Social Justice Spotlight

National Month of Hope

Mother in Crisis, Inc. founded National Month of Hope as an awareness campaign to help extend hope around the globe and it became recognized in 2018. The goal is to “think hope” and “make hope connections.” This began as an endeavor of hope to have substance-free lives, but evolved into giving hope in all ways, by contributing wisdom, kindness, time and many other avenues.

Hope is defined as “to cherish a desire with anticipation; to want something to happen or be true.” (Merriam-Webster Dictionary). Hope is the belief we hold during times that things will get better. With everything that has happened in the world the last few years and global events currently we are experiencing, putting hope out into the world can help any and all who need it.

Ways to Observe

• Spread hope and sunshine in into those lives you encounter.
• Volunteer by reading to children in schools.
• Giving of time, food, and money to help families in need.
• Minister to those incarcerated by writing letters and visiting.
• Sharing your story of overcoming with those who are going through hard times.
• Lending a helping hand to those in need.
• Cleaning up areas where there is trash such as parks and beaches.
• Spend a day with the homeless whether on the streets in shelters, etc.
• Use #NationalHopeMonth to share your hope on social media.

Source: https://nationaldaycalendar.com/national-month-of-hope-april/
Greetings UTA SSW Mavs!

There is a rumor going around that the School of Social Work brought in a new Director of Graduate Programs. Apparently, some lady that has absolutely no previous experience working in higher education applied for the job and was hired. Now, you know, somebody had to take the initiative and do a little snooping around to see if this new person will be able to add value to UTA’s already top notch program. Well, I am happy to report that I have conducted a thorough investigation and found that the newcomer might work out just fine! Here is what I was able to uncover.

Her name is Dr. Joyce M. White, LMSW. She is in fact the new Director of Graduate Programs at the UTA School of Social Work. In this role, she will oversee the masters and doctoral programs; collaborate with students, faculty, and staff regarding program elements and curricula; and provide leadership and mentoring to graduate interns and students. She also serves as an Assistant Professor of Practice primarily for the Community and Administrative Practice specialty area. Prior to serving the in new director role, she previously served as adjunct faculty in the UTA School of Social Work.

Dr. White has held a variety of senior and executive level positions that included Grants Manager & Project Director at Dallas County in the Criminal Justice Division, Vice President of Compliance and Administrative Director at Dallas Housing Authority, Founder and Executive Director for Family & Leadership Empowerment Network, Director of Community Information and Outcome Management at the United Way of Greater St. Louis, and Project Director at the Father’s Support Center in St. Louis. In addition, she also served as adjunct faculty at University of Phoenix for ten years.

In each of these roles, she has engaged in various activities such as leading collaboratives and committees, program development, curriculum development, grant management, professional development, budgeting and financial management, staff training and supervision, as well as student education. She enjoys exercising, listening to music, and relaxing outdoors.

Finally, Dr. White has a focus on leadership and professionalism. She believes students are colleagues and leaders of their own learning, as well as the learning of those around them. Student colleagues work together to find answers and create solutions in class and at their intern sites. This model helps to prepare student colleagues to lead when they secure employment in their chosen areas.

So, what do you think, should we give her a hearty Mavs welcome?
**COURSE SPOTLIGHT**

**Environmental Justice & Green Social Work**

- Spring 2022
- **Course:** SOCW 3310 (undergraduate) / SOCW 5310 (masters)
- **Modality:** Environmental Justice & Green Social Work
- **Instructor:** Karen Magruder, LCSW-S
- **Topics include:**
  - Environmental Racism
  - Ecological issues for children, older adults, women, and low-income populations
  - Climate-forced Migration
  - Natural Disaster Response
  - Health & The Environment
  - Ecotherapy for Mental Health
  - Environmental Policy
  - Micro and Macro Level Advocacy Strategies

- All readings are free! No textbook to purchase!

**CEU OPPORTUNITIES**

**Free CEU’s from Valdosta State University**

For All Licensed Clinical Social Workers

Do you want to learn more about dementia, caregiving, and cultural considerations while working with diverse communities? [Click](#) for more information.

