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Faculty Spotlight: Kate M. Chaffin

Kate M. Chaffin, MSSW, LAPSW, is Director of the Center for Career Development and Academic Exploration’s “Career Advocates Program” for Faculty & Staff. Kate completed her MSSW degree here at UT in 2004, and then worked as a forensic social worker in the court system until 2008. She earned her LAPSW degree at UT in 2014 and has been employed as a faculty member here since then. She is a valuable resource for the faculty and staff of the College of Social Work.

Kate also led an initiative to establish a provisional doctoral degree in a Division of Social Work (DSW) program that focuses on teaching and learning. Her research interests are in teaching and learning in healthcare social work practice, and understanding the best practices and evidence-based approaches to effective teaching and learning. She is particularly interested in the development of innovative educational strategies to promote student-centered and active learning experiences.

Kate’s research focuses on the importance of teaching and learning in healthcare social work. Her research has been published in several journals, including the Journal of Social Work Education, and she has presented at several conferences. She has also been a guest speaker at several universities and institutions.

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