



The Social Buzz



School of Social Work

February 19- February 26, 2025

MESSAGE FROM DIRECTOR

SSW Students Engaging in Action!

Next week nearly 20 of our students will be heading to Santa Fe next week for the Student Advocacy and Action Day at the New Mexico Legislature (Roundhouse). They will be joined by social work students from across the state to learn more about important policy issues and advocate with legislators to make good decisions for the social work profession and those we serve.

Right before Spring Break, four of our students will be attending "Campaign School" in Hartford, Connecticut where they will learn how to run a campaign and get elected to political office using social work knowledge, values and skills.

During Spring Break, our peer mentors will be attending the Baccalaureate Program Directors Conference in Las Vegas, NV. They will be displaying a poster at the conference about their work and impact as peer mentors.

And also during Spring Break, eight of our social work students will be attending the 3rd Annual Social Service Conference in Albuquerque. The conference is an opportunity for interdisciplinary professionals to work together on solutions that will improve our workforce, uplift equity, prioritize wellness and increase leadership skills.

In future issues of the Buzz we will highlight some of the students who take part in these activities, what they have learned, and how the experience will influence their future practice. We'd also love to hear from YOU and how you are engaging in social justice activities through practicum, community service or professional development.

Dr. Mary Nienow, Director





NEW MEXICO STATE UNIVERSITY
SCHOOL OF SOCIAL WORK
PINNING & HOODING CEREMONY

SAVE *the* DATE

SATURDAY MAY 10TH, AT 4 O'CLOCK IN THE AFTERNOON
ASNMSU CENTER FOR THE ARTS
1000 E. UNIVERSITY AVENUE



NEW MEXICO STATE UNIVERSITY
SCHOOL OF SOCIAL WORK
GLOBAL CAMPUS
PINNING & HOODING CEREMONY

SAVE *the* DATE

THURSDAY MAY 8TH, AT 6 O'CLOCK IN THE EVENING
ADDITIONAL INFORMATION TO FOLLOW





2025 NMBTF CONFERENCE

LACTATION IN EVERYDAY LIFE:
NORMALIZING REALITIES AND CHALLENGES
MARCH 5-7, 2025

VIRTUAL AND IN-PERSON IN ABQ, NM

14 CE hours pending approval for: Community
health workers, social workers, RNs, RDs, and
IBCLC/CLCs!

REGISTER VIA OUR WEBSITE!



New Mexico
Breastfeeding Task Force





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Alumni Event

Past Memories, Fresh Encounters

Reconnect with friends, relive memories, and strengthen bonds with fellow alumni.

MARCH 3, 2025

4:00 PM- 6:00 PM

RSVP

The Game Sports Bar & Grill 2605 S
Espina St, Las Cruces, NM 88001





Child Welfare Scholar Program Resource Room

Located in Room 211
of the
Health and Social Services Building

Open Monday - Friday
8:30 am to 5:00 pm

Come take advantage of our:

- Social work resources
- Child welfare resources
- Licensing prep materials
- Quiet study area
- Free printing
- New computers



Contact Erica Tontodonati in
Room 210E to access the resource room



Child Welfare Scholar Program
at the School of Social Work
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Child Welfare
Scholar
Program

Information Session

We are looking for people dedicated to child welfare.

Join Us

**February
26th, 2025**

12.00 PM - 1.00 PM



Zoom Meeting ID: 881 0491 8745



Scholar Benefits

- Specialized child welfare coursework
- Invaluable experience with foster & adoptive care
- Opportunity to network & collaborate w/community organizations
- Attend, participate, and present at national conferences

For program requirements or more information:

+575 646 5177

Erica Tontodonati

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under research & outreach





CHILD WELFARE SCHOLAR PROGRAM
 2-DAY LICENSURE EXAM
 PREPARATION SEMINAR

**ONLINE
 COURSES**

Facilitators will help participants understand the exam dynamics and demonstrate how to effectively use strategies for selecting and using the information provided within each exam item to choose the most appropriate choice to increase their success with the exam.

**\$50 Students
 \$75 Non-Students
 Financial Assistance
 Available**

*Child Welfare Scholars
 Attend free of charge
 and have priority.
 First come, first serve
 basis for all other
 participants.*

**3/21/25 & 3/22/25
 9:00 AM - 4:00PM**



Call to Find Out More
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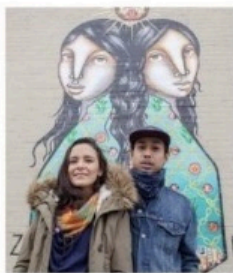




Justice and Revolutionary Thought Conference 2025

New Mexico State University
March 26, 2025. Corbett Auditorium

Keynote: Christian Cardenas



Artist Christian Cardenas, part of the duo LxsDos, captures the life and struggles of the El Paso and Ciudad Juárez borderlands through her art and murals. She has collaborated with Rage Against The Machine and created art installations for Coachella, highlighting migration, refugee issues, and social justice.

