

BACHELOR OF SOCIAL WORK





SOCIAL JUSTICE SPOTLIGHT

April 22nd is Earth Day!

Earth Day is an annual holiday that demonstrates support for environmental protection. It began in 1970 on the first anniversary of the 1969 Santa Barbara Oil Spill. This year's theme is Restore Our Earth and is focused on how we can prevent the coming disasters of climate change and environmental destruction. This week, EARTHDAY.ORG and others have organized three different climate action summits that will address climate literacy, environmental justice, and youth-led climate-focused issues. This will be the second year that EARTHDAY.ORG hosts a livestream event featuring global activists, international leaders, and influencers. The Biden Administration will also hold a parallel leaders summit on Earth Day.

Learn more here: https://www.earthday.org/earth-day-2021/

*Students who are interested in how climate change impacts vulnerable communities are encouraged to speak with their advisor about enrolling in the Fall 2021 course offering: SOCW 3310/5310 - Environmental Justice & Green Social Work, featured in the Course Spotlight on Page 5!

Together, we will RESTORE OUR EARTH



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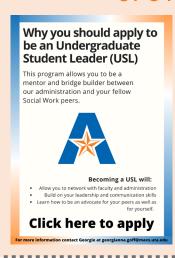
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STUDENT ORGANIZATION SPOTLIGHT





ADVOCACY STARTS AT HOME







Rental Assistance

Rental assistance is available for up to 6 months through Arlington Housing Authority for Arlington residents who are behind on their rent due to the pandemic if they meet certain criteria such as income, need is directly related to the pandemic, currently behind on rent, and a few others. The application is at www.arlingtonhousing.us and funding IS still available for the program.







I Bet I Know How You're Feeling

If I was a betting man, I would put all my money on this: you're stressed right now, like really stressed! You have too many papers to write about too many things that don't matter to you, and too little time and physical, mental, and emotional bandwidth to do them. And while I would love to change this educational system into something much less stressful – stress is antithetical to growth and development and education should be exciting and inspiring – and into something more applicable, useful, and meaningful long-term – who remembers what they wrote in their papers last semester? - paper writing and the sometimes not very meaningful assignments is what we're currently stuck with. So, what can you do to relieve your stress and reconnect with interest, curiosity, excitement, and inspiration in your educational, professional, and personal growth and development?

Now, this is the time or place in these posts where I usually delve into various perspectives or methods you could try, but I'm not going to do that here. I can't. I don't know what makes you, you. I don't know what makes you tick. I don't know your interests, your curiosities, your deep and meaningful reasons for taking this educational, professional, and personal journey. But you do! What is it? Why are you here? Why do you want to learn? What do you want to learn? How do you want to learn? All of these things matter, and the more you're in touch with them, the more meaningful and exciting - and less stressful - this journey can and will be.

After you've really explored these questions for yourself, you may get to the point that you say, "you know what, this class or this assignment doesn't fit with my purpose and my interests." And you could very well be right. And if you're feeling that right now, consider something one of the most successful professors and helping professionals once told me about success in school: "Anything not worth doing is not worth doing well." Are all of the academic assignments you have right now worth doing well? Honestly, only you can know.

One of the biggest movements in education, currently, is inclusion. And that includes you! Search yourself, your heart, your soul, and find what matters to you. Some assignments, some classes aren't that important for you and your needs. I'm ok with that if you are.



If you like You Matter posts and want to explore them more deeply, please consider joining us for a Wounded Healers meeting. You can find us on

WOUNDED HEALERS For Social Work Students Interested in Exploring the Arts of Self-Awareness Self-Growth, and Personal Transformation Contact Craig Reaton critiq heaton-dystaledu

CAREER SPOTLIGHT

Did you know that you could be a Traveling Social Worker?

What is it?

As a traveling social worker, your job is to travel to the assignment area and offer mental health services and other help as needed. The exact details of what you would do depend on the terms of your contract with the company that hires you.

Why would I want to do it?

Being a traveling social worker allows you to utilize your education while expanding your skills, impacting community and experiencing new cultures. Traveling social workers will also have the opportunity to take adventures and see new places while on assignment.

How do I do it?

Being a traveling social worker requires the same credentials as being a regular social worker. Social workers considering travel contracts should be flexible and open to learning. The people most successful in this job are those who are able to work independently, are highly motivated, and are charismatic to a degree.