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**IMPORTANT DATES**

**SPRING 2022**

- **April 4th** – Registration Begins for Summer and
- **April 23rd** – Summer Field Application Closes
- **April 26th** – Last day to drop from 2nd-8 week sessions
- **May 2nd** – Fall Field Application Opens
- **May 3rd** – Last day of classes
- **May 12 – 14th** – Commencement Ceremonies
ADVISING

Need to meet with an advisor but there's no upcoming appointment available? Drop-in either in person or virtually on Wednesdays. To schedule your 30-minute drop-in time, click [here](#). Be sure to select in-person or virtual and your advisor. Remember, drop-in sessions are on a first come basis.

Feeling a bit lost? Start with your Graduate Student Leader!

Don't know who that is?

Email [Stacie Hill](mailto:Stacie.Hill@uta.edu) to get connected!

FIELD PLACEMENTS

**General**

- InPlace has a new URL! All students, agencies, and Field Instructors will need to use the new URL [https://inplace.uta.edu/](https://inplace.uta.edu/).
- The InPlace fee is $67 per year or $130 for a lifetime. Each student will need to pay the InPlace fee on the first day of class for that semester they are starting field.
- InPlace Training and Logbook Training can be found [here](#).
- Field forms are available [here](#).
- Field FAQ
- If you are having technical difficulties with InPlace please email sswfield@uta.edu and include a screenshot of the issue.
- Are you a CAP student ready for your advanced field placement? Check out the Funding section for paid opportunities!

**Summer 2022**

- The Summer 2022 Field Application is now open.
- Application Deadline is **April 23, 2022**.
- See the Summer 2022 Field Education Calendar for Block [here](#) and for Split [here](#).
- **InPlace fee is due on the first day of class**

**If you are planning on starting Field this summer, you must apply before the April 23rd deadline.**

FIELD POWER HOURS

This is an opportunity for you to ask questions, similar to Office Hours for faculty!

- **Foundation MSW**
  - Field Advisor: Natalie Mangham
  - 1st & 3rd Monday of the month, 3-4
  - [Click here to join the meeting](#)
- **CAP & Children & Families**
  - Field Advisor: Monica Brown
  - 1st & 3rd Tuesday of the month, 3-4
  - [Click here to join the meeting](#)
- **Mental Health**
  - Field Advisor: Hector Ramos
  - 1st & 3rd Wednesday of the month, 3-4
  - [Click here to join the meeting](#)
- **Aging & Health**
  - Field Advisor: Sharon Martin
  - 1st & 3rd Thursday of the month, 3:30-4
  - [Click here to join the meeting](#)

LICENSING

- If you're in your final semester and want to get started on applying to ASWB to take the LMSW licensing exam, [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](#).
- There’s lots of great updated information about licensing in the Student Success and Advising Course on Canvas—Check it out!
- Interested in the LCDC? Scroll to the end of this [Licensure](#) webpage and click on the Texas LCDC Licensing 2021 PDF for a chart that shows how different education levels can prepare you for the LCDC.
At this time, the Virtual Support Groups are not available for MSW students, but we do ask for support and to please refer anyone that could use these services. Email SSWVirtualClinic@uta.edu for information.

Mentorship Opportunity

Arlington ISD is looking to set up some of their students with mentors. Help support our community schools!

If interesting, please reach out to Stephanie Tucker at stephanie.tucker@mavs.uta.edu
**EVENTS**

**Lavender Graduation**
April 19th - 6:00PM - Rio Grande

It's time to celebrate the UTA Graduates in Spring 2022 who identify as LGBTQ+. This is a celebration that family, friends, and supporters can come to recognize the students that have succeeded and overcome any barriers that have come their way.

Students can fill out the form to RSVP for the event: https://forms.gle/8u73O6ZaDKjUzZr68

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**APRIL 2022**
**THURSDAY TALKS & TREATS**

Discuss the state of affairs for a different cultural/religious group each month and how social workers can support them.

April's celebration is for Arab American Heritage Month!
Thursday, April 21st from 12:00pm-1:30pm

The April celebration will be held via Teams. Please drop in!

