World Humanitarian Day  
August 19, 2021

“This day was designated in memory of the 19 August 2003 bomb attack on the Canal Hotel in Baghdad, Iraq, killing 22 people, including the chief humanitarian in Iraq, Sergio Vieira de Mello. In 2009, the United Nations General Assembly formalized the day as World Humanitarian Day (WHD). Each year, WHD focuses on a theme, bringing together partners from across the humanitarian system to advocate for the survival, well-being and dignity of people affected by crises, and for the safety and security of aid workers. This year, we highlight the immediate human cost of the climate crisis by pressuring world leaders to take meaningful climate action for the world’s most vulnerable people.”

Join #theHumanRace

Run, ride, swim, walk or do any activity of your choice for a cumulative 100 minutes between August 16 and August 31 in solidarity with vulnerable people and to tell world leaders that they expect developed countries to deliver on their decade-old pledge of $100 billion annually for climate mitigation and adaptation in developing countries.

Read more here: https://www.un.org/en/observances/humanitarian-day
**You Matter**

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!

-Craig Keaton, MSW | Doctoral Student | Adjunct Professor

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**Student Organization Spotlight**

**Join UTA Volunteers**

Apply Now!

Want to grow your skills as an advocate and servant leader? Apply for UTA Volunteers and put advocacy into action.

UTA Volunteers is a group of passionate students that plans and implements volunteer and community service programs for UTA and the surrounding community. Our purpose is to promote active citizenship and strengthen our community by creating a role for students to become involved in community service and provide tools and resources to the UTA community by building advocacy and servant leadership skills.

Learn more about us [here](#).

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**Environment**

Reflecting social work’s person-environment framework, the environments we find ourselves in can exert a powerful influence on our health and how we feel. Negative and “unpleasant” environments have a significantly negative impact on our mood and emotions and physical health and well-being, including increases in stress, anxiety, depression, and a wide range of illnesses.

In contrast, positive environments promote relaxation, release stress, reduce a spectrum of negative emotions, enhance immune and cardiovascular function, relieve pain, restore attention, support peace and calm, and lead to greater connection with others and heightened feelings of community.

The most consistently positive and healing environment appears to be nature.

What does it mean to be in a nature environment? Wonderfully, that’s all up to you! Nature environments that are proven to be healing range from nature walks and sitting outside without technology, to having a view of nature from your window at work, a plant in your room or office, even a wall painted green.

Therefore, you may find nature healing by taking some technology/distraction-free time outside, a neighborhood walk, opening the blinds and working next to your open windows, gardening, even taking care of an indoor plant, or other experiences that feel like nature to you!

Ultimately, explore what nature means to you, intentionally spend time with it, and be renewed!

-Craig Keaton

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**BSW Director Leadership Transition**

Dear BSW Mavericks,

What self-care strategies feed your soul? For me, spending time with loved ones is a vital component of a balanced life, and it’s something many of us didn’t get to do enough of during the pandemic. For me, the shifting norms around working remotely presented my family with an opportunity to move back home to Arizona, closer to family, lifelong friends, and the beautiful mountain hikes that “fill my cup”.

Although it has been an honor and a privilege to serve you as Director of Undergraduate Programs, my decision to move away from DFW means that we need to transition my administrative responsibilities to someone who can be there for you in person moving forward. Thankfully, I will be staying on with the SSW as a full-time remote faculty member, transitioning back to focusing on what I love most, teaching!

With that said, I am pleased to “introduce” you to the new Director of Undergraduate Programs, my esteemed colleague Dr. Allison Tomlinson. She has been training with me this summer and will fully assume the leadership role now that the fall semester is gearing up. Please join me in welcoming Dr. Tomlinson to this new role, and I hope to see many of you in my online classes in the Fall and beyond! She will share a welcome message next week. My virtual door remains open and I look forward to continuing to mentor and serve students in my “regular” professor role.

Thank you for your patience and flexibility during this transition process and I wish you all the best in your journey to becoming a social worker!

-Karen Magruder
**ADVISING**

- Need to meet with your advisor but there's no upcoming appointment available? Drop-in either in person or virtually on Wednesdays. To schedule your 30-minute drop-in time, click [here](#). Be sure to select in-person or virtual and your advisor. Remember, drop-in sessions are on a first come basis.

