Get to Know Sue Durrett!

What is your role in the School?
I am a new Instructor in Norman and a Faculty Liaison within Field Education Office.

Have you always lived in Oklahoma? Or, are you a transplant? Tell us more!
I have lived in Oklahoma since I was 2 years old, so basically yes - I have lived in Oklahoma all my life.

Where did you go to school?
I grew up in Moore, Oklahoma from the age of 2 to 17 and graduated from Moore High School. Then moved far away from home to Norman to attend the University of Oklahoma.

What are some of your favorite places you’ve worked, work you’ve done?
I worked for Cleveland County DHS for 30 years primarily in the Child Welfare Program. I thoroughly enjoyed working with the families that were court involved and working towards reunification. I also became quite involved in community work with non profits and other community organizations serving the same population that I was working with.

Why do you like working at OU?
I feel a strong sense of belonging to the OU School of Social Work. Everyone is very supportive of each other and seek success for all. Working with students allows me the opportunity to pass on what I have learned but also provides me with an ongoing learning process for myself.
**What goals do you have for your new role?**

As a Faculty Liaison within Field Education Office my short term goals are establishing positive relationships with all the agencies that are invested in our students, learning skill sets that enhance my ability to fulfill the liaison responsibilities so that students get the support and guidance that they need to succeed.

**What is your favorite thing about social work – or what surprised you about social work?**

Seeing individuals work with difficult challenges and succeeding in the goals they set for themselves.

**Do you have any hobbies?**

I really don't have any hobbies but love spending time with my children and grandchildren. We like to go out on our boat, listen to music and have a great time at the lake. We also love going to the grandkids' activities, OU football games, and Thunder basketball games.

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

I am such an open book I don't think there is anything that people don't already know.