

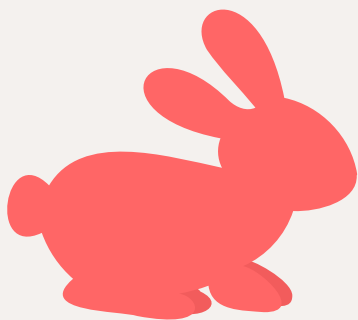
# The Social Buzz

## School of Social Work

**April 3- April 8, 2025**

### MESSAGE FROM DIRECTOR

Happy April! Spring is definitely in the air. We are busy in the School of Social Work getting ready for registration, graduation and admitting our new 2025 cohorts into the BSW and MSW programs. While we search for a new Academic Advisor, we will have some temporary help over the next couple of months to ensure students have all they need no matter if they are continuing, leaving or coming into the program. Once again, the Buzz is full of events, announcements, kudos and important information pertaining to ALL students in our School. Remember, all Buzz editions can also be found on our website and this is the primary mode of communication we use to let you know what's happening. If you have anything to share with your classmates, look for the form at the end of the Buzz for submitting items.



Dr. Mary Nienow, Director





# Appreciate YOU

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**On March 14, 2025 the Social Work Peer Support team: Aubrey Caballero, Abigail Gutierrez-Macias and Mia Peralta presented their program and findings to the BPD National Conference in Las Vegas, NV. I wanted to share how proud I am of them for this accomplishment and I wanted to emphasize how proud I am of their accomplishments with the Peer Support program. They have assisted students with admissions, resume and professional building and emotional support and it should be well noted that Aubrey, Abigail and Mia are always motivated to reach out to students to provide that support.**

**-Professor Susie Facio**

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## Need Help with Academic Advising or Registration? We're Here to Support You!

Whether you're navigating program requirements, course scheduling, financial aid, transfer credits, or graduation, we've got you covered! [Fill out our support form](#) to get assistance!

### What can we help with?

- Academic Advising
- Program Requirements
- Registration & Enrollment
- Financial Aid
- Course Scheduling
- Transfer Credits
- Graduation Requirements
- and much more!



Thank you for submitting your inquiry! One of our team members will get back to you soon with the support you need. In the meantime, if you need immediate help, you can reach out to one of our key contacts:

- **BSW Program Coordinator:** Professor Paulina Palomino Pantoja - paulinam@nmsu.edu
- **MSW Program Coordinator:** Dr. Sterling Brown - shbrown@nmsu.edu
- **Practicum Director:** Professor Mari Tellez - tellezm@nmsu.edu
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We're here to help you succeed! Reach out anytime. 🌱





**HEALTHY CLIMATE  
NEW MEXICO**  
Health Professionals for Climate Action

# 2025 New Mexico Extreme Heat, Health and Resiliency Summit

**...AND WE DON'T MEAN CHILE!**

**Wednesday,  
April 23, 2025**

**8:30am - 12:30pm MST  
on Zoom**

**Featuring:**

**New Mexico Heat and Health  
Update**

**Hot Topics in Heat and Health**

**Keynote Address by:**

**Michelle Litwin, Heat Response  
Program Manager, Phoenix**



**FREE**

**CLICK OR SCAN  
TO REGISTER**

**SPANISH & ASL INTERPRETATION AVAILABLE**

Contact Hours Available: SW, CHW, CHES, Nursing (pending)

[www.healthyclimatenm.org](http://www.healthyclimatenm.org)



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**CENTER FOR EXCELLENCE**  
IN SOCIAL WORK

## Motivational Interviewing: Social Work, the Realities of Intersectionality and Culture, and Ethical Practice

Dr. John M. Tourangeau, MDIV, MBA, LADAC, LCSW

**Date:** 4/5/25 (Saturday) & **Time:** 9 am–12:15 pm (Mountain Time)

**Details:** CEUs 3 Cultural & Ethics | **Level:** Emerging–Intermediate

**Cost:** FREE

**Location:** Zoom & Canvas

REGISTER: [LEARN.NMCESW.ORG](https://learn.nmcesw.org)



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Graduate School



## GRADUATE APPRECIATION WEEK



**Monday  
31st  
March**

**Awards Ceremony for Research & Creativity**  
O'Donnell Hall Room: 111, From 3 P.M. to 4 P.M.



**Tuesday  
April 1st**

**Honoring Excellence: Celebration of Teaching,  
Outreach, and Service(TA's & GA's)**  
O'Donnell Hall Room: 111, From 3 P.M. to 4 P.M.



