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.
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.

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

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!
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
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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 2022 PDF for a chart that shows how different education levels can prepare you for the LCDC.

FIELD PLACEMENTS

- 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!

- 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

- 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 1 and Split 2 semesters

FELD POWER HOURS

- 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.

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, so please register early. Participants will be able to register on a first-come, first-served basis.

**SSW Summer Fun Day**

Wednesday, June 30 at 11 a.m.

SSW Courtyard - More Details to Come

**Regina’s Inspiration Station**

Wednesday, 2-3pm

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:**

  **Online2-Synchronous (live virtual class during times listed)**

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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)

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THREAT APP
Download "Thrive at U" on App Store or Google Play

MAYS TALK 24HR CRISIS LINE
Visit uta.edu/caps for more information

For more information, contact
Toni Model, Volunteer Coordinator
toni.model@oncourtexaservices.org
817-935-4933

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

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ON FACEBOOK.COM/COUNTYSHIELDSSERVICES
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UTA Library Accessibility
On-Demand & Live Fitness Classes

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.

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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- Robert Tew