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

WHAT’S IN THIS MONTH’S ISSUE:
- Director’s Corner
- National Domestic Violence Awareness Month and Filipino American History Month Spotlight
- Faculty/Staff of the Month
- Stay in the Loop
- Resources/Training
- DEI Committee Corner
- Current/Community Events

Making progress on many of the issues we care about comes down to this... VOTING LIKE OUR LIVES DEPENDED ON IT. Every month we celebrate a special group (October is Filipinx Heritage Month and Domestic Violence Heritage Month, and Disability Employment Awareness month among others). As social workers our service to these often marginalized groups of people can be enhanced or hindered by legislative policy enacted by elected officials. We could make a long list of issues that threaten the rights of others and many will be decided at the ballot box. **Tuesday, October 11th is the LAST DAY TO REGISTER TO VOTE** in Texas if you want to vote in the November 8th election. Let’s show our commitment to the world we want to live in, by being educated voters!

Read more [here](#) about Dr. Crutchfield’s vision for DEI

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National Domestic Violence Awareness Month is an annual designation observed in October. For many, home is a place of love, warmth, and comfort. It’s somewhere that you know you will be surrounded by care and support, and a nice little break from the busyness of the real world. But for millions of others, home is anything but a sanctuary. The U.S. Department of Justice estimates that 1.3 million women and 835,000 men are victims of physical violence by a partner every year.

Filipino American History Month (FAHM) is a special celebration that honors the history and culture of Filipino Americans. Filipino Americans have made many significant contributions to American society since they first landed in the U.S. This is why it’s necessary to recognize their hard work and lived experiences in America.

**Did you know?** In October 1587, the first Filipinos to reach the U.S. arrived in California.
Faculty/Staff of the Month
Karen Magruder started as an adjunct in 2017 and has been a full-time faculty member since 2019. Karen has embraced social work’s eclectic nature, with practice experience in aging, mental health, international public health, prisons, refugee resettlement, hospice, volunteer management, fundraising, and animal therapy. Much of her current research, teaching, and service focuses on environmental justice. She was trained by Al Gore as a member of the Climate Reality Leadership Corps and has been active in environmental efforts in both Dallas-Forth Worth and Phoenix, where she now resides. In addition to teaching, Karen maintains a small private therapy practice, provides clinical supervision, and maintains a social work education YouTube channel with over 400,000 views and 6,000 subscribers. Karen also created a licensing exam study guide for visual learners, with roughly 1,000 copies sold. Karen holds her Bachelor’s degree from the University of Arizona, MSW from UTA (go Mavs!), a certificate in Climate Change & Health from Yale University, and is currently pursuing a doctoral degree in social work (DSW) at the University of Kentucky. On a personal note, Karen is an animal-lover, yogi, and avid traveler, having been to all 50 states and almost 60 countries!

Resources/Training

Stay in the Loop

UTA School of Social Work Office of Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion

After January 6th 2021...

Join us for October’s community of Caring Session as we tackle this topic of the insurrection at the Capitol in a brave space with the School of Social Work!

Join at the link/QR code below
Open to all in the SSW!
October 14, 2022
10:00-11:00am


Do you want to leave feedback? Please click the link located at the bottom of the newsletter and fill out the Microsoft Forms. Thank you!

The National Domestic Violence Hotline

988 Suicide & Crisis Lifeline

National Suicide Prevention Lifeline

Click the link for more info about the Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) Professional Development Fund
Fall 2022
SSW Office of DEI
Community of Caring
Calendar

Is there a current event happening that you would like to talk about? Please fill out a form using the link or QR code below and help us find the important topics to discuss. We are open to suggestions!

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Spring 2023
SSW Office of DEI
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Office of DEI Training Calendar

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DEI COMMITTEE CORNER

Dr. Darlene Hunter

Mrs. Kiva Harper

Dr. Marcela Nava

Dr. Regina Praetorius

Dr. Eusebius Small

Dr. Catherine LaBrenz
CURRENT EVENTS

Puerto Rico Hurricane Fiona

SSW Community Event Photos

Let's Stay Connected!

Questions/comments/suggestions?

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