

The Social Buzz

School of Social Work

November 21- November 27, 2024

MESSAGE FROM DIRECTOR

Dear Students,

It has been a busy week! Registration started last Thursday for some and this Monday for everyone. Reach out if you are struggling to get into social work courses you need. We will be reassessing our numbers after the Thanksgiving break to try and make sure everyone is able to get the classes they need. Make sure you add yourself to the wait list if a class is full. This helps us keep track of the need. Please **DO NOT** email individual instructors at this point asking them to add you to their classes.

As we move into the break next week, I want to express how thankful I am to work in such a great School of Social Work. The faculty, staff, and students are by far the most passionate, caring, hardworking and dedicated people I've ever met. Our office will be closed Thursday/Friday. Administrative staff will be working remotely at the beginning of the week, so feel free to email us if you need anything.

The picture below is from the second "Dinner with the Director" which included several of our BSSWA officers and other classmates from our Main and Global BSW Programs. If you want to join a future "Dinner with the Director" drop me a line!



L to R: Andres, Celia, Abi, Dr. Nienow, Ouida, Lyzbeth, Sara

Finally, if you are free this evening from 5-6 p.m., we are doing our second "Student Townhall". Join us in HSS 219 or via Zoom at: <https://nmsu.zoom.us/j/2101299345>

Dr. Mary Nienow, Director



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Dr. Hector Luis Diaz Serves as Guest Editor for Two Prestigious Journal Special Issues

Dr. Hector Luis Diaz, a distinguished faculty member at NMSU, has been selected to serve as Co-Guest Editor for two special issues in renowned academic journals.

In collaboration with Dr. Johnny Ramirez-Johnson from Fuller Theological Seminary, Dr. Diaz will co-edit a special issue of the *Religions* journal titled "**Interdisciplinary Approaches to Spirituality and Mental Health in Secular Societies.**" This special issue invites scholars to explore the intersection of spirituality and mental health in secular contexts, with a submission deadline of April 15, 2025.



Additionally, Dr. Diaz will co-edit a special issue of the *Journal of Global Social Welfare* alongside Dr. Shiyong Wu from Arizona State University and Dr. Caleb Kim from Loyola University Chicago. Titled "**Decolonization and Liberation of Global Social Work Education,**" this issue focuses on reshaping global social work education through critical, decolonized perspectives. Submissions are due by May 15, 2025.

These appointments highlight the pivotal role of NMSU's Social Work faculty in shaping scholarly discourse and advancing research on global and interdisciplinary issues.





Practicum Café



The SSW Practicum Team hosted its monthly **Practicum Café**, bringing together students engaged in practicum for coffee, snacks, and meaningful discussions. This gathering provided students an opportunity to reflect on their practicum experiences, share insights, and offer support to their peers. Members of the Practicum Team were also present to answer questions and address student concerns, fostering a supportive and collegial environment.

Professor Ted Nieto shared, *"It was such an enjoyable experience to observe the positive conversations that took place during the Practicum Café!"*

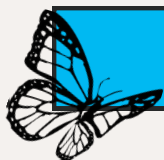
While the café was filled with enriching discussions, there were a few empty seats and leftover sweets, and the team hopes to see even more students join next time. Don't miss the chance to connect and reflect at the next **Practicum Café** on **December 11 at 10:30 AM in HSS 219**. We look forward to seeing you there!



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IMPORTANT REMINDER

Attention BSW Students!

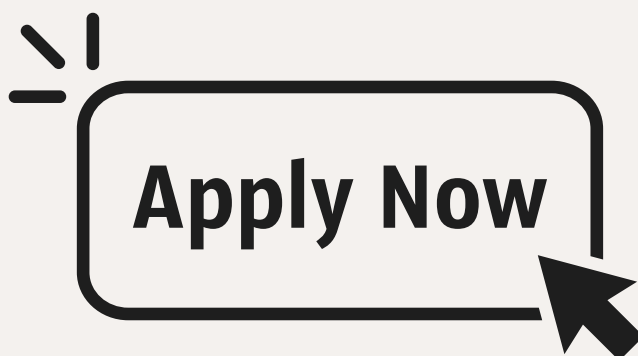
Our NMSU Master of Social Work program is now accepting applications! Join a community dedicated to empowering individuals, embracing cultural humility, and promoting social and economic justice. Learn how you can make a difference and advance your career in social work. Apply today and take the next step toward becoming a leader in service and advocacy!



