

School of Social Work's Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Statement:

Guided by the NASW Code of Ethics, we are a diverse group of individuals committed to social justice who celebrate our various social identities. We commit to intentionally building conditions within our School that create more space and remove barriers for diverse, and historically excluded individuals.

DIRECTOR'S CORNER

Dr. Jandel Crutchfield, PhD, LCSW

**WHAT'S IN THIS MONTH'S ISSUE:**

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MLK**World Religions****Holocaust Remembrance****Lunar New Year**

New Year, New Semester, New Building, New Beginnings are in store for the School of Social Work Community.

I hope everyone has been refreshed by the winter break and is ready to get back to the business of social work.

We will resume our internal faculty/staff trainings; community of caring monthly meetings, and DEI committee meetings this spring with hopes to collaborate with other departments in the community and across campus!

Read more [here](#) about Dr. Crutchfield's vision for DEI

While January is not officially recognized as a heritage month, every year there are multiple important remembrance days to celebrate.

Martin Luther King Day is celebrated to honor a legacy that is yet to be fully understood because of its continuing impact and implications. Many recognized Dr. King's service by volunteering or making a commitment to others during this time.

World Religion Day is a great way to acknowledge how religious people, though different, share connections and can work towards a more religiously tolerant world.

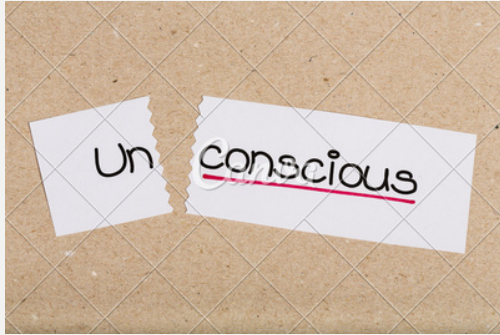
Holocaust Remembrance day is especially important as there are still those who would deny the history of the Holocaust and the uptick of anti-semitism.

Lunar New Year is also called Chinese New Year although many other countries celebrate it. Traditions include fireworks, food, giving red envelopes, and lighting lanterns.



NEXT WEEK

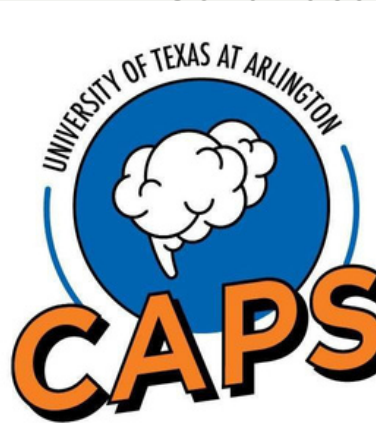
Join the Office of DEI for our Unconscious Bias training for Faculty and Staff next **Thursday the 26th from 12:30-1:30**. Click this link to join: <http://bit.ly/3ZLCtGj>



Community of Caring Sessions will Resume next month on February 10th at 10am via Teams!

Do you want to leave feedback? Please click the link located at the bottom of the newsletter and fill out the Microsoft Forms. Thank you!

Resources/Training, Continued



Click the [link](#) for more info about the Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) Professional Development Fund

DEI Office Trainings Schedule

Spring 2023 SSW Office of DEI Community of Caring Calendar

Is there a current event happening that you would like to talk about? Please fill out a form using the link or QR code below and help us find the important topics to discuss. We are open to suggestion!

<https://bit.ly/3zCx16L>



Dates

January 20 10:00am-11:00am	February 10 10:00am-11:00am
March 10 10:00am-11:00am	April 14 10:00am-11:00am

To join all events use the link or QR code below



<https://bit.ly/3OXRGNB>

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Office of DEI Training Calendar

Inward

SEPTEMBER

Instructor: Catherine LaBrenz
Topic: Critical Humility
Date: 09/08/2022
Time: 12:30-1:30pm
Modality: Virtual

OCTOBER

Instructor: Brittanie Ash
Topic: Microaggressions
Date: 10/13/2022
Time: 12:30-1:30PM
Modality: Face-to-face

NOVEMBER

Instructor: Noelle Fields
Topic: Ageism
Date: 11/17/2022
Time: 12:30-1:30PM
Modality: Virtual

DECEMBER

Instructor: Regina Praetorius
Topic: Decolonization of Curriculum
Date: 12/01/2022
Time: 12:30-1:30PM
Modality: Virtual

JANUARY

Instructor: Jandel Crutchfield
Topic: Unconscious Bias
Date: 01/26/2023
Time: 12:30-1:30PM
Modality: Face-to-Face

FEBRUARY

Instructor: Micki Washburn
Topic: Using non-stigmatizing language when speaking about substance abuse
Date: 02/09/2023
Time: 12:30-1:30PM
Modality: Virtual

MARCH

Instructor: Christian Vazquez
Topic: Mentoring Students of Color
Date: 03/09/2023
Time: 12:30-1:30PM
Modality: Virtual

APRIL

Instructor: Donna Schuman
Topic: Military Veterans
Date: 04/13/2023
Time: 12:30-1:30PM
Modality: Virtual

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Please fill out this interest form by using the link or QR code:
<https://bit.ly/3cM70EL>



SOCIAL WORK/UTA EVENTS

DEI COMMITTEE CORNER

Spring 2023 Semester

WELCOME BACK!

MAVERICK STAMPEDE

JANUARY 17/18

Join us in welcoming back students with snacks and refreshments

Time: 8 am - 12 pm
Where: Community Commons (located through the east entrance)

Volunteer Here!

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OUR SSW DEI COMMITTEE HAS CONTINUED TO MEET MONTHLY AND IS WORKING IN THESE SUBCOMMITTEES: INWARD/OUTWARD/BEYOND TO SET GOALS FOR THE YEAR.

WE ARE HAPPY TO HAVE ANY INPUT TO CONSIDER IN THIS WORK!