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OKLAHOMA STATE UNIVERSITY  
DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL WORK

# IMPACT

*Serving generations, changing the world.*



# FACULTY



## A MESSAGE FROM THE DEPARTMENT

On behalf of the Department of Social Work, we welcome you to the Northwestern Oklahoma State University's Social Work Program newsletter. This newsletter is updated biyearly and includes the most recent news from the department of social work throughout all of our campuses. Here you will see our most recent projects, upcoming events, student spotlights and more! We would like to thank those whose efforts assist us in preparing competent, effective Northwest Oklahoma generalist practice social workers. We are so grateful to our field agency partners, field instructors, adjunct instructors, and Social Work Advisory Board Members for enhancing and improving social services in our region. We look forward to all the new developments in the department and are excited to see the benefits these developments bring to our social work students.

The Time is Right for Social Work – Ride, Rangers, Ride!

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# Thinking about Social Work as a career?

120



Number of hours  
needed to get a  
B.S.W. in Social Work  
at NWOSU

9



Number of core  
competencies learned  
while earning your  
degree

31



Number of behaviors  
taught to you  
by qualified  
professionals

420



Number of practicum  
hours you will need  
to learn your  
profession

6



Number of social work  
core values: service,  
social justice, dignity,  
human relations, integrity,  
and competence

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Lasting impact of a  
professional  
social worker

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# DEPARTMENT RECEIVES \$1,000 GIFT



(Left) Harlie Altland, freshman social work major, and Dr. Kylene Rehder, social work department chair and professor of social work, accept the Potts Family Foundation gift.

Northwestern Oklahoma State University's department of social work has received a \$1,000 gift from the Potts Family Foundation out of Oklahoma City.

Dr. Kylene Rehder, social work department chair and professor of social work, said that the funds from this gift will provide continued support for a focus on infant mental health in the curriculum. The department also will be able to use the funds to join the Oklahoma Association for Infant Mental Health, which promotes awareness, understanding and excellence in infant and early childhood mental health through education, workforce development, multi-disciplinary collaboration and advocacy for best practices.

Rehder added that the department is honored to be supported by the Potts Family Foundation, whose mission is to provide support for sustainable early childhood initiatives and nonprofit capacity building.

"The social work program is focused on developing professionals able to support the healthy social-emotional development of infants, toddlers and their families," Rehder said.



# CIRCLE OF CARE RIBBON CUTTING



The department of social work was proud to support Circle of Care's ribbon cutting ceremony for their new counseling office.



Raquel Razien (2015 BSW graduate)  
Jennifer Pribble (2012 BSW graduate)  
Alicia James (2019 BSW graduate)  
Chantal Martin (2020 graduate)  
Camryn Howard (2023 senior)  
Isis Lair (2021 graduate)  
Wendy Bell-Sample (2009 BSW graduate)  
Dr. Kylene Rehder (2001 BSW graduate)



# THINKING ABOUT A CAREER IN SOCIAL WORK?



**Social work is the  
helping profession.**



Relieve People's Suffering  
Fight for Social Justice  
Improve Lives and Communities

## 3 EDUCATIONAL DEGREE OPTIONS

Choose your level of education based on your career goals. Be sure to enroll in a social work program accredited by the Council on Social Work Education (CSWE).

### Bachelor's in Social Work (BSW)

Required for entry-level non-clinical positions  
Includes supervised fieldwork or internship



### Master's in Social Work (MSW)

Typically required for clinical positions  
1-2 years to complete  
Includes supervised practicum or internship



### Doctorate in Social Work (DSW)

Often required for teaching at university level, high-level programs and systems management positions  
Includes advanced training in research, supervision and policy analysis



### State Licenses

Required for clinical positions (and non-clinical positions in some states)  
Need MSW and hours of supervised clinical work post-graduation  
Must pass licensure exam

## ENDLESS WAYS TO PRACTICE SOCIAL WORK

Social workers serve in an amazing variety of settings. Choose your passion, here are a few:



## NASW CAREER RESOURCES

Take advantage of NASW's support throughout your career.

Continuing Education  
Advanced Credentials  
Career Center – Job Listings  
Specialty Practice Sections  
Networking and Events  
Discounted Student Memberships



Learn more about the social work profession.  
[socialworkers.org/Careers](https://socialworkers.org/Careers)



## PROFESSIONAL OUTLOOK

715,000 social workers in the U.S.

On average, in 2021 social workers earned **\$24+** per hour or **\$50,390** per year\*

**89,000 jobs** projected increase through 2030\*



\*Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor



# SENIOR AWARDED CWPEP STIPEND



Northwestern Oklahoma State University's Department of Social Work announces Northwestern-Woodward senior Carolyn Reaves of Fort Supply as the stipend recipient of the Child Welfare Professional Enhancement Program (CWPEP) for the 2022-2023 academic year. CWPEP provides funds for students who plan careers in child welfare services in Oklahoma. The stipends are awarded to full-time students majoring in social work and provide money toward educational expenses to participating students. Students who receive the stipends complete educational internships in child welfare agencies within the Oklahoma Department of Human Services (OKDHS). Upon graduation, students are assured employment in the participating DHS programs.

