Steve Hicks School of Social Work Faculty

The following faculty list represents those appointed in the 2022 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
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

Robert J Ambrosino, Adjunct Assistant Professor
School of Social Work
PhD, State University of New York at Albany, 1971

Rosalie N Ambrosino, Adjunct Assistant Professor
School of Social Work
PhD, University of Texas at Austin, 1985

Barbara S Anderson, Clinical Professor
School of Social Work
MSSW, University of Texas at Austin, 1974

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

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

Margaret M Bassett, Adjunct Assistant Professor
School of Social Work
MS, Northern Illinois University, 1990

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

Mary D Bishop, Adjunct Assistant Professor
School of Social Work
MSSW, University of Texas at Arlington, 2002

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

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

Aaron Braverman, Assistant Professor of Practice
School of Social Work
MS, Columbia University in the City of New York, 2011

Noel B Busch-Armendariz, Professor
Endowed President’s Professorship
School of Social Work, Center for Women's and Gender Studies, and Department of Health Social Work
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

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

Patricia A Cody, Lecturer
School of Social Work
PhD, University of Texas at Austin, 2007

Deborah Cohen, Research Assistant Professor
School of Social Work and Department of Psychiatry
PhD, University of Kentucky, 2015

Allan H Cole Jr, Professor
Bert Kruger Smith Centennial Professorship in Social Work
School of Social Work and Department of Psychiatry
PhD, Princeton University, 2001

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

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

Cynthia C Corral, Assistant Professor of Practice
School of Social Work
MSSW, University of Texas at Austin, 2006

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

Lisa K DeGraff, Adjunct Assistant Professor
School of Social Work
MSSW, University of Kansas Main Campus, 2008

Julie Nebrat Dickerson, Adjunct Assistant Professor
School of Social Work
JD, University of Houston, 1992

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

Benjamin Ehrenfeld, Assistant Professor of Practice
School of Social Work
School of Social Work
PhD, Smith College, 1999

Becky Morales, Adjunct Assistant Professor
School of Social Work
MSSW, University of Texas at Austin, 2003

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

Tiffany Marie Nicely-Williams, Adjunct Assistant Professor
School of Social Work
MSW, University of Southern California, 2016

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

Jesus Ortega, Assistant Professor of Practice
School of Social Work
MSW, University of Texas at San Antonio, 2012

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

Jose Ruben Parra-cardona, Associate Professor
School of Social Work
PhD, Texas Tech University, 2004

Cynthia S Penwell, Adjunct Assistant Professor
School of Social Work
MSSW, University of Texas at Austin, 2010

Farya Phillips, Research Assistant Professor
Office of The Associate Dean for Research, School of Social Work, and Department of Health Social Work
PhD, University of Texas at Austin, 2013

Michele Pierson, Assistant Professor of Practice
School of Social Work
MSW, Boston College, 2007

Thea Jane Posel, Clinical Assistant Professor
School of Social Work and School of Law
JD, University of Colorado at Boulder, 2016

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

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

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

Stephanie L Rivaux, Adjunct Assistant Professor
School of Social Work
PhD, University of Texas at Austin, 2009

Mia Roldan, Assistant Professor of Practice
School of Social Work

MSSW, University of Texas at Austin, 2011

Michael David Romero, Adjunct Assistant Professor
School of Social Work
MSSW, University of Texas at Austin, 2006

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School of Social Work and Center for Women’s and Gender Studies
PhD, Arizona State University Main, 1992

Donna Shanor, Assistant Professor of Practice
School of Social Work
MSSW, University of Texas at Austin, 2005

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

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

Douglas R Smith, Adjunct Assistant Professor
School of Social Work
MSSW, University of Texas at Austin, 2000

Robin M Smith, Clinical Assistant 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, Plan II Honors Program, School of Social Work, and Department of Psychiatry
MD, Yeshiva University, 1965

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

Debra Lynn Sparks, Clinical Associate Professor
School of Social Work
MSW, Texas State University, 2002

Richard T Spence, Research Professor
Office of The Associate Dean for Research
PhD, University of Texas at Austin, 1984

Calvin L Streeter, Professor
Meadows Foundation Centennial Professorship in the Quality of Life in the Rural Environment
School of Social Work
PhD, Washington University in St Louis, 1989

Sarah A Swords, Clinical Associate Professor
School of Social Work
MSW, Simmons College, 1982

Carmen R Valdez, Associate Professor
School of Social Work, Department of Mexican American and Latino/a Studies, and Department of Population Health
PhD, University of Texas at Austin, 2004

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

Mary M Velasquez, Professor
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

Shetal Vohra, Assistant Professor
School of Social Work
PhD, University of Houston, 2009

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

Tanya M Voss, Clinical Professor
School of Social Work
MSW, University of Texas at Austin, 1996

Jennifer Lee Schurman Wade, Assistant Professor of Practice
School of Social Work
MSW, University of Texas at Austin, 2007

Shane O Whalley, Adjunct Assistant Professor
School of Social Work
MSSW, University of Texas at Austin, 2003

Kari L White, Associate Professor
School of Social Work and Department of Sociology
PhD, University of Texas at Austin, 2001

Nichole Winges-Yanez, Clinical Assistant Professor
School of Social Work
PhD, Portland State University, 2018

Christine D Winston, Adjunct Assistant Professor
School of Social Work
MSSW, University of Texas at Austin, 1998

Luis H Zayas, Professor
The Robert Lee Sutherland Chair in Mental Health and Social Policy
School of Social Work and Department of Psychiatry
PhD, Columbia University in the City of New York, 1986

Yuanjin Zhou, Assistant Professor
School of Social Work and Department of Health Social Work
MSSW, Xiamen University, 2016

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