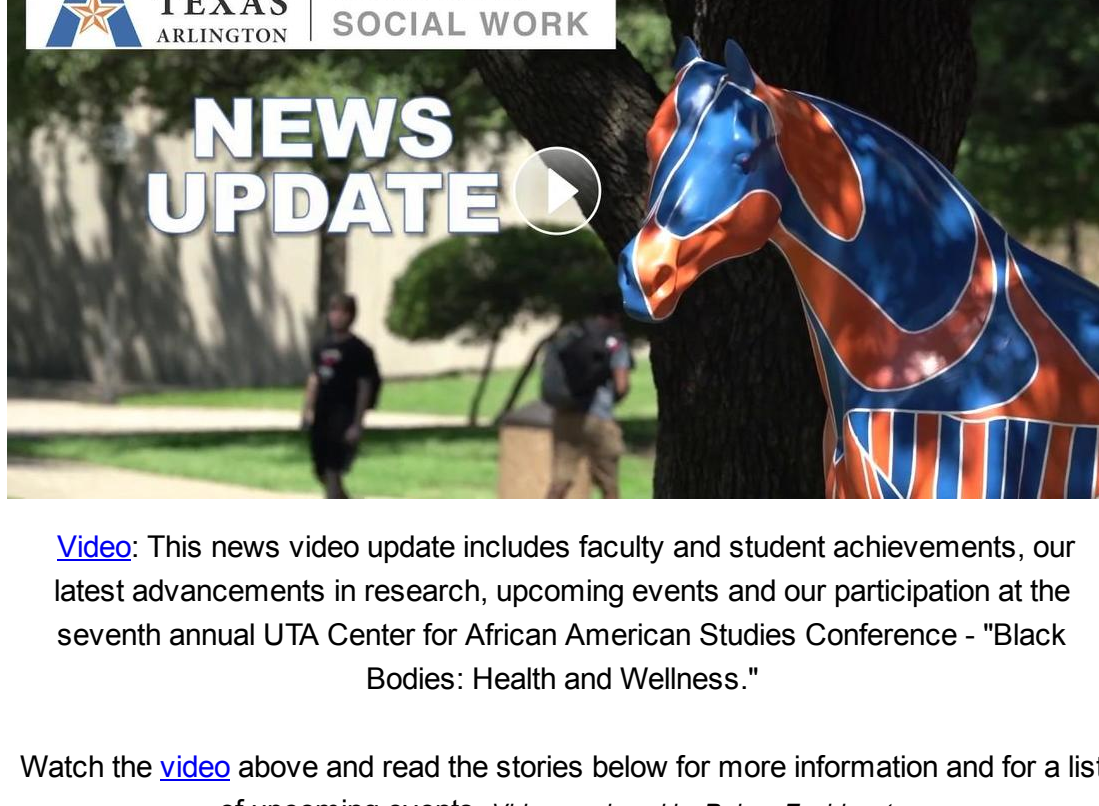


Mid-Semester Spring 2019 News Update



Video: This news video update includes faculty and student achievements, our latest advancements in research, upcoming events and our participation at the seventh annual UTA Center for African American Studies Conference - "Black Bodies: Health and Wellness."

Watch the [video](#) above and read the stories below for more information and for a list of upcoming events. *Video produced by Ruben Espiricueta*

UTA African-American Studies Conference features three School of Social Work professors

Story by Valerie Hill

Three UTA School of Social Work professors presented research this month during an annual conference at the University of Texas at Arlington.

The professors were among six – including a researcher from the University of Alabama at Birmingham – who presented data on behaviors affecting mental health and well-being among African-American parents, young adults and minor athletes.

Assistant Professors Jandel Crutchfield, Maxine Davis and Ryon Cobb, each detailed findings from their independent research on "colorism," domestic or intimate partner violence and connections between discrimination and aging.

The scholars' work was presented during the seventh annual Center for African American Studies "Black Bodies: Health and Wellness" conference. The Center hosted the conference Feb. 15 in the E.H. Herford University Center on the UTA campus. Read the full story [here](#).



