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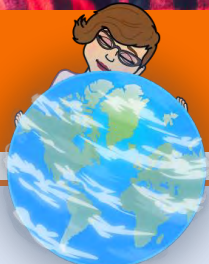


I acknowledge the grave harm brought by colonialism to this land, especially the systematic attempts to erase indigenous and African identities through violence, slavery and racist segregation laws.

WEEKLY UPDATE

April 19, 2021

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 5310 - Environmental Justice & Green Social Work, featured in the Course Spotlight on Page 5!

Together, we will
**RESTORE OUR
EARTH**



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STUDENT ORGANIZATION SPOTLIGHT

Why you should apply to be a Graduate Student Leader (GSL)

This program allows you to be a bridge builder between our administration and your fellow Social Work peers.



Becoming a GSL will:

- Allow you to network with faculty and administration
- Build on your leadership and communication skills
- Learn how to be an advocate for your peers as well as for yourself.

SOCIAL WORK COUNCIL MEETING

GUEST SPEAKER ISABELLA HONG

APRIL 28TH

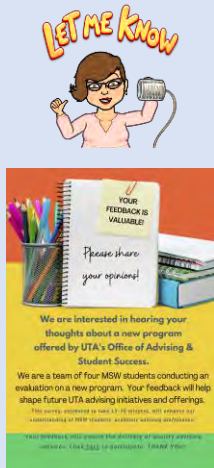
@ 7:00 PM CST

VIA TEAMS

EMAIL US FOR THE LINK

UTASOCIALWORKCOUNCIL@GMAIL.COM

ADVOCACY STARTS AT HOME



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 an 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.

Craig Keaton,

MSW | Doctoral Student | Adjunct Professor

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 Teams!



GET SUPPORT

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.



CAREER SPOTLIGHT

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

What is it?

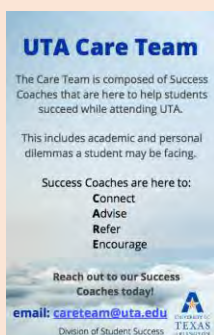
As a traveling social worker, your job is to travel to the assignment area and offer mental health services and other help as needed. The exact details of what you would do depend on the terms of your contract with the company that hires you.

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

- Summer class registration opens April 5th.



We've heard from you that many of you are interested in learning more. 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.

- 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.
- Don't need a full advising appointment but have general questions? Join your advisor for their weekly Power Hour!

Toy Howard	Monday 10-11	Click here to join the meeting
Valerie Adame	Tuesday 11-12	Click here to join the meeting
Maresia Davis	Wednesday 11-12	Click here to join the meeting
Cleondria Marable	Thursday 11-12	Click here to join the meeting

GRADUATION

- 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 a auto-generated name calling, graduate slides, and videos from university officials. We do not yet know which day the Social Work commencement will be. We will share additional details as soon as we receive them.
- 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.
- In-person, virtual commencement programs planned for May**
 - UT Arlington will host [in-person commencement ceremonies](#) at Globe Life Field from **May 13-16** to celebrate its spring 2021 and all 2020 graduates, while preserving virtual commencement ceremonies for those who prefer an online celebration. The spring commencement exercises will mark the first time UTA has hosted in-person ceremonies since December 2019, as all 2020 ceremonies were canceled due to the COVID-19 pandemic.
 - 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 Marching Order](#) using their UTA student email address. (Although the deadline of 3/17 has already passed, students are still able to register via this form).
- UTA has posted the schedule for [in-person and virtual commencement ceremonies](#).
- Visit uta.edu/commencement for details. Questions? Email studentaffairs@uta.edu.



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/>
- 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.
- [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

- 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 [Field website calendar](#)

fall

- The Fall 2021 Field Application will 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 1 and Split 2 semesters

FIELD POWER HOURS

This is an opportunity for you to check in and 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](#)





VIRTUAL EVENTS OF THE WEEK



An Evening with Wynton Marsalis

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

Careers in Macro Social Work

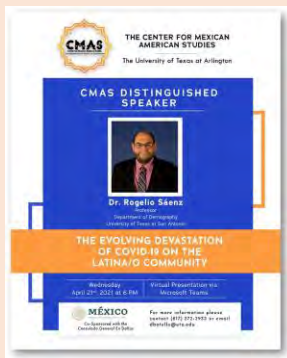
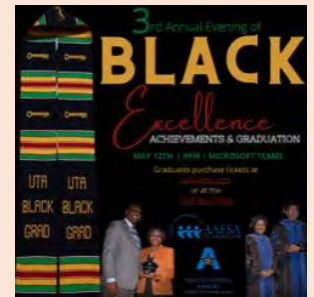
Miss the SAMSWS professional panel discussion focused on macro social work careers? Watch the recording [here](#).

Conference on Social and Ecological Infrastructure for Recidivism Reduction

3/18-4/20. This free, virtual, multi-day 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.



Do you want to serve college students with your social work degree?

Our dual degree option with a Master's in Education focused on Higher Education prepares you for just that! [Click here](#) to view the information session recently held. If you or someone you know is interested in this dual degree, please have them contact Courtney Jones (Courtney.Jones@uta.edu) for more information.