"I'm thrilled to have this opportunity to advance my professional skills in the area of child welfare," Reaves said. "A career to make a real difference in the lives of children and families is the reason I went into social work."

CWPEP is a Title IV-E partnership between the University of Oklahoma, the Oklahoma Department of Human Services, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Administration for Children and Families Council, and Social Work Education (CSWE) in accredited social work programs in Oklahoma.

The University of Oklahoma manages the child welfare consortium. Other partners along with Northwestern include East Central University and Oral Roberts University. Funding for the educational program is provided by Title IV-E of the social security act, called the Child Welfare Training program.

"The social work program is proud to administer the CWPEP program and play an essential role in securing and retaining quality social workers in the public child welfare system," Dr. Kylene Rehder, department of social work chair, CWPEP coordinator, and professor of social work, said. "CWPEP at Northwestern has graduated 21 students, resulting in more than \$160,000 being awarded in educational assistance."

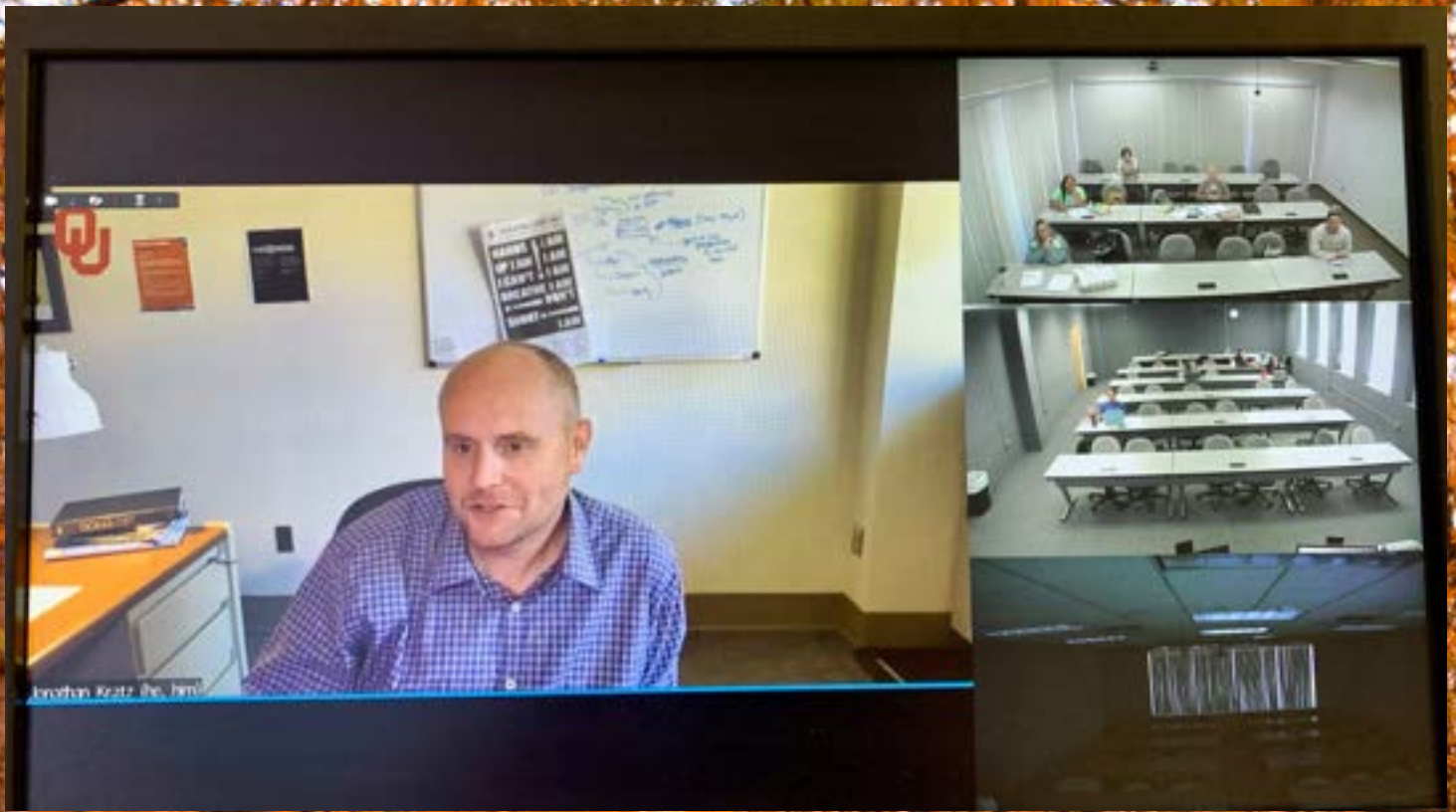


# CHILD WELFARE PROFESSIONAL ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM PRESENTATION

A special thanks to Linda Smith from the University of Oklahoma's Child Welfare Professional Enhancement Program (CWPEP) for presenting about the exciting opportunity to serve in the area of public child welfare.