Keynote: Dr. Asif Wilson



Dr. Asif Wilson is an Assistant Professor of Curriculum and Instruction at University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign. His work is about the historical and contemporary forces that shape justice-centered pedagogies, how teachers engage in, and conceptualize, justice-centered pedagogies, and how students experience justice-centered educational spaces.

2nd Annual multidisciplinary academic conference embracing original scholarship, art, multimedia, and panels that promote activism, social change, and dissent. Works centered on justice related to disability, environment, race, the border, class, gender and sexuality, reproduction, war, healthcare, and more are being called for. We will celebrate works that not only promote radical thought but works that seek to push their academic disciplines to new levels, promoting social change and alternative ways of writing, thinking, and being. Please send a 250 word proposal and brief bio in a pdf to api_support@nmsu.edu

Priority Deadline: 12/16/2024. 2nd/Final Deadline: 2/14/2025

All attendees of the conference must register.
Registration is free using the following QR Code





Culture Mosaic
Voices & Rhythms of Diversity
Variety Show

Corbett Center Student Union Auditorium
7:00PM - 9:00PM
Sat. Feb. 22nd
Free Admission

Black Programs
Latin American





STUDENT SUPPORT RESOURCES

NMSU Police Department

(575)646-3311
police@nmsu.edu

SSW Peer Mentors



NMSU DACA



American Indian Program

(575)646-4207
amerid@nmsu.edu

Black Student Programs

(575)646-4208
blackpro@nmsu.edu

Border Servant Corps

(575)805-2832
info@bscnm.org

Children Thrive Action Network

Visit childrenthriveaction.org for more info

NMSU Latin American Program

(575)646-4206
aclopez@nmsu.edu

NMSU General Counsel

(575)646-2446
gencounsel@nmsu.edu
In instances of raids or other executive order related incidents on NMSU Campus

NMSU Timely Care

(575)646-1512
campus_health@nmsu.edu
<https://timelycare.nmsu.edu/>

Global Student Resources

(575)646-3121
globaladmissions@nmsu.edu

LGBT PProgram

(575)646-7031
lgbt@nmsu.edu

Asian & Pacific Islander Program

(575)646-3680
api_support@nmsu.edu

NM Immigration Law Center

Visit nmilc.org or call (505)547-1023

Colonias NM

Visit coloniasnm.org or call (575)647-2744



Visit our website for a complete list





Call for CSWE Board of Directors Student Member Nominations

The Council on Social Work Education (CSWE) Board of Directors (BOD) has openings for two students (one at the BSW level and one at the MSW level). Please consider nominating a student and/or having students self-nominate/apply for this opportunity. Serving on the CSWE board offers an opportunity for students to learn about social work, advance in their careers, and contribute to the profession. Student members will serve on the BOD as nonvoting members with all rights and responsibilities of other nonvoting members of the BOD. The nomination cycle opens on **Friday, February 14, 2025, and ends on Friday, March 14, 2025, at 11:59 PM (ET).**

Student members are expected to attend all board meetings and actively participate in board activities. BOD meetings are scheduled virtually in January, June, and September. In-person board meetings are scheduled in October or November (during CSWE's Annual Conference) and March (during CSWE's Spring Governance). CSWE will provide financial support for students' travel and accommodations to its in-person BOD meetings. Student members will be appointed to serve on the CSWE BOD for a 3-year term effective July 1, 2025–June 30, 2028.

BSW and MSW Student Representative Criteria:

1. A distinguished commitment to the social work profession through academic excellence, service to the community, and a desire to learn more about social work education in the United States and internationally.
2. Possess a minimum 3.0 GPA, displaying advanced knowledge, skills, and abilities that would enrich the work of the BOD.
3. Possess curiosity, critical thinking, and executive function that would contribute to advancing CSWE as the authority in social work education by leveraging resources, student network, and classroom and field experience.
4. Support the mission of CSWE and its commitment to justice and anti-racism, diversity, equity, and inclusion.
5. Ethical commitment to the best interest of CSWE without regards to persons or interests.
6. Commitment to serve 3-year term and attending BOD meetings and trainings.
7. Experience or familiarity with BOD work is helpful but not required.

- Nominee: [CSWE membership](#) is required
- Nominator: [CSWE membership](#) is required

To nominate or self-nominate a student member to the CSWE Board of Directors:

- Complete application on [Submittable](#)
- Upload résumé or CV
- Upload brief statement of interest
- Upload letter of support from the student's dean or director

Questions about these nominations can be directed to Monica Wylie at mwyllie@cswe.org.

