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Welcome to the first edition of our new e-newsletter! We welcome your comments. Our editor, Donna Pope, MSSW 1962 (Advisory Board), would love to hear from you.

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Creating community partnerships to promote a just society

Social Work Student Day at the Legislature - Austin, TX - March 2012

Our School Today

The Graduate School of Social Work at the University of Texas at Arlington was established in 1967 and we graduated our first 25 MSSW students in September, 1968. Today we enroll more than 1,200 BSW, MSSW and PhD students each semester and they travel from around the world to be part of our dynamic school.

We are now home to four research and training institutes: the Judge O. Brinkley Center for Child Welfare, The Center on Clinical Social Work (CCSW), the Center for Alcohol and Drug Dependence Studies (CADDIS) and the Center for Addictive Nurse Practitioners (CANNP). The Center also houses the Innovation Center for Academic Entrepreneurship (ICAP) project and sponsors a National Development Program.

Our flagship MSSW program continues to respond to the needs of today’s MSSW students. We now provide a variety of educational options including a MSSW Fort Worth Center, MSSW Distance Learning with Lubbock Christian University and in fall 2012 we will begin offering our MSSW online program (a web-based instruction degree taught by prominent national and international scholars).

Read more about Diversity and Inclusion.

School of Social Work and College of Liberal Arts
Collaborate to Open New Center for African American Studies

We recently welcomed the addition of the new Karen Price and Angela Boyas, announced he is leaving in academia with Mark of Ohio University and Dr. Randall Basham was appointed to direct the MSSW program. Donna Pope, was appointed to the newly formed position of Assistant to the Dean for External Relations. The position formerly held, director of Development, has gone to Michelle Gilchrist, after a lengthy search. Three professors, Dr. Joan Rycraft, Dr. Dan Schoch and Dr. Tom Watts, retired after many years of service.

SSW Mavericks Represented Worldwide

Check out the Alumni News to read about the work our graduates are doing. Did you know we now have more than 7,500 social work alumni working in every state and eight countries outside the U.S.?

Faculty Highlights

Our faculty and staff continue to make a remarkable impact on our community through their cutting edge work and research. With the increase in student enrollments we have added to our number of full time faculty from 10 in 2010 to 17 today. Additionally, another 25+ adjunct professors from the community help to round out our outstanding faculty. Faculty productivity and teaching excellence are hallmarks of the quality of our faculty. Read more.

Faculty and Staff Changes

Spring brought several faculty and staff changes. The MSSW Director, Dr. Janis Boyas, announced he is leaving in academia with Mark of Ohio University and Dr. Randall Basham was appointed to direct the MSSW program. Donna Pope was appointed to the newly formed position of Assistant to the Dean for External Relations. The position formerly held, director of Development, has gone to Michelle Gilchrist, after a lengthy search. Three professors, Dr. Joan Rycraft, Dr. Dan Schoch and Dr. Tom Watts, retired after many years of service.

Student News

Our students were busy providing disaster relief, marching for social justice, competing internships, receiving awards, securing jobs and graduating this semester. Read more about their great experiences.

Powering Social Change

Endowments are vital partnerships between the School of Social Work and its donors. It creates greater opportunity for growth now and for generations to come. In 2011 the School of Social Work received $765,000 in endowed pledges creating the Allison Michele Smith Professorship in Family Violence Research and the Cheryl Milwee Moore Professorship in Mental Health Research. These and 13 other endowments are investments in the school’s future which inspire academic excellence, provide scholarships for outstanding students and attract world-renowned professors to teach and conduct groundbreaking research. By making an endowed pledge you will help us meet our goal of $8,000,000 for the 2012-13 fiscal year. Your gift can change a student’s life, advance knowledge in the field of social work, and enhance the academic learning experience. For more information on making endowed gifts contact Michelle Gilchrist at michelle.gilchrist@uta.edu.

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Dr. Scott Ryan, Dean of the UT Arlington School of Social Work since 2009 has been nominated by President James Spaniola and selected as an American University Award Finalist.

Dr. Jason Pearsall and Fang Feng Win research articles entitled Environmental Study and Developing Countries Reproductive Health in Developing Countries Reproductive Health in Developing Countries. The article was based on the book "World History and Social Change" edited by social historian, Social Bradley from the UK. Mr. Bradley wrote an entire book based on the article.

Evelyn Beckett, Grant Budget Support Specialist, was recently honored for one scholar's top four awards from the World Food Situation. Claudia was nominated for the Foundation for Scripted, cast, directed, and edited.

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