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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 14, 2021

SOCIAL JUSTICE SPOTLIGHT

Juneteenth and the UTA Community

Slaves in the state of Texas were still in bondage until a federal order proclaiming their freedom reached Galveston on June 19, 1865, more than two years after the Emancipation Proclamation was signed. Celebrations of emancipation later began in Texas and spread to other parts of the country. They became known as Juneteenth, short for June Nineteenth, to commemorate the last slaves to be freed in America. Today it is the preeminent national celebration of the end of slavery in the United States...

As we observe Juneteenth and reflect upon this turning point in our nation's journey toward equality, we know there is still a long way to go and encourage your active participation and leadership in the conversation for change. The Maverick family is comprised of diverse individuals, and we are united in the pursuit of a more just and equitable society for all. Together, we can support one another, maintain our resolve and drive meaningful progress.

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

Read the full statement [here](#).

June is Pride Month!

Check out these important dates in Dallas LGBTQ History:

- 1972 – First Gay Pride Parade held in Dallas
- 1975 – Dallas Gay Political Caucus founded
- 1975 – Flying W Motorcycle Club founded, the first LGBT group in TX to gain 501c(3) tax exempt status
- 1977 – Don Baker fired from DISD, sues to challenge state anti-sodomy law (§21.06) in Baker v. Wade
- 1978 – Rev. James Harris runs as first openly gay candidate for Dallas City Council
- 1979 – March on Washington for Lesbian and Gay Rights
- 1984 – The Dallas Voice founded, a weekly news publication for the LGBT community of Dallas
- 1988 – First Texas Lesbian Conference held in Dallas
- 1988 – DGA v. the City of Dallas (Parkland Hospital) lawsuit
- 1993 – Craig McDaniel elected as first openly gay Dallas City Councilman
- 1994 – Dragonflies of Dallas founded, a social and support group for gay Asian and Pacific Islanders
- 1995 – Jose Plata elected as first openly gay DISD board member
- 1997 – Dallas Southern Pride founded, an annual celebration for Black LGBTQ individuals
- 2005 – Lupe Valdez, a Hispanic lesbian, is sworn in as Dallas County Sheriff
- 2011 – Trans Pride Initiative founded
- 2016 – Jack Evans and George Harris are the first legally recognized gay marriage in Dallas County

HAPPY PRIDE MONTH



LOVE IS LOVE

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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:  SCAN ME

TEAMS:  SCAN ME

Facebook:  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





YOU MATTER

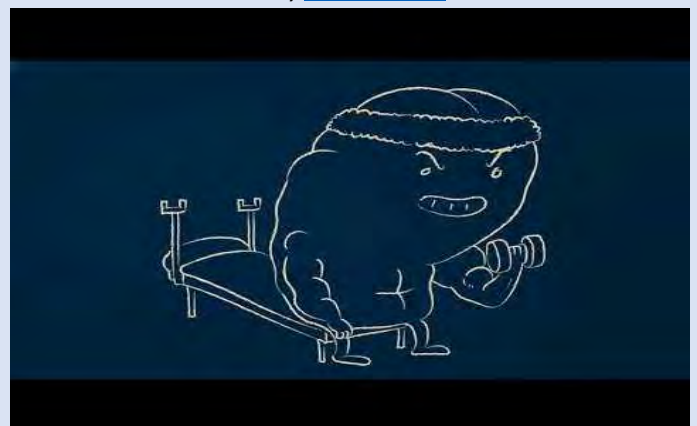


Energy and Focus

Need a boost? **Meditate!** Meditation is a great resource for you and your clients. Meditation optimizes "how the brain uses resources" ([Sukel, 2019, para 8](#)) and improves attention. As students, I know you're pulled in all directions and resources are scant. Try meditation for a boost!

Per Ben He, a neuroengineer who's imaged the meditating brain, "It seems the longer you do meditation, the better your brain will be at self-regulation...You don't have to consume as much energy at rest and you can more easily get yourself into a more relaxed state."