I look forward to receiving your nominations.





PRACTICUM FAIR

Don't miss the chance to attend the practicum fair and student workforce panel, where you can meet with agencies face-to-face and have on-the-spot placement interviews.



DATE
February 28, 2025



TIME
08.30AM -12.00PM



ACTIVITY CENTER, NMSU
1572 STEWART ST. LAS CRUCES, NM 88003

Register Here for information on In Person and Online Fair: https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=aIfso7ifWEG61_EbrOHRqaaC6iAkC8pFhUAMwNu8OY1UMEpOTiE0TFVKMldIOUuLVIzDTDcvSlhZNi4u



STUDENT WORKFORCE PANEL



DATE
February 28, 2025



TIME
01.30PM-4.00PM



NMSU Campus and Zoom:
Register Here! <https://nmsu.zoom.us/meeting/register/aJMaFshlQVK3JhFICZkH1w>



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FOR MORE INFO

BSW: SFACIO@NMSU.EDU

MSW MAIN: TNIETO@NMSU.EDU

MSW GLOBAL: MDNUNEZ@NMSU.EDU

REGISTER NOW

This is an opportunity to stand out, bring extra resumes, dress professionally, and aim to leave a lasting impression.



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Hello Students!

We would like to invite you to participate in our School of Social Work Practicum and Employment Fair. This year we will host agencies from Southern New Mexico and El Paso Tx. at the James Delameter Activity Center. Come join us and find out more about agency practicum placements and employment for those who are eligible. Agencies will be available for students to network and gain information about the agency and share their resumes. For students that are graduating this May, agencies are also coming with employment opportunities. Come and see what jobs are available.

Students are highly encouraged to attend as this is a convenient way to connect with practicum agencies. You will have the opportunity to network with multiple agencies. Please take note, practicum placement is a competitive process and you are not only trying to solidify a placement along with your classmates, but also with social work students from around the state and nation. It is so important that you stay on track with our requirements.

For students in the Northern Region of New Mexico, New Mexico Highlands University will also be having a Practicum Fair on April 9 , 11:00-1:30 pm at UNM Continuing Education Conference Center, North Building, 1634 University Blvd NE, Albuquerque, NM 87102.

For our global students, we will be having a virtual fair on March 5.

We are also asking students to attend the workforce panel that same day at 1:30-4:00pm. This event will be in person and virtual. You will hear from practitioners in our area about their area of expertise. Do you want to know what kind of job a medical social worker can have? Or what you can do as a macro social worker? We will have practitioners from the medical, education, etc community to talk about their experiences.

Please register below so that we can provide you with the correct information.

Practicum Fair Student in-person, February 28, 2025

[Register HERE](#)

Workforce Panel, February 28, 2025

[Register HERE](#)

For students in Norther Region of NM, April 9

[Register HERE](#)

Global Students, March 5

[Register HERE](#)





FYI+

FYI+ Presents:

FAMILY VALENTINE'S OPEN HOUSE & RESOURCE FAIR

Thursday, February 13th 5:30-8pm

Family Activities

- Card Making
- Kindness Coupons
- Face painting
- Mandala Coloring
- Collaborative Vision Boards
- and more!

We will be joined by our Community Partners:

- DACC Workforce Development & Career Readiness
- Child Support Services Division
- Presbyterian Health Plan-Turquoise Care
- ECECD Families First
- Turning Point of Las Cruces



Join us for family fun, Valentine's arts & crafts and pizza (first come, first served)!

**FYI+ La Vida Project
118 S. Main St.
Las Cruces, NM 88001**





DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL WORK
 COLLEGE OF HEALTH SCIENCES
 Presenting Workshop:

Psychopharmacology for Mental Health Professionals

Davena Norris

PharmD, PhC, BCPS, DipACLM



DR. DAVENA NORRIS IS A REGISTERED PHARMACIST, PHARMACIST CLINICIAN, BOARD CERTIFIED PHARMACOTHERAPY SPECIALIST (BCPS), AND CERTIFIED LIFESTYLE MEDICINE PROFESSIONAL (DIPACLM). SHE CURRENTLY WORKS AT MEMORIAL MEDICAL CENTER IN LAS CRUCES, NM WHERE SHE WORKS COLLABORATIVELY WITH AN INTERPROFESSIONAL TEAM TO CARE FOR PATIENTS IN THE HOSPITAL AND OUTPATIENT CLINIC. SHE HAS MANY TEACHING ROLES INCLUDING FACULTY FOR A FAMILY MEDICINE RESIDENCY PROGRAM, COORDINATOR FOR A PHARMACY RESIDENCY PROGRAM, AND PRECEPTOR FOR TWO COLLEGES OF PHARMACY. IN ADDITION, DR. NORRIS IS AN INSTRUCTOR FOR THE NMSU MASTER OF SCIENCE IN CLINICAL PSYCHOPHARMACOLOGY PROGRAM. PRIOR TO HER PROFESSIONAL ACCOMPLISHMENTS, DR. NORRIS OBTAINED A BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN ANIMAL SCIENCE FROM NEW MEXICO STATE UNIVERSITY AND DOCTOR OF PHARMACY FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF NEW MEXICO. SHE IS A FREQUENT PRESENTER AT CONFERENCES ON ISSUES INCLUDING MEDICATION CONSIDERATIONS IN OLDER ADULTS, LIFESTYLE MEDICINE FOR THE MANAGEMENT OF DIABETES AND OTHER CONDITIONS, HEALTH POLICY, AND SOCIAL ACCOUNTABILITY IN GRADUATE MEDICAL EDUCATION.

