

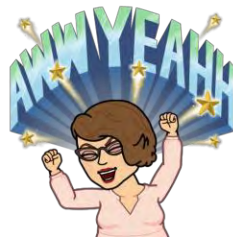


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I acknowledge the grave harm brought by colonialism to this land, especially the systematic attempts to erase indigenous and African identities through violence, slavery and racist segregation laws.



WEEKLY UPDATE

June 7, 2021

MSW DIRECTOR'S NOTE

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 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



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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 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:   Facebook: 

SCAN ME SCAN ME SCAN ME

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




STUDENT ORGANIZATION SPOTLIGHT

MAVS FOR MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS

Equipping social work students to become leaders in their field. Open for all students, no matter their degree, to raise awareness for mental health and substance use disorders.

SCAN THE QR CODE BELOW FOR ACCESS TO OUR GROUP ON MICROSOFT TEAMS!

FIND US ON FACEBOOK AT MAVS FOR MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS



SCAN ME

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!**



YOU MATTER

Matters to You?

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.

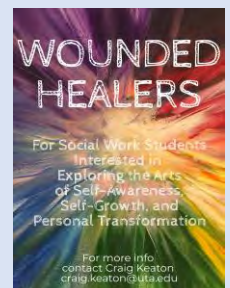
This is your journey. Where you want to go and how you want to get there matters. You matter!

Cheers to a great semester!

Craig Keaton,

MSW | Doctoral Student | Adjunct Professor

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!



START OFF ON THE RIGHT FOOT ...

Relax With A Webinar

Take time to chill with help from Counseling and Psychological Services' on-demand webinars on [progressive muscle relaxation](#).





ADVISING



**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](#)

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](#).
- **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.



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 began May 17, 2021.**
- **Split field will only be offered in the 11-week Summer Session. Split Field began 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, 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 I and Split 2 semesters

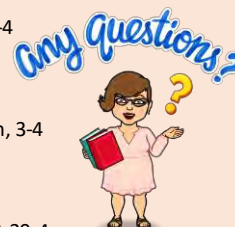
spring 2022

- The Spring 2022 Field Application opens Oct. 01 – Nov. 26, 2021. These dates are subject to change. See the full Fall 2021 Field Education Calendar [here](#).
- Read the Summer 2021 – Spring 2022 Field Accommodations [here](#).

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](#)



IMPORTANT DATES FOR SUMMER SEMESTER

SUMMER 11 WEEKS 2021

- 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

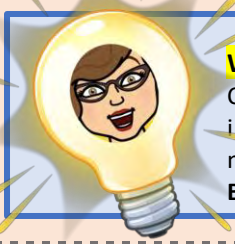


VIRTUAL EVENTS OF THE WEEK

Drinks & Dialogue
Rescheduled June 11, 2021 4:00-5:00 P.M. Microsoft Teams
 Social Work Students: Grab a tasty beverage! Join us for a chat about thought-provoking social work experiences & ideas.
 Theme: Interventions with groups, families & communities
 JOIN PROFESSOR KARLA ARENAS-TOTIA, DR. ASHLEY PALMER, AND PROFESSOR LEAH WILSON FOR THIS EXCITING CHAT.
 Interested? Click here to join the meeting, or search Drinks and Dialogue

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Contact Us
 Haley Vanderveer
 817-442-7107
 mainbranch@bgcgc.org
 Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Tarrant County | www.bggcgc.org | 817-442-7107

Kenya 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

NORTH TEXAS ADOLESCENT HEALTH SUMMIT
 June 28 - 29, 2021
REGISTRATION NOW OPEN
 The North Texas Adolescent Health Summit will be hosted virtually and will offer presentations, small group networking, and discussions to 150+ youth-serving professionals in the DFW metropolitan area.
 The goal of the Summit is to increase knowledge, skills, and abilities among youth-serving professionals who provide services and support to adolescents. We will cover summer physical and emotional development, positive youth development, adolescent-friendly services, and how to apply the quality components of care through the stages of adolescence. We also include an update on the health TEKS-revisions.
EVENT OBJECTIVES ARE TO:
 • Provide the latest information on teen pregnancy, reproductive health and adolescent development that is appropriate for the diverse knowledge base and skills of participants.
 • Increase participant knowledge regarding evidence-informed interventions focused on culturally competent care for medically underserved adolescents living in North Texas.
 • Share best practices for promoting adolescent and child health, youth friendly services and trauma-informed care and to explore innovative programs of each.
 • Identify and invest in youth and young adult voices to draw in those who are directly affected by adolescent health advocacy and
 • Raise awareness of continuing disparities in reproductive and adolescent health care access and outcomes that persist in many communities within Texas.

