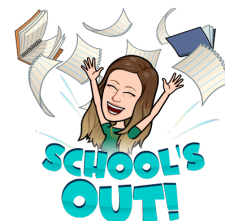




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## WEEKLY UPDATE

May 10, 2021

**\*This will be the last newsletter until the summer semester starts on Monday, June 7!**

### BSW DIRECTOR'S NOTE

*Congratulations* on making it to the end of the semester! I know that this has been a challenging year for many of you, and I applaud your perseverance and dedication to your studies.

**To our graduating seniors-** my heartfelt and enthusiastic congratulations goes to you! You did it! I am so proud of you for accomplishing this impressive milestone and can't wait to hear about all the amazing work you are doing to make a difference in our community and across the world! I also hope to see you back for your MSW one day, if that is a part of your journey.

**To our continuing students-** Your graduation day will be here before you know it, and I want to emphasize the importance of rest and self-care between semesters. I want to see you thrive in the summer and beyond, so take time now to recharge your batteries.

*Karen Magruder*

LCSW | Director of Undergraduate Programs | Assistant Professor of Practice

*All the Best*



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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](http://www.arlingtonhousing.us) and funding IS still available for the program.

## 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](mailto:careteam@uta.edu)

Division of Student Success



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:



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](mailto:james.kumm@uta.edu)



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YOU MATTER

### Ready? Break!

I am going to cut to the chase and repeat a message I shared at Spring Break... **You need to take a break! Get some rest! Do something else! Not work!** And like Spring Break, while there are all sorts of justifications for taking a break, the truth is you need, deserve, and should take a break because you're human. It's just how you work. It's how all of us works.

A break, some idle time, relaxation, and recreation are all shades of the basic human need for rest. Everyone requires rest; yes, even you! So, as summer gets closer, take some time to get clear on your needs for rest, what you want to do to care for those needs, make some plans, and then make it happen.

And if this advice is hard to heed, maybe you need permission. Well, here it is: this message comes straight from your BSW and MSW Directors. That's right! The leaders of your education and professional preparation believe caring for your needs is so important that they want all of you to start planning now and realize a real break this summer! You need it!

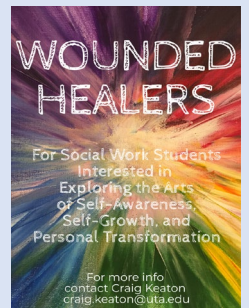
If you're unsure of where to start, try these: sleep in; put an out-of-office reply on your email; take a tech break for a while - a long while; go for walks; sip tea; lay in a hammock or in the grass; sit down and have a meaningful conversation with someone in real life with no schedule or time pressure.

Ok, so maybe you're still not convinced. Maybe you're just too much like me. I always have this feeling like I am just not where I want to be yet; there's something else I should be doing. Then I remember that taking a break is doing something, doing nothing is something - a very important something. And if I am really struggling to stop and rest, I am reminded that "taking a break can lead to breakthroughs." Isn't this so true?! Time and time again, a break is what unlocks wherever I am stuck. So, if you're still in need of something and not sure what it is, maybe you're stuck. Maybe you need a breakthrough. So, take a break!

And if you're still not having it with all this break stuff, consider this: this is the last You Matter post 'til summer. That's right, we're taking a break for a few weeks. You don't have to take a break, but we are. So, see ya next semester... after a good break!

*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!*

## END OF SPRING SEMESTER

- Final grades posted on MyMav by Tuesday May 18th at noon
- Grades designated as official by the registrar on Wednesday May 19th by 5pm





## ADVISING

- The first day of nearly all SOCW summer courses is Monday June 7th (following the [11 week summer schedule](#))
- Keep in mind that if you are *block* field, you'll following the [14 week summer schedule](#) starting May 18.
- 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](mailto:adamev@uta.edu)
- Last names D-Me: Mark Frazier – [mark.frazier@uta.edu](mailto:mark.frazier@uta.edu)
- Last names Mi-Z: Keiana Crain – [keiana.green@uta.edu](mailto: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](mailto: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](#)

### Spring

- Field instructors (supervisors) submitted final field evaluations on InPlace by May 4th
- Students must have completed student evaluations in InPlace by May 4th
- The last day to log hours is May 12th

### 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

- Starting field in Fall 2021? You must complete the Fall Field Application by June 4th.
- 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 1 and Split 2 semesters

## 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 auto-generated name calling, graduate slides, and videos from university officials.
- UTA has posted the schedule for [in-person and virtual commencement ceremonies](#)
- Students attending in-person commencement must print their own admission ticket in addition to securing tickets for guests. [Click here](#) for more details.
- Visit [uta.edu/commencement](http://uta.edu/commencement) for details. Questions? Email [studentaffairs@uta.edu](mailto:studentaffairs@uta.edu).

### FOR VETERAN STUDENTS ONLY:



**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.

## 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](mailto:leslie.reyna@uta.edu)

## 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.

## CODE OF CONDUCT UPDATE

The [UTA Student Code of Conduct](#) has been updated! Read it below:

Scholastic Dishonesty, including, but not limited to, cheating, plagiarism, and collusion on an examination or an assignment being offered for credit. Each student is accountable for work submitted for credit, including group projects;

- Cheating on an examination or an assignment includes:
  - copying the work of another, allowing someone to copy, engaging in written, oral or any other means of communication with another, or giving aid to or seeking aid from another when not permitted by the instructor.
  - using material during an examination or when completing an assignment that is not authorized by the person giving the examination or making the work assignment, including, but not limited to, electronic or digital devices such as calculators, cell phones, camera phones, scanner pens, personal digital assistants, or flash drives, etc.;
  - taking or attempting to take an examination for another, or allowing another to take or attempt to take an examination for a student;
  - using, obtaining, or attempting to obtain by any means, the whole or any part of an examination or work assignment that is not provided for your use by your instructor;
  - resubmission of work which has previously been submitted for course credit at any educational institution, unless prior approval is received from both faculty;
  - any act designed to give unfair advantage to a student or the attempt to commit such an act;
- Plagiarism means the unacknowledged incorporation of the work of another in work that is offered for credit;
- Collusion means the unauthorized collaboration with another in preparing work that is offered for credit;



## VIRTUAL EVENTS OF THE WEEK



### CMAS Distinguished Lecture- The Evolving Devastation of Covid-19 on the Latina/o Community

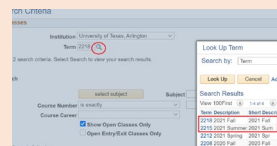
On April 21, 2021, the Center for Mexican American Studies (CMAS) hosted Dr. Rogelio Sáenz's talk "The Evolving Devastation of Covid-19 on the Latina/o Community" which presented some staggering findings. If you didn't get a chance to attend this event, the recording is now available on CMAS YouTube channel on the link below. The recording includes the talk and Q&A.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5pbHtcxUygc>

## 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](mailto: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



## RESEARCH

[Social Work Course Guides](#)

[Student Research Opportunity Center](#)

**Study on Interpersonal Reminiscence Approach in Improving Social and Emotional Well-being of Older Adults**

**Participants Needed**

The UTA School of Social Work would like to invite UTA students (1) age 18-30 years old; (2) currently enrolled as a student at UTA; and (3) can commit to be involved for the full 10 weeks of the intervention.

Once you agree to participate, we will pair you with an older adult for participating in this study. You and the paired older adult will participate together.

You will receive a \$100 or \$160 (if you participate in the intensive) gift certificate as an appreciation for your time in participation. If you are interested and want to learn more about this project, please contact Dr. Ling He at [linghe@uta.edu](mailto:linghe@uta.edu) or through her LinkedIn page.

RESEARCH TUTORING CENTER

### DROP-IN SOCIAL WORK RESEARCH ASSISTANCE

Calling all students enrolled in SOCW 3308 or 3309! Are you struggling with your research disjunctures and how to help? Log in through Microsoft Teams to receive assistance.



JOIN IN THURSDAYS FROM 5-7PM. LOG IN [HERE](#)

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



## STAY SAFE

### Expanded COVID-19 vaccine opportunities to include on-campus availability

UTA has established a partnership with OptumServe to provide all interested employees and **students access to COVID-19 vaccines at a convenient on-campus location and free of charge.** UTA students and employees are strongly encouraged to participate in COVID-19 vaccinations if they are able. Please visit the UTA [COVID-19 Vaccination Information and Resources](#) page to access registration links and instructions for both vaccine opportunities.

### 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

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Call (817)272-8255



Visit [uta.edu/caps](https://uta.edu/caps) for more information

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## FUNDING

The School of Social Work is hiring a part time work study student to assist with the undergraduate and graduate program offices. [Click here](#) to apply! Questions? Contact [velvet.denny@uta.edu](mailto:velvet.denny@uta.edu)

## Attention Current Graduate and Undergraduate Students: Every Texan Seeks Five Interns

Apply today for our paid internships and help advance social justice through public policy!

Are you a student who is passionate about social justice? Every Texan is looking for five new interns to support the organization's mission to build a state where all Texans are healthy, well-educated, and financially secure.

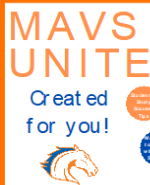
Our student interns will collaborate with staff of all management levels and across issue areas. Read the full descriptions [here](#) and [apply by May 7, 2021!](#)

Full-Time Case Manager [position](#) open with Catholic Charities of Fort Worth!



## [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**

<b>Eastside Branch</b> 4851 Ramsey Ave Fort Worth, TX 76105	<b>Main Branch</b> 808 North Elm St. Arlington, TX 76011	<b>Marlin Branch</b> 3123 Avenue G Fort Worth, TX 76105	<b>NW Branch</b> 2000 Ellis Ave Fort Worth, TX 76104	<b>Panther Branch</b> 1500 Hampshire Fort Worth, TX 76104
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**All Are Welcome!**  
Meals are available to any child ages 18 years or younger (parental consent not required).  
Meals will be distributed as long as food supplies last.  
Each meal is made to order and includes individually packaged meals and beverages available to be organized.  
Various advance warning resources provided with each meal.

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

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## MAVS talk

24 HOUR CRISIS LINE

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WWW.UTA.EDU/CAPS  
303 RANSOM HALL

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[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.**

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Text HELLO to 741741**

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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](mailto:renthelp@tarrantcounty.com) or call [817-850-7940](tel:817-850-7940).

The Lifeline  
is **FREE**,  
confidential, and  
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a loved one,  
a friend,  
or yourself.

Community crisis centers  
answer Lifeline calls.

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1-800-273-TALK (8255)  
[suicidepreventionlifeline.org](http://suicidepreventionlifeline.org)

**Learn the  
Warning  
Signs.**

U.S. Department of Health & Human Services  
National Suicide Prevention Lifeline

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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](mailto: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](mailto:mls9929@mavs.uta.edu)



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