



WEEKLY UPDATE July 26, 2021

SOCIAL JUSTICE SPOTLIGHT

A Federal Judge Has Ruled DACA Unlawful

The Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals program, commonly known as DACA, has been ruled unlawful by federal Texas judge Andrew S. Hanen of Houston. Judge Hanen, who was appointed by President George W. Bush, ruled that this program, implemented by President Barack Obama back in 2012, violated the Administrative Procedure Act by failing to seek comment from the general public, meaning that DACA "never gained status as a legally binding policy that could impose duties or obligations." The Biden administration is expected to appeal the ruling, but unless Congress steps in, this decision will likely go all the way to the Supreme Court. Congress is not expected to take action quickly, meaning that Dreamers will likely have to live in fear and uncertainty for some time to come. (Dreamers refer to undocumented young adults that came to the United States as children and have grown up living and working in the US.) Fortunately, these immigrants will not be immediately affected by this ruling.

Source: https://www.nytimes.com/2021/07/16/us/court-daca-dreamers.html



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## GET SUPPORT

### Announcement

Brooke Troutman, our UTA social work librarian, is leaving UTA to pursue another opportunity. As we await their replacement, students can reach out to [socialworklibrarians@uta.libanswers.com](mailto:socialworklibrarians@uta.libanswers.com) for assistance.

### Weekly Virtual Support Group Schedule

	MONDAY	TUESDAY
	6:30PM-7:30PM Military Women Empowerment Group	9:00AM-10:00AM Parenting During a Pandemic
WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
10:00AM-11:00AM First-Generation & International Students' Success 1:30PM-2:30PM Accommodating for Success 3:30PM-4:30PM Promoting Healthy Habits 6:30PM-7:30PM COVID and Caregivers	6:15PM-7:15PM Building Better Interpersonal Relationships	10:00AM-11:00AM Men's Virtual Room of Recovery 11:30AM-12:30PM Women's Virtual Room of Recovery 6:30PM-7:30PM Active Duty, Deployed Guard and Reserve Group

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### Virtual Support Groups

**Need support?** Attend *Mavs Hour* Wednesdays. Next Wednesday's group will be at 7pm. Email [Chantinia Chansler](mailto:Chantinia.Chansler) for the link to participate.

**Know a non-social work student who needs support?** Make a referral to the weekly support groups to the left.

**Who may participate:**  
Must be 18 years of age or older  
Individuals affiliated with UTA (students, faculty, staff, etc.)—each group has their own selection criteria (i.e. *students only*)  
At this time, **we are not serving students from the School of Social Work** to maintain HIPPA and FERPA standards. These students will be connected with resources and university personnel to best serve their needs.  
Individuals who have been referred to the SSW Virtual Clinic and reached out through the email: [SSWCOVID19HELP@uta.edu](mailto:SSWCOVID19HELP@uta.edu)



## YOU MATTER

Hi Everyone,

My energy levels have been a little low lately. A lot of life has happened over the summer, and I'm realizing I need a break. But, how do you have a break when you still have obligations? My advice to you is that not everything has to be done at 100%. Sometimes we put so much effort into things that don't matter that we don't have energy to do the things that are important to us. This is easy to do in social work. I remember taking on so many projects that I was left with little energy to focus on my Clients, when in reality they were the people that needed me most.

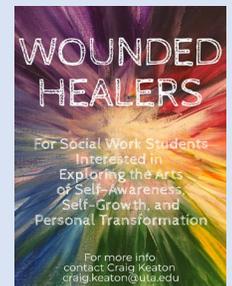
It's ok to put in the minimum in some areas so you can prioritize yourself. So this is my You Matter post. I hope that the few words written today will help me with my energy and inspire you to think more about your own priorities. I challenge you all to spend this week thinking about what you can let go of so that you can take time for yourself. Maybe submit that paper when it's "good enough" instead of perfect. Maybe spend a weekend with no plans so you can rest. Or, maybe spend some time talking to a loved one that you haven't seen in a while. Whatever you need, do it. 😊 I'm looking forward to posting next week when I can give you all my full focus and attention.

