Faculty Spotlight: Kate M. Chaffin

Kate M. Chaffin, MSSW, LAPSW, is Director of the College of Social Work. Kate completed her MSSW degree here at UTK in 2003 and, for five years, worked as a social worker in the court system until 2008. At that point, she left social work to teach at the University of Tennessee Space Institute and Pursuit. In that year the College of Social Work hired Kate to launch their new online MSSW program. In that role, she managed to equip faculty and staff with the necessary skills to move from traditional face-to-face instruction to an online format. As a result of this opportunity participants will:
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Kate also completed her education, pursuing a doctoral degree in a Doctor of Social Work (DSW) program that focuses on teaching and learning. Her doctoral work examined the impact of the 2014 Federal Student Aid (FSA) regulations on student participation in experiential learning across campus areas and campus libraries.

Ongoing Winter Mini-Term Support

The training will be held Monday, November 22nd from 9am - noon via Zoom. Visit the Career Advocates webpage for more information.

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