

School of Social Work Faculty

The following faculty list represents those appointed in the 2026 spring semester.

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

Jess Paul Ambiee, Assistant Professor of Practice
School of Social Work
MSSW, University of Texas at Austin, 2012

Sheila C Arnold, Assistant Professor of Instruction
School of Social Work
MSSW, University of Texas at Austin, 2006

Joan E Asseff, Clinical Associate Professor
School of Social Work
MSSW, University of Texas at Austin, 2006

Earley Regina Barnes-Ullrich, Adjunct Assistant Professor
School of Social Work
MSSW, University of Texas at Austin, 2009

Mary C Beer, Clinical Associate Professor
School of Social Work
MSSW, University of Texas at Austin, 2001

Octavious D Bishop, Lecturer
School of Social Work
PhD, Walden University, 2018

Elisa Vinson Borah, Research Professor
Department of Psychiatry, Office of The Associate Dean for Research,
and School of Social Work
PhD, University of Texas at Austin, 2010

Valerie M Braden, Adjunct Assistant Professor
School of Social Work
MSSW, University of Texas at Austin, 2009

Mary-Ellen Brown, Associate Professor
School of Social Work
PhD, Louisiana State University and Agricultural and Mechanical College,
2015

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

Meagan G Butler, Adjunct Assistant Professor
School of Social Work
MEd, University of Texas at Austin, 2010

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

Jason Castillo, Adjunct Assistant Professor
School of Social Work
MPA, University of Texas at Austin, 2022

Yessenia Castro, 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

Kasey Claborn, Associate Professor
Department of Psychiatry and School of Social Work
PhD, Oklahoma State University Main Campus, 2013

Patricia A Cody, Assistant Professor of Instruction
School of Social Work
PhD, University of Texas at Austin, 2007

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

Allan H Cole Jr, Professor
The Robert Lee Sutherland Chair in Mental Health and Social Policy, Bert
Kruger Smith Centennial Professorship in Social Work
School of Social Work and Department of Psychiatry
PhD, Princeton University, 2001

Lori Lewis Conerly, Assistant Professor of Instruction
School of Social Work
MSSW, University of Texas at Austin, 2006

Fiona Conway, Associate Professor
School of Social Work
PhD, Rutgers the State University of New Jersey New Brunswick
Campus, 2016

Catherine Cubbin, Professor
Clara Pope Willoughby Centennial Professorship in Community Safety
School of Social Work and Department of Population Health
PhD, Johns Hopkins University, 1998

Jeanette R Davidson, Professor of Instruction
School of Social Work
PhD, University of Texas at Arlington, 1991

Andy Davis, Adjunct Assistant Professor
School of Social Work
MSSW, University of Texas at Austin, 2018

Diana M Dinitto, Professor
Cullen Trust Centennial Professorship in Alcohol Studies and Education
School of Social Work and Center for Women's and Gender Studies
PhD, Florida State University, 1980

Kcie Driggers, Clinical Assistant Professor
School of Social Work
MSSW, University of Texas at Austin, 2018

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

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Office of The Associate Dean for Research and School of Social Work
PhD, University of Texas at Austin, 2010

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School of Social Work

PhD, University of Michigan-Ann Arbor, 1978

Anna Hardy Finger, Clinical Assistant Professor
School of Social Work
MSSW, University of Texas at Austin, 2009

Cynthia G Franklin, Professor
Stiernberg/Spencer Family Professorship in Mental Health
School of Social Work and Department of Psychiatry
PhD, University of Texas at Arlington, 1989

Mikaela Frissell, Assistant Professor of Practice
School of Social Work
MSSW, University of Texas at Austin, 2016

Jaime Fuentes Balderrama, Assistant Professor
School of Social Work
PhD, Universidad Iberoamericana IBERO, 2020

Rene J Gaitan, Clinical Assistant Professor
School of Social Work
MSSW, University of Texas at Austin, 2010

Joseph M Germano, Adjunct Assistant Professor
School of Social Work
MSW, Indiana University Bloomington, 2021

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

Rebecca Gomez, Associate Professor
School of Social Work
PhD, University of Texas at Austin, 2012

Anita Guajardo, Clinical Assistant Professor
School of Social Work
MSSW, University of Texas at Austin, 2012

Ashley Marie Guidry, Adjunct Assistant Professor
School of Social Work
MS, Texas Christian University, 2021

Lauren E Gulbas, Associate Professor
School of Social Work, Department of Anthropology, and Department of
Population Health
PhD, Southern Methodist University, 2008

Maj Henriksson, Assistant Professor of Practice
School of Social Work
MSSW, University of Texas at Austin, 2004

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School of Social Work
MSW, University of Michigan-Ann Arbor, 2016

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School of Social Work and Department of Psychiatry
PhD, University of Southern California, 2014

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School of Social Work
MSSW, University of Texas at Austin, 2016

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School of Social Work
PhD, University of Southern California, 2020

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School of Social Work

MSSW, University of Texas at Austin, 1986

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School of Social Work
MSSW, University of Texas at Austin, 2024

