

## Featured Events

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**["How often do we hear someone minimizing the issue of homelessness by claiming affected persons "choose" to live on the streets? Is it really "freedom of choice" when a comprehensive supportive system is simply not available?" -Dean Ira Colby](#)**

During this season of giving, special attention is often paid to those less fortunate. But social workers know that the needs identified during this season exist throughout the year. Read Dean Colby's moving [Op-Ed that brings the plight of Houston's homeless population to light in the Houston Chronicle](#).

## Faculty News



***"Boomers will soon pause and recall where they were and what they were doing 50 years ago, when John F. Kennedy was assassinated. What good survives that tragedy besides the strains of Camelot?"***

Dr. Andrew Achenbaum reflects on the meaning of JFK's legacy for a generation of boomers [in Forbes Magazine](#). [Read more here](#). Also save the date, February 6 and make plans to attend Dr. Achenbaum's upcoming book signing event at Brazo's Bookstore for his new book, *Robert N. Butler, MD: Visionary of Healthy Aging*. [Event details here](#).



**Dr. Susan Robbins** was recently appointed to the Editorial Board of the Journal of Forensic Social Work. She also serves as the current editor in chief of the Journal of Social Work Education. Congrats!

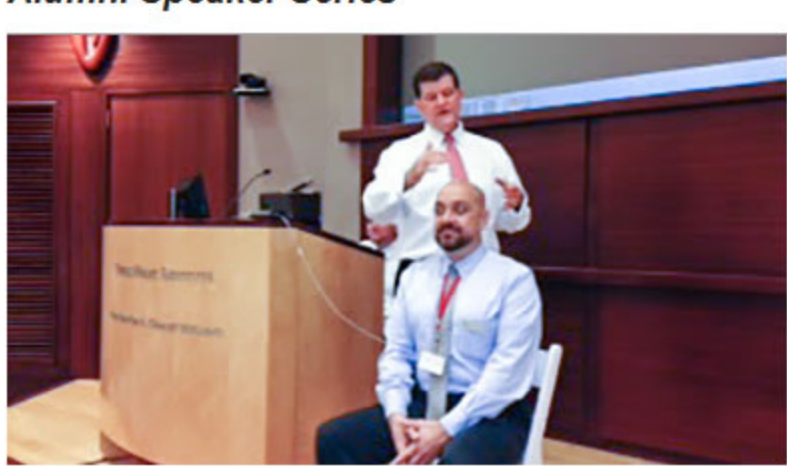
## Events

### **Social Work Research Conference**



Hope to see you this coming Friday and Saturday, **December 6 & 7** at the [Social Work Research Conference](#), our annual showcase of student and faculty research and community collaborations. Please contact Renee Brooks at [713-743-8080](tel:713-743-8080) if you have not registered and would like to attend. See you there!

### **Alumni Speaker Series**

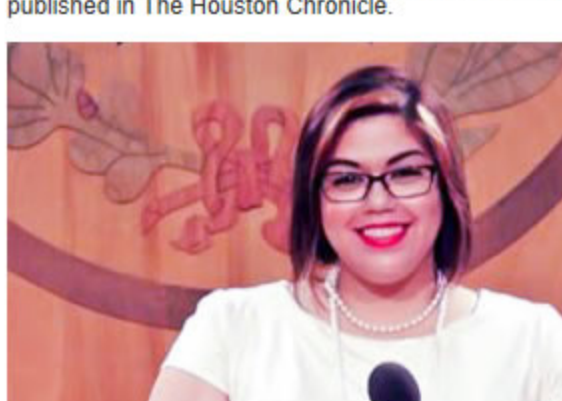


(Pictured: Tony Fernandez and Steve Cochran)

The GCSW Alumni Association hosted another successful installment of the Alumni Association Speaker Series this week. GCSW AA President Tony Fernandez volunteered during Steve Cochran LCSW BCN's presentation, **What is Neurofeedback?** Make plans to attend the next event in the series on **January 8**. Barbara Reilley, RN, PhD will present **Hoarding and Self-Neglect** at 6:30- 7:30pm at HealthSouth Rehab - Woodlands Shenandoah. A complimentary will be provided and .01 Social Work CEU credit is available for a \$10 donation to the UH GCSWAA. [Get all the details and a list of future events in the series](#).

## Kudos

UPDATE: The Op-Eds from students in Professor Jody Williams's Global Justice course just keep on coming. A class assignment was given to pen an op-ed and these students have not only demonstrated a level of excellence in executing the assignment but they are also making their voices heard on issues pertinent to social work and the community. This week we share **Natalie Powell** and **Paige Reitz** whose Op-Eds were published in The Houston Chronicle.



**["Latino voters identify with the struggle of the undocumented worker. To many Latinos, the dehumanization of undocumented workers is impossible. The faces many Latinos see when conservatives call for the deportation of "illegals" are their mothers, fathers, brothers, sisters, cousins and friends"](#)**-Natalie Powell [Read More!](#)



**["What happens when we leave treatment up to those who are to ill to choose treatment? Do we let them languish in the streets and overburden our legal system? Even if that were humane, what are the costs?"](#)** - Paige Reitz [Read More!](#)

We will continue to share Op-Eds from our students here in the coming weeks. Also, you can view a complete listing (so far!) on our website. Kudos!

## Community Events

[Visit our Community Events page on our website](#) for details and information on how to submit your event to be included in our listings.

Current listings include Current listings include Jan 4- [Empower the Warrior Within: A Complimentary Workshop for Veterans](#) and January 17 - [CEU HIV/AIDS](#). Visit our website for even more listings.

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