UTEP WELCOMES DR. NORRIS TO THIS EDUCATIONAL WORKSHOP WHICH WILL DISCUSS THE RISKS AND BENEFITS OF COMMONLY PRESCRIBED PSYCHOTROPIC MEDICATIONS, STRATEGIES TO MITIGATE POLYPHARMACY, POTENTIALLY INAPPROPRIATE MEDICATIONS IN GERIATRIC CARE, AND THE USE OF TOOLS SUCH AS SBAR AND CUS TO ENHANCE INTERPROFESSIONAL COMMUNICATION.

Date: Saturday, March 29, 2025

Time: 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Location: UTEP CAMPUS

Building: BLUMBERG AUDITORIUM (UTEP LIBRARY, 1ST FLOOR)

Cost: \$90.00 Professionals / \$30.00 Students

CEU Credits: 3 CEUs

Registrations: Open to Social Work, LPCs and all professionals

**Registration
QR Code:**



**Payment
Submission:**



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IN SOCIAL WORK



Facundo Valdez School
of Social Work

NEW MEXICO SOCIAL WORK EDUCATION SUMMIT

The Future of Social Work

March 28, 2025
Albuquerque, NM

Event Registration
NOW OPEN!

bit.ly/sw-ed-summit-2025

SCAN ME

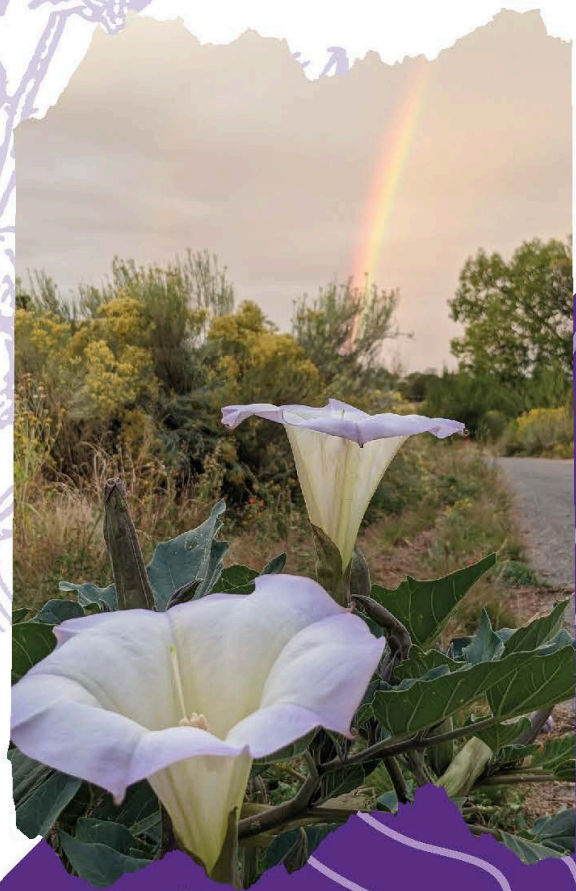


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STAY CONNECTED

Exciting News for Our Social Work Community! We've launched a new Careers & Opportunities webpage dedicated to connecting you with meaningful job openings. From roles within NMSU to opportunities in the broader community, this page is designed to help you find positions that align with your passion and expertise. Visit the page to explore the latest listings and take the next step in your career!



CLICK HERE



BUZZ IN NEXT WEEK

Stay tuned for the latest updates, stories, and highlights from the School of Social Work!

In next week's edition, we'll bring you:

- Spotlights on Recent Achievements
- Upcoming Events and Workshops
- Student and Faculty Features
- Useful Resources and Tips

Got something to share or a question to ask?

Feel free to reach out to us:

✉ mkeeper@nmsu.edu

☎ Phone: 575-646-7599

🏢 Office: HSS 210F

We'd love to hear from you and feature your news in our next issue!