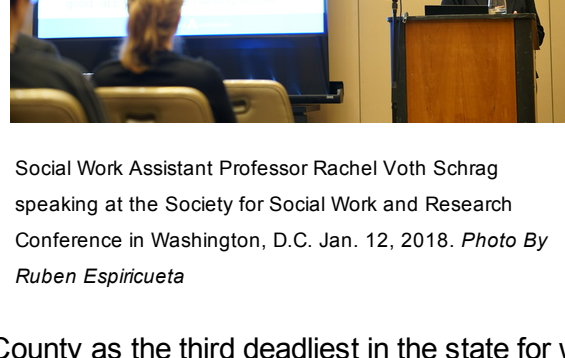
Social Work Assistant Professor Jandel Crutchfield speaks at CAAS conference about the history of "colorism" Feb. 15. *Photo by Ruben Espiricueta*



Social Work Assistant Professor Maxine Davis speaks at CAAS conference about relationship violence Feb. 15. *Photo by Ruben Espiricueta*



Social Work Assistant Professor Ryon Cobb speaks at CAAS conference about the effects of aging discrimination Feb. 15. *Photo by Ruben Espiricueta*



Social Work Assistant Professor Rachel Voth Schrag speaking at the Society for Social Work and Research Conference in Washington, D.C. Jan. 12, 2018. *Photo by Ruben Espiricueta*

More housing needed for violence survivors, initial findings show

Story by Valerie Hill

A dozen Tarrant County women died after they were stabbed, shot or strangled by an intimate partner in 2017, according to a report released recently by a statewide advocacy agency. The statistic places Tarrant

County as the third deadliest in the state for women suffering death at the hands of a husband, boyfriend or former partner.

The Austin-based Texas Council on Family Violence released the report, "Honoring Texas Victims," to increase awareness of male-on-female domestic violence. The report seeks also to honor the memories of domestic violence victims, some of whom died in mass shootings. In 2017, for example, 27-year-old Meredith Hight's estranged husband killed her and seven of her friends as they watched a football game at her Collin County home. The shootings came roughly a month after she filed for divorce. Read the full story [here](#).

Graduating Social Work Ph.D. student offered position at LSU

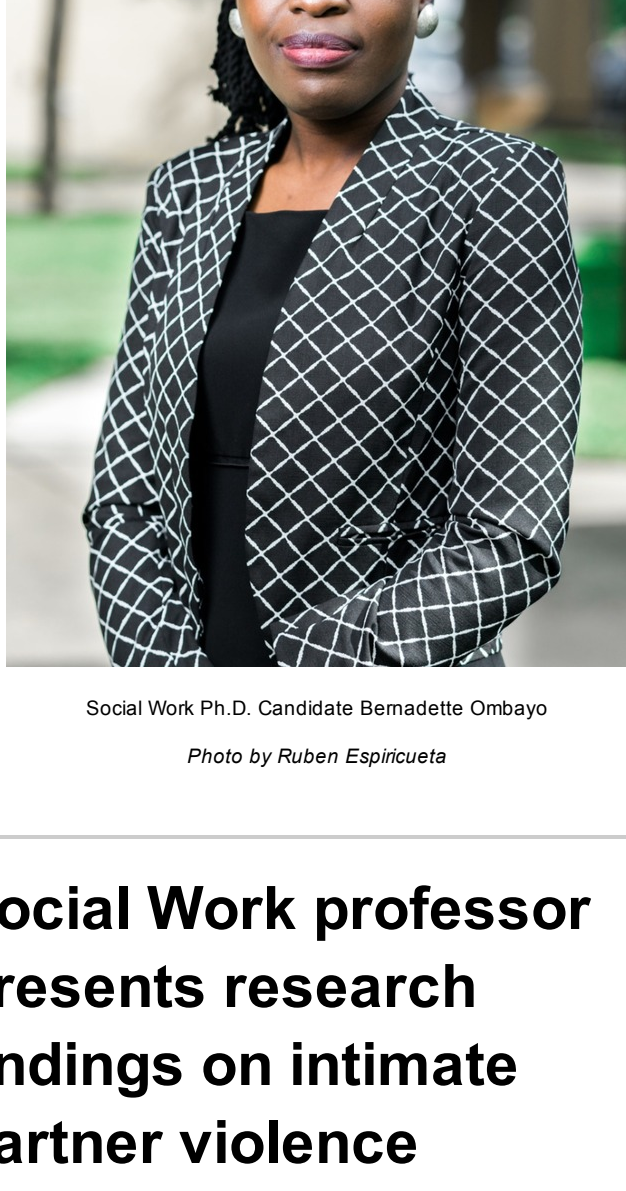
Story by Valerie Hill

She wasn't expecting it. Still, she's pleasantly surprised.