ADVISING

- Don't need a full advising appointment but have general questions? Join your advisor for their weekly Power Hour!
- If your advisor's appointment schedule is full, please consider emailing them for email-advising, or attend their weekly Power Hour. Please check advising appointments every Monday when new availability opens up for the coming weeks

KeianaTuesday 12:00-1:00Click here to join the meetingMarkWednesday 12:00-1:00Click here to join the meetingValerieThursday 11:00-12:00Click here to join the meeting

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- Last names Mi-Z: Keiana Crain keiana.green@uta.edu

GRADUATION

- The deadline to apply to graduate in May passed on March 1. To apply late, contact your advisor. (There is a \$60 late fee.) All students planning to graduate this spring must apply to graduate using MyMav. You must apply to graduate regardless of whether you will walk at a commencement ceremony. Applying to graduate is necessary to have your degree conferred AND in order to receive your diploma. Fee is \$40.
- Our School of Social Work Ceremony will be combined with College of Architecture, Planning and Public Affairs, Division of Student Success and the Honors College. The ceremony will be held on Friday, May 14 at 9:00 a.m. at Globe Life Field.
- The Virtual Commencement will take place on Sunday, May 16th at 5:00pm CST through an on-demand website that will have autogenerated name calling, graduate slides, and videos from university officials.
- All 2020 and spring 2021 graduates should RSVP with their intention to
 participate in an in-person or virtual commencement ceremony. To do
 so, they should register with MarchingOrder using their UTA student
 email address. (Although the deadline of 3/17 has passed, students are
 still able to register via this form.)
- UTA has posted the schedule for <u>in-person and virtual commencement</u> ceremonies.
- Visit <u>uta.edu/commencement</u> for details. Questions? Email <u>studentaffairs@uta.edu</u>.

LICENSING

- The board recently made additional changes to the TX social work licensing process. Students in their final semester can now apply directly to ASWB to take the exam, and then apply to the board for a license after passing the exam and graduating. If you're in your final semester and want to get started, click here to request the Dean's Letter for Licensure, which UTA will send to ASWB. More info can be found on the ASWB site and our SSW licensure page.
- Interested in the LCDC? Stay tuned as we are developing a guide with the different paths to the LCDC that will be shared in this newsletter at a future time.



SOCIAL WORK Licensing



Professor Karen Magruder, LCSW for a special information session on professional licensing* for BSW and MSW students





FIELD PLACEMENTS

General

- All students, agencies, and Field Instructors should use this URL for InPlace: https://inplace.uta.edu/
- The InPlace fee is \$67 per year or \$130 for a lifetime. Each student will need
 to plan to pay the InPlace fee on the first day of class for that semester they
 are starting field.
- <u>InPlace Training</u> and <u>Logbook Training</u> can be found here!
- If you are having technical difficulties
 with InPlace please email <u>sswfield@uta.edu</u> and include a screenshot of the
 issue.
- · Field forms are available here!
- Field FAQ
- Contact <u>Sharon Martin</u>, <u>LMSW</u>, <u>Field Advisor III</u>, <u>with any questions!</u>
 You can also connect with her during her Field Power Hours every 1st &
 3rd Wednesday of the month from 3:00-3:30. <u>Click here to join the meeting</u>

Summer

- The COVID-19 field hours accommodation will continue for Summer 2021
 - Block students must complete a minimum of 408 hours for Summer 2021
 - Split students must complete a minimum of 204 hours for Summer 2021
- Block field will only be offered in the 14-week Summer Session. Block Field will begin May 17, 2021.
- Split field will only be offered in the 11-week Summer Session. Split Field will begin June 7, 2021.
- The Block Field 14-week Summer Session & Split Field 11-week Summer Session dates have been updated on the <u>Field website calendar</u>

Fall

- The Fall 2021 Field Application is scheduled to open Monday, April 19, 2021, at 10 am and closes June 4th (not May 18).
- Please review the email sent by Dr. Smith on 4/15 for important information and updates on the fall field application.
- Students doing a split field placement do not have to reapply for field between Split I and Split 2 semesters

MINOR SPOTLIGHT: DIVERSITY STUDIES

Check out this <u>Shorthorn article</u> about the many benefits of the Diversity Studies minor or certificate. We also recently released this <u>overview video</u>. Ready to declare the minor? Just complete this form!

MSW ADMISSIONS

Are you graduating this semester with a 3.0 or higher and hoping to start the MSW program this fall? We accept MSW admissions on a rolling basis. The admissions calendar can be found here. If you have any questions about the process of applying to the MSW, please contact less: less ie.reyna@uta.edu



An Evening with Wynton Marsalis

On Tuesday, April 27, 2021, at 7:30 pm, take a study break to tune into a free virtual performance by jazz musician, trumpeter and Grammy Award winner Wynton Marsalis.

Careers in Macro Social Work Miss the SAMSW professional panel discussion focused on macro social work careers? Watch the recording **here**.

Conference on Social and Ecological Infrastructure for Recidivism Reduction

3/18-4/20. This free, virtual, multiday conference explores the intersection of societal and ecological solutions to reduce recidivism.

Older Adult Mental Health Awareness Day Symposium

Mark your calendars to join us on May 6 for the 4th annual Older Adult Mental Health Awareness Day Symposium! This free, all-day, virtual event will feature engaging plenaries, informative session, and a diverse array of topics addressing the most pressing needs in older adult mental health.



















