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SOCIAL JUSTICE SPOTLIGHT

#WELCOMEWITHDIGNITY: EXPEDITEDREMOVAL IS A FAST TRACK TO DANGER

On July 27, 2021, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) <u>announced</u> it would begin using a process of rapid deportations known as "expedited removal" for certain families arriving at the border. The following day, July 28, 2021, the #WelcomeWithDignity campaign responded with deep concern about the administration's decision to embrace a deterrence-based policy that frequently <u>leads to the unlawful deportation of people seeking asylum</u>, who are often denied the chance to request protection by Customs and Border Protection (CBP) officers. The policy will needlessly subject families to abusive treatment and inhumane conditions in CBP detention cells as the government seeks to deport them. The campaign also expressed deep disappointment given that member organizations <u>sent a letter</u> to DHS Secretary Alejandro Mayorkas earlier this year urging DHS to reject the use of expedited removal.

On the eve of the 70th anniversary of the 1951 Refugee Convention, the Biden administration should be fighting to uphold the universal human right to seek protection, not undermining it. Members of the #WelcomeWithDignity campaign responded: "The revival of expedited removal is a harmful return to policies that deprive people of their legal right to seek asylum," said Denise Bell, Researcher for Refugee & Migrant Rights at Amnesty International USA. "This administration promised progress. Instead, under the guise of efficiency, it has opened the door to reviving dangerous practices that send families seeking safety back into harm's way. Let's not forget: this is also a human right the government is restricting access to..." Continue reading here

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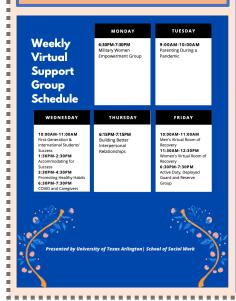
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Announcement

Brooke Troutman, our UTA social work librarian, has already left UTA to pursue another opportunity. As we await their replacement, students can reach out to socialworklibrarians@uta.libanswers.com

for assistance.



Virtual Support Groups

Need support? Attend Mavs Hour Wednesdays, Next Wedensday's group will be at 7pm. Email 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 u niversity personnel to best serve their needs. Individuals who have been referred to the SSW Virtual Clinic and through the email: SSWCOVID1 9HELP@uta.edu

STUDENT ORGANIZATION SPOTLIGHT



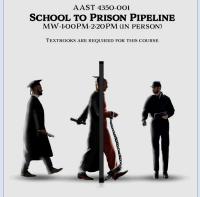


Spirituality and Social Work provides a platform for future social workers to explore the inter-connectivity of social work and the many dimensions of spirituality. Our goal is to explore and become comfortable with incorporating the healing properties of spirituality into practice and to lift up our most vulnerable populations as we continue to forge social

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COURSE SPOTLIGHT



PROFESSOR: DR. FREDERICK V. ENGRAM JR.



Hi Everyone!

If you've been living on the planet Earth, you probably know that Simone Biles, the most decorated gymnast of all time, has stepped out of most of her Olympic events. Her reason? The need to focus on her mental health. At some point Simone lost her ability to stay present when competing and chose to withdraw from competing to avoid injury. I am in awe of both her self-awareness and her confidence to announce this to the world! Sometimes I struggle communicating my needs to just one person!

Since then, hundreds of articles have come out analyzing this situation. I won't rehash other opinions, but there is one statement Simone made that had a significant impact on me. When asked about her teammates, Simone simply stated, "I knew they would be ok without me." This is such a powerful statement that reminds me of something social workers often forget: We don't need to take on the world alone.

We work at agencies that often have high caseloads and with clients that have many needs. We can easily get so wrapped up in everyone else's concerns that we forget our own. I remember having the flu, but still making it to work because I had 6 clients to meet with that day. If I didn't go in, my co-workers would have to divide my meetings between them. Even though I would gladly take on more clients so someone else could rest, I ignored that thought and headed to work anyways. I isolated myself in my office and met with people by phone instead. I remember my boss sent an email praising me for my efforts, but when I look back, I only see what I did as self-centered.

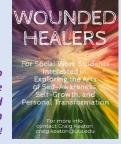
Simone could have been like me. She could have continued with the competition, and she could have still competed exceptionally well. Instead, she chose to look past the outside pressure that was screaming, "You're the only one that can do it!" She knew her teammates were capable without her. To me, this level of self-awareness requires us quieting the ego. We can convince ourselves that the only option is to show up. Maybe that thought is coming from a desire to protect others from taking on more work, but what does that implicitly say about the people around us? It says that you can't trust anyone else to handle what you can. It says your co-workers can't help your clients the way that you can. It says your clients can't handle a day without you. But that's a little self-centered, isn't it?