**Wednesday  
April 2nd**

**Guiding with Brilliance: The Rise of a Leader(GSO  
Leaders & Graduate Student Leaders)**  
O'Donnell Hall Room: 111, From 3 P.M. to 4 P.M.



**Thursday  
April 3rd**

**Gradulicious: A Celebration of Graduate  
Students(Games & Giveaways to relax and enjoy)**  
Preciado Park near O'Donnell Hall From 5 P.M. to 7  
P.M.



**Friday  
April 4th**

**Virtual Gratitude Grams(Share Gratitude Notes  
& Picture anyone you appreciate  
#NMSUGRADitude)**  
From 8 A.M. to 5 P.M. Online

**Participants will be Awarded with Certificates & Free Foods  
Available**





## MANDATORY ORIENTATION FOR PRACTICUM STUDENTS ELIGIBLE TO BE IN FALL/SPRING 2025-26 PRACTICUM PLACEMENTS

### Welcome Incoming SSW Practicum Students,

We are reaching out to invite you to attend a mandatory orientation for your upcoming practicum placement for Fall/Spring 2025-26. This orientation is a crucial step in ensuring that you are prepared for your practicum and able to move forward with the placement process.

During the orientation, we will cover important details, including:

- Instructions for purchasing Tevera, the platform used for practicum management
- The process to begin your practicum placement
- Information about your practicum coordinator

Please note that attendance is required in order to gain access to NMSU's full list of approved practicum agencies. Without attending an orientation session, you will not be able to proceed with securing your placement for Fall 2025.

If you are unable to attend the scheduled orientation, please contact me as soon as possible to discuss alternate arrangements. Failure to attend could delay or hinder your ability to obtain a practicum placement.

Please register for only one orientation, by clicking the zoom link below and according to BSW or MSW.

Friday 4/4/2025 12pm <https://nmsu.zoom.us/meeting/register/tH1n97bNRvSCYXDk1oIEjg>  
Tuesday 4/8/2025 6pm <https://nmsu.zoom.us/meeting/register/8oZZ2S3VTreeRe0Gxoh8SQ>  
Friday 4/11/2025 12pm <https://nmsu.zoom.us/meeting/register/sC24VomVRCqCV86H8jyvhQ>

### BSW

Friday 4/4/2025 1pm <https://nmsu.zoom.us/meeting/register/ZfWrej14T0m-In1yKRd0gw>  
Friday 4/8/2025 1pm <https://nmsu.zoom.us/meeting/register/qG2bhUfIT7GypzAgxaxNvw>

We look forward to your participation in the orientation and are here to assist with any questions you may have.

### Practicum Team

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FREE CULTURAL CEU sponsored by NMSU- School of Social Work Practicum Team on **Zoom on Friday, April 4 at 2:00 pm to 4:30 pm-MST. Please register here for the link:**

<https://nmsu.zoom.us/meeting/register/JB6GP1sBRIW4-xPTJhacNg>

## **Transgender Cultural Fluency Training by the Transgender Resource Center of NM** <https://tgrcnm.org/>

"Transgender people today are more visible and represented throughout our communities than ever. As such, organizations and individuals are finding the need to increase their knowledge and understanding of issues that affect their transgender colleagues, employees, friends, and family members.

Despite gains in visibility and acceptance, transgender people continue to face enormous challenges in everyday life—from poverty, unemployment, lack of access to health care and secure housing, to horrific violence and discrimination.

Our Transgender Cultural Fluency Training lays the foundation for participants to gain a better understanding of what it means to be transgender, clarify common misconceptions about transgender people, become familiar with the challenges transgender communities face, and learn ways to be a strong and engaged advocate for transgender people.

TGRCNM

# TRANS CULTURAL FLUENCY

We offer exceptional training on transgender lives and issues for any class, workplace, or group that invites us. English and Spanish language training are offered.

**"I PERSONALLY HAVE ALWAYS BEEN AGAINST TRANS PEOPLE. BUT HEARING MR. LAWYER SPEAK MADE ME UNDERSTAND THAT WE ARE ALL HUMAN."**

-Training Participant

To request a training email us at [education@tgrcnm.org](mailto:education@tgrcnm.org)!