- 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.

  **BSW Academic Advisors:**
- Last names A-C: Valerie Adame – adamev@uta.edu
- Last names D-Me: Mark Frazier – mark.frazier@uta.edu
- 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

**FIELD PLACEMENTS**

- All students, agencies, and Field Instructors should use this URL for InPlace: [https://inplace.uta.edu/](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 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 Thursday of the month from 3:00-3:30. [Click here to join the meeting](#)

**LICENSING**

- The last day to earn hours is August 17th

**MSW ADMISSIONS**

Did you know that if you pursue your MSW at UTA within 6 years of graduating with your BSW, you can finish your Masters in as fast as 1 year? 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

**FALL**

- The Fall 2021 Field Application closed June 4th. No late applications will be accepted.
- All students have been placed. Students should contact their field advisor if they are still awaiting placement.
- See the Fall 2021 Field Education Calendar [here](#).
- [InPlace fee is due on the first day of class here](#)

**SPRING 2022**

- The Spring 2022 Field Application will be open Oct. 01 – Nov. 26, 2021. These dates are subject to change. See the full Spring 2022 Field Education Calendar [here](#).
- Read the Summer 2021 – Spring 2022 Field Accommodations [here](#).
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.)

COURSE REGISTRATION

- Fall registration is open.
- We are continuing to review course seats and waitlists to determine if classes need to be cancelled or added to the schedule
- 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
- If one of your courses is cancelled and you need assistance finding a different class, please contact your academic advisor

G R A D U A T I O N

- 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

IMPORTANT DATES

SUMMER 11 WEEKS 2021
- Aug. 18 at 7pm – SSW Commencement Ceremonies at College Park Center (on UTA campus)

FALL 2021
- Aug. 25 – First day of Fall classes

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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
Immediately!
Apply Here

Financial Aid for new School of Social Work Distance Education Fee
The University announced recently that students charged Distance Education (DE) fees for fall 2021 online courses may be eligible for financial aid if they are facing extraordinary educational and economic challenges due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Additional information, including a University online application form, will be available after September 13 for regular session courses.
The University announcement mentioned only the $25 per credit hour DE Fee. For students taking online School of Social Work classes, you are charged an additional $65 per credit hour DE fee. If you are determined eligible by the University to receive financial aid for the $25 per credit hour of the DE fee and you are a School of Social Work student, then the remaining balance of $65 per credit hour will also be covered. This is in effect for as long as the University continues this waiver program or thru the Spring 2022 semester, whichever comes first. To coordinate with the University, further details regarding this process will be forwarded on or about September 13th.
If you are having challenges paying tuition and fees before fall classes start, it is suggested that you submit a request to the University to be on a payment plan.
If you have questions about your bill please contact Student Accounts.

COVID-19 Testing
All students, faculty and staff coming to campus in any capacity for the fall 2021 semester must provide a viral test (antigen test or nucleic acid amplification test such as a PCR) by Sept. 8, 2021.
UTA has a number of on-campus testing options that meet the required criteria and are free. In addition, the results from our on-campus options will be automatically reported to UTA with no further action required on your part. Results from off-campus testing sites will be accepted, though you will not be reimbursed for costs. You will be able to upload and submit your COVID-19 test results from off-campus testing sites to a digital portal that will be made available to campus in the coming days. Please continue to monitor your UTA email and the UTA COVID-19 Information website for updates. Students already living or otherwise present on campus may submit their results as soon as the portal becomes available, but no later than Sept. 8. Negative results from tests conducted more than 72 hours before the portal is made available will not be accepted.
Remember, if you test positive, please follow the CDC’s isolation protocols and submit the Personal Diagnosis Form. UTA facilities will be made available for on-campus residents who need to quarantine.

UTA is monitoring the public health situation and will notify students of any changes to mask requirements, course modalities, social distancing, etc.
UTA Academic Calendar

Check Canvas for the MavsUnite Page!
To add please e-mail: Chantinia Chansler

Evidence-Based Practice Research Guide

SAR Center
(Formerly Office of Students with Disabilities)

UTA Library Accessibility
On-Demand & Live Fitness Classes

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

“Every moment is a fresh beginning.”
- T. S. Eliot