

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



New beginnings are still upon us this semester as everyone gets settled into the work of the academic year and the work of DEI.

It can feel like an unending and daunting task to tackle the many policies and events that threaten individuals' rights to self-determination. It is all the more important for the social work voice to press on in these times.

This month we will begin celebrating Latinx Heritage Month on the 15th and push for ways to support this vibrant community on our campus and beyond!

As you seek ways to advocate for the rights of individuals to live in a world where they and all of their identities are welcome and celebrated, be sure to step back and check in with yourself. When you decide to come back to the work, there will always be more work for you to do!

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

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National Hispanic and Latinx Heritage Month Spotlight

Hispanic Heritage Month is observed annually from September 15 to October 15. It is a time to appreciate and celebrate the colorful cultures, rich histories, and diversity of the American Latino community. Every year from September 15 to October 15, Americans celebrate National Hispanic Heritage Month by appreciating the community's history, heritage, and contributions of the ancestors of American citizens who came from Mexico, Spain, the Caribbean, and South- and Central America.

HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH -September 2022.
(2021, September 15). National Today.
<https://nationaltoday.com/hispanic-heritage-month/>



Student of the Month



Martaya Brown

My name is Martaya Brown, and I am 30 years old. I am from Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania and I have lived in Arlington, Texas for a little over a year. In 2014, I joined the United States Air Force where I was stationed in Grand Forks, North Dakota. While in the service, I received my master's degree in Psychology (prior to the service, I obtained my bachelor's degree in criminology). I am currently participating in a dual degree program at UTA to obtain my MSW and an MBA. My main goal after graduation is to establish my own assistant living "community". In this community individuals with disabilities have access to resources for proper care and to maintain their independence and dignity. I emphasize community because I do not want it to be or feel like a facility setting. Many assistant facilities do not have the best reputations when it comes to providing care and a better quality of life for people. I currently work at a private assistant living residence with 6 amazing clients.

Resources/Training



National Alliance for Hispanic Health



Houston Hispanic Chamber of Commerce

BOUNDLESS



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

[DEI Office Trainings Schedule](#)

STAY IN THE LOOP

UTA SCHOOL OF SOCIAL WORK
OFFICE OF DIVERSITY, EQUITY, & INCLUSION

GUN CONTROL

JOIN US FOR SEPTEMBER'S
COMMUNITY OF CARING SESSION
AS WE TACKLE THIS TOPIC IN A BRAVE
SPACE with the SCHOOL OF SOCIAL
WORK!

JOIN AT THE LINK/QR CODE BELOW

OPEN TO ALL IN THE SSW!

SEPTEMBER 9, 2022
10:00-11:00AM

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<https://bit.ly/30XRGNB>

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!

Fall 2022 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/3zCx6L>



Dates

August 25 10:00am-11:00am	Critical Race Theory and Immigrant access to Higher Ed.
September 9 10:00am-11:00am	October 14 10:00am-11:00am
November 11 10:00am-11:00am	

To join all events use the link or QR code below



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

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Spring 2023 SSW Office of DEI Community of Caring Calendar

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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



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THE HISTORY OF RACE AND RACISM IN NORTH TEXAS AND THE FUTURE OF EQUITY WORK

FEATURED SPEAKER



JERRY HAWKINS

Executive Director of
Dallas Truth, Racial
Healing & Transformation

2022 FALL DIVERSITY, EQUITY, & INCLUSION CONVOCAION

Meeting of the UTA faculty and staff to
receive a charge for the fall semester for
Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion

OPEN TO ALL FACULTY AND STAFF (150 CAP)

LIGHT REFRESHMENTS PROVIDED

Please RSVP here by September 9th:
<https://bit.ly/3ozrUEP>



INFORMATION:

September 14, 2022

11:00AM - 12:30PM

Located in University
Center, Rio Grande B

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: TBD

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 (Friday)
Time: 12:30-1:30PM
Modality: Face-to-face

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/3cM7OEL>



{ DEI COMMITTEE CORNER }



Dr. Darlene Hunter



Dr. Regina Praetorius



Mrs. Kiva Harper



Dr. Marcela Nava



Dr. Catherine LaBrenz



Dr. Eusebius Small

IMPORTANT!!

One staff member,
a student member,
and community
member will also
be appointed to the
committee at the
start of the
semester.

CURRENT EVENTS

Texas border crackdown is disproportionately targeting Latino drivers, data show



Source: <https://www.nbcnews.com/news/latino/texas-lone-star-latino-citations-border-abbott-rcna42022>

Harris County resident with monkeypox dies, marking first death in the U.S. linked to the virus