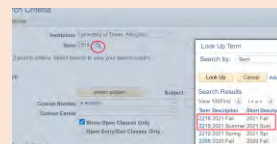
Wednesday, 2-3pm

Virtual Coffee & Tea with Dr. P

Please drop in on Teams to visit with me. This is *your time* every week to share concerns, questions, suggestions, and triumphs. I look forward to seeing you! [Join Microsoft Teams Meeting](#)

COURSE REGISTRATION

- Registration opens starting April 5th.
- 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 Attribute	Days & Times
ONLINE2	MoWe 4:00PM - 5:20PM

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

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

COURSE SPOTLIGHT

How do pollution & climate change impact vulnerable communities?
What can social workers do about it?

Environmental Justice & Green Social Work

Fall 2021

Topics include:

- Environmental Justice
- Ecological issues for children, older adults, women, minorities and low-income groups
- Natural Disaster Response
- Health & The Environment
- Ecotherapy for Mental Health
- Climate Refugees
- Sustainable City Planning
- Environmental Policy
- Micro and Macro Level Advocacy Strategies

All readings are free! No textbook to purchase!

Course: SOCW 3310/5310
Environmental Justice & Green Social Work

Modality: Online (asynchronous)

Instructor: Karen Magruder, LCSW
Assistant Professor of Practice
karen.magruder@uta.edu

happy earth day!

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RESEARCH

Social Work Course Guides

Student Research Opportunity Center

Being Black at an HWI: The Truth
BLACK STUDENTS AT HISTORICALLY WHITE INSTITUTIONS NEEDED

Requirements for Participating
You are being asked to complete a survey if you:
- Identify as Black or African American AND
- A current undergraduate student or graduated after 2015 AND
- Attended a not-for-profit institution of higher education AND
- Not in a 100% online degree program (no virtual instruction due to COVID AND 18 years or older)

Take approximately 5 minutes to complete
An additional study involving your identity or increasing a student's understanding of Black students' experiences (B&E) and being asked to sign into a research.

HOW DO I COMPLETE THE SURVEY???
<http://survey.utexas.edu/UTA/UTASOCW3310/UTASOCW3310>
For questions about the study email: UTA2021@uta.edu

RESEARCH TUTORING CENTER

DROP-IN SOCIAL WORK RESEARCH ASSISTANCE

Calling all students enrolled in SOCW 3308 or 5308! Are you struggling with your research class? Tutors are here to help! Log in through Microsoft Teams to receive assistance.

JOIN IN THURSDAYS FROM 2-7PM. SEE IN 2021.

Unable to drop in during the designated time? No problem! Submit your questions [here](#).



STAY SAFE

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 [Statement on 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 [HERE](#) or Dallas county [HERE](#).

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 [USL](#), 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)

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Visit TAOconnect.org



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Visit uta.edu/caps for more information

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Emergency Rental Assistance

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. [Click Here to Apply for Emergency Rental Assistance.](#)

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.

HIRING PEER EDUCATORS

THE ACADEMIC SUCCESS CENTER
Is looking for Peer Educators for FALL 2021 in the following roles:

Tutors - SAs - PTA Leaders - Peer Coaches
One-to-one - Small group - Large group sessions

LOOK US UP AND APPLY ON HANDSHAKE
UTA.EDU/TUTORINGJOBS

HIRING ALL SUBJECT AREAS
PREFERENCE GIVEN TO APPLICANTS WHO CAN TUTOR MULTIPLE SUBJECT AREAS

JOB REQUIREMENTS

GRADES

3.0 GPA minimum
A or B in courses
Enrolled at UTA for at least one semester

SCHEDULE

You decide your schedule
Minimum 10 hours of availability

QUALITIES

Hard-working
Empathetic
Flexible
Dependable
Great communicator
Loves to learn



UTA Academic Calendar

Evidence-Based Practice Research Guide

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[Chantinia Chansler](mailto:Chantinia.Chansler)**

SAR Center

(Formerly Office of Students with
Disabilities)



**Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Tarrant County
will be distributing meals, food and snacks
Curbside meal distribution will occur Monday - Friday 4:00-5:30pm**

Distribution Locations

Eastside Branch 4851 Ramsey Ave Fort Worth, TX 76105	Main Branch 608 North Elm St. Arlington, TX 76011
Martin Branch 3123 Avenue G Fort Worth, TX 76105	NW Branch 2000 Ellis Ave Fort Worth, TX 76164
Panther Branch 1500 Hemphill Fort Worth, TX 76104	

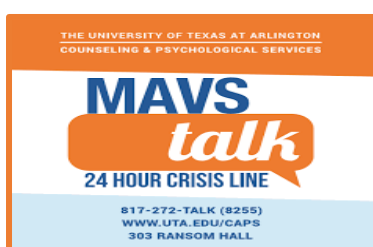
All Are Welcome!

- Meals available to any child ages 18 years or younger (membership not required)
- Meals will be distributed as long as food supplies last
- Each car is eligible to receive individually packaged meals and snacks as available to the organization
- Weekly at-home learning resources provided with each meal

Contact Us!

For more information or
questions contact:
[LaToya Greyer](mailto:LaToya.Greyer@bgcgc.org)
LGreyer@bgcgc.org

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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](tel: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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**"Mental health: the willingness to take responsibility for what's
mine and the refusal to take responsibility for what's not mine."**

- Louisa Clark

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