In the mean time, here is a picture of Fredrick, my cat:



*Sarah Herrera,*  
LCSW | Doctoral Student | MSW

*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

JOIN US AT OUR NEXT MEETING

### SOCIAL WORK COUNCIL

WILL BE CELEBRATING DIVERSITY  
SHARE SOMETHING SIGNIFICANT OR IMPORTANT TO YOU AND YOUR FAMILY ABOUT YOUR CULTURE

**JULY 28TH**  
@ 7:00 PM CST  
VIA TEAMS

EMAIL US FOR THE LINK  
[UTASOCIALWORKCOUNCIL@GMAIL.COM](mailto:UTASOCIALWORKCOUNCIL@GMAIL.COM)

UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT LEADER PROGRAM

### Why APPLY TO BECOME A USL?

- Network with students, faculty, & administration
- Build your leadership & communication skills
- Learn how to advocate for your peers as well as for yourself.

BE A MENTOR TO FELLOW SOCIAL WORK PEERS

**CLICK HERE TO APPLY**

## COURSE SPOTLIGHT

AAST 4350-001  
**SCHOOL TO PRISON PIPELINE**  
MW-1:00PM-2:20PM (IN PERSON)

TEXTBOOKS ARE REQUIRED FOR THIS COURSE



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## ADVISING

- Don't need a full advising appointment but have general questions? Join your advisor for their weekly Power Hour!
- **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.

Keiana Tuesday 12:00-1:00 [Click here to join the meeting](#)  
 Mark Wednesday 12:00-1:00 [Click here to join the meeting](#)  
 Valerie Thursday 11:00-12:00 [Click here to join the meeting](#)

### BSW Academic Advisors:

- Last names A-C: Valerie Adame – [adamev@uta.edu](mailto:adamev@uta.edu)
- Last names D-Me: Mark Frazier – [mark.frazier@uta.edu](mailto:mark.frazier@uta.edu)
- Last names Mi-Z: Keiana Crain – [keiana.green@uta.edu](mailto:keiana.green@uta.edu)

## LICENSING

- If you're in your final semester and want to get started on applying to ASWB to take the LBSW 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](#).
- **Click [here](#) for a recording of our Social Work Licensing Information Session, held in April 2021.**
- 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.

## MSW ADMISSIONS

Are you graduating this semester with a 3.0 or higher and hoping to start the MSW program this fall? We accept MSW admissions on a rolling basis. The admissions calendar can be found [here](#). If you have any questions about the process of applying to the MSW, please contact [leslie.reyna@uta.edu](mailto:leslie.reyna@uta.edu)



## 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!
- If you are having technical difficulties with InPlace please email [sswfield@uta.edu](mailto:sswfield@uta.edu) and include a screenshot of the issue.
- [Field forms are available here!](#)
- [Field FAQ](#)
- **Contact [Sharon Martin](#), LMSW, Field Advisor, with any questions!** You can also connect with her during her Field Power Hours every 1st & 3rd Wednesday of the month from 3:00-3:30. [Click here to join the meeting](#)

### Summer

- **The reduction in Field Hours has been extended through the Spring 2022 semester. Find more information regarding Summer 2021-Spring 2022 Field accommodations [here](#).**
  - 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 4<sup>th</sup>. No late applications will be accepted.**
- Fall Field placements are currently being assigned based on the order in which field applications were submitted. If you have a question, please contact your field advisor.

### 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](#).

## IMPORTANT DATES

### SUMMER 11 WEEKS 2021

- Aug. 12 - Last day of classes
- **Aug. 18 at 7pm – SSW Commencement Ceremonies at College Park Center** (on UTA campus)

### FALL 2021

## COURSE REGISTRATION

- **Fall registration is open.**
- Courses marked "BSW Online Students ONLY" are restricted to students in the fully online BSW program. If you would like to switch into the fully online program, please contact your academic advisor and complete [this survey](#).
- For questions about the BSW Online program, please contact [david.waters@uta.edu](mailto:david.waters@uta.edu)

### 21-Day Challenge

The [Arlington-Mansfield Area 21-Day Challenge](#) encourages daily actions to learn more about racial equity, promote unity, and combat divisiveness in our communities.



