

## Watts Endowed Professor of Child Well-Being

**Summary:** The Watts College of Public Service and Community Solutions, School of Social Work seeks an established, visionary public intellectual scholar to fill the Watts Endowed Professor in Child Well-Being. The Endowed Professor will advance the discovery, organization, transmission, and application of knowledge in family and child well-being systems. This tenure-line faculty position is a full-time, 9-month appointment. The Endowed Professor will receive annual funding from the endowment to advance research in this area, educate and train students to develop knowledge and impact services.

**Responsibilities:** We seek a candidate with a distinguished scholarly record of research and a renowned reputation in the area of child and family well-being, child welfare, child development, family systems through the lens of human behavior, systems theory, child development, human development, family studies, human services, and service delivery. The Endowed Professor will lead the research agenda for SSW to investigate aspects of child well-being, linkages between practice and children and family policies, evidence-based interventions, and program evaluations. The focus of the Endowed Professor will be primarily research, mentoring PhD students and junior faculty, and teaching. Other responsibilities include seeking external support for research, school, college and university committee service, regional, national, and international professional activities. The Endowed Professor will engage in institution building by collaborating with organizations and individuals both within and outside the university. Successful candidates are expected to demonstrate a commitment to diversity and equity in education through their scholarship, teaching, and/or service. We especially encourage candidates who have undertaken research and teaching with diverse populations and whose scholarship, teaching, and service will contribute to the diversity of our academic offerings to apply. All candidates must have an earned doctorate in social work or a related social science discipline

**SSW:** The School of Social Work is a vibrant community of scholar teachers that is committed to diversity and inclusive excellence. The School's curriculum, research, and community partnerships emphasize understanding and respect for the unique social, political, and cultural diversity of the Southwest Region. SSW provides an intellectual, collegial, and supportive environment that fosters interdisciplinary, community-based, regional, national and international research. Our strong research, educational, and training infrastructure includes the Southwest Interdisciplinary Research Center, Center for Child Well-Being, Center for Applied Behavioral Health Policy, Global Center for Applied Health Research, Family Violence Center, Office for Gender-Based Violence, Office of American Indian Projects, Office of Sex Trafficking Intervention Research, and the Office of Community Health, Engagement, and Resiliency. SSW engages in collaborative projects across Watts College, the State of Arizona, the Southwest region, globally and has a strong commitment to be an active participant in the increasingly diverse urban and community life of Phoenix metropolitan area.

**College:** The Watts College of Public Service and Community Solutions, located in the dynamic hub of metro Phoenix, is part of the multi-campus Arizona State University that provides a multitude of academic and professional connections for students. Watts College is a leading comprehensive public service college, dedicated to a model of fully integrated teaching, research, and service to strengthen our communities and co-create solutions to shared challenges. Whether the focus is on public safety, social welfare, public administration or community development, the diverse academic programs and research initiatives of the Watts College of Public Service and Community Solutions offer a multifaceted approach to solving society's shared challenges. Through our four schools and multiple centers, we help build stronger, more resilient, dynamic communities.

**University:** ASU is a comprehensive public research university, measured not by whom it excludes, but by whom it includes and how they succeed; advancing research and discovery of public value; and assuming fundamental responsibility for the economic, social, cultural and overall health of the communities it serves.