

School of Social Work Presents:

“Harnessing Social Media Data to Examine Adolescents’ and Young Adults’ Mental Health Disclosures and Support-Seeking”

A Colloquium by

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Ishita Kapur is a mixed-methods Social Work researcher whose scholarship examines adolescents’ and young adults’ mental health disclosures and support-seeking behaviors in digital spaces. Her work leverages large-scale social media data and computational methods, including machine learning, topic modeling, and sentiment analysis, to understand how youth navigate anxiety, trauma, and help-seeking online. She is particularly interested in how digital platforms can reflect and shape mental health experiences among marginalized populations.

Her broader research program explores adverse childhood experiences, including parental abuse and bullying, and their long-term mental health consequences. She also studies the practical applications of Artificial Intelligence in Social Work education and practice, as well as its broader impact on society. Before her doctoral training, she conducted community-based research in India with non-governmental organizations, focusing on child protection and educational development in underserved communities. As an educator, she is committed to trauma-informed, culturally responsive teaching that encourages critical reflection, co-creation of knowledge, and social justice advocacy.

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