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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 21, 2021

SOCIAL JUSTICE SPOTLIGHT

Dean's Statement on Pride Month 2021

Every year Pride Month is observed in June to honor LGBTQ+ people who stood up for their rights in the 1969 Stonewall Uprising in New York City. Most consider Stonewall as the catalyst for the modern Gay Liberation Movement and the beginning of the organized fight for social justice and rights for LGBTQ+ people.

According to the Human Rights Campaign, 2020 was the most violent year since 2013 when the organization began tracking such statistics for killings of transgender and gender nonconforming or non-binary people. A record 44 people were killed across the nation – many in Texas. And 2021 has seen no decrease in this violence. At least 28 transgender and gender nonconforming or non-binary people have been killed due to violence so far this year. Many of these hate crimes often go unreported. These statistics come as more than 250 anti-LGBTQ+ bills have been introduced here in Texas, neighboring Louisiana, New Mexico, Arizona and in at least 27 other states, according to the Human Rights Campaign.

Social Workers and students must be aware, remain vigilant and speak out against these types of proposed legislation and the increase in violence against LGBTQ+ people and their families. For example, there were several bills proposed in the most recent Texas legislative session which were attempting to strip away the rights of LGBTQ+ people, particularly transgender people. Social Workers must speak out and address such targeted injustices.

The UTA School of Social Work and our classrooms are LGBTQ+ inclusive, welcoming and affirming. Many of our faculty and staff completed training and have specifically designated themselves and their offices as a Safe Zone. We have several Social Work professors who conduct research and clinical practice with LGBTQ+ populations. This month we will host our annual webinar event to discuss successes and issues facing LGBTQ+ people. Details are pending but follow our social media platforms to get updates.

This Pride Month, we honor those who sacrificed so much in the LGBTQ+ social justice and human rights movement. We also acknowledge the progress and freedom achieved so far and welcome the return of some in-person events to commemorate this. However, we must remember those lost to violence and hate, and we must remain committed to advocacy and action. Let's celebrate safely!

Scott D. Ryan, Dean & Professor | School of Social Work

Read the full statement (along with resources and information to expand your knowledge) [here](#).



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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!



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Instagram: TEAMS: Facebook:



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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

Why You Matter

As I sat and thought about a good post for the week, I was struck, maybe for the first time or in a new way, about the title of this section of the newsletter: You Matter. Do you know why You Matter? Here's how I see it...

I love a nice garden, landscape, or green nature spot. Fortunately for me, my wife has a tremendous green thumb. She continues to transform various parts of our yard and home into beautiful expressions of nature at its finest. And what's really striking about it is how so many different elements are needed, working together, sharing their unique composition and life course, to make the garden so resilient and vibrant.

As I have come to learn from my wife, much of this works on this idea of companion planting. As the Farmer's Almanac explains, "For almost every vegetable [plant] you grow, there is likely to be a beneficial companion plant that will help increase soil nutrients, chase away pests, or provide some other benefit." For example, "Basil and tomatoes were made to go together, not only in sauces but in the garden, too. This herb helps tomatoes produce greater yields and it repels both flies and mosquitoes. Marigolds are another good companion, repelling [worms] and other garden pests... Carrots planted near onions repel the carrot fly... Mint among lettuce keeps away the slugs that feed on lettuce leaves.. And corn, squash, and beans make good garden friends since the cornstalks give squash and bean vines a place to grow."

I think we, people, are like a great garden; when we are recognized and appreciated for our unique strengths and properly placed in the right spot to do our work, we thrive and help those around us do the same.

So, why do You Matter? Just like the plants in the garden, there is a wonderful combination of what makes you special, and expressing who you are brings you and me to life!

Craig Keaton,

MSW | Doctoral Student | Adjunct Professor

WOUNDED HEALERS

For Social Work Students Interested in Exploring the Arts of Self-Awareness, Self-Growth, and Personal Transformation

For more info, contact Craig Keaton craig.keaton@uta.edu

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!

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



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

- 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
- 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**.
- Students doing a split field placement do not have to reapply for field between Split I and Split 2 semesters

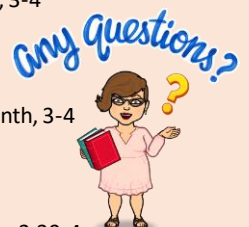
spring 2022

- 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

- 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

NASW's Congressional Advocacy Day

Please join us on **July 22** to advance critically important congressional legislation that will strengthen the social work profession and the clients they serve. This is a key opportunity to meet with your congressional delegation, educate them about the value of social work and social workers, and to gain their support for priority legislation. To register for the event, please click [HERE](#). Registration is \$25. Space is limited, so please register early. Participants will be able to register on a first-come, first-served basis.



Eliminate Racism Series

Part 1
Tuesday, June 29
12 - 1 P.M. CST

zoom
Register Here:
bit.ly/3pbQ08f

LIVE

Watch Here:
fb.com/UTASocialWork



Speaker:
Dr. Patricia Reid-Merritt

Dr. Reid-Merritt has served as an educational and training consultant for inclusion, diversity, cultural sensitivity, race, racism and anti-racism to colleges, universities, local school districts, businesses, state and city governments.

The establishment of Eliminate Racism as the 13th Grand Challenge in 2020 is the culmination of decades of effort to signify Social Work's commitment to addressing racism and working toward its eradication. To further highlight this challenge, the webinar subcommittee has organized a national series of monthly webinars to discuss how racism is related to each of the existing 12 Grand Challenges.

