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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

August 2, 2021

SOCIAL JUSTICE SPOTLIGHT

#WELCOMEWITHDIGNITY: EXPEDITED REMOVAL IS A FAST TRACK TO DANGER

On July 27, 2021, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) announced 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 leads to the unlawful deportation of people seeking asylum, 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 sent a letter 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](#)

Source: <https://www.amnestyusa.org/press-releases/welcomewithdignity-expedited-removal-is-a-fast-track-to-danger/>

Advocacy Begins at Home

RESEARCH EVALUATIONS II

HELP NEEDED!

Help fellow students finalize a research project.

JOIN OUR RESEARCH STUDY ON THE COHORT PROGRAM

CLICK HERE. We will schedule a time to hear your experience.

We are looking for students who joined the cohort program at one point, but decided to shift to non-cohort.

Please reach out to (225) 354-6841 with any questions.



#WELCOMEWITHDIGNITY

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GET SUPPORT

Virtual Support Groups

Need support? Attend **Mavs Hour** Wednesdays. Next Wednesday's group will be at 7pm. Email [Chantinia Chansler](mailto:Chantinia.Chansler@uta.edu) 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

Weekly Virtual Support Group Schedule

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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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.



YOU MATTER

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?

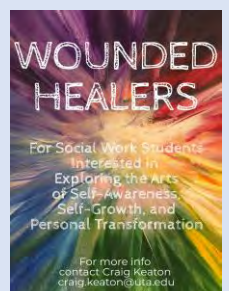
We still live in a world where we get congratulated for overworking. Simone helped us remember that we are not an island. We are among capable beings. We just have to replace that need to control with trust for our peers. Things will work out, even if it isn't *you* working them out. So next time you 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 pushback, make that support louder.

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



WE WANT YOU!

Do you enjoy...

- Networking with SSW faculty and staff?
- Mentoring fellow MSW students?
- Learning new advocacy and communication skills?

Join our MSW Graduate Student Leader Program!

Click [HERE](#) to apply TODAY!

Get Connected!



Spirituality and Social Work

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 justice.

Contact Information

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ADVISING



Feeling a bit lost? Already worrying about Fall as you begin Summer? Start with your Graduate Student Leader! Don't know who that is? Email [Julie Henderson](#) or [Nicole Ferguson](#).

- **ATTENTION COHORT STUDENTS:** You must register for fall classes by July 26. Thereafter, any remaining cohort seats will be opened to noncohort students
- 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](#).
- **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.



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 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 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](#).

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

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



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](#)

COURSE REGISTRATION

Fall registration is open!

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.

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:

- Reviewing 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, 9/3/21
 Registration Fee: \$35
 Registration Website: <https://go.uta.edu/writing-bootcamp>

What to Bring:
 Don't forget your laptop or a pen and notebook, as well as a readiness to become a stronger writer!

3RD ANNUAL HISPANIC MEDIA CONFERENCE

– Stay Ahead! –
 Saturday, August 14, 2021

Clay Jenkins
 Dallas County Judge
KEYNOTE SPEAKER

#HMCUTA PROGRAM-AT-A-GLANCE

Central Time	SATURDAY, AUGUST 14 VIRTUAL SESSIONS VIA TEAMS
8:00 – 9:30 am	UTA Hispanic Media Initiative Welcome!
9:45 – 10:45 am	A Conversation with Hispanic Media Producers and Editors
10:00 – 11:00 am	Hispanic Media Research: Misinformation, Media Coverage, and Audience Discourses on the COVID-19 Pandemic Along the U.S.-Mexico Border
11:15 am – 12:15 pm	Multimedia Journalism to Stay Ahead!
12:15 – 1:00 pm	Lunch Break – 45 Minutes
1:00 – 2:00 pm	Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion in Media
2:15 – 3:15 pm	Mission Critical: Behind the Scenes of COVID-19 Coverage, Communications, and Finances
3:30 – 4:00 pm	Keynote Speaker: Dallas County Judge Clay Jenkins

WWW.UTAHISPANICMEDIA.COM/CONFERENCE

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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

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

- 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](#)



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://tdot-public-questions.org>

Scan this QR code:



Want to participate in our focus groups?



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/student-affairs/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



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: 882-470-6905
EMAIL: TYLERB@MHMTX.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



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	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 can 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:
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LGreyer@bggc.org](mailto:LaToya.Greyer@bggc.org)

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WWW.UTA.EDU/CAPS
303 RANSOM HALL

[UTA Library Accessibility](#)

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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 Safiyah Ricks: rdr0162@mavs.uta.edu



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"Solidarity is not an act of charity, but mutual aid between forces fighting the same objective."

- Samora Machel

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