

WEEKLY UPDATE

April 26, 2021

SOCIAL JUSTICE SPOTLIGHT

A Message to the UTA Community

April 20, 2021

Today in Minneapolis, a jury voted to convict Derek Chauvin, former Minneapolis police officer, of the charges against him in relation to the murder of George Floyd last May.

The verdict in this case comes nearly one year after many of us shared a sense of shock, fear, outrage and sadness in the wake of Floyd's death. I view today's decision as but one step in our nation's reckoning with the racism and discrimination that is embedded in many of our systems and institutions.

Floyd's death and the events that followed were a catalyst for the creation of our eight specific commitments to promote diversity, equity and inclusion at UTA. Our work is ongoing and steadfast, and I ask that each of you continue to be our trusted partners as we strive for progress that celebrates and encourages meaningful change.

I am hopeful for our future and encourage each of you to remain dedicated to serving as change agents—to continue to use your voices and to lead by example, on campus and off, to foster a more diverse, inclusive and equitable community.

Now and forever, I am proud to be a member of the Maverick community as we strive to do our part to foster a more just nation, and serve as examples to overcome hatred, inequality and violence.

Teik C. Lim, Ph.D., Interim President

Read School of Social Work's Dean Scott Ryan's Statement [here](#).



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STUDENT ORGANIZATION SPOTLIGHT

Why you should apply to be an Undergraduate Student Leader (USL)

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



Becoming a USL 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.

Click here to apply

For more information contact George at georgianna.goff@mavs.uta.edu

SOCIAL WORK COUNCIL MEETING

GUEST SPEAKER ISABELLA HONG

APRIL 28TH

@ 7:00 PM CST

VIA TEAMS

EMAIL US FOR THE LINK
UTASOCIALWORKCOUNCIL@gmail.com



GET SUPPORT

UTA Care Team

The Care Team is composed of Success Coaches that are here to help students succeed while attending UTA.

This includes academic and personal dilemmas a student may be facing.

Success Coaches are here to:

**Connect
Advise
Refer
Encourage**

Reach out to our Success Coaches today!

email: careteam@uta.edu

Division of Student Success



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.

Interested in joining a Veteran and Military Connected group of students? The MAV VETS are here to get you support and connections to help navigate college life!



CONNECT WITH US ON SOCIAL MEDIA!

Instagram:

TEAMS:

Facebook:



SCAN ME

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Did you know as a student veteran you may qualify for free meals?

Meals for Vets is a program that provides student veterans who have low income with free daily meals.

Getting through school is hard enough without the stress of not knowing if you'll be able to afford to eat. Meals for Vets and The University of Texas at Arlington have partnered up to make sure you can get a daily meal to help fuel your success.

To qualify:

- Must have served at least 180 days federal active duty
- Provide proof of service (such as DD-214)
- Provide proof of all household income and benefits
- Meet low income qualifications

To learn more and apply, email: james.kumm@uta.edu



YOU MATTER

It's All About Relationships

I teach Lifespan and Development. It's a big class in the sense of the great breadth and depth of content and concepts that are covered. We start with conception, pregnancy, and birth, travel the life course through all of the major developmental stages of the individual, finish with the end of life and death, and look at all of these experiences through biological, psychological, social, and spiritual lenses. Like I said, it's a lot!

For the longest time, I struggled to find the theme that connected everything and all of the different perspectives that we cover. I need to find themes. To make sense of things, I need to see how things are connected. And it was earlier this semester, as I openly struggled to communicate to the students exactly what it is that we're looking for in this class, that I found it. This core, foundational class in social work, **it's all about relationships.**

Think about it... It's through relationship that conception occurs. The baby develops in the womb through the relationship with the mother. The child is birthed and the developmental trajectory and health and well-being is continually shaped by the relationships – parents, family, friends, communities, society - that do or do not nurture and care for the child. And if we jump to the end of life when people reflect on their life and confront regret and what they wish they had given more time and attention to, it's not work or more money, it's their relationships. Also, loneliness and social isolation – the absence of relationships – is a greater predictor of premature death for older adults than most other health and physical conditions. At every stage throughout the entirety of our lives, **it's all about relationships!**