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**Hiring Peer Educators**
TRIO Student Support Services

- Tutor SSS students one-on-one and in small groups to provide course support and improve study skills
- GPA of 3.0 or higher
- Enrolled in TRIO SSS Peer Educator (Dental)

Start date: Flexible, Summer or Fall!

Apply via Handshake
UTA Student Assistant, TRIO SSS Peer Educator (Dental)

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**YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE!**
**APPLY FOR A INTERNSHIP!**

**AB CHRISTIAN LEARNING CENTER**
**AMERICORPS VISTA SERVANT LEADER INTERNS**

**Requirements**
- Be enrolled in college or recent college graduate.
- Be able to commit 10 weeks full-time.
- Have a positive attitude!

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**Statewide Adult Protective Services In Home Worker Virtual Career Fair**
**Same Day Interviews**
April 14th, 2022
For more information on how to RSVP, visit: www.texaslincs.org/jobs/job_fair.asp

**Join Our Team**
Working in Your Community to Build and Strengthen Families

**What we offer**
- Health care training
- Health care experience
- Direct care experience
- Employment for TASP and TANF recipients

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**WE WANT YOU!**
**GRADUATE STUDENT LEADER PROGRAM**

**Become A GSL**

**Join Our MSW Graduate Student Leader Program**
Click HERE to Apply TODAY!
**Scholarship Highlights**

**Pat Brandenburg Scholarship for MALS Minors**

- **Amount**: $1,500
- **Deadline**: April 15, 2022

**Requirements**:
- Have declared a Minor in Mexican American/Latino Studies (MALS)
- Have completed 1 MALS/MAS course with a “B” or higher
- Will enroll in at least 9 hours of coursework in Fall 2022
- Submit a one-page application statement
- No recommendation letters needed

**Contact Information**:
- Cristina Salinas, Ph.D
- Center for Mexican American Studies
- csalinas@uta.edu

**Volunteer Opportunity**

**Camp Volunteers Needed**

- **Dates**: July 31st-August 5th, 2022
- **Location**: Camp El Tesoro, Granbury, Texas

**Volunteer Positions**:
- **Cabin Counselor**: Stay in a cabin with a group of children for the week
- **Support Buddy**: Be a one on one buddy for a child that needs extra support at camp
- **Camp Nurse**: Certified medical professional to assist with medication and first aid

**Complete your application HERE!**
STAY SAFE

Covid-19 Vaccine

Contact covidvaccine@uta.edu with any questions. If the dates and times of these clinics don’t work for you, the COVID-19 vaccine is free and widely available in Arlington and surrounding communities. To find a vaccine or booster near you, enter your zip code into the CDC’s COVID-19 vaccine finder.

Click Here for more information.

Required COVID-19 testing and new protective measures for Spring 2022 (English and Español) (uta.edu)
Classroom density, updated info from university on testing and return to campus

Dean Ryan’s Statement on COVID-19 Health Disparities

Social Work Course Guides
Student Research Opportunity Center

Summer Scholarship Applications are now open until April 22nd. Click Here

RESEARCH

TITLE IV-E STIPEND FOR BSW/MSW STUDENTS

FOR STUDENTS WHO ARE INTERESTED IN:

- Are you a social work student interested in advocacy? Want to learn more?
- Research Participants wanted.
- You have a chance to participate in a study:

Currently a Children + Families Student?

Research Study on the Impact of COVID-19 on Latinx Dreamers

- Are you a Latinx student? Do you have dreams?
- Are you concerned about the future?
- Are you interested in helping others?

If you answered “Yes” to the above questions, please read on. We are looking for volunteers to participate in a research study exploring how COVID-19 has affected Latinx students at your university.

If interested, please visit our website for more information and to register:

https://utdallas.edu/latino-study/

Are you a Social Work major or minor interested in advocacy or want to learn more about social work?

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

THERAPIST ASSISTED ONLINE (TAO)
Visit TAOconnect.org

TAOS TALK 24HR CRISIS LINE
Call (817)272-8295

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

Visit uta.edu/caps for more information

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 Tuesday Darling: tbd2290@mavs.uta.edu