

The Social Buzz

School of Social Work

September 19- September 25, 2024

MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR



Did you know September is Suicide Prevention Month? As someone who has lost a loved one to suicide, it is especially important to me that we raise awareness of those who struggle with suicidal ideation. If you or someone you know is struggling, there is a national hotline you can call or text for support: 988. Chat features are also available at 988lifeline.org. 988 is also available for overall mental health and substance use support.

While we strive to honor Latine Heritage all year round in the School of Social Work, this week officially begins Latine Heritage Month which goes from September 15-October 15. A number of programs are being offered by the Latin American Programs...check it out at: <https://latinamericanprograms.nmsu.edu>

Last week I had the absolute pleasure of leading our first School of Social Work Faculty and Staff Retreat. We had a blast, from an impromptu show and tell, mindfulness exercises, and deep conversations on how to best serve our students. One thing was clear, student success is the top priority for all of us and more student voices and input are critical to growing and improving our already great programs. Please be on the lookout for Student Town Halls, Dinners with the Director, and personal invitations to join faculty committees and other representative bodies.

Hope you are having a great week!

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

Dr. Mary Nienow, Director



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ABOUT



The Social Buzz newsletter serves as a key communication tool, keeping students, faculty, and alumni informed about the school news, events, and achievements. It fosters a sense of community, provides educational content, and supports professional development by sharing resources, job opportunities, and updates on social work practice. Additionally, the newsletter promotes school's programs, enhances recruitment efforts, and advocated for social justice issues, thereby connecting and engaging the broader social work community.

T-SHIRT DESIGN CONTEST

The School of Social Work is hosting a t-shirt design contest! We invite students to create an original design that embodies the spirit of our School of Social Work.

Contest Rule:

- Must be an undergraduate or graduate student in the School of Social Work
- Entries should capture the essence of social work and the impact of the School of Social Work
- The design must be a single color (white)
- The design must include the name of School of Social Work
- Submit your design as a high-resolution JPG or PNG file



Email your entry to mkeeper@nmsu.edu by 5:00pm on September 25th to be considered.



Andres Uribe's Groundbreaking Research on Migrant Experiences



This summer, Andres Uribe, a sophomore double majoring in social work and government, had the unique opportunity to participate in the National Science Foundation Research Experience for Undergraduates (NSF REU) program. As the only social work student in a diverse group of researchers from across the country, Andres conducted fieldwork to understand the complex realities of U.S.-Mexico border communities. Using Eco-Maps, a tool to assess and visualize social

relationships, Andres focused on how various systems interact to shape migrants' experiences. His research illuminated the hardships many migrants face, including challenges with the CBP One mobile application and a concerning lack of institutional support for shelters.

"What people are facing when it comes to migration are their hardships and difficulties with the CBP One application when applying for an appointment to seek asylum," Andres explained. "There is an imminent concern for funding to preserve jobs doing this great work."

This hands-on experience has not only deepened Andres' understanding of immigration issues but has also fueled his interest in graduate studies, with a goal to continue researching ways to improve the systems affecting migrants. Read more about the summer research program and the work of the student cohort in this [NMSU News article](#).





RESOURCES AND OPPORTUNITIES



Child Welfare Scholar Program
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New Mexico State University

**WIN A TRIP TO
ATTEND A CHILD
WELFARE
NATIONAL
CONFERENCE**

SCHOOL OF SOCIAL WORK

**MEET AND
GREET**



**SEPTEMBER 18, 2024
4:00 PM- 5:00 PM**

**FREE PIZZA
&
SWAG BAGS**

MORE INFORMATION

- Erica Tontodonati
- ericat@nmsu.edu

**DROP IN AND MEET YOUR
SOCIAL WORK FACULTY
AND STAFF**

Call for Student Representatives: HEST Diversity Council

The HEST Diversity Council is seeking student representatives to join the council for the upcoming academic year. Meetings are held monthly, typically on the third Monday from 3 - 4 p.m. This is a great opportunity for both undergraduate and graduate students to get involved and make an impact on diversity initiatives within our college. If you know any students who might be interested, please forward their names and contact information. You can learn more about the [council here](#).



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Graduate Student Social Work Association (GSSWA)

The Graduate Student Social Work Association (GSSWA) is committed to advocating for and providing resources to support MSW students. This year, we are shifting our focus to serve as a resource hub, recognizing that many students are balancing the transition into their professional roles. We understand that attending events and mandatory meetings can be challenging, so we aim to be more flexible.