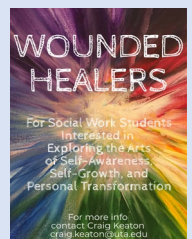
Now, social work. Think about that name for a moment... social work... Social! This calling, this profession, this practice is literally all about relationships. And the best social workers don't necessarily have the best grades nor the greatest academic prowess. The research is clear: a 4.0 GPA or diagnostic or technical skill is not related to empathy, presence, and connection with others. If there was one thing that we should expect every social work student to learn: **it's all about relationships.**

What are you focused on, a perfect academic record or putting the social in every social work role you find yourself in?

The charge is clear: be good to each other. Who is vulnerable or marginalized changes depending on context and environment. We have eyes that point outward for a reason, to see beyond ourselves, to see others. Look for those who are left out or pushed aside, and bring them in. Let everyone in. Put and keep the social in social work. It - this life, health, wellbeing, a better way of living for all – **it's all about relationships.**

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!





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.

Keiana Tuesday 12:00-1:00 [Click here to join the meeting](#)
 Mark Wednesday 12:00-1:00 [Click here to join the meeting](#)
 Valerie Thursday 11:00-12:00 [Click here to join the meeting](#)

BSW Academic Advisors:

- Last names A-C: Valerie Adame – adamev@uta.edu
- Last names D-Me: Mark Frazier – mark.frazier@uta.edu
- Last names Mi-Z: Keiana Crain – keiana.green@uta.edu



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.
- [InPlace Training](#) and [Logbook Training](#) can be found here!
- If you are having technical difficulties with InPlace please email sswfield@uta.edu and include a screenshot of the issue.
- [Field forms are available here!](#)
- [Field FAQ](#)
- Contact [Sharon Martin](#), LMSW, Field Advisor III, with any questions! You can also connect with her during her Field Power Hours every 1st & 3rd Wednesday of the month from 3:00-3:30. [Click here to join the meeting](#)

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 auto-generated 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 [in-person and virtual commencement ceremonies](#).
- Visit uta.edu/commencement for details. Questions? Email studentaffairs@uta.edu.

Can't make it to the Graduation Celebration on April 23rd?

No problem, graduation cords for graduating Student Veterans can be picked up at UTA Military and Veteran Services
 406 Summit Avenue, Arlington TX, 76019
April 19, 2021—May 14, 2021
Monday—Friday 8am-5pm

Unfortunately we cannot mail graduation cords, if unable to pick up in person cords can be purchased from:
<https://salute-colostate.nbsstore.net/salute-graduation-honor-cord>
 or any other retailer.

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 opened Monday, April 19, 2021 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

LICENSING

- If you're in your final semester and want to get started on applying to ASWB to take the LBSW 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](#).
- Missed the Social Work Licensing Info Session? [Here](#) is a link to the recording!
- 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.

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 leslie.reyna@uta.edu



VIRTUAL EVENTS OF THE WEEK

An Evening with Wynton Marsalis

On Tuesday, April 27 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](#).

Early voting

UTA is an early voting site for the May 1 local elections. Cast your ballot 8 a.m.-5 p.m. **through Tuesday, April 27**, at the Maverick Activities Center. [Read more](#) for times and other locations in Tarrant County.

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.

Part 3: An Interdisciplinary Dialogue about Moral Distress & Advance Directives in the Time of COVID-19

Earn CEUs

Join the Discussion!

Friday, April 30
2 P.M. - 4 P.M.

LIVE
Watch Here: [fb.com/UTASocialWork](#)
Register Here: [https://bit.ly/3s1R00g](#)

zoom

UTASCHOOL OF SOCIAL WORK

COLLEGE OF NURSING AND HEALTH PROFESSIONS

3rd Annual Evening of BLACK Excellence

ACHIEVEMENTS & GRADUATION

MAY 12TH 7:00PM | SHERIDAN STUBS

Graduates purchase tickets at [www.blackexcellence.org](#) or at the door

UTA BLACK GRAD GRAD

SAMS

Mindfulness & Stress Management

Is the end of the semester stressing you out? Want to take an hour break from studying for finals?