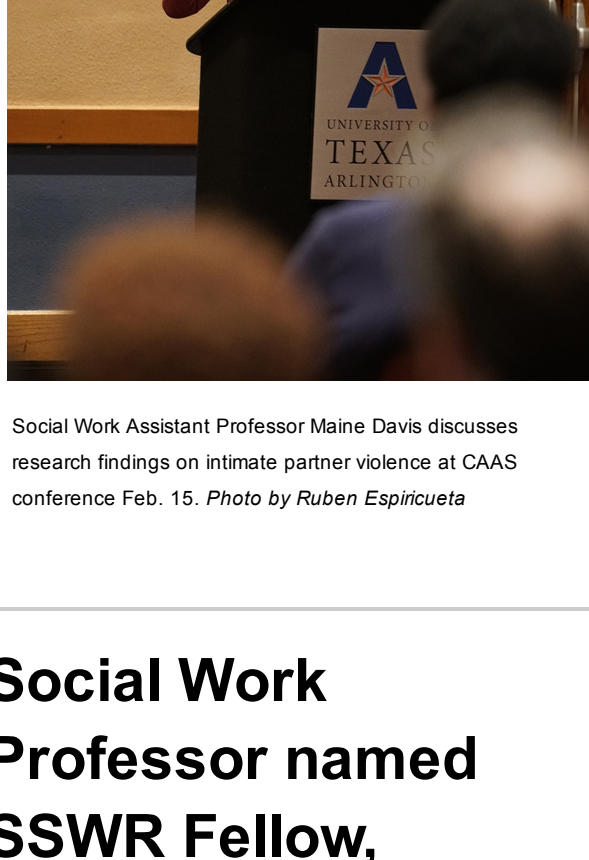
A graduate student in the School of Social Work at the University of Texas at Arlington will be among the newest faculty at Louisiana State University in Baton Rouge this fall.

LSU has hired Bernadette Ombayo, a Ph.D. candidate at UTA, to teach classes each semester in its School of Social Work. While there, she also will conduct research on immigrant issues and African and African-American family relationships.

Ombayo accepted the position in February. Read the full story [here](#).



Social Work Ph.D. Candidate Bernadette Ombayo
Photo by Ruben Espiricueta



Social Work Assistant Professor Maine Davis discusses research findings on intimate partner violence at CAAS conference Feb. 15. *Photo by Ruben Espiricueta*

Social Work professor presents research findings on intimate partner violence

Story by Valerie Hill

The women of women – particularly minority women - who are battered, abused or witness abuse in their lifetimes is staggering, according to a University of Texas at Arlington researcher. Among African-Americans, four of 10 women experience domestic abuse over the course of their lives, says Maxine Davis, an assistant professor at the UTA School of Social Work.

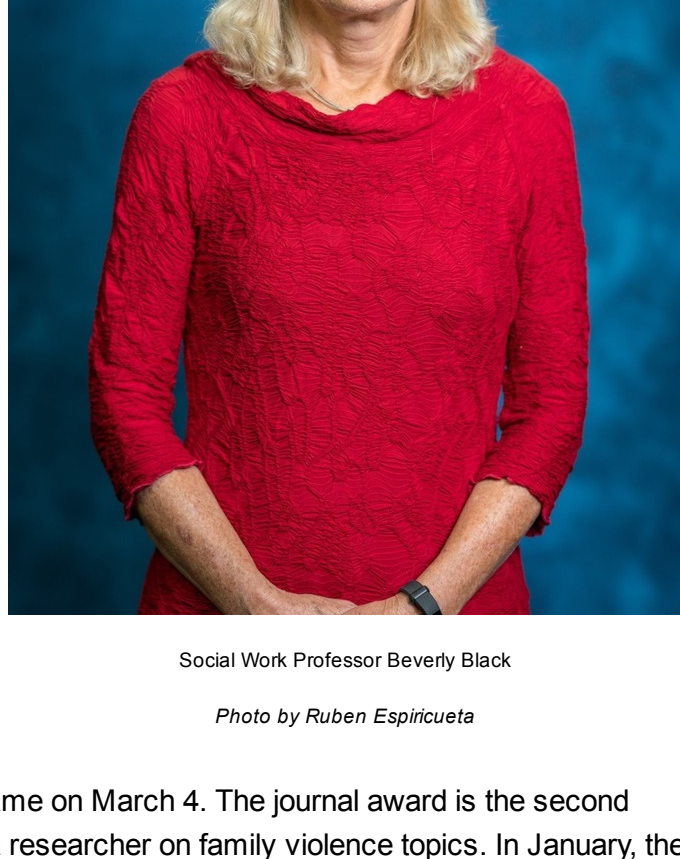
"It's real," says Dr. Davis, citing the statistics from the national Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's National Intimate Partner and Sexual Violence Survey. "We're not No. 1," she says of African-American females. "We're the third highest." Read the full story [here](#).

