November is the beginning of National Adoption Month. This month helps highlight the need for permanent families in the United States by raising awareness and increasing outreach. This month also recognizes the organizations and families that help make adoption possible with a month long celebration.

For some children, adoption played an essential role in their lives. Some children who were adopted went on to become historical figures. Some that stand out are Edgar Allen Poe, Eleanor Roosevelt, Nelson Mandela, John Hancock, Steve Jobs, Nancy Reagan and Bill Clinton.

How to Observe

• Share your experiences with adoption
• Support journeys to start or expand families
• Visit local adoption agencies or events to volunteer
• Learn about people who have overcome addition
• Visit the Red Ribbon Campaign site below to see more

#NationalAdoptionMonth

Find resources to help with education and start conversations about adoption here.

Source: https://www.childwelfare.gov/topics/adoption/nam/
You matter
to be found in the world of our body. If we could change ourselves, the tendencies in the world would also change...We need not wait to see what others do.” If I sense that the world I'm in needs to change, then I have my own work to do.

What happens when I am aware of my feelings, when I sit with my feelings, when I ask what my feelings are about and what I can do with them to better myself and others, and not who my feelings are about and who should bear the burden of my projections? In other words, how might my life and others' be improved and advanced when my aim is to be self-righting not self-righteous?

Making our way (finally) to the core values, when I don't take responsibility for my life, my actions, my behaviors, and my feelings, I project the unwanted and the intolerable onto others and other things. From this position nothing positive has been, is, or can be accomplished. I am not of service. I am creating, perpetuating, or making worse social injustice. Dignity and worth of the individual is not realized nor expressed. I am without integrity. And all the relationships I have – professional and personal – suffer. Self-righteousness is nothing more than a wrong to myself and others.

Humanist and client-centered therapist, Carl Rogers, said "the more I can keep a relationship free of judgment and evaluation, the more this will permit the other person to reach the point where they recognize that the locus of evaluation, the center of responsibility, lies within themselves.” We all have our work to do, and that's not a bad thing! It's a compassionate reminder that things can get so much better!

Coming back to myself, I will repeat my aim and make it my mantra: what good might be accomplished when my aim is to be self-righting not self-righteous? What good might be accomplished when I take responsibility and do my inner work? Wherever I see, hear, feel, or know that action is needed, I act – the feeling, acting, being individual - am involved and take responsibility because I am an integral part in the process and progress of change.

Craig Keaton
MSW | Doctoral Student | Adjunct Professor
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.

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:
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• 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

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 Licensing 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

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

FIELD PLACEMENTS

• 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!
• 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

Fall 2021

• 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

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.
**GET INVOLVED**

**IMPORTANT DATES**

**FALL 2021**

- Nov. 5 Last Day to Drop Classes by 4:00PM
- Nov. 8 Registration begins for Spring
- Nov 25-26 Thanksgiving Holiday
- Nov 26 Spring Field Application Deadline

**EVENTS**

**THE CENTER FOR MEXICAN AMERICAN STUDIES PRESENTS**

**WE ARE NOT SLAVES**

State Violence, Conquest, Law, and Resistance in the Americas 1800-1900

Robert Chase

Co-Sponsored by the Department of the History of Literature, and the Center for African American Studies

Wednesday, November 10
2:00 PM - 3:30 PM
University Center: Neches/Pedernales

For more information please contact (817) 275-3933 or visit us at UTA.Edu/CMAS

**CELEBRATE WITH US.**

**NOVEMBER’S THURSDAY TALKS & TREATS**

Come to the SSW courtyard with your lunch and enjoy tickets to DESSERT!

For each event there will be a ticket for different cultural groups, and how social workers can support them.

November’s celebration is for American Indians and African American Heritage Month!

Thursday, November 11th from 12:30 PM to 1:30 PM
Come and go again!

**MAVS UNITE**

Created for you!

**UTA School of Social Work Connections Tutoring Lab**

Are you struggling with writing? We can help! Tutors at the Connections Tutoring Lab are available for one-on-one sessions that guide you through the writing process and improve knowledge & skills that are essential for effective writing at the college level.

- Content
- Research
- Organization
- Methods of Style & Grammar
- APA guidelines for citation research and writing

Beginning Monday, October 25th, virtual and in-person sessions will be available Monday-Saturday. Sessions are scheduled for 30 minutes each and will focus on the specific skills or questions you have about writing for assignments or papers.

Please see the flyer for information and a link to book your 30 minute session—we have virtual and face to face slots available to meet your needs.
COVID-19 Testing

REQUIRED COVID-19 TESTING
Beginning Monday, Sept. 13, students, faculty and staff coming to any UTA campus in any capacity will be selected at random for mandatory COVID-19 testing.

Until further notice, 20% of our campus population, regardless of vaccination status, will be selected each week for testing. Notifications will come from covidtesting@uta.edu, and you will have seven days to get tested after being selected. If you have any questions, contact covidtesting@uta.edu.

UTA has a number of on-campus testing options that meet the required criteria and are free. Results received from an on-campus testing option will automatically be reported to the University 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. Test results from an off-campus testing site will be uploaded to the COVID-19 Self Report portal in MyMav.

Remember, if you test positive, please follow the CDC's isolation protocols and submit the Personal Diagnosis Form.

UTA’s COVID-19 testing resources are always available to you should you need or want a test; you do not need to wait until you are selected for random testing.

Flu Shots
Health Services recommends getting vaccinated by the end of October to be protected against flu before the start of flu season. Email the Immunization Clinic with your name, date of birth, student ID number, and phone number to schedule your free flu shot.
**RESOURCES**

**UTA Academic Calendar**