Join us for our **Mindfulness & Stress Management** virtual event on Teams!

Thursday May 6, 2021
5 p.m. - 6 p.m.

Click here to join!

Division of Student Success

Former NFL Player
U.S. Navy Seal Veteran

CLINT BRUCE

A Team Never Quit Speaker

**FRIDAY
APRIL 30, 2021
7:00PM - 8:30PM**

Microsoft teams live virtual event
<https://bit.ly/3gnMbKq>

TOPICS:

- Achieving Greatness.
- Habits of Elite Achievers.
- Developing as a Leader.

Speaker 7:00pm - 7:45pm
Q&A 7:45pm - 8:30pm

for questions pertaining to this event contact James Kimm at james.kimm@uta.edu

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OF TARRANT COUNTY

UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS
ARLINGTON

MILITARY AND VETERAN SERVICES

trauma support services

TRAUMA CARE INSTITUTE

Educate | Advocate | Heal

HEALING FROM CHILDHOOD TRAUMA

This webinar will explore how adults may experience the impact of childhood trauma and will provide participants with an understanding of how to help clients heal from developmental and attachment wounds. The material in this webinar is geared towards supporting therapists who desire to work from a trauma-informed approach and who desire to support clients throughout their healing journey.

OUR SPEAKER

Dr. Denice Harris

Dr. Denice Harris is a therapist in Dallas, TX who co-owns Empowered Healing Dallas, a private practice where she provides trauma-informed therapy using an interpersonal and attachment-based approach. Dr. Harris specializes in attachment, sexual assault, intimate partner violence, vicarious trauma, and oppression. Dr. Harris is passionate about training and provides education to other mental health providers in the area of building an advocate identity, social class, race-based discrimination, and trauma-informed strategies in clinical practice. She is deeply invested in equity, social justice efforts, and dismantling mental health treatment, and utilizes her Instagram platform, [@theempoweredtherapist](#) to provide education and support to the broader community.

www.traumasupportservices.org

SEXUAL ASSAULT AWARENESS MONTH CALENDAR

Tell Talk Tuesday's with Jessica & Candi
Special Guest: Community Partners
1:00PM via Zoom

Design Day!
Work directly in support of survivors!
Wednesday, April 28th
12:00-1:00PM via IG live

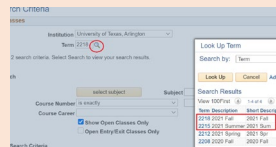
SAAM Spring Weekly Giveaway!
\$500 in supplies, bathrobes, pens, hand sanitizer & more!
Wednesday 12:00-1:00PM via IG live

REMAINING TOPICS:

- Questions about BSW? Contact jessica@uta.edu
- IG live event
- IG live event
- IG live event

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 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

- 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

SOCW 3303 SOCIAL WELFARE POLICY AND SERVICES
Class # 55798 - Section 003 LEC

List of Texas Common Course Numbers

CLASS NOTE
BSW Online Students ONLY



FUNDING



NOW HIRING SUMMER REC STAFF

Christ's Haven For Children is a nonprofit organization centered around the core values of normalcy, dignity, and hope. We provide a trauma-informed, family model of care for displaced children, teens, and young adults. As a voluntary residential placement organization, we are an option outside of the foster care system, often when a caregiver has exhausted all efforts to care for a child. Whether a child is with us for six months or sixteen years, we utilize that time loving them as our own and instilling normalcy, dignity, and hope into their lives. As a Christian organization, our hope is that their time with us will help lead them toward healing from their past abuse and/or neglect.

