caseworker for Lutheran Social Services of North Dakota, helping unaccompanied Vietnamese minors. After earning a master of social work degree from the University of Minnesota, he moved to Texas in 1989 to work for the Texas Department of Mental Health and Mental Retardation in Palestine. He earned his Ph.D. in social work from UT Arlington in 1994 and since that time has been executive director of Mosaic Family Services in Dallas. He has also served as a field instructor for the UT Arlington School of Social Work.

Alumni Events

Two successful SSW Alumni Events were recently hosted by alumna Jane Avila and Rosalie Budnoff. Jane hosted a wine and cheese gathering at her agency, The Art Station, in Fort Worth on August 25. Dean Hernández welcomed the guests and everyone enjoyed learning more about the work done at the Art Station.

Rosalie hosted Dallas area alums on a downtown Dallas rooftop on September 28. President James and Mrs. Sally Spaniolo attended the event in Dallas and despite 103 degree weather, a good time was had by all.

Both events were done to generate interest in and support for developing a vibrant and active School of Social Work Alumni group.

Alumni attending the events included:

Jane Avila’90 (event Host)
Patricia Cheong ’81
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Dawn Edwards ’05
Rosalie Budnoff ’70 (event Host)
Cindy Alexander ’78
Joe Caldwell ’70
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Donna Pope ’92, Coordinator of Advancement, UTA-SSW
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Larry Watson ’80, Assistant Dean UTA-SSW

L-R Rubyejane Dodson ’02 and Judith Fulton ’82 attend alumni reception at the Art Station in Fort Worth

Jane Avila ’90, host of SSW Alumni reception, welcomes Dean Santos Hernández to her agency The Art Station

L-R SSW Alums Cindy Alexander ’78, Sandra Hebley ’97 & Jean Taylor Porter ’74 enjoy alumni reception in Dallas

L-R Sally Spaniolo, President Jim Spaniolo and host, Rosalie Budnoff ’70 at SSW alumni reception on a downtown Dallas rooftop


Libby Kay ’82 – UTA-SSW Alumna and adjunct instructor, began her term this fall as the President of NASW-Texas.

Jeannine Falkner ’81 is a PhD candidate in Counselor Education at the University of Mississippi in Oxford, Missouissip. She is an Assistant Professor of Social Work at Delta State University in Cleveland, Mississippi and resides in Greenwood, Mississippi. Her research interests are psychology of money; financial wellness for social work practice.
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A call from an Arlington elementary school counselor requesting counseling assistance for evacuee children recently enrolled in local schools was responded to by Dr. Rebecca Hegar. She contacted Dr. Peter Lehmann and Ellen Murphy and they worked out additional ways for clinic interns and volunteers to respond to the schools. The Community Service Center placed an intern at Webb Elementary School. Jentoda Green, Janet Soo and Patricia Serrano, current SSW interns, volunteered extra hours at Swift Elementary School to assist school counselors.

Dr. Joan Rycraft, Associate Dean of the School of Social Work, worked tirelessly to admit eleven incoming evacuee students. She also assisted them with resettlement in the community. Deans Hernández, Rycraft and Watson, arranged for the purchase of textbooks and for fee waivers for these students. Three were placed in internships at Salvation Army, the Eastern Star home and the VA hospital in Dallas.

The arrival of additional evacuees from hurricane Rita and a need for more volunteers resulted in a second volunteer orientation training session to be provided by Dr. Basham on October 4th. All subsequent work with these evacuees was done at Salvation Army.

On Monday, September 12, the SSW responded to a call for volunteers from the City of Arlington to help staff the 2-day Disaster Recovery Center at Elzie Odom Recreational Center. All SSW volunteers (students and faculty) were scheduled by Dr. Collier-Tenison to work all shifts, during the next two days that the Center was open. During that time more than 1,500 evacuees were assisted.

As evacuees began to secure more permanent housing, the temporary shelters began to close. Those not yet able to secure housing were moved to Salvation Army. At that time, all SSW volunteers moved to Salvation Army.
Dr. Mayadas has been a member of the National Association of Social Workers (NASW) since 1968. In this organization she served as Chair of the Book Committee from 1999 to 2001 and is presently Chair of the Publications Committee, a position she has held since 2001. She has also been a member of the Council on Social Work Education (CSWE) since 1970 and has been a serving member of the CSWE’s International Commission and Global Commission since 1992, as well as serving in the Katherine Kendall International Fund Committee since 2001. Additionally, she is a member of the Association for the Advancement of Social Work with Groups (AASWG) since 1979 and has served as Regional Coordinator and UTA AASWG Advisor in the Southwest Region since 1995. She has also been a member of the Inter University Consortium for International Social Development (IUCISD) since 1995, and has served on the IUCISD Task Force for Advancing Working Relationships with the United Nations since 1998. Furthermore, she has been a member of the International Association of Schools of Social Work (IASSW) since 1974.

The awards given to Dr. Mayadas include the Canada Council Teaching Fellowship Award for her teaching excellence between the years 1968-1970, the Fernando G. Torgeson Teaching Excellence Award in 1997, the Distinguished Alumni Award from George Warren Brown School of Social Work, Washington University, St. Louis, M.O. in 2000, and the IUCISD Recognition Award in 2003. But probably the most momentous award she has received is a personal copy of the Nobel Peace Prize 1981, awarded to the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees. She was awarded a personalized copy by the High Commissioner for Devoted Service (as Chief of Social Services, Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, Geneva, Switzerland). While at the UN, she instituted a special program for disabled women Refugees with the Departments’ prize money from the Nobel Peace Prize.

Dr. Mayadas has demonstrated outstanding leadership throughout her professional career; she has gone beyond what could be expected of any Social Worker in order to contribute to a positive image for the Social Work profession. She has diligently advocated for the rights of diverse and marginalized populations, she has taken numerous risks to accomplish the jobs she has pursued and has achieved exceptional results. Through her career, she has demonstrated repeated outstanding achievements beyond the Social Work profession.