Thanks Jonathan Kratz, graduate coordinator, from the University of Oklahoma's Anne and Henry Zarrow School of Social Work for presenting about the exciting opportunities of a MSW degree.







Social work students in Social Work: A Helping Profession working on a poverty line worksheet.

## NOC & NWOSU BRIDGE BBQ



Northern Oklahoma College and Northwestern Oklahoma State University hosted a Bridge BBQ on November 1, 2022, at Northern Oklahoma College's Enid campus. The goal of the Bridge BBQ is to inform students graduating from NOC about the opportunity to attend NWOSU with a one-time scholarship based on their cumulative grade point average.





# MICK CORNETT: LEADERSHIP



Social work faculty and students had a wonderful opportunity to hear Mick Cornett speak on leadership.





# PRIMP FOR PROM: DRESS DRIVE



Thank you Summer for coordinating a  
Dress Drive for Primp for Prom!!  
Pictured: Summer Verrill and Bishop  
Buck, social work majors

## STUDENT SPOTLIGHT- SIERRA SWANSON

I knew I wanted to be in a helping profession, which is why I chose the Social Work program. The program has given me the tools to pursue and excel in any career path I choose. I had not considered a master's degree, but this program has given me the knowledge, skills and confidence to pursue further education. I am so grateful for the social work professors and advisors at Northwestern.





# EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION



During the 2022 Northwestern Employee Recognition Ceremony, Dr. Kylene Rehder, social work department chair and professor of social work was presented a Diversity Initiative recognition by Dr. Roger Brown, associate professor of business; and a Retention and Enrollment award by Dr. Steven Maier, dean of faculty.





# RANGER PREVIEW



Department of Social Work  
participating in Ranger Preview



Students Alyssa Ball and Jocelyn Long



# BRAD HENRY INTERNATIONAL SCHOLAR



Northwestern Oklahoma State University junior social work major April Schultz has been selected as a Brad Henry International Scholar by the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education.

The Alva native will spend the spring 2023 semester studying at Swansea University in Swansea, Wales, United Kingdom.

"I am beyond excited to be the recipient of this scholarship," Schultz said. "It is such an amazing opportunity that I never could have dreamed of. I cannot wait to experience the culture in Wales and be able to tie that experience into my social work education that I have received here at Northwestern. I am grateful to have been chosen as the Brad Henry Scholar."

Schultz was nominated by Dr. Kyleene Rehder, department of social work chair and professor of social work. She will receive funding for tuition and lodging for a full semester of study at Swansea University, as well as a stipend to help with other expenses such as airfare and passport fees to and from the UK.

"Northwestern is pleased to congratulate Ms. Schultz on this honor," Rehder said. "It is an acknowledgment of her hard work and talent, as well as a valuable opportunity to broaden her horizons through international study."

The Brad Henry International Scholarship program was established by the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education in June 2008. The Regents provide a stipend for students selected to participate in the semester-long study or research programs affiliated with Swansea University. Recipients are selected by a committee of State Regents' staff based on their excellent academic performance, outstanding communication skills, exemplary character, and exceptional leadership, maturity and judgment.



# KINDNESS DAY



The Department of Social Work faculty and students supporting Woodward's campus cabinet with donations.

Pictured: Dr. Rehder, social work students- Giselle Minjares, Camryn Howard, Amy Ireland, Natalie Haskins, Melanie Yager, Krystan Pierce with Randall Wilson, Woodward Leadership Advisory Board Member.



The department of social work dropping off donations to the campus cabinet for Kindness Day/

Angelia Case, Campus Cabinet Coordinator with Bishop Buck, social work senior.



# ADVISORY BOARD MEMBERS

The Social Work Program Advisory Board is comprised of social workers, practitioners, and leaders in our local communities that foster and support the continued development of social work education in the region. While members come from different communities, the committee is seen as one functional unit and focuses on the overall development of the program. The primary purpose of the board is to maintain active communication between the social work practice community and the program to ensure continued improvement.

The Social Work Program Advisory Board addresses the following: student preparation to meet community and agency needs, expectations for students in field education, program assessment outcomes, input on educational policies, student recruitment and retention, job placement, research initiatives, and identifying agency needs that the social work program can address to contribute to community betterment.



Amy Whitson, Child Welfare Deputy Director  
Region I, Oklahoma Department of Human  
Services

Kevin Evans, Executive  
Director  
Western Plains Youth and Family  
Services



Raquel Razien, Former State  
Director of Community and  
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United Methodist Circle of Care

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Tricia Mitchell, Executive  
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