Social Work Professor named SSWR Fellow, Outstanding Editorial Board Member Reviewer

Story by Valerie Hill

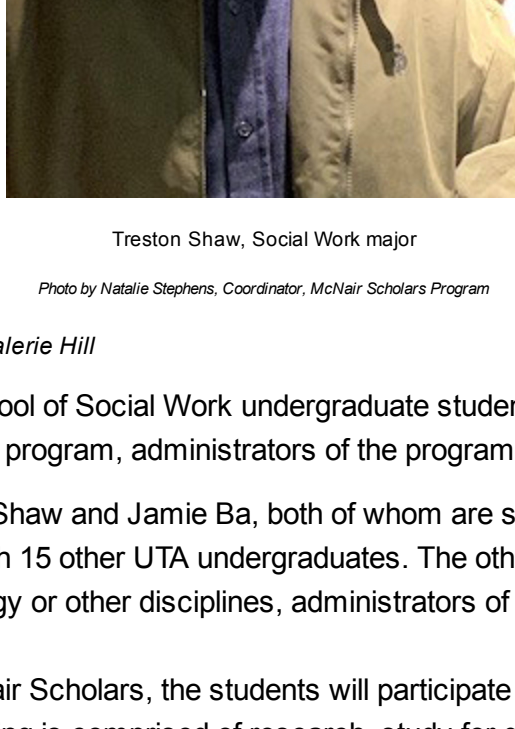
A professional journal and a national social work organization both have honored a University of Texas at Arlington professor for her years of scholarly research and service to the profession.

The Journal of Family Violence, a peer-reviewed journal that publishes research on all forms of family violence, this month named School of Social Work Professor Beverly Black as one of three Outstanding Editorial Board Member Reviewers for 2018. The recognition came on March 4. The journal award is the second recognition in two months for Dr. Black, who is a researcher on family violence topics. In January, the Society for Social Work and Research recognized Dr. Black as a 2019 SSWR Fellow. Read the full story [here](#).

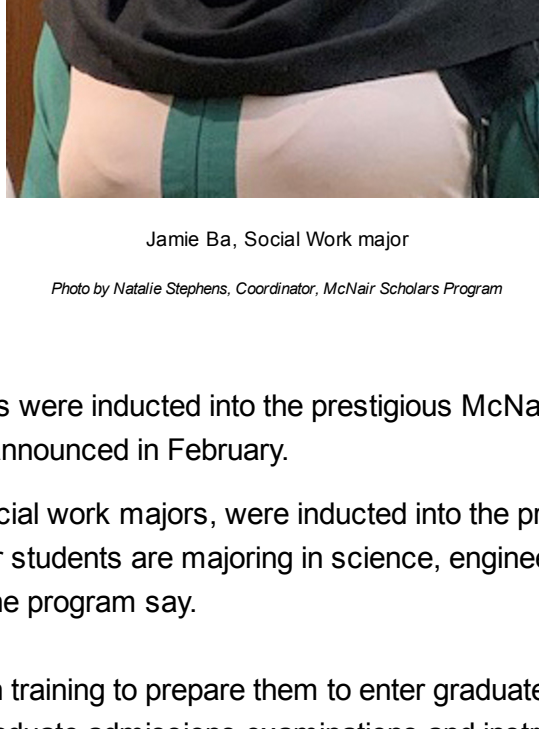


Social Work Professor Beverly Black
Photo by Ruben Espiricueta

Two Social Work undergraduate students named McNair Scholars, will receive stipends



Treston Shaw, Social Work major
Photo by Natalie Stephens, Coordinator, McNair Scholars Program



Jamie Ba, Social Work major
Photo by Natalie Stephens, Coordinator, McNair Scholars Program

Story by Valerie Hill

Two School of Social Work undergraduate students were inducted into the prestigious McNair Scholars program, administrators of the program announced in February.

Treston Shaw and Jamie Ba, both of whom are social work majors, were inducted into the program along with 15 other UTA undergraduates. The other students are majoring in science, engineering, technology or other disciplines, administrators of the program say.

As McNair Scholars, the students will participate in training to prepare them to enter graduate school. The training is comprised of research, study for graduate admissions examinations and instruction in skills such as interviewing. Read the full story [here](#).

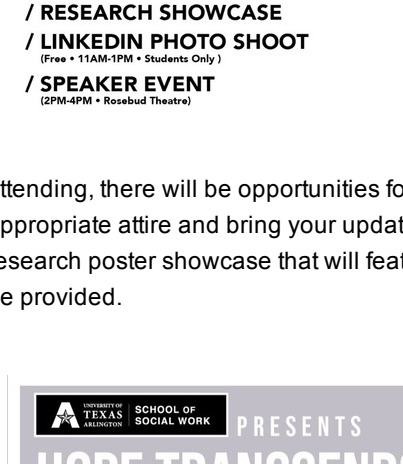
Upcoming SSW Events



Immigration: Facts & Future Panel Discussion

[Tuesday, March 19, 2019 - 6 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.](#)
[SSW Building A - Auditorium](#)

Presenters include local immigration attorneys, leaders, experts and faculty. A question and answer session will follow the panel presentation. Light refreshments provided. (2.5 CEUs) RSVP [here](#).



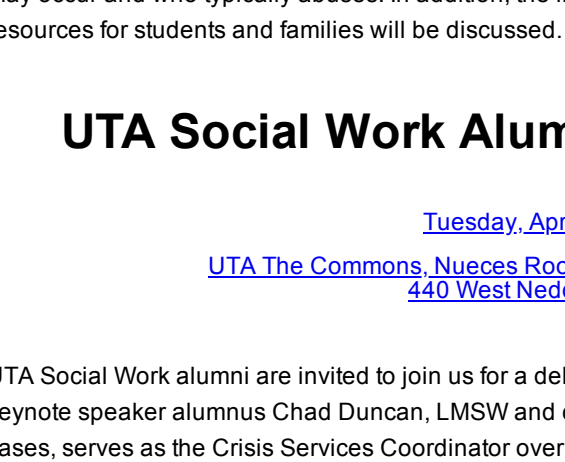
Social Work Career Panel, Jobs and Field Agency Day, Student Research Showcase, Speaker Event

[Wednesday, March 27, 2019](#)
[Career Fair/Field Agency Day/Student Research Showcase](#) - 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.
[Social Work Career Panel](#) - Noon to 2 p.m.

UTA University Center - Bluebonnet Room

[Speaker Event](#) - 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. in University Center Rosebud Theatre

The UTA School of Social Work is hosting its career fair day, consisting of multiple events. With non-profit organizations, field agencies and for-profit agencies attending, there will be opportunities for students to network and discuss internships and job openings. Arrive in appropriate attire and bring your updated resume for your opportunity to meet with different agencies. There will also be a research poster showcase that will feature Ph.D., MSW and BSW students' research and findings. Breakfast and lunch will be provided.



Hope Transcends Hurt: A Conversation About Sexual Abuse with Jenna Quinn

[Tuesday, April 2, 2019 - 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.](#)
[UTA University Center - Rosebud Theatre](#)

Jenna Quinn is the Author of 'Pure in Heart,' a TED speaker, and the namesake of Jenna's Law. Passed in 2009, Jenna's Law was the first child sexual abuse prevention education mandate in the U.S. named after a survivor. Join us in a conversation about sexual abuse from Jenna Quinn. Learn about the problem of sexual abuse, the types of situations in which sexual abuse may occur and who typically abuses. In addition, the importance of talking about the prevention of sexual abuse and resources for students and families will be discussed. (3 CEUs) RSVP [here](#).

UTA Social Work Alumni Breakfast & Speaker Event

[Tuesday, April 16, 2019 - 8 a.m. to 10 a.m.](#)
[UTA The Commons, Nueces Room, 2nd floor \(new West Campus Student Center\)](#)
[440 West Nedderman Drive, Arlington, Texas](#)

UTA Social Work alumni are invited to join us for a delicious hot breakfast, receive an update about SSW and hear from keynote speaker alumnus Chad Duncan, LMSW and certified as an Expert Witness in Domestic Violence for felony IPV cases, serves as the Crisis Services Coordinator over facilitating survivors and families to shelter, safety planning, and conducting in person intakes for non-residential services. Chad Duncan presented at the National Association of Social Worker's conference in 2018 on how Social Workers can use systems theory and strength based approaches to Safety Plan with their clients, until survivors are ready to reach out to an organization providing services to survivors of domestic violence. (1 CEU) SSW Alumni please RSVP [here](#).

SSW Celebration of Excellence

[Tuesday, April 23, 2019 - 6 p.m.](#)
[UTA Central Library - 6th Floor Atrium](#)

A time to recognize academic excellence and outstanding students in the School of Social Work. Open to SSW faculty, staff, special guests and students being honored with their family members.