We still live in a world where we get congratulated for overworking. Simone helped us remember that we are not an island. We are among capable beings. We just have to replace that need to control with trust for our peers. Things will work out, even if it isn't you working them out. So next time you need to rest, I hope you can follow Simone's example of leaning on her teammates. You matter enough to deserve support!

P.S. – I also feel the need to mention that it is yet again BIPOC women, in particular black women, that are changing our world for the better. Let's keep this momentum going! So when you see someone else taking the rest they need, send them support. If you see them getting push block make that Support louder.

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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!





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.

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
- Last names D-Me: Mark Frazier <u>mark.frazier@uta.edu</u>
- Last names Mi-Z: Patrice Green- patrice.green@uta.edu

Keiana Crain is no longer with UTA. Until her position is filled, please contact Patrice Green

LICENSING

- If you're in your final semester and want to get started on applying to ASWB to take the LBSW licensing exam, <u>click here</u> to request the Dean's Letter for Licensure, which UTA will send to ASWB. More info can be found <u>on the ASWB site</u> and our <u>SSW licensure</u> 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
 <u>Licensure</u> 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 lessies.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.
- <u>InPlace Training</u> and <u>Logbook Training</u> can be found here!
- If you are having technical difficulties
 with InPlace please email sswfield@uta.edu and include a
 screenshot of the issue.
- Field forms are available here!
- Field FAQ
- Contact <u>Sharon Martin</u>, <u>LMSW</u>, <u>Field Advisor</u>, <u>with any questions!</u> 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 11week 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.
- 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

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

The Here For Texas Mental Health Navigation Line is currently seeking volunteers interested in becoming trained Mental Health Navigators! Training Provided. Deadline August 20 Fall 2021 Schedule

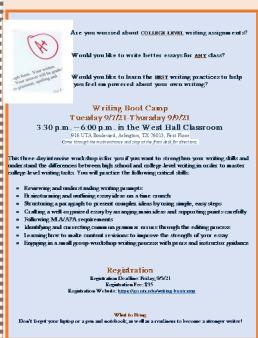
Mondays and Wednesdays | 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Grant Halliburton Foundation developed the Here For Texas Mental Health Navigation Line to help individuals find appropriate care for their mental health needs. The Navigation Line offers information, resources, and encouragement via telephone and email. We need volunteers to serve on the Navigation Line. Our trained volunteer navigators are equipped to help all types of callers, ranging from people seeking information and resources for themselves or others. (Previous mental health experience is not required.)

Apply Today!

Questions?

Access NAVLINE





CAREER SPOTLIGHT



Corporate America + Social Work= **Corporate Social Responsibility**

What is it?

As a Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) social worker, your job is to make positive social and environmental impact with the resources of a larger organization at your disposal. As a growing number of companies are investing more frequently in sustainability programs, social workers in this field are increasingly in demand to ensure the organization acts in an ethical manner.

Why would I want to do it?

Being a social worker in CSR, you would utilize micro and macro skills by understanding relationships, interpersonal dynamics and human behavior, coach workplace groups to increase productivity and fulfill short- and long-term objectives as well as experience higher compensation in a corporate setting.

How do I do it?

Being a CSR social worker requires the same credentials as being a regular social worker. CSR social workers will typically evaluate the organization as a whole, carrying out a systematic overview of the company's work environment, processes, problem-management and organizational structure.

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







Student Research Opportunity Center

Social Work Course Guides

Let's talk about transportation in your community



Want to participate in our



impacts your comr





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

Contact the research team in two ways:

Scan this QR code





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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

Hiring! MODL Student Assistant.

Work schedule: Remote work, up to 19 hours per week, M – F

Wage per hour: \$15.00

Start and end date: 7/30/2021 - 1/15/2022

Job Description: Social Media Marketing and Graphic Designer to work on social media and visual creative identity for the Department of Modern Languages (MODL) and produce marketing communications.

Please apply through Handshake, https://www.uta.edu/studentaffairs/careers/students-alumni/services-offerings/handshake, only.

Required

- 1. Undergraduate major or minor in graphic design, visual arts or related.
- 2. Proficiency in the use of Emma, Photoshop, Adobe Illustrator, and InDesign is required.

Preferred Work Study



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**

CALL OR TEXT TO SETUP AN

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

> 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)

THRIVE APP

Visit TAOconnect.org





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)















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.



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 Safiyah Ricks: rdr0162@mavs.uta.edu



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