School of Social Work's Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Statement:
Guided by the NASW Code of Ethics, we are a diverse group of individuals committed to social justice who celebrate our various social identities. We commit to intentionally building conditions within our School that create more space and remove barriers for diverse, and historically excluded individuals.

DIRECTOR'S CORNER
Dr. Jandel Crutchfield, PhD, LCSW

When it rains it pours, but we can share an umbrella.

It feels like the basic freedoms we all hold dear are constantly bombarded by structural, legal, and individual actions. We are seeing constant “statements on this action or tragedy or legal outcome.”

For many who are on the receiving end of these negative outcomes, it can be downright scary. While we use time in our Community Conversations to process the ramifications of everything going on in the world around us, we as social workers must remember the often painstaking commitment to persistence. To persist in the face of backlash and setbacks is necessary, although it can be daunting at times.

Tune in, engage when you can, and think of how you can pace yourself for the long struggle for justice on so many fronts!

Read more here about Dr. Crutchfield's vision for DEI

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Roe V Wade Spotlight
In 1970, a woman in Texas named Norma McCorvey was five months pregnant with her third child and wanted to have an abortion. Two Dallas lawyers, Sarah Weddington and Linda Coffee, represented her in challenging the state's prohibition on abortions except to save a mother's life (https://www.nytimes.com/2022/05/03/us/what-is-roe-v-wade.html).

Roe v. Wade was a landmark legal decision issued on January 22, 1973, in which the U.S. Supreme Court struck down a Texas statute banning abortion, effectively legalizing the procedure across the United States. The court held that a woman’s right to an abortion was implicit in the right to privacy protected by the 14th Amendment to the Constitution. Prior to Roe v. Wade, abortion had been illegal throughout much of the country since the late 19th century. Since the 1973 ruling, many states have imposed restrictions on abortion rights (https://www.history.com/topics/womens-rights/roe-v-wade)
Student of the Month

"Hello, my name is Esther Rocha, and I am currently on my last semester at UTA. I am very thrilled to graduate with my BSW and begin on my MSW in the Fall of 2022. Never did I imagine myself becoming a social worker, but fast forward to the present here I am right where I needed to be all along. A few of my hobbies are playing volleyball, singing, watching Netflix and spending some time with friends and family. My goal is to continue to learn more about what this amazing field has to offer not only to better myself, but also help others grow and learn along the way. I am a very passionate person when it comes to helping those around me. I will specialize in Children and Families and I look forward to pursuing my career. I transferred over from TCC and I have had the most amazing time at UTA. It has definitely impacted my life in so many positive ways and I have had the opportunity to meet a lot of great people, from students to the social work faculty staff. Overall, I am very grateful to be where I am and I am excited to see what the future holds. Thank you for taking the time to read this."

Esther Rocha

Resources/Training

Reframing Aging

Women of Color Network, Inc

Social Work Program

(817) 272-3613

211 S. Cooper Street, Arlington TX 76019

https://www.uta.edu/about/diversity-equity-inclusion

SSW DEI Event Calendar

Join us in a brave space as we both celebrate cultural heritage months and discuss local social justice issues within our campus and surrounding communities.

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DEI Office Trainings Schedule

Click the link to check out this Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) Professional Development Fund

Have you ever declared, “I can’t get rid of that, it cost too much!” If you don’t use it or wear it, why does it matter how much it cost? It won’t cost any less if you hold onto it for another year or two. Let it go now! This way someone, other than you, can get some use out of it before it depreciates in value.

Let’s Stay Connected!

Questions/comments/suggestions?

Fill out this form here