ABOUT THE SUMMIT
THE AUDIENCE:
 • Social Workers
 • Counselors
 • Teachers
 • Community Health Workers
 • Public Health Professionals
 • Non-Profit Staff
 • Medical Providers and Clinicians
REGISTRATION INFORMATION:
 • \$50 Registration (2-day program)
 • \$60 Registration + CEU processing
SPONSORSHIP INFORMATION:
 • \$1,000 Gold Sponsor
 • \$500 Silver Sponsor
 • \$250 Bronze Sponsor
 • \$50 Materials included in digital event bag
CONTINUING EDUCATION:
 • Continuing education credit for multiple disciplines will be provided for this event.
EVENT SUPPORTERS:
 UNT DALLAS
 Amerigroup
 Texas Campaign
 Questions? Contact melanie@tccampaign.org or 817.791.5170
<https://tccampaign.org/ntxsummit/>

COURSE REGISTRATION

- 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:

- Online 1: Asynchronous

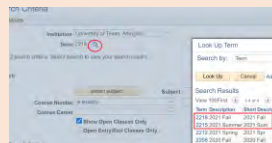
Course Attribute	Days & Times
ONLINE1	TBA

- 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





RESEARCH

[Social Work Course Guides](#)

[Student Research Opportunity Center](#)

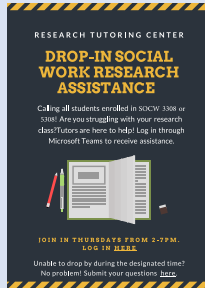
Study on Interpersonal Reminiscence Approach in Improving Social and Emotional Well-being of Older Adults

Participants Needed

The UTA School of Social Work would like to invite UTA students (21 age 20-30 years old, (2) currently enrolled as a student at UTA, and (3) can commit to be available for the full 10 weeks of the intervention.

Once you agree to participate, you will get into with an older adult for participating in this study. You need the parent/older adult with participate together.

You will receive a \$100 or \$150 (if you participate in the intervention) 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 for all information or through the UTA email UTA.



FUNDING

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.](#)

Our Friends Place is looking for a marketing/social media person for an entry level [position](#) in the non-profit community.

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.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY



Camp CARE Volunteers Needed

Join our CARE Crew this summer for a fun, and impactful week at Camp CARE, a week long day camp for children who have a loved one impacted by cancer. We have spots for a variety of volunteer roles including: check in help each day, CARE Crew Leaders, and our set-up/tear-down crew. CARE Crew Leaders are responsible for safely leading campers through their daily camp activities. CARE Crew Leaders help to lead various activities that will increase camper skills, encourage a group culture that is fun and appropriate, and will be a positive role model for campers.

For more information, contact:
Tori Mudge, Volunteer Coordinator
torim@campcaredeservices.org
817-921-0653

To Register, scan the QR Code using the camera on your smart phone or device



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STAY SAFE

Expanded COVID-19 vaccine opportunities 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

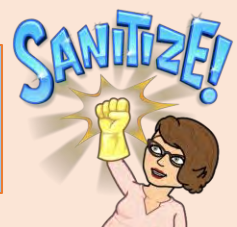
We would like to update the UTA campus community on the new executive order from Gov. Abbott that prohibits government entities from mandating face coverings. Since Friday, May 21, UTA no longer mandates the wearing of masks on campus. This action comes on the heels of the CDC's updated guidance that 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](#)



Dean Ryan's Statement on COVID-19 Health Disparities



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.

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

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for the MavsUnite Page!
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(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

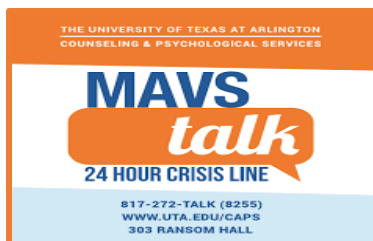
Distribution Locations

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

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 can 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:
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Lgreyer@ggcgc.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](#)

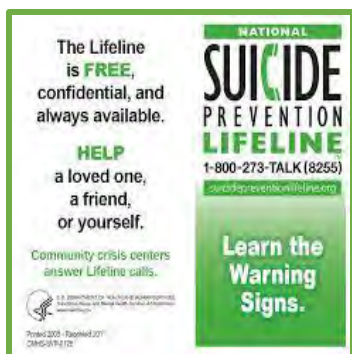
[Social Work Webinars List](#)

[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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