## VIRTUAL EVENTS

### On Demand Fitness Classes



#### Fitness On Your Schedule

The following classes are on-demand! Take them anytime.

- [Strength Class 1](#)
- [Strength Class 2](#)
- [Pulse Strong 1](#)
- [Pulse Strong 2](#)
- [Tabata 1](#)
- [Tabata 2](#)



### Suicide-Focused Assessment and Treatment: An Update for Professionals

Join us for this online course  
**October 20, 2021**

SAVE THE DATE



Are you worried about COLLEGE LEVEL writing assignments?

Would you like to write better essays for ANY class?

Would you like to learn the BEST writing practices to help you feel empowered about your own writing?

#### Writing Boot Camp Tuesday 9/7/21 - Thursday 9/9/21

3:30 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. in the West Hall Classroom

916 UTA Boulevard, Arlington, TX 76013, First Floor  
*Come through the main entrance and stop at the Front Desk for directions.*

This three-day intensive workshop is for you if you want to strengthen your writing skills and understand the differences between high school and college-level writing in order to master college-level writing tasks. You will practice the following critical skills:

- Revising and understanding writing prompts
- Brainstorming and outlining essay ideas on a time crunch
- Structuring a paragraph to present complex ideas by using simple, easy steps
- Crafting a well-organized essay by arranging main ideas and supporting points carefully
- Following MLA/APA requirements
- Identifying and correcting common grammar errors through the editing process
- Learning how to make content revisions to improve the strength of your essay
- Engaging in a small group workshop writing process with peers and instructor guidance

#### Registration

Registration Deadline: Friday, 9/9/21

Registration Fee: \$35

Registration Website: <https://go.uta.edu/writingbootcamp>

#### What to Bring:

Don't forget your laptop or a pen and notebook, as well as a resolution to become a stronger writer!



Help Tarrant County child abuse victims  
get a fresh start this fall!

Click here to donate towards our Backpack Drive  
\$15 = One backpack filled with supplies • Write "Backpack" in the comments

Click here to shop our Amazon Wishlist for hygiene items

#### Or shop your favorite store for these items

- Shampoo and Conditioner
- Brush or Comb for all hair types
- Toothpaste
- Toothbrush
- Floss
- Body Wash
- Shower Loofah or Washcloth
- Kids Deodorant
- Kids Adhesive Bandages
- Chapstick

Please consider donating full-size items so that the children we serve will be well-prepared for the start of the year.

#### Donation Dropoff:

908 Southland Ave

Fort Worth, TX 76104

Mon.-Fri. • 8:30am-5pm

## CAREER SPOTLIGHT

### Did you know that you could be a Traveling Social Worker?

#### What is it?

As a traveling social worker, your job is to travel to the assignment area and offer mental health services and other help as needed. The exact details of what you would do depend on the terms of your contract with the company that hires you.

#### Why would I want to do it?

Being a traveling social worker allows you to utilize your education while expanding your skills, impacting community and experiencing new cultures. Traveling social workers will also have the opportunity to take adventures and see new places while on assignment.

#### How do I do it?

Being a traveling social worker requires the same credentials as being a regular social worker. Social workers considering travel contracts should be flexible and open to learning. The people most successful in this job are those who are able to work independently, are highly motivated, and are charismatic to a degree.

## GRADUATION

- The deadline to apply to graduate passed on July 1. To apply late, contact your advisor ASAP.
- There is an additional \$60 late application fee.
- SSW commencement ceremony scheduled for **August 18 at 7pm at College Park Center**
- The Virtual Ceremony is to be held on Saturday, August 21, 2021.
- Guest ticket info: Click [here](#)

### Calling ALL UTA Alumni

The Social Work Council is creating a Cap & Gown Lending Closet for future graduates at all levels.



Donate your cap & gown to The Social Work Council to help current graduates as they step across the stage. If you need a gown please contact us!