Watch the brief video below. If you want even more information, [read this.](#)



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

Undergraduate Student Leader (USL) Program

Have questions about the social work program? Want to make friends? Need support? The [Undergraduate Student Leader \(USL\) Program](#) has got your back! The USL program is designed to build community between BSW students and facilitate the exchange of accurate and timely information. Each BSW student in the program is assigned to a USL, a fellow student who has received training on leadership, communication, and updated info. **Your Summer 2021 USL should be reaching out to introduce themselves this week!**



ADVISING



**Feeling a bit lost?
Already worrying
about Fall as you
begin Summer? Start
with Advising!**

- 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

- **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!
- [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 Fundings 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
- 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 closed June 4th. No late applications will be accepted.**
- 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](#)

Any questions?



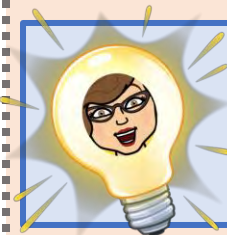
IMPORTANT DATES FOR SUMMER SEMESTER

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. 1 - Deadline to Apply to Graduate in MyMav
- 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 & 19 - Commencement Ceremonies



VIRTUAL EVENTS OF THE WEEK

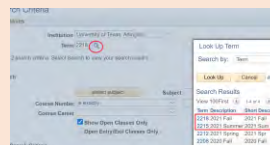


Wednesday, 2-3pm Regina's Inspiration Station

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](#)

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 Intergenerational 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 20-24 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, 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 \$150 (if you participate in the interview) gift certificate as our appreciation for your time in participation. If you are interested and want to learn more about this project, please contact Dr. Ling Ma at lingma@uta.edu, or through Tel: (512) 862-5074.

RESEARCH TUTORING CENTER

DROP-IN SOCIAL WORK RESEARCH ASSISTANCE

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

JOIN IN TUESDAYS FROM 12-2PM. SEE US 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.



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.

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Part Time Social Work Jobs at TX Department of Family and Protective Services

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.

DENTON AND SURROUNDING COUNTIES ARE HIRING! CHILD PROTECTIVE SERVICES Specialists!

Community Worker - Child Protective Services Specialist I

When a child is not being cared for in their own home, the most appropriate Child Protective Services is the "custodian" of the child. The county CPS is largely responsible for the child's welfare and that is why a Community Worker (CWC) supervisor is needed. A CWC supervisor oversees children's care and they are in CPS' custody. This means working with the parents, extended family, and other parties help children find placement, safe place to live.

Job Posting # 483143

Apply Here

Love working with the elderly? Want to Advance Your Career?

APPLY FOR A DAGS SCHOLARSHIP!

Eligibility:

- *Must live in the Greater Dallas Area
- *Must be pursuing an aging-related career
- *Must be enrolled in or accepted by a college or certificate program.

Application DEADLINE: **July 15, 2021**

Learn more at www.dags.org or email info@dags.org

DAGS Dallas Area Gerontological Society

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.

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. Beginning Friday, May 21, UTA will no longer mandate 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](#).



Dean Ryan's Statement on COVID-19 Health Disparities

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](#)

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY



Camp CARE Volunteers Needed

Join our CARE Crew this summer for a fun, and impactful week at CampCARE, 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
tori@cancercareservices.org
817-921-0653

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



VISIT US AT WWW.CANCERCARESERVICES.ORG
OR FACEBOOK.COM/CANCERCARESERVICES

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)

THERAPIST ASSISTED ONLINE (TAO)

Visit 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
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 76104
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 so long as food supplies last
- Each car is eligible to receive individually packaged meals and snacks as available to the organization
- Weekly all-home learning resources provided with each meal

Contact Us!
For more information or questions contact:
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LGreyer@bgcgtc.org

First Come, First Served!

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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.**

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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"How we spend our days is, of course, how we spend our lives."

- Annie Dillard