COURSE REGISTRATION

- Registration is open for summer and fall.
- When searching for classes, be sure to select the correct term. MyMav may default to 2218 (Fall). 2215 is Summer.



- Course Modalities will be listed under Course Attribute in MyMav. More information about each modality can be found here. Here are some examples:
 - Online 1: Asynchronous

Course Attribute Days & Times ONLINE1 TBA

Online2-Synchronous (live virtual class during times listed)

Course Days & Times Attribute MoWe 4:00PM -ONLINE2 5:20PM

Hybrid (Combination of faceto-face and live virtual class)

> Course Days & Times Attribute TuTh 2:00PM -HYBRID2 3:20PM

Courses marked "BSW Online Students ONLY" are restricted to students in the fully online BSW program. For current BSW students, the fully online program is only available to students who live 50+ miles from the UTA campus. For questions about the BSW Online, please contact velvet.denny@uta.edu

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COURSE SPOTLIGHT







Keeping Families in their Homes

Emergency Rental Assistance Program

The Neighborhood Services
Department is offering an Emergency
Rental Assistance Program (ERAP) to
Fort Worth residents who have been
impacted by COVID-19. <u>Click Here to</u>
<u>Apply for Emergency Rental Assistance</u>.

UTA is Offering Additional Financial Help to Students in Need

UTA will provide HEERF II Emergency Grants of \$1,000 for full-time students and \$500 for part-time students who meet eligibility criteria, and \$600 for full-time Accelerated Online students and \$300 for part-time. Apply by logging into your MyMav account, clicking the 'MyForms' tile located on the UTA Student Homepage, and clicking on the "Fill Out a New Form' button. Students may apply for assistance through UTA's Emergency Assistance Fund. Visit HEERF II Frequently Asked Questions page for more info.







Social Work Course Guides

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UTA continues protocols to protect campus community

In the interest of the health and safety of our community, UTA's current COVID-19 protocols and guidance will remain in effect through May 31, at which point they will be reassessed. This decision has been made after review of the latest Governor's Executive Order, which goes in effect Wednesday, March 10, and its direction that higher education institutions are to follow the most recent guidance issued by the Texas Education Agency. Read the announcement.

Dean Ryan's <u>Statement on</u> COVID-19 Health Disparities

UTA's COVID Vaccine
Resource Page

If you believe you have contracted COVID19, please type in 'COVID-19
Testing' and your zip code into the Texas Health and Human Services to
find a testing location closest to you

Did you know? Any Texas resident can register for a Covid vaccine in any Texas County! Sign up in Tarrant County <u>HERE</u> or Dallas county <u>HERE</u>.

Have you tested positive? Had close contact with someone with Covid?

- 1. Complete mandatory reporting form
- 2. If needed, you can:
- Ask professors for deadline leniency
- Contact your <u>USL</u>, Program Director and/or Academic Advisor for additional support and guidance.



Face Covering Protocol:

To create the safest possible environment on campus, UTA implemented a mandatory face-covering protocol, effective until further notice. For more information, click here.

MANAGING STRESS AND ANXIETY DURING COVID-19 UTA COUNSELING AND PSYCHOLOGICAL SERVICES (CAPS)

Visit TAOconnect.org

Call (817)272-8255

THERAPIST ASSISTED ONLINE (TAO)

THRIVE APP



Download "Thrive at UT" on App Store or Google Play

Visit uta.edu/caps for more information

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UTA Academic Calendar

Evidence-Based Practice Research Guide



Check Canvas for the MavsUnite Page! To add please e-mail:

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SAR Center

(Formerly Office of Students with Disabilities)















Webinar Library

Isabella Hong, an MSW Alum, graciously compiled a list of webinar resources and a video going over the basic functioning of Teams to any who may need assistance. Special thanks to Jose B. Yerena, LCPAA, who has taken over updating the list on a weekly basis! Please note that it is necessary to ask your supervisor permission for these to count towards any required field hours. **MSW Specialties Social Work Webinars List Basic Function of Teams**



Rental Assistance Program

The Tarrant County Rental Assistance Program assists residents who have been impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. For more details, email renthelp@tarrantcounty.com or call 817-850-7940



Emergency Assistance Fund

UTA students with a temporary financial hardship resulting from a sudden emergency may apply for financial help

Get Microsoft 365, The Wall Street Journal and Other Apps FREE with your student email!

How to gain access to SSW writing resources: Advising & Student Success Canvas

UTA/Tri-C Food Pantry Distributions

Currently distributing groceries on Thursdays only, from 9-11:45 a.m. and 2-4:45 p.m. To receive these grocery bags you must send an email to utafoodpantry@gmail.com to request a pickup time. Include student name, last four digits of UTA ID, requested grocery pickup time, choice of vegetarian, chicken, or any meat groceries.

If you have any questions or content suggestion for the newsletter, please contact Meghan Sheridan: mls9929@mavs.uta.edu



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