Get to Know Kirby Bewley!

What is your role in the School?
I am a new Instructor in Norman.

Have you always lived in Oklahoma? Or, are you a transplant? Tell us more!
I was born in Moore, Oklahoma and recently built a new home in the area. I know it’s tornado town, but it is such a great place to live.

Where did you go to school?
High School: Moore High School. BSW and MSW: University of Oklahoma.

What are some of your favorite places you’ve worked, work you’ve done?
Prior to coming to the University, I worked in a community mental health center. During that time, I was able to work with some pretty amazing families.

Why do you like working at OU?
I am excited to work at OU because I love the feeling of new possibilities. It’s exciting to dream about what could be. I’m hopeful that my classes will become a place students can work through new ideas and feel progress toward their personal goals.

What goals do you have for your new role?
I am most excited to get to know the students in my classes. I hope to be able to share my experience and come alongside them in their learning.

What is your favorite thing about social work – or what surprised you about social work?
Social work fits my life values. I realized that it was easy for me to find the ‘why’ behind my work because it so closely aligned to my beliefs about the world.
Do you have any hobbies?

Our family loves playing board games with friends. We’ll usually have game nights several times a month.

Tell us an interesting fact about yourself that few people know or that would surprise people?

Prior to my college years, I was a competitive dancer in ballet, tap, and jazz. In high school, I received a scholarship to dance in LA and spent several weeks that summer taking classes in an intensive setting. After this, I became a choreographer for several years teaching classes ranging from three-year-old introductory ballet to competitive high school classes.

Anything else you’d want people to know?

Last Christmas, I received a labradoodle puppy as a gift from my husband. This puppy is currently in training to become a certified therapy dog.