

# Steve Hicks School of Social Work Faculty

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The following faculty list represents those appointed in the 2024 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 Health Social Work  
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

Ireneusz Banaczyk, Adjunct Assistant Professor  
School of Social Work  
MSSW, University of Texas at Austin, 2019

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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,  
School of Social Work, and Department of Health 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

Aaron Braverman, Assistant Professor of Practice  
School of Social Work  
MS, Columbia University (New York), 2011

Emily Brooke, Assistant Professor of Practice  
School of Social Work  
MSSW, University of Texas at Austin, 2015

Noel B Busch-Armendariz, Professor  
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, Department of Educational Psychology, and  
Texas Center for Equity Promotion  
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

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School of Social Work  
EdD, Virginia Commonwealth University, 2021

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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, Department of Psychiatry, and Office of the  
Executive Vice President and Provost  
PhD, Princeton University, 2001

Lori Lewis Conerly, Assistant Professor of Instruction  
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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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

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School of Social Work

PhD, University of Texas at Arlington, 1991

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School of Social Work  
MSSW, University of Kansas Main Campus, 2008

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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

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

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School of Social Work  
MSW, Salem State College, 2016

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School of Social Work  
MSSW, Columbia University (New York), 2003

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School of Social Work  
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Office of The Associate Dean for Research and School of Social Work  
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School of Social Work  
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School of Social Work  
MSSW, University of Texas at Austin, 2009

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School of Social Work and Department of Psychiatry  
PhD, University of Texas at Arlington, 1989

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

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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  
MSSW, University of Texas at Austin, 1995

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

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

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School of Social Work

MSSW, University of Texas at Austin, 2014

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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, 2012

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School of Social Work, Department of Anthropology, Department of  
Population Health, and Department of Health Social Work  
PhD, Southern Methodist University, 2008

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School of Social Work  
MSSW, University of Georgia, 2015

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School of Social Work  
PhD, University of Missouri - Columbia, 2009

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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  
PhD, University of Texas at Austin, 2019

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Steve Hicks Professor in Addictions and Substance Abuse Services  
School of Social Work, Department of Psychiatry, and Undergraduate  
College  
PhD, Arizona State University Main, 2000

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

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

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School of Social Work  
MSSW, University of Texas at Austin, 1986

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School of Social Work  
MSW, University of Texas at San Antonio, 2016

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

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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  
MSW, University of Vermont, 2004

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School of Social Work, Department of Health Social Work, and School of Nursing  
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School of Social Work  
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School of Social Work  
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School of Social Work  
MSSW, University of Texas at Austin, 1989

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

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Office of The Associate Dean for Research and School of Social Work  
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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, Department of Pediatrics, and Department of Health Social Work  
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School of Social Work  
MSSW, University of Texas at Austin, 2006

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School of Social Work  
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School of Social Work

MSW, University of Texas at Austin, 2012

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School of Social Work  
JD, University of Texas at Austin, 1998

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

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MSSW, University of Texas at Austin, 2015

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School of Social Work  
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School of Social Work  
MSW, Howard University, 2005

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MSSW, University of Texas at Austin, 2003

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School of Social Work, Department of Oncology, and Department of Health Social Work  
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PhD, University of Michigan-Ann Arbor, 1993

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School of Social Work and School of Law  
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School of Social Work  
MSW, San Diego State University, 1998

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MD, Wake Forest University, 2016

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School of Social Work  
MA, The Episcopal Theological Seminary of the Southwest, 2001

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

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MSSW, University of Texas at Austin, 2005

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MSSW, University of Texas at Austin, 2003

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Department of Medical Education, Department of Population Health,  
School of Social Work, Plan II Honors Program, and Department of  
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School of Social Work  
MSW, Texas State University, 2012

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School of Social Work  
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School of Social Work  
PhD, University of Southern California, 2006

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School of Social Work  
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School of Social Work  
MPH, University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston, 2018

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School of Social Work  
PhD, Loyola University Chicago, 2013

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Centennial Professorship in Leadership for Community, Professional,  
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School of Social Work, Department of Psychiatry, and Department of  
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PhD, University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston, 1997

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School of Social Work  
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School of Social Work  
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School of Social Work and Department of Sociology  
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School of Social Work and Center for Women's and Gender Studies  
PhD, Portland State University, 2018

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School of Social Work  
MSSW, University of Texas at Austin, 1998

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School of Social Work and Department of Health Social Work  
MSSW, Xiamen University, 2016

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PhD, University of Kansas Main Campus, 2007