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MONTHLY NEWS UPDATE 2025



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Video edited and produced by Douglas Gutierrez

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DSW program launch Spring 2026

By Jaelon Jackson

The School of Social Work is preparing to launch a new online Doctor of Social Work program, expected to begin in Spring 2026, pending final approval from the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board.

The program aims to bridge the gap between practice, leadership, and teaching in the field of social work by providing a curriculum that emphasizes real-world application, innovative teaching methods, and leadership training tailored specifically for social work educators. equipping professionals with advanced skills in education and leadership.

“DSW programs cater to experienced social workers who aspire to transition into academia, teaching the next generation while bringing real-world expertise into the classroom,” said Dr. Karen Magruder, DSW Program Director.

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Dean's February Pep Talk to Students





Photo of African American Museum of Dallas



Full Interview: Dr. Kelli Rogers and Dr. Harry Robinson Jr. on Social Work & Leadership

Professor interviews founder of African American Museum

By Jaelon Jackson

Students in a social work macro practice course recently had the chance to learn outside the usual classroom format during a guest interview organized by Dr. Kelli Rogers, social work assistant professor of practice.

Dr. Rogers interviewed Dr. Harry Robinson Jr., longtime president of the African American Museum in Dallas Feb. 12.

She said the interview is part of an ongoing effort to connect course content with real-world experiences and community-based practice.

"Often students are listening to lectures or reviewing material from their textbooks," Dr. Rogers said. "I wanted to give them something a little different—a chance to see how these concepts play out in real life."

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From left: Associate Professors Dr. Philip Baiden and Dr. Catherine LaBrenz

Link between body image, suicide ideation in teenagers

By Dr. Philip Baiden and Dr. Catherine LaBrenz

A new study from the University of Texas at Arlington sheds light on a distressing reality: Adolescents who perceive themselves as overweight are more likely to consider self-harm than those who do not, irrespective of their actual weight. This revelation challenges our understanding of mental health risks and underscores the urgent need for intervention in how young people perceive their bodies.

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Courtyard
conversations



THE TIES THAT BIND: FAMILY, COMMUNITY & CULTURAL LEGACY

HOST: DR. JASON E SHELTON



HOSTED BY
DOUGHLAS GUTIERREZ
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Cultural connections to Black History Month with Dr. Jason Shelton

Dr. Jason Shelton, the director of the UTA Center for African American Studies and a sociology professor, was interviewed by Doug Gutierrez. In a dynamic and inspirational interview, Dr. Shelton discusses the intersectionality of social work and sociology concepts related to Black and African American communities, emphasizing the connections among family, community, and cultural legacy.

The video also includes insights about Dr. Shelton's recently published book, "The Contemporary Black Church – The New Dynamics of African American Religion".

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Upcoming SSW Events:

- **Feb. 6:** Retired SSW Faculty Luncheon
- **Feb. 12:** SSW Valentine's Day Celebration
- **Feb. 25:** PhD Happy Hour
- **Feb. 26:** SSW Mardi Gras Celebration
- **Feb. 26:** SSW Black History Month Celebration
- **Mar. 4:** Social Work Month Block Party
- **Mar. 24:** 2nd International Social Work Student Virtual Conference

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