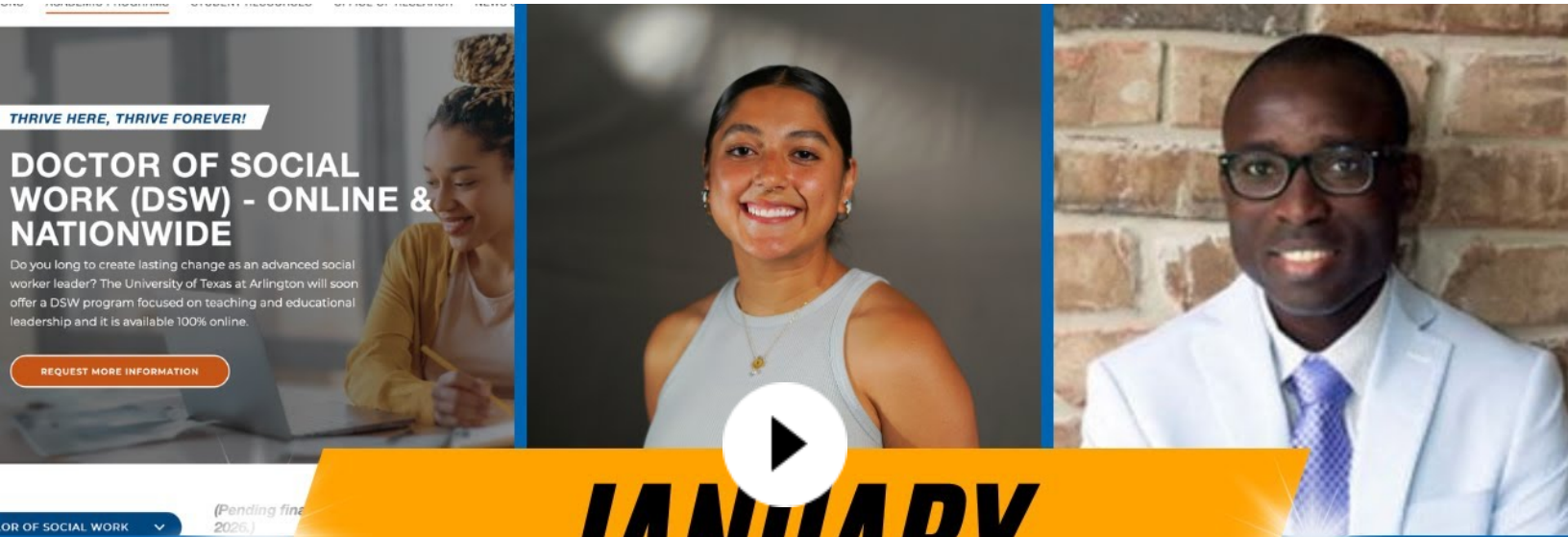


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Professors, students present research at social work conference

By Jaelon Jackson

At the Society for Social Work and Research 2025 Annual Conference in Seattle Jan. 15-19 the University of Texas at Arlington's School of Social Work made its mark, with over 20 faculty members, doctoral students, and post-doctoral fellows showcasing their innovative research.

From tackling critical social issues to proposing solutions that impact communities worldwide, the school's presence at the annual conference shows its commitment in advancing the field of social work.

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Dr. Rachel Voth Schrag, SSW PhD Program Director and Associate Professor

PhD program director named SSWR Fellow

By Jaelon Jackson

The Society for Social Work and Research recognized the PhD in Social Work program director in the University of Texas at Arlington's School of Social Work with one of its highest honors.

Dr. Rachel Voth Schrag, an associate professor in UTA's School of Social Work, has been named a 2025 SSWR Fellow, a designation awarded to a small group of members each year for their significant contributions to the organization and the field of social work research.

"Induction into the SSWR Fellows recognizes significant contributions to the Society for Social Work & Research and is offered each year to a small percentage of the SSWR membership," said Dean of the School of Social Work, Dr. Kirk Foster.

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Victor Allen, Adjunct Professor, UTA BSW and MSW Alumnus, and Retired US Army Sergeant Major

Victor Allen impacts lives inside, outside the classroom

By Ash Petrie

Victor Allen served his country in the Army. Now, he is serving his community, and it is getting recognition.

The adjunct professor and retired Army sergeant major was presented his third Presidential Lifetime Achievement Award from then-President Joe Biden in October.

Allen has been recognized for his willingness to serve and protect his fellow soldiers, but this award acknowledges his contributions to the community off the battlefield.

He formed a Military Community Relations Program that provided motivational speaking and mentoring for over 16,000 at risk kids for eight years.

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Upcoming SSW Events:

- **Jan. 13:** First Day of Spring Semester Classes
- **Jan. 17:** SSW Dean's Evening Reception at SSWR in Seattle
- **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

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