More discussions on eliminating racism coming soon! See dates below:

July 13 at 12 p.m. CST	October 12 at 12 p.m. CST
August 10 at 12 p.m. CST	November 9 at 12 p.m. CST
September 14 at 12 p.m. CST	December 14 at 12 p.m. CST

SSW Summer Fun Day

Wednesday,
June 30 at
11 a.m.

SSW
Courtyard-
More
Details to
Come

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 for youth-serving professionals in the DFW metropolis. 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 changes of COVID-19.

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 ensure innovative programs of youth care and health in youth and young adult males to draw in those who are directly affected by adolescent health disparities.
- 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:

- No Registration (2-day program)
- \$50 Registration + \$100 per evening

SPONSORSHIP INFORMATION:

- \$1000 Gold Sponsor
- \$500 Silver Sponsor
- \$250 Bronze Sponsor
- \$100 Materials Included in digital event bag

CONTINUING EDUCATION:

- Continuing education credit for multiple disciplines will be provided for this event.

EVENT SUPPORTERS:

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Questions? Contact mtw@txcamp.org, or 972.791.8195.

<https://txcamp.org/nbsummit/>



Enroll Today
For more information or to enroll, visit www.bggc.org or call 817-442-7107.



Club Location
Main Branch
608 North Elm St.
Arlington, TX 76011

Agas Served
6 - 10 years old

Date/Time
Starting June 7
Mondays - Fridays
8:00 am - 5:30 pm

Contact Us
Haley Vanderweir
817-442-7107
member@bggc.org



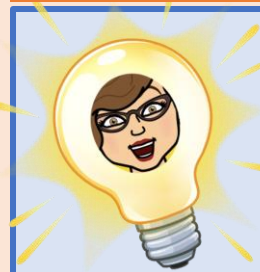
Summer Camp at the Club
A fun place for kids to learn and grow:

- Academic enrichment
- Internet access
- Daily snacks
- Daily physical fitness & health programs
- Academic programs
- Character & leadership programs
- Prevention & counseling specialists available

BUILDING CLEANER & DISINFECTED DAILY
SOCIAL DISTANCING
ALL AGES REQUIRED TO WEAR MASKS

Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Tarrant County | www.bggc.org | 817-442-7107

We are still accepting applications for **Learning Abroad India for Spring 2022** – New dates are March 11th to March 26th. **Application deadline is July 1st** – email Dr. Washburn (micki.washburn@uta.edu) on information on how to apply.



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!

[Join Microsoft Teams Meeting](#)

Beginning June 22, I will also be available on Tuesdays from 9-9:50!

[Click here to join the meeting](#)

COURSE REGISTRATION

- **Fall registration is open.**
- 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

WE WANT TO HIRE YOU!

We're looking to hire research assistants, this upcoming fall semester, who are passionate about enhancing their macro social work skills & increasing the political impact of social workers in their communities and beyond.

We need your help coordinating outreach through social media, supporting research regarding public policy, civic engagement & social workers, creating educational and outreach materials, creating a network of local advocates, and providing general support to our operation.

SPEAK
SOCIAL POLICY EDUCATION, ADVOCACY, & KNOWLEDGE

CLICK HERE TO APPLY

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. SIGN IN HERE!

Unable to drop by during the designated time? No problem! Submit your questions here.



FUNDING

The Colonel Michael T. Phillips Endowed Scholarship

Open now – July 6, 2021 for fall 2021 awards. This scholarship is available to full or part time students, and can only be granted for two semesters. Must provide current active military reserve identification. Please login to [May ScholarShop](#) and start your application today.

Job Posting # 403145

DEKTON AND SURROUNDING COUNTIES ARE HIRING! CHILD PROTECTIVE SERVICES

Conservatorship Worker - Child Protective Services Specialist I

When a child must be removed from their home, the court appoints Child Protective Services to be the "conservator" of the child. This means CPS is legally responsible for the child's welfare and that is when a Conservatorship (CPS) conservatorship is in place. CPS conservatorship monitors children's care while they are in CPS conservatorship. This means working with the parents, extended family, and legal services help children find a permanent, safe place to live.

APPLY HERE

Apply here: [https://www.texas.gov/jobs/403145](#)

Texas Department of Family and Protective Services

Wells Fargo Veterans Scholarship Program

Provides scholarships to fill unmet financial need of veterans after military benefits and other grants and scholarships have been packaged by their school. Apply [here](#). Deadline is July 8.

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

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY



Camp CARE Volunteers Needed

July 12th - 16th
8am - 5pm | YMCA Camp Carter

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/take-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@cancercare.org
817-921-0653

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



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OR [FACEBOOK.COM/CANCERCARESERVICES](#)



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

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](#)

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](#)



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[UTA Academic Calendar](#)

[Evidence-Based Practice Research Guide](#)



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for the MavsUnite Page!
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[SAR Center](#)

(Formerly Office of Students with
Disabilities)

UNITED & DIVERSITY CLUBS OF GREATER TARRANT COUNTY
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 76164
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 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:
[LaToya Greyer](mailto:LaToya.Greyer@gcgtc.org)
LGreyer@gcgtc.org

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303 RANSOM CALL

[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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"Do things that feed your soul, not your ego, and you will be happy."
- Robert Tew

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