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School of Social Work
MSSW, University of Texas at Austin, 1993

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School of Social Work and Lyndon B Johnson School of Public Affairs
MSSW, University of Texas at Austin, 1996

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School of Social Work
PhD, University of Chicago, 2015

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School of Social Work and Lyndon B Johnson School of Public Affairs
PhD, University of Texas at Austin, 1999

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School of Social Work
MSSW, University of Houston, 2023

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School of Social Work
MSSW, University of Texas at Austin, 1989

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

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Office of The Associate Dean for Research and School of Social Work
PhD, Texas A & M University, 1998

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School of Social Work
MSSW, University of Texas at Austin, 2016

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Professorship in Autism and Neurodevelopmental Disabilities
School of Social Work, Department of Mexican American and Latino/a
Studies, and Department of Pediatrics
PhD, Brandeis University, 1999

Octavio N Martinez, Clinical Professor
School of Social Work and Department of Psychiatry
MD, Baylor College of Medicine, 1997

Sarah M McCafferty, Adjunct Assistant Professor
School of Social Work
MSSW, University of Texas at Austin, 2006

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School of Social Work
PhD, University of Texas at Arlington, 2009

Kirsta Leeburg Melton, Adjunct Assistant Professor
School of Social Work
JD, University of Texas at Austin, 1998

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School of Social Work
PhD, Smith College, 1999

Cory Shea Morris, Adjunct Assistant Professor
School of Social Work

MSSW, Columbia University (New York), 2008

Angela Nguyen, Assistant Professor of Practice
School of Social Work
MSW, Boston College, 2004

Lailea Noel, Assistant Professor
Department of Medicine and School of Social Work
PhD, Washington University in St Louis, 2016

Yolanda C Padilla, Professor
Clara Pope Willoughby Centennial Professorship in Child Welfare
School of Social Work, Center for Women's and Gender Studies, and
Center for Mexican American Studies
PhD, University of Michigan-Ann Arbor, 1993

Danielle Parrish, Professor
Steve Hicks Professor in Addictions and Substance Abuse Services
School of Social Work
PhD, University of Texas at Austin, 2008

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

Farya Phillips, Research Assistant Professor
School of Social Work
PhD, University of Texas at Austin, 2013

Suzanne Potts, Assistant Professor of Instruction
School of Social Work
MSW, San Diego State University, 1998

Jahanett Ramirez, Research Assistant Professor
School of Social Work
MD, Wake Forest University, 2016

Lisa A Ramirez, Adjunct Assistant Professor
School of Social Work
MA, Southwestern College, 2005

Diane McDaniel Rhodes, Senior Lecturer
School of Social Work
MA, The Episcopal Theological Seminary of the Southwest, 2001

Stephanie Ritcherson, Adjunct Assistant Professor
School of Social Work
MA, St Edward's University, 2015

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

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

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School of Social Work
PhD, Portland State University, 2010

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School of Social Work
MSSW, University of Texas at Arlington, 2008

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School of Social Work
MSW, University of Texas at Austin, 2002

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School of Social Work
MSSW, University of Texas at Austin, 2005

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

Starla Simmons, Clinical Associate Professor
School of Social Work
MSSW, University of Texas at Austin, 2007

Sarah Kaye Sloan, Clinical Professor
School of Social Work
MSSW, University of Texas at Austin, 2003

Robin M Smith, Clinical Associate Professor
School of Social Work
MSSW, University of Texas at Austin, 1992

Stephen M Sonnenberg, Professor of Instruction
Department of Medical Education, Department of Population Health,
School of Social Work, and Department of Psychiatry
MD, Yeshiva University, 1965

Jinane Sounny-Slitine, Adjunct Assistant Professor
School of Social Work
MSW, Texas State University, 2012

Erin P Spalding, Assistant Professor of Instruction
School of Social Work
MSSW, University of Texas at Austin, 2007

Anita Swanson, Adjunct Assistant Professor
School of Social Work
PhD, University of Kansas Main Campus, 2010

Heather Van Diest, Assistant Professor of Practice
School of Social Work and Department of Pediatrics
MPH, University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston, 2018

Sandra Vanegas, Research Associate Professor
School of Social Work
PhD, Loyola University Chicago, 2013

Mary M Velasquez, Professor
Lori Holleran Steiker Endowed Chair in Substance Use and Recovery,
Centennial Professorship in Leadership for Community, Professional, and
Corporate Excellence
School of Social Work, Department of Psychiatry, and Department of
Population Health
PhD, University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston, 1997

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School of Social Work
PhD, Our Lady of the Lake University, 2022

Kirk L Von Sternberg, Professor
School of Social Work
PhD, University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston, 2005

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School of Social Work
MSW, University of Texas at Austin, 1996

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

Yuanjin Zhou, Assistant Professor

School of Social Work
MSSW, Xiamen University, 2016

Nina Isabel Zuna, Assistant Professor of Instruction
School of Social Work
PhD, University of Kansas Main Campus, 2007