For more info contact The SWC [utasocialworkcouncil@gmail.com](mailto:utasocialworkcouncil@gmail.com)





## RESEARCH

[Student Research Opportunity Center](#)

[Social Work Course Guides](#)

# Let's talk about transportation in your community

A research team at the University of Texas in Arlington has partnered with the Texas Department of Transportation to better understand what your community values when making transportation choices.



#### CHOICE

We want learn what impacts your transportation choices.



#### IMPACT

We want to understand how transportation impacts your community.



#### RESEARCH

We will be conducting focus groups via zoom in communities across Texas.



#### PARTICIPATE

You can participate if you are at least 18 and a resident of Texas. You will receive a \$30 gift card for your time.

Contact the research team in two ways:

Visit this link: <https://tbdot-public.questionpro.com>

Want to participate in our focus groups?

Scan this QR code:



[uta.socialwork.engineering@gmail.com](mailto:uta.socialwork.engineering@gmail.com)



## FUNDING

**Hiring Immediately!**  
[Apply Here](#)

Seasonal Retail Team Member – Part-time  
**University of Texas at Arlington Bookstore**  
Department: Fall Rush Bookstore 2021  
Perks - Employee discount, flexible schedule  
Hourly Rate of \$12 Hour

### Annie's List

Annie's List is now accepting applications for **paid Fall 2021 internships**. Note that this is a paid career development opportunity not associated/affiliated with the SSW Field Office and cannot be used for field hours.

[Annie's List](#) is a political action committee whose vision is to achieve equality for women by changing the face of power in Texas. We do this by recruiting, training, and electing progressive, pro-choice women who are dedicated to advancing the self-determination, health, safety and financial security of Texas women and their families.

**Application deadline: Friday, July 30th by 5:00PM CT**



## 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.

### FACE MASK POLICY

UTA no longer mandates the wearing of masks on campus but continues to strongly encourage and recommend that Mavericks wear masks, particularly when inside campus buildings.

For the latest updates on UTA's response and guidelines for COVID-19, please visit the [Coronavirus Information Page.](#)"

## KNOW YOUR STATUS

No cost & confidential HIV testing

**CALL OR TEXT TO SETUP AN APPOINTMENT!**

PHONE: 682-478-6965  
EMAIL: [TYLERB@MHMRTC.ORG](mailto:TYLERB@MHMRTC.ORG)

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](http://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](http://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](mailto:Chantinia.Chansler)

## [SAR Center](#)

(Formerly Office of Students with Disabilities)

**BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS OF TARRANT COUNTY**  
MEAL DISTRIBUTION

Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Tarrant County will be distributing meals, food and snacks. Outside meal distribution will occur Monday - Friday 4:00-5:30pm

**Distribution Locations**

<b>Eastside Branch</b> 4851 Ramley Ave Fort Worth, TX 76105	<b>Main Branch</b> 800 North Elm St. Arlington, TX 76011
<b>Marlin Branch</b> 5123 Avenue G Fort Worth, TX 76105	<b>North Branch</b> 2000 Ellis Ave Fort Worth, TX 76104
<b>Parthen Branch</b> 1500 Hemphill Fort Worth, TX 76104	

**All Are Welcome!**  
Meals available to any child ages 18 years or younger (previously 12-18 years old).  
Meals will be distributed as long as food supplies last.  
Each site has the right to accept or decline individual packaged meals and snacks available to the organization.  
Meals always include water. Resources provided with each meal.

**Contact Us!**  
For more information on or questions contact:  
Lafaye @ boyg  
Lafaye@bg.org

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THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT ARLINGTON  
COUNSELING & PSYCHOLOGICAL SERVICES

## 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](mailto: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)  
[suicidpreventionlifeline.org](http://suicidpreventionlifeline.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](mailto: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 Safiyah Ricks: [rdr0162@mavs.uta.edu](mailto:rdr0162@mavs.uta.edu)



**SCHOOL OF SOCIAL WORK**

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Social Work Program  
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*"Remember, remember always, that all of us, and you and I especially, are descended from immigrants and revolutionists."*

- Franklin D. Roosevelt