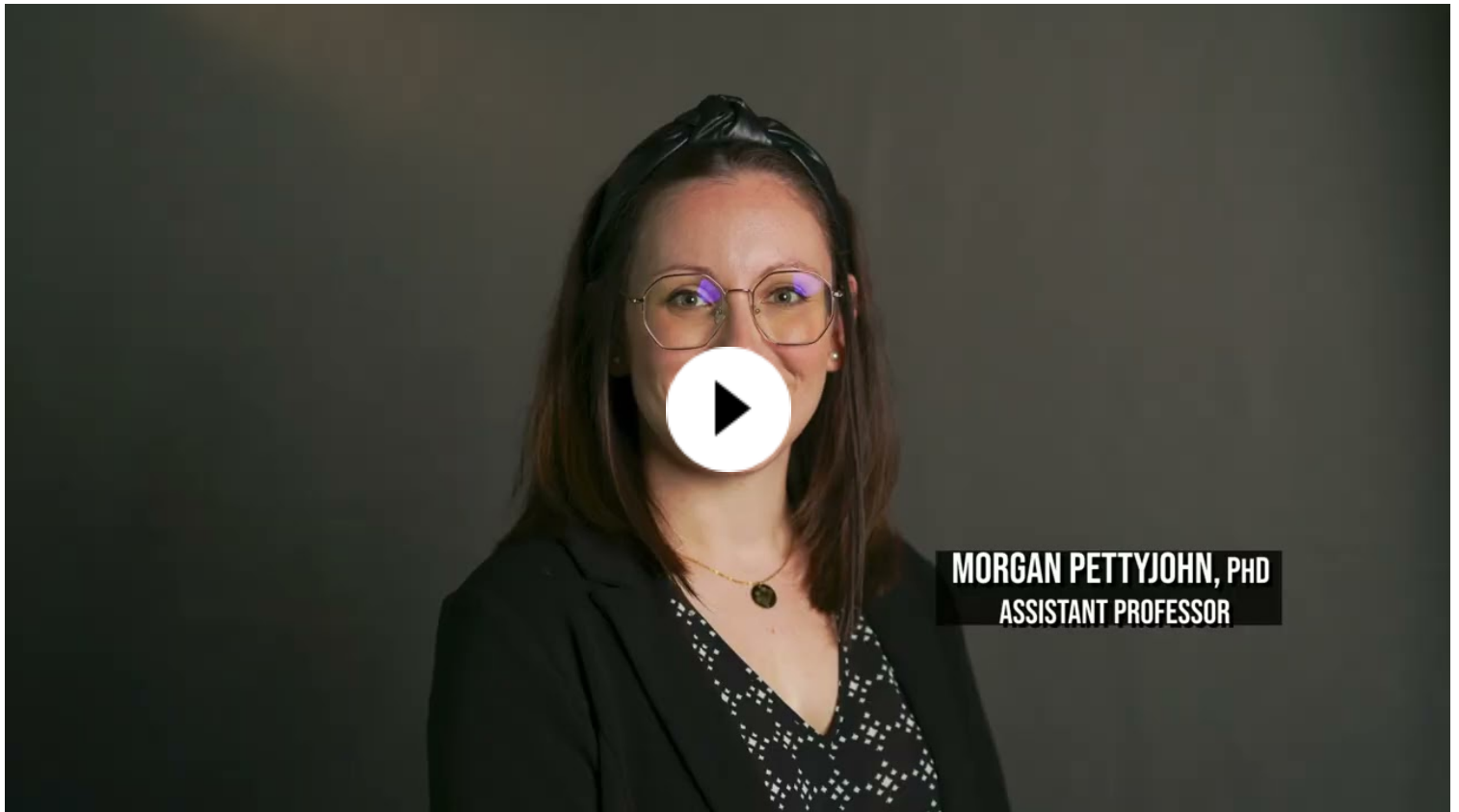


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Video edited and produced by Douglas Gutierrez

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New dean selected for School of Social Work

By Linsey Nazir

University of Texas at Arlington

The University of Texas at Arlington has selected Kirk A. Foster as the next dean of the School of Social Work, entrusting him with leading the school in its mission to address pressing societal issues and provide evidence-based solutions.

As dean of the School of Social Work, Foster will lead one of the largest and most diverse social work programs in the nation. He currently serves as professor and director of the School of Social Work at East Carolina University. His tenure at UTA will begin Feb. 1, 2024.

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New Dean of School of Social Work, Dr. Kirk Foster

Two MSW students receive EDGE Scholarships

By Jaelon Jackson

School of Social Work

The University of Texas at Arlington's School of Social Work takes immense pride in celebrating Hispanic Heritage Month with the remarkable achievements of two distinguished graduate students in the Master of Social Work program.

Michelle Gonzalez and Ignacio Aranda, who share Hispanic heritage, have each been awarded Economic Development through Guidance Education Scholarships, an accolade highlighting their commitment to social change during this significant month.

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MSW Students, Michelle Gonzalez (left) and Ignacio Aranda (right)

BSW student completes undergraduate thesis

By Jaelon Jackson

School of Social Work

Usually when you hear the word thesis, often we think about graduate students but that is not the case this time.

Stephen Silva-Brave is an undergraduate social work student completing a thesis addressing the alarming issue of missing and murdered Indigenous relatives.

Silva-Brave's journey into this research topic began unexpectedly. "I got into this research kind of by accident," he explained. "It wasn't something I initially envisioned doing."

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Stephen Silva-Brave at TXCSS Conference

Video: Veterans serving veterans

Video by UTKind and The University of Texas System

After serving in the U.S. Army, Sebastian Molina enrolled at The University of Texas at Arlington to study mechanical engineering, with his sights set on a career designing high-end engines. However, after connecting with the military veteran campus community, his focus shifted to helping his fellow veterans and Social Work became his new calling

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BSW Student, Sebastian Molina (left)

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Save the Date!

Save the Date for our upcoming reception at SSWR in January. - UTA SSW Reception will be on Friday, Jan. 12, 2024 at 8:15 p.m. in the Marriott Marquis Hotel in Washington, D.C. - Reception Room Location TBA.



Upcoming events:

- UTA Homecoming 2023: School of Social Work Pre-Game Party (November 11)
- Social Work Mini Conference (November 17)
- Fall Celebration of Excellence (December 14)
- UTA SSWR Reception (January 12)

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