



## Treating You to Fun-Filled Homecoming Festivities!

UH Homecoming 2014 begins Monday, November 3 – Saturday, November 8. A full week of festivities will be taking place across campus and, of course, GCSW will be in on the fun! We are hosting two events for Alumni, Students, Faculty, Staff, family and friends. Visit our [website for complete details](#).



**Homecoming Party & Bar B.Q**  
**When:** Friday, November 7  
**Where:** GCSW Lobby  
**Time:** 6:00 – 8:00 pm  
**Cost:** Free with Picture ID  
**Parking:** Stadium Garage – Complimentary – See the map on our website  
**CEUs:** \$10 Take Home Ethics CEU available  
**\* Sponsored by H.I.S. Cornerstone**



**Homecoming Tailgate & Tacos**  
**When:** Saturday, November 8  
**Where:** Tailgate Plaza -- Athletic/Alumni Center  
**Time:** Noon - 2pm  
**Cost:** Free with Picture ID  
**Tailgating:** See the map on our website  
**Parking:** Game Day Parking See the map on our website -- \$10 Cash lots available  
**Tickets:** GCSW Block of Game Tickets/\$34 – Click to purchase -- GAME CODE: GCSW  
**RSVP** to [mswjobs@central.uh.edu](mailto:mswjobs@central.uh.edu)

Homecoming is more than a football game. It is a week celebrating the University of Houston, uniting students and organizations and showcasing Cougar Pride and Cougar Spirit during one of the oldest traditions on campus. Celebrate the first Homecoming in our new stadium, November 8, 2014!

Special Thanks to our Event CoSponsors: UH GCSCW, UH GCSW Student Association, UH GCSW Alumni Association, Nonprofit Leadership Alliance Student Association  
**BBQ and Beverage Sponsors:** The Colonades at Reflection Bay, Orion EMS, Optimum Personal Care, Family Tree In Home Care, Brookdale Senior Living Solutions, Plaza Specialty Hospital, Heart to Heart Hospice, Silver Eagle Distributors, Bridge Solutions.

## IN THE NEWS

### Virtual Reality Expert Makes the Rounds



**"Virtual reality can be used to provide interventions for public health crises, such as drug and alcohol abuse and HIV/AIDS, help returning soldiers with brain injuries or posttraumatic stress disorder adjust to civilian life, or help future clinicians learn diagnostic skills through simulated interactions with patients."** – Dr. Patrick Bordnick

Resident virtual reality guru and Assistant Dean of Research **Dr. Patrick Bordnick** has been making the rounds, quite literally! This month he gave **Grand Rounds** at UTHealth Psychiatry, **Virtual Reality and Substance Abuse: A Glimpse Into the Future**, was a guest expert on Houston Public Media's **Houston Matters** segment on smoking and was featured in an article **Virtual Reality Vs. Very Real Problems** in the latest edition of UH Magazine.

### Connections: Across Campus and Communities



**"Success is not an outcome, it's a process."** – Dr. Larry Hill

Research Professor **Dr. Larry Hill** is known across the UH campus for his contributions to community engagement. His expertise in facilitating community service projects often pairs unlikely collaborators such as a project with GCSW and the UH School of Optometry. In 2013 his efforts were recognized when UH was awarded the President's Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll with Distinction. This month, he is featured in UH Magazine in story about the unique projects he has helped bring to life and their impact upon the community. [Read more in UH Magazine.](#)

### Social Work Research Conference



Make plans to join us for the annual GCSW Social Work Research Conference. This year's theme **College to Community** promises to provide engaging discussion and networking. For the first time, we are proud to host the event off campus at the Leonel Castillo Community Center. **Felipe Gonzalez Castro, Ph.D., MSW**, Director of the Doctoral Program in Health Psychology at The University of Texas El Paso will be joining us as conference keynote speaker.