Summer Rec staff will be responsible for the following:

- Provide fun, purposeful, educational activities for children living at Christ's Haven ages 5-14 from May 31-August 6, Mon-Fri 8:30am-4:00pm
- Attend mandatory training: May 17 from 10:00am-3:00pm
- Must be 21 years or older and have a valid TX driver's license
- Must pass a criminal background check
- Possess some college credit in child & adolescent development or youth & family ministry OR on-the-job experience working with children/adolescents
- Experience supervising & organizing group activities for children ages 5-14
- Able to manage and positively redirect children's behavior
- Flexible, proactive, positive attitude wanting to provide a fun & memorable summer experience for Christ's Haven children
- Pay is \$11/hour

Interested candidates should submit their resume to logan@christshaven.org.

BE A PART OF OUR TEAM!

NOW HIRING VA WORK STUDY STUDENTS

Gain professional experience and serve your fellow military-connected students by working with the Military and Veteran Services Education Benefits Certification Team:

- Processing VA Education Benefits
- Hazlewood Exemption Benefits
- Welcoming/assisting visitors
- Answering questions over the phone
- Other projects as needed

Click Here for application
send completed application to
va@uta.edu

student must be currently using federal
VA Education Benefit and enrolled
at least 3/4 time



MILITARY AND
VETERAN SERVICES



RESEARCH

[Social Work Course Guides](#)

[Student Research Opportunity Center](#)



RESEARCH TUTORING CENTER DROP-IN SOCIAL WORK RESEARCH ASSISTANCE

Calling all students enrolled in SOCW 3308 or 3309! 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.
LOG IN HERE

Unable to drop by 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)

THERAPIST ASSISTED ONLINE (TAO)

Visit [TAOconnect.org](https://taoconnect.org)



THRIVE APP



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

MAVS TALK 24HR CRISIS LINE

Call (817)272-8255



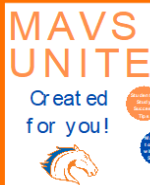
Visit uta.edu/caps for more information

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[UTA Academic Calendar](#)

[Evidence-Based Practice Research Guide](#)



Check Canvas
for the MavsUnite Page!
To add please e-mail:
[Chantinia Chansler](#)

[SAR Center](#)

(Formerly Office of Students with
Disabilities)

MEAL DISTRIBUTION

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

Distribution Locations

Eastside Branch 4851 Ramsey Ave Fort Worth, TX 76105	Main Branch 808 North Elm St. Arlington, TX 76011	Marlin Branch 3123 Avenue G Fort Worth, TX 76105	NFW Branch 2000 Ellis Ave Fort Worth, TX 76104	Panther Branch 1500 Hampshire Fort Worth, TX 76104
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All Are Welcome!
Meals available to any child ages 18 years or younger (residents of Tarrant County).
Meals will be distributed as long as food supplies last.
Each site is able to accept individually packaged meals and groceries available to the organization.
Various advance learning resources provided with each meal.

Contact Us!
For more information or questions contact:
Latoya Dwyer
LDwyer@bgc.org

First Come, First Served!

THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT ARLINGTON
COUNSELING & PSYCHOLOGICAL SERVICES

MAVS talk

24 HOUR CRISIS LINE

817-272-TALK (8255)
WWW.UTA.EDU/CAPS
303 RANSOM HALL

[UTA Library Accessibility](#)

[On-Demand & Live Fitness Classes](#)

Texas Health and Human Services
COVID-19 Mental Health Support Line

If you or someone you know is feeling overwhelmed by the COVID-19 pandemic, help is available.

Speak with a mental health professional for help dealing with anxiety, depression, stress, grief or worry 24/7.

Call the toll-free COVID-19 Mental Health Support Line at
833-986-1919.

TEXAS Health and Human Services

DREAMERS WELCOME

In Crisis?
Text HELLO to 741741

CRISIS TEXT LINE | Free, 24/7, Confidential

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).

The Lifeline is **FREE**, confidential, and always available.

HELP
a loved one,
a friend,
or yourself.

Community crisis centers answer Lifeline calls.

NATIONAL SUICIDE PREVENTION LIFELINE
1-800-273-TALK (8255)
suicidepreventionlifeline.org

Learn the Warning Signs.

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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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Social Work Program
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**"Never give up on a dream because of the time it will
take to accomplish it. The time will pass anyway."**

- Earl Nightingale