**Contact Us**  
Mon. Wed. & Fri. 1 - 6 PM  
(505) 200-9086

**More About Us**  
<https://tgrcnm.org/>



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DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION  
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**School of Social Work Practicum Team**







## FINANCIAL SUPPORT!

### EOP Short-Term Urban Project

Urban funding to support New Mexico School-Based Mental Health graduate students in Albuquerque, Santa Fe, and Las Cruces is back! Qualified fields of study include social work, counseling, psychology, and applied behavior analysis. Licensure Reimbursement up to \$300 is also available for graduate students who have successfully obtained a license in social work, counseling, psychology, or applied behavior analysis within the past year.

Applications for the Urban EOP Academic Support, Practicum/Internship, and Licensure Reimbursement Stipends will open on March 3, 2025. Funding is limited and first come first served to qualified applicants. Applications will remain open until funding runs out or August 29, 2025 (whichever comes sooner).

EOP participants who have received rural funding and attested to work in a rural school are not eligible for urban funding.

For more information and to apply please visit the [NMEOP Urban Project Website](#).





## Student Spotlight

We want to celebrate the incredible achievements and talents of our students! Whether it's for academic excellence, leadership, creativity, or any other noteworthy accomplishment, we'd love to hear about it. Students are welcome to self-nominate, or you can nominate a fellow student who deserves recognition. Please submit your nominations through the form below and help us spotlight the outstanding individuals in our community!





## 2025-2026 Josie Torralba Romero Scholarship

**Application Deadline: Wednesday, April 30th, 2025, at 5 pm MST**

The Josie Torralba Romero (JTR) Scholarship Fund seeks to honor its namesake, who was the first President and one of the founders of the National Latino Behavioral Health Association (NLBHA). The mission of NLBHA is to influence national behavioral health policy, eliminate disparities in funding and access to services, and improve the quality of services and treatment outcomes for Latino populations.

Josie Torralba Romero, who passed away in 2004, had enormous dedication and love for the Latino community. Through her work as a social worker and advocate, she worked to help improve the country's mental health, social and child welfare systems for Latinos and other populations.

The JTR Scholarship Fund pays tribute to Josie's legacy of "growing our own" by providing academic scholarships to Latino students interested in pursuing a college/university degree in mental health related academic fields. This includes the following disciplines: social work, counseling, psychology, psychiatry, or substance abuse or mental health programs, leading to a bachelors, masters, or doctoral degree.

### **Scholarship Guidelines and Application**

## SEND *SILENCE* PACKING

Sponsored by:



An immersive experience that illustrates the stories and centers the voices of youth and young adults as they guide us through their mental health journeys to end the silence surrounding suicide.



**MONDAY, APRIL 7TH 9:00AM - 4:00PM**



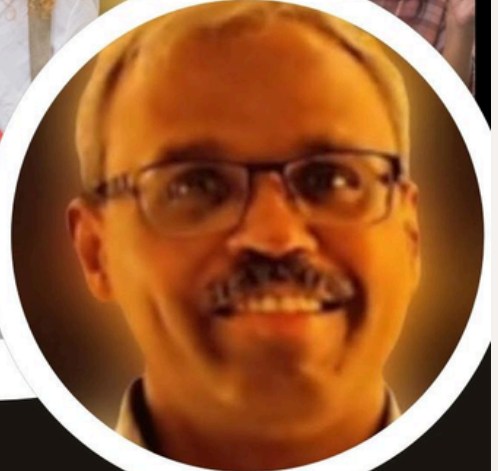
**OUTSIDE CORBETT CENTER AND AGGIE LOUNGE  
(DEPENDENT ON WEATHER)**

Send Silence Packing promotes dialogue around suicide and mental health.

**VOLUNTEERS WANTED!** Contact  
gortega3@nmsu.edu or merinos1@nmsu.edu

READ OTHER STORIES OR WRITE YOUR OWN JOURNEY WITH MENTAL HEALTH.





# MEET DEAN

## DR. RANJIT KOODALI



Calling all Graduate students! Join us for an open discussion with the Graduate School Dean to share your concerns, ask questions, and connect with fellow students.

- 📍 Location: O'DONNELL LOBBY
- 📅 Date: April 4
- 🕒 Time: 4:00 PM
- 🍽️ Food available

**DON'T MISS THIS OPPORTUNITY TO BE HEARD AND MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN YOUR STUDENT EXPERIENCE! SEE YOU THERE!**





## 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?

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