While formal events may be less frequent, we are happy to coordinate them based on student interest throughout the semester. Our goal is to be here for you-whether it's providing resources or addressing any concerns you may have. Please don't hesitate to reach out to any of the GSSWA officers if you have any questions or would like to discuss any issues you may be experiencing.

Contact Us: For inquiries, feel free to reach out to our GSSWA officers at the following emails:

- President Avianna Amancio: avi_99@nmsu.edu
- Secretary Sarah Lartey: adlsarah@nmsu.edu
- Treasurer Daniel Estorga: estorga@nmsu.edu
- LAC Representative Josue Leon: joleon@nmsu.edu

We are here to serve and support you!



Representative Search

We are currently seeking nominations to fill three **Latin American Council Representative** positions and two **Global Representative** positions!

If you are interested in nominating yourself or someone else, please complete the nomination quiz found in our canvas page.



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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.

9/27/24 & 9/28/24
9:00 AM - 4:00PM

**REGISTER
TODAY!**

LINK IN BIO



Call to Find Out More
+575-646-5711



Child Welfare Scholar Program
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New Mexico State University

**\$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.*





PARTNERSHIP FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF
CANCER RESEARCH



Looking to make an impact in your community but not sure where to begin?

Join NMSU's Partnership for the
Advancement of Cancer Research
(PACR) Outreach Core as a volunteer

PACR is dedicated to improving cancer health
equity by providing opportunities for research,
education, training, and community engagement

Volunteering Options

BEHIND THE SCENES
COORDINATION

SOCIAL MEDIA CONTENT
CREATION

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Sign up as a Volunteer TODAY!

**If you are interested in volunteering on a regular basis, please fill out
the form below. Your information will be sent over and they will
contact you when opportunities arise.**

Sign Up

**For more information, please contact Dr. Merranda Marin at
mmarin@nmsu.edu or schedule a meeting through the following link.**

Schedule a meeting



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LEGISLATIVE INTERNSHIP SERIES

TUESDAY, SEPT. 24

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 16

1:00 PM – 2:30 PM

CCSU ROOM 302 (SENATE CHAMBERS)

5:30 PM – 7:00 PM

CCSU ROOM 247 (AUDITORIUM)

**LEARN ABOUT THE APPLICATION PROCESS, INTERN
DUTIES/RESPONSIBILITIES, LIVING EXPERIENCE, AND
THE VALUE OF INTERNING FOR THE GOVERNMENT
FROM
GOVERNMENT REPRESENTATIVES**

\$25 NMSU Bookstore Gift Cards for 1st 25 Students!

Food and Drinks Provided



Click below to register! For More Information
Contact The Office of Experiential Learning at 646-
1631 or email coop@nmsu.edu



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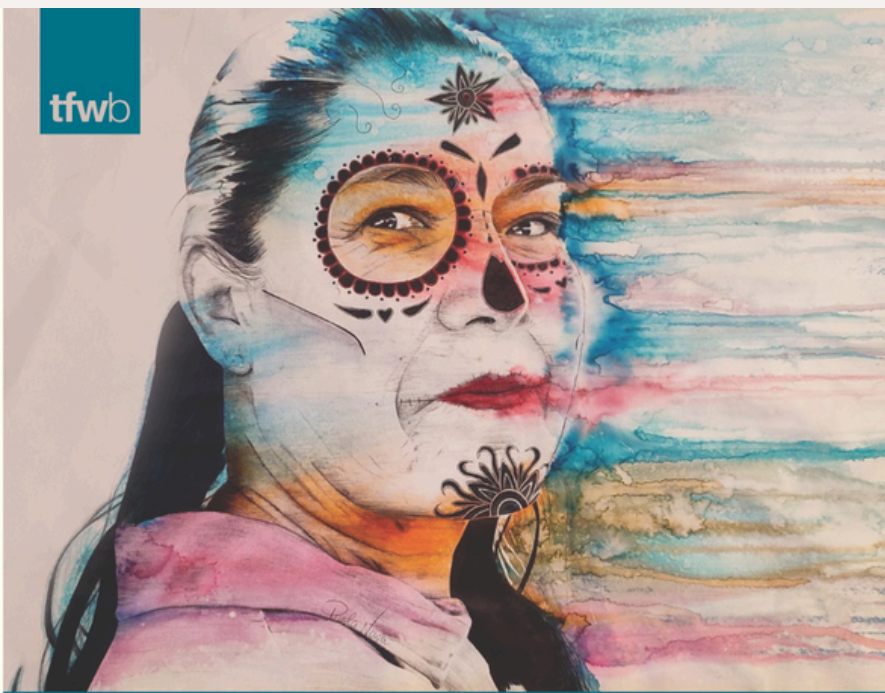


