Dear MSW Mavericks!

Welcome (or welcome back)! I am so glad to have you with us. I hope you have an amazing summer filled with exciting learning, health, and personal and professional growth. Please remember to have these things, the first step is to keep yourself in check! I don't mean self-care though that is important—I mean approaching everything you do in your life with intention and and reflection. If it isn't life-giving, is it worth doing? Is it a temporary means to a permanent, life-giving thing like your calling to help others in a career in social work? Or can you get there a different way? Only you can answer these questions for yourself but it takes emotional energy. Often, as natural helpers, we say yes to everyone but ourselves, leaving little emotional energy for our own growth. You deserve your help and attention too! It is in that quiet time of reflection that you will find the answers, the path, the peace! I wish you all the best and please don't forget I'm here to support you in this journey!

PhD | LMSW-AP | Director of Graduate Programs | Professor

Food Pantry Needs!
The UTA/Tri-C Food Pantry needs juice, sugar, and body wash. Drop off donations 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Monday-Friday at 405 W 1st St. For more details, email tri.c.cyndi@gmail.com
Welcome back for a new semester of school! The beginning of the semester is always an exciting time. Although, as we often hit the ground running, very soon you will quickly hear all about and be required to acclimate to what's important to others: the expectations and aims of your professors and field supervisors and the various assignments, projects, and tasks you will be given. However, to be most successful, you must have a clear vision for your own personal aims, goals, and expectations. You need to be clear on what matters to you. What matters to you matters most!

Roman philosopher, Seneca, said “Our plans miscarry because we have no aim. When an individual does not know what harbor they are making for, no wind is the right wind.” Where do you want to go? How do you want to get there? And what do you need to do so?

Beyond letter grades and GPA, what are your personal aims this semester, both in and beyond school? (Hint: the more specific, the better)

In life:
Why am I in school?
How do I want to grow and develop – personally?
What matters to me?
What are my personal priorities?
What are my personal values? (Social Work has values; what are yours?)
What do I want to accomplish that I cannot accomplish through school only?
What other ways, beyond school, do I want to learn and grow?
What do I need to do all of this?
When so many people and things have an agenda, how can I stay connected to and living from my values, my priorities?

In school:
How do I want to develop professionally?
How do I want to be professionally?
Who do I want to be professionally?
What do I want to learn or experience in each of my specific classes?
What do I want to learn, do, and experience in my field placement this semester?
What matters to me?
What are my personal priorities for school?
What can and will I do to align my actions with my school priorities?

Reflect on these questions and any others that are important to you. For any questions that are important to you: journal, take notes, make lists, create a vision board, do whatever is good for you to get clear on your aims and moving in a personally meaningful direction.

This is your journey. Where you want to go and how you want to get there matters. You matter!

Cheers to a great semester!

Craig Keaton, MSW | Doctoral Student | Adjunct Professor

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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.

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Relax With A Webinar
Take time to chill with help from Counseling and Psychological Services’ on-demand webinars on progressive muscle relaxation.

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START OFF ON THE RIGHT FOOT...

Graduate Student Leader (GSL) Program
Have questions about the social work program? Want to make friends? Need support? The Graduate Student Leader (GSL) Program has got your back! The GSL program is designed to build community between MSW students and facilitate the exchange of accurate and timely information. Each MSW student in the program is assigned to a GSL, a fellow student who has received training on leadership, communication, and updated info. Your Summer 2021 GSL should be reaching out to introduce themselves this week!
Feeling a bit lost? Already worrying about Fall as you begin Summer? Start with Advising!

- The first day of nearly all SOCW summer courses is Monday June 7th (following the 11 week summer schedule)
- 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  Mon 10-11  [Click here to join the meeting]
Valerie Adame Tue 11-12  [Click here to join the meeting]
Maresia Davis  Wed 11-12  [Click here to join the meeting]
Cleondria Marable  Thu 11-12  [Click here to join the meeting]

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 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!

Field Advisor: Natalie Mangham
- 1st & 3rd Monday of the month, 3-4
  [Click here to join the meeting]

Field Advisor: Monica Brown
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Field Advisor: Sharon Martin
- 1st & 3rd Thursday of the month, 3:30-4
  [Click here to join the meeting]

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
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Mental Health
- Field Advisor: Hector Ramos
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Aging & Health
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This is an opportunity for you to ask questions, similar to Office Hours for faculty!