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2025

**MARCH 7-8, 2025
HARTFORD, CT**

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FRIDAY, NOV. 15**

- \$25 for UConn Students
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- \$199 for all others*

Schools who wish to register students can email us at ssw.ce@uconn.edu

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HOLIDAY DONATION DRIVE

OCTOBER 28 - DECEMBER 6

HOW YOU CAN HELP FELLOW AGGIES DURING THE HOLIDAYS:

The Aggie Cupboard provides free food assistance to students, faculty, staff, and the wider NMSU community. Whether it's food or gifts, your donations help ensure no Aggie family goes without this holiday season.

Non-Perishable Food & Toiletry Items

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Team up with the Aggie Cupboard this holiday season! We need volunteers to distribute food at Pete's Pantry in the Park every fourth Tuesday of the month.

Contact us for more details:

aggiecupboard@nmsu.edu (575) 646-7636



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Coffee with Las Americas Immigrant Advocacy



Thurs November 21
12:00 PM
O'Donnell 111



The recent election results have raised many questions about DACA, TPS, and undocumented immigrants.

Las Americas Immigrant Advocacy will provide information on legal services, human rights support, and resources for ALL immigrants.



Coffee and pan dulce while supplies last



All Aggies Welcome!

Latin American
Programs

LAS AMERICAS
IMMIGRANT ADVOCACY CENTER



Don't miss the Cafecito Information Session with Las Americas Immigrant Advocacy this Thursday, November 21st, at 12:00 PM in O'Donnell Hall, Room 111; there will be coffee and pastries for those in attendance while supplies last. ALL NMSU students, faculty, and staff are invited to come, listen, and engage.



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Friday, November 22, 2024



SIP & SUPPORT

This Friday, join me for a casual Sip & Support session! There won't be a formal meeting spot, but if you have any questions about the BSW or MSW programs, are facing personal or academic challenges, or just aren't sure who to turn to, I am here to help. Stop by my office in Suite 210, and we can talk over a cup of coffee on me. I'm here to support you – let's chat!

Maribel Lopez
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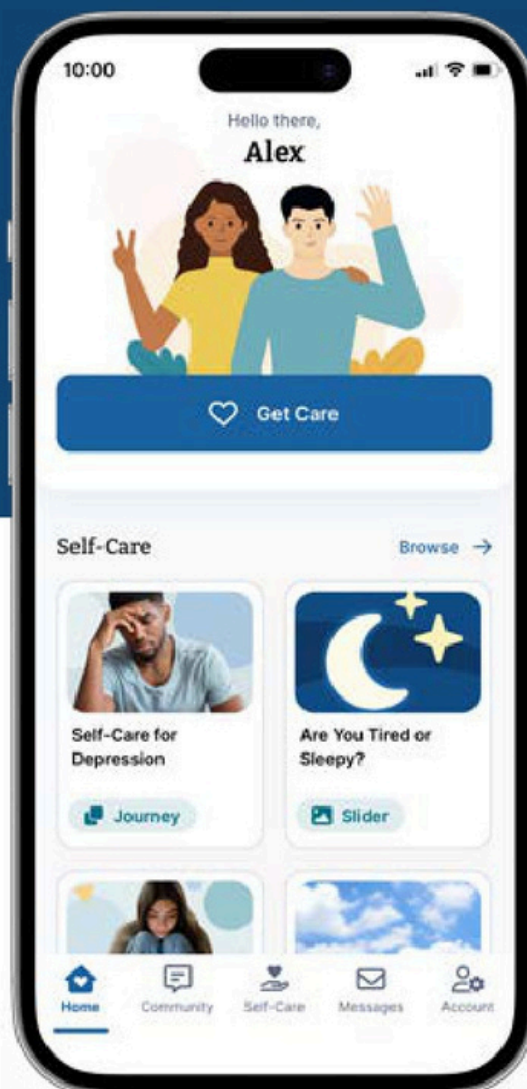




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STAY CONNECTED

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!



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