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CENTER FOR LATIN AMERICAN AND BORDER STUDIES
BOOK PRESENTATION

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FRONTERA MADRE(HOOD)

Brown Mothers Challenging Oppression and
Transborder Violence at the U.S.-Mexico Border

EDITED BY CYNTHIA BEJARANO & MARIA CRISTINA MORALES

Center for
Latin American
and Border
Studies

WITH SPECIAL RECOGNITION TO CYNTHIA
BEJARANO • NMSU GSS/ENGLISH • CRISTINA
MORALES • UTEP SOCIOLOGY • BERTHA
BERMUDEZ TAPIA • NMSU SOCIOLOGY • PAULA
BONILLA FLORES • CD. JUÁREZ ACTIVISTA
COMUNITARIA • TAIDE ELENA • BORDER PATROL
VICTIMS NETWORK • MARISSA TORRES-RUIZ •
SDSU BEHAVIORAL & COMMUNITY HEALTH

FALL 2024

SPEAKER SERIES

Wednesday | 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM
September 25, 2024

Health and Social Services
Annex Rm 101

or

Join via Zoom Link
on the day of Presentation

@NMSUCLABS



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EVENTS TO KEEP IN MIND



Visit 2024 Academic Calendar for other Important Dates

Unmasking Mental Health Masquerade Ball

When Professionals Need Professionals

September 20, 2024, [RSVP HERE](#)

6:00pm-9:00pm

New Mexico Farm & Ranch Museum

Presented by Las Cruces SPTF

8th Annual Recovery Event

September 21, 2024

10:00am - 2:00pm

Young Park, Las Cruces, NM

[Las Cruces Suicide Prevention Task Force](#)

Externship Emotionally Focused Couple Therapy (EFCT)

Thursday October 31-Sunday, November 3, 2024

9:00am - 5:30pm

In Person Albuquerque, NM

[NM Community for Emotionally Focused Therapy](#)



NMSU Latin American Programs Presents
Latinx Heritage Month 2024

IMMIGRANTS RISING TRANSFORMING LIVES THROUGH EDUCATION
AN ENTREPRENEURSHIP WEBINAR FOR DACA, UNDOCUMENTED STUDENTS AND ALLIES

Wednesday, Oct 2 via zoom
12:00 - 1:00 PM
Register at: bit.ly/3Yimmigrant

Learn about entrepreneurial opportunities for undocu, DACA, TPS and immigrants from diverse backgrounds. Entrepreneurial career paths do not rely on work authorization and encompass options such as starting a business, freelancing, independent contracting, or joining a worker cooperative. Webinar participants will get an overview of self-employment and cultivating an entrepreneurial mindset!

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Department of Government

All Aggies are welcome!





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IMPORTANT REMINDER



SIP & SUPPORT

**DROP BY FOR COFFEE AND GET THE SUPPORT YOU
NEED FROM YOUR SR. STUDENT PROGRAM
COORDINATORS!**

**WHEN: THE LAST MONDAY OF EVERY MONTH
TIME: 9:00 AM – 10:00 AM
WHERE: HSS CANTEEN**

**CONNECT WITH YOUR SENIOR STUDENT
PROGRAM COORDINATORS OVER A CUP OF
COFFEE. WE'RE HERE TO HELP WITH ANY
QUESTIONS, ADVICE, OR JUST TO CHAT.**



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Join Our Weekly Mindfulness Practice

Take a break and center yourself with our weekly Zoom mindfulness practice, open to both novice and experienced practitioners. Sessions are held every Thursday from 12:00-12:30 PM. If you'd like to receive weekly reminders via Outlook, please contact Maribel Lopez to get set up!

When: Thursdays, 12-12:30 PM

Where: Join via Zoom



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It's time to negotiate a new contract for teaching assistants, research assistants and graduate assistants at NMSU. This contract will include wages, tuition remission, working conditions and more!

Below are (2) opportunities to get involved with our contract fight this year:

1. Join our **Contract Action Team (CAT)**! Next meeting:
September 19th @ 5:30pm.
 - [Sign-up here!](#)
 - This is an organizing group run by graduate assistants, for graduate assistants
 - A great way to support the graduate community and fight for economic justice at NMSU!
2. Show up for our **Bargaining Intent Delivery** at Pistol Pete statue by Corbett Center at 11:30am on September 20th.
 - [RSVP here!](#)
 - TAs, RAs, and GAs will gather and walk to Hadley Hall together to deliver our intent to bargain, which will officially open up our next negotiations cycle
 - Without this event, we will not be able to win more funding and better working conditions this year!

Follow GWU-UE instagram account for updates on our bargaining negotiations!



Feel free to reach out with any questions.

Lindley Hornsby (she, her, hers)
MPH & MSW Student, New Mexico State University
President, Graduate Workers United (UE Local
#1498)
Office: HSS #203D



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HAVE YOU HEARD ABOUT PEER SUPPORT?

Get ahead with Social Work Peer Support, offering assistance to MSW, BSW, and Pre-Social Work students! Whether you need help with:

- Resume building
- Practicum questions
- Tevera
- BSW/MSW application process
- Case formulation resources
- SMART goals
- Study nights for the licensing exam

We've got you covered! Bring your questions and take advantage of one-on-one support during office hours, attend online Zoom sessions, or fill out the referral form to schedule an appointment.

[Social Work Peer Support Referral](#)





October 3, 2024

Lunch will be provided
\$10.00 Fee

Place:
Organ Mountain
High School
Time: 8:30am-
4:00pm



**DR. AMANDA
KELLY, BCBA-D**



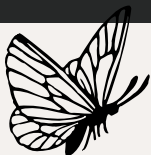
**HECTOR ADAME,
M.S. CCC-SLP,
LBA-BCBA**

**FROM AWARENESS TO ACCEPTANCE:
CULTIVATING UNDERSTANDING AND LOVE
FOR AUTISM**

**Learn, share, and support.
CEU's will be provided!
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KNOWN FACILITATORS**

for more information email - heartsforautismmlc@gmail.com
Register with Link <https://forms.gle/GnSSunsWJjN6u79QA>





Welcome home events!

NOV 8 FRIDAY	Distinguished Alumni Awards On the NMSU Horseshoe lawn (Horseshoe Street and Espina Street) 5 p.m. – Cocktail Reception 6:30 p.m. – Dinner and Awards
NOV 9 SATURDAY	Aggie Reunion – Classes of '74 & '99 North patio of the NMSU Art Museum at Devasthali Hall 8:30 to 11 a.m.
NOV 9 SATURDAY	Homecoming Parade Starts at Pan Am Center and proceeds down University Avenue 10 a.m.
NOV 9 SATURDAY	Homecoming Tailgate with Alumni and Friends North of Aggie Memorial Stadium in Pan Am Center parking lot 1 to 4 p.m.
NOV 9 SATURDAY	Homecoming Game – NMSU vs. Western Kentucky Aggie Memorial Stadium 4 p.m.
NOV 9 SATURDAY	Fireworks Show Fireworks show sponsored by the NMSU Foundation will launch from Sisbarro Park After the Homecoming game

For tickets and info visit: nmsualumni.org/homecoming



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EMPLOYEE PERKS

Schedule Your Professional Headshot with NMSU-HEST Photographer Josh Bachman

Faculty and staff can now schedule their professional headshot with NMSU-HEST Photographer Josh Bachman.

Book your session easily through his Calendly link:
<https://calendly.com/photonmsu>



Perks and Discounts for NMSU employees:

Big O Tires - \$10 off oil changes, \$5 off new batteries, Free air checks and digital car inspections.

Sports Accessories – 10% discount with NMSU ID.

Mom's Café – 10% discount with NMSU ID

Hilton Garden Inn Las Cruces – Locally negotiated rate of \$134/night.

Planet Fitness - \$24.99/mo. No startup fee, no cancellation, no contract.



STAY CONNECTED



Crimson Connection!

Looking for ways to engage with the NMSU community? Whether you're on campus or online, Crimson Connection has all the latest events happening at the university. From workshops and webinars to social gatherings and special lectures, there's something for everyone.

Click the link below to explore upcoming events and join in on the action!

[Explore Events on Crimson Connection](#)

Stay Connected with Us on Social Media!

Don't miss out on the latest updates, events, and news from the School of Social Work! Be sure to follow us on [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#) for important announcements and opportunities.

Also, keep an eye on our bulletin boards located in the Health and Social Services building and O'Donnell Hall for upcoming events and other news.

Stay informed and stay connected!



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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☎ Phone: 575-646-7599

🏢 Office: HSS 210F

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



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