- 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.
- Missed the Social Work Licensing Info Session? [Here](#) is a link to the recording!
- Interested in the LCDC? Scroll to the end of this Licensing 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.
• Apr. 5 - Registration begins for Summer 2021 & Fall 2021 terms
• Jun. 6 - Registration Ends for Summer 11 Weeks
• Jun. 7 - First day of classes
• Jun. 7 - Late registration
• Jun. 8 - Late registration
• Jun. 24 - Census Date
• Jul. 5 - Independence Day Holiday Observed
• Jul. 22 - Last day to drop classes; submit requests to advisor prior to 4:00pm
• Aug. 12 - Last day of classes
• Aug. 16 - Final exams
• Aug. 17 - Final exams
• Aug. 18 - Commencement ceremony

IMPORTANT DATES FOR SUMMER SEMESTER

SUMMER 11 WEEKS 2021

• Registration is still open for summer. Fall registration is also open.
• 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:
  • Online1: Asynchronous
  • Online2-Synchronous (live virtual class during times listed)
  • Hybrid (Combination of face-to-face and live virtual class)

Kения Literacy Walk/Run

Join the race for literacy! If you want something family friendly to do this summer that will support a lovely cause, check this out. It is virtual so anyone around the globe can join. You will be supporting literacy for kids in Kenya.

Wednesday, 2-3pm

Regina’s Inspiration Station

Come visit with me about your challenges, hopes, inspirations, ideas for the programs, and your career plans. This is an open mentoring hour for us to chat about whatever you like! Beginning June 16. Join Microsoft Teams Meeting

VIRTUAl EVENTS OF THE WEEK

NORTH TEXAS ADOLESCENT HEALTH SUMMIT

June 29 – 30, 2021
REGISTRATION NOW OPEN

ABOUT THE SUMMIT

The North Texas Adolescent Health Summit is an annual conference that focuses on the health and wellness of young people in the community. The summit aims to increase awareness, skills, and knowledge of young people and their families. It is designed to bring together professionals from various fields to share best practices, discuss challenges, and identify ways to improve health outcomes for adolescents.

EVENT DATES ARE:

• June 29 - Summit Activities
• June 30 - Summit Activities

REGISTRATION INFORMATION

• Submit registration online
• Early Bird Registration: $50

SPONSORSHIP INFORMATION

• $1,000 - Gold Sponsor
• $500 - Silver Sponsor

CONTINUING EDUCATION

• Social work and nursing professionals will be provided for this event.

https://nsummit.org/
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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.

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We would like to update the UTA campus community on the new executive order from Gov. Abbott that prohibits government entities from mandating face coverings. Since Friday, May 21, UTA no longer mandates the wearing of masks on campus. This action comes on the heels of the CDC’s updated guidance that masks are optional for those who are fully vaccinated. Read the announcement.

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.

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Crisis Counselor Position Open - Bilingual (English/Spanish) (Part Time TX, FL) at Crisis Text Line

Part Time Social Work Jobs at TX Department of Family and Protective Services
Have you ever considered working in social services but don’t have the experience?
Do you want to earn some extra money?
Are you a college student looking for a part-time job?

DFPS is partnering with Goodwill Industries to hire part-time, contracted staff to work with children and youth who are waiting for a foster home or other placement. If you can pass a basic background check and are at least 21 years old, contact the Goodwill in your area. Children can vary in age, but primarily the population that will be worked with is children that can range from 10 to 17 years of age. Responsibilities of the position include assisting the DFPS caseworker with monitoring children and ensuring needs are met during their office or community location stay to include: safety, food, hygiene, education and entertainment and/or recreational activities.

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

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STRAIGHT TALK COUNSELING PROGRAM
MEAL DISTRIBUTION
Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Tarrant County will be distributing meals, food and snacks. Distribution Locations
Eastside Branch
4651 Ramey Ave
Fort Worth, TX 76105
Main Branch
608 North Elm St.
Arlington, TX 76011
First Come, First Served!
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:
LaToyia Greyer
LGreyer@bgcgtc.org
Curbside meal distribution will occur Monday- Friday 4:00-5:30pm
Martin Branch
3123 Avenue G
Fort Worth, TX 76105
Panther Branch
1500 Hemphill
Fort Worth, TX 76104
NFW Branch
2000 Ellis Ave
Fort Worth, TX 76164

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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