

Steve Hicks School of Social Work Faculty

The following faculty list represents those appointed in the 2025 spring semester.

Tina E Adkins, Research Assistant Professor
Office of The Associate Dean for Research and School of Social Work
PhD, University College London, 2015

Alyssa Aguirre, Assistant Professor of Practice
School of Social Work and Department of Neurology
MSW, University of Michigan-Ann Arbor, 2009

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School of Social Work
MSSW, University of Texas at Austin, 2012

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School of Social Work
PhD, State University of New York at Albany, 1971

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School of Social Work
PhD, University of Texas at Austin, 1985

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School of Social Work
MSSW, University of Texas at Austin, 2006

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School of Social Work
MSSW, University of Texas at Austin, 2006

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School of Social Work
MSW, City University of New York Hunter College, 2015

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School of Social Work
MS, Northern Illinois University, 1990

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School of Social Work
MSSW, University of Texas at Austin, 2001

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School of Social Work
PhD, Walden University, 2018

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Office of The Associate Dean for Research, Department of Psychiatry,
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PhD, University of Texas at Austin, 2010

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School of Social Work
MSSW, University of Texas at Austin, 2009

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School of Social Work
MSSW, University of Texas at Austin, 2015

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School of Social Work

PhD, Louisiana State University and Agricultural and Mechanical College,
2015

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Endowed President's Professorship
School of Social Work and Center for Women's and Gender Studies
PhD, University of South Carolina - Columbia, 2000

Esther Calzada, Professor
Norma and Clay Leben Professorship in Child and Family Behavioral
Health
School of Social Work
PhD, University of Florida, 2000

Yessenia Castro, Associate Professor
School of Social Work
PhD, Florida State University, 2008

Namkee Choi, Professor
Louis and Ann Wolens Centennial Chair in Gerontology
School of Social Work and Department of Psychiatry
PhD, University of California-Berkeley, 1987

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Department of Psychiatry and School of Social Work
PhD, Oklahoma State University Main Campus, 2013

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School of Social Work
PhD, University of Texas at Austin, 2007

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School of Social Work, Department of Psychiatry, and Office of The
Associate Dean for Research
PhD, University of Kentucky, 2015

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Bert Kruger Smith Centennial Professorship in Social Work
School of Social Work and Department of Psychiatry
PhD, Princeton University, 2001

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School of Social Work
MSSW, University of Texas at Austin, 2006

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School of Social Work
PhD, Rutgers the State University of New Jersey New Brunswick
Campus, 2016

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School of Social Work
MSSW, University of Texas at Austin, 2006

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School of Social Work and Department of Population Health
PhD, Johns Hopkins University, 1998

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School of Social Work
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School of Social Work
MSSW, University of Texas at Austin, 2018

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School of Social Work

MSSW, University of Kansas Main Campus, 2008

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School of Social Work and Center for Women's and Gender Studies
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School of Social Work
MSSW, University of Texas at Austin, 2018

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School of Social Work
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School of Social Work
PhD, Universidad Iberoamericana IBERO, 2020

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School of Social Work
MSSW, University of Texas at Austin, 2010

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School of Social Work
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MSSW, University of Texas at Austin, 2014

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School of Social Work
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School of Social Work
MSSW, University of Georgia, 2015

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School of Social Work
MSSW, University of Texas at Austin, 2013

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MSSW, University of Texas at Austin, 2004

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School of Social Work
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School of Social Work
MSW, Texas State University, 2010

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School of Social Work and Lyndon B Johnson School of Public Affairs
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MSSW, University of Texas at Austin, 1989

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MSSW, University of Texas at Austin, 2012

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Professorship in Autism and Neurodevelopmental Disabilities
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MSSW, Columbia University (New York), 2008

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School of Social Work
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MSSW, Xiamen University, 2016

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