

The Social Buzz

School of Social Work

February 26, March 4, 2025

MESSAGE FROM DIRECTOR

It's hard to believe February is coming to an end. Along with being a shorter month, it has also been a busy one! Today I'm writing to you from Santa Fe, where I'm joined by Profesoras Facio and Tellez along with over TWENTY of our SSW students. We are at the "Roundhouse" for the Student Advocacy & Action Day at the Legislature. This event is hosted by the Center for Excellence in Social Work at Highlands University and brings together social work students from across the state to advocate with legislators on policy issues important to social work. Next week will be the start of our "Student Spotlight" section and we hope to bring you some reflections from one of the students who attended this important day.

This week we also have the Practicum Fair (see information below), which brings many of the agencies who will be hosting BSW and MSW interns next year, to campus. Students will have the chance to meet with agencies as they consider the next step in their academic journey toward becoming a professional social worker.



Finally, a reminder to all of you who are planning to graduate this spring-the deadline to apply for graduation without having to pay a \$50 fee is Monday, March 3. We know you're excited to graduate and we are planning a BIG party. Stay tuned for more information in future issues of the Buzz.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mary Nienow".

Dr. Mary Nienow, Director





Hello Students!

Just a reminder that our practicum and employment fair is this FRIDAY! We would love to see all you that are going into practicum next year at this fair. It is an amazing opportunity to talk to many agencies at once. We currently have over 45 agencies signed up to attend! We also know that you want to know who is going to be at the practicum fair, we have attached a list of agencies that have signed up to be there!

I have attached a helpful preparation document for you to look over before you go to the practicum fair.

Also, following the practicum fair we are holding a workforce panel with social workers from different types of social work! We strongly recommend you attend in person or online. The panel will be held in Hardman Jacobs Hall room 126.

If you haven't signed up for the practicum fair, please use this link. <https://forms.office.com/r/ijyWxc7K6k>

The workforce panel link is: <https://nmsu.zoom.us/j/83001184014>

Thank you!

Maribel Tellez, BSW, MSW
Practicum Education Director



Agency List





ARE YOU PREPARED FOR THE 2025 SOCIAL WORK PRACTICUM FAIR ?



HOW DO I PREPARE?

- **Update your resume.** Include any experience you have had in speaking to people and customers. Seek resume building help, as needed.
- **Think of what to say to introduce yourself and what kind of social work is interesting to you.**
- **Think of questions to ask the agency that both make you appear interested in them and also answer your own questions.** (For example, ask: what do your weekly social work duties look like in a typical work or Practicum week? What are some projects or skills other students like me have completed at your agency?)
- **Think of what type of schedule you will have and ask if that sounds like a schedule the agency goes by.**

Remember you don't have to know what type of social work you want to do; but show a genuine interest in all types and you may surprise yourself in finding a new interest!

FOR QUESTIONS OR SUPPORT CONTACT:

PRACTICUM TEAM
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MSW MAIN: tnieto@nmsu.edu
MSW GLOBAL: mdnunez@nmsu.edu





**BACHELOR STUDENT OF
SOCIAL WORK ASSOCIATION**

ENCHILADA PLATE SALE



DATE: MARCH 7TH



DELIVERY TIME : 11:00AM - 1:00PM

**ORDER FROM YOUR LOCAL BSSWA MEMBER
OR EMAIL NMSU.BSSWA@GMAIL.COM**



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NEW MEXICO STATE UNIVERSITY
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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





Collective Support Gathering

for Difficult Times

Facilitated by NMSU Social Work Faculty Megan Finno-Velasquez

All NMSU Social Work students, faculty, and staff are welcome

Tuesday, March 18 + April 15

4:00 - 5:00 PM

via Zoom

<https://nmsu.zoom.us/j/89690110499>

It is more important than ever to carve out time to care for ourselves and our social work community. Join us for a monthly supportive gathering designed to help process our emotions and reactions to recent and ongoing world events.

During our time together, we will:

- Discuss a range of normal emotions and reactions to the environment
- Practice mindfulness-based somatic exercises to support grounding and safety
- Process emotions in a safe, supportive environment
- Find mutual support and connection

Let's come together to support one another as we navigate these challenging times.





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Information Session

Careers with the U.S. Department of State

Session I

Office of Experimental Learning

March 04, 2025 at 3:00PM

Domenici Hall, Room 109

Session II

School of Social Work

March 04, 2025 at 4:15PM

Health and Social Services Building (HSS), Room 220



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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





2-Day Licensing Exam Preparation Seminar

MARCH 21 & 22 | 9 AM - 4 PM

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
Email us to explore scholarship opportunities!
Scholars attend free of charge, first come first serve to all non-scholars.

SIGN UP NOW

Link in Our Bio

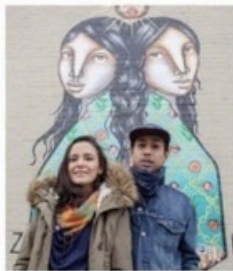




Justice and Revolutionary Thought Conference 2025

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





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





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!





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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NMSU Nursing Department is looking for social worker (or intern) on Rural Healthcare Delivery Grant!

Part-Time (10 hours/week), Grant-Funded

Key Responsibilities:

- Provide psychosocial assessments and develop individualized care plans for patients and their families to address barriers to health, including mental health, socioeconomic challenges, and access to care.
- Facilitate family-focused counseling sessions to improve communication and coping strategies related to obesity and diabetes management.
- Collaborate with interdisciplinary team members to coordinate referrals to community resources for housing, financial assistance, and other support services.
- Lead educational workshops on stress management and behavioral health for patients and families.
- Document all interventions in accordance with grant and regulatory requirements.

Qualifications:

- Experience in family-focused interventions and chronic disease management preferred.
- Knowledge of rural community resources and healthcare systems.
- Strong interpersonal and communication skills.

For more information, contact Bea Ade-Oshifugun: jade7@nmsu.edu





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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



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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:

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