**When:** Friday, December 5 and Saturday, December 6  
**Where:** Leonel Castillo Community Center, 2101 South Street, Houston, Texas 77009  
**Time:** 11:30am – 1:45pm  
**CEUs:** Will be available  
[Visit our website for details.](#)

### More Events

#### Policy Insiders Series



The **Policy Insider Series** continues for its third year this fall with three informative sessions with expert local advocates and lobbyists to discuss key policy issues in Texas and across the United States. Join the GCSW, **One Voice Texas**, and the **GCSW Student Policy Insider Advisory Committee** for informative discussions.

The second session, **"Being an Effective Advocate for the 84th Texas Legislative Session"** will be presented by **Katherine Barillas, PhD** – Director of Child Welfare Policy for One Voice Texas on **Wednesday, November 5, 2014**, from 11:45-1:00 in Social Work Room 1103. A complimentary lunch will be provided by our session co-sponsor, the **GCSW M.A.C.R.O. Network**.

Free CEUs are available. RSVP to [aliberman@uh.edu](mailto:aliberman@uh.edu)

Through the "Policy Insider Series," we hope to help prepare GCSW students, faculty, staff, and the broader Houston social work community to understand and navigate the many policy issues facing vulnerable populations in Texas and the U.S., as well as to engage in legislative and electoral advocacy around these issues.

### Registration is Now Open!

**Clinical Supervision in Social Work\*** Dates: January 28-29, and February 5-6, 2015.

Times: 8:30 AM – 4:30 PM

Place: University of Houston Graduate College of Social Work

Course Fee: (Early Bird Registration) \$550. After January 16, 2015 \$600

Brief Description: This 40- hour course fulfills licensing requirements to be an approved LCSW supervisor (as set forth by the Texas State Board of Social Worker Examiners 781.102). Course consists of 5 modules and 12 hours of structured, independent work to be completed throughout the course period.

This class will fill up almost immediately. [Visit our website to register today!](#)

**\*The Clinical Supervision in Social Work (40 ceus/includes 6 hrs. Ethics Training) is open for registration to meet TX State Licensure Board audit deadline on the following dates: January 28 - 29 and February 5 - 6.**

Mark your calendars for these upcoming GCSW events.

#### November

**11/5:** Policy Insiders: Being an Effective Advocate for the 84th Texas Legislative Session  
**11/7:** GCSW Homecoming Tailgate  
**11/8:** UH Homecoming Game - UH vs. Tulane  
**11/14:** The Mosaic of Self-Determination: Professional, Client, Agency and Society  
**11/20:** Policy Insiders: The Current State of State and Local Policy & Future Opportunities for Improvement  
**11/21:** LMSW Prep Course (GCSW Students only)

#### December

**12/5-12/6:** Social Work Research Conference, **College to Community**  
**12/12:** DSM-5: What You Need to Know

#### January

**1/28-1/29:** Clinical Supervision in Social Work\*

#### February

**2/5-2/6:** Clinical Supervision in Social Work\*

### Community Events

Visit the [Community Events](#) page on our website for details and information on how to submit your event to be included in these listings. Current listings include: **Nov 1-20:** YouthCount2.0! **Nov 6:** Mental Health and Chronic Illness Training **Nov 7:** 2014 Gulf Coast of Texas African American Family Support Conference **Nov 21:** Continuing Education: STIs, Hepatitis & Tuberculosis Visit our website for even more listings.

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Please use the links to our calendar and website to stay current with all the exciting happenings at GCSW!

### Featured Events

#### Continuing Education Courses

Visit our [website for a full listing of opportunities:](#)

Upcoming CE offerings:

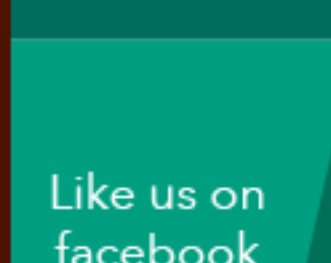
- Nov 14:** [The Mosaic of Self-Determination: Professional, Client, Agency and Society](#)
- Dec 12:** [DSM-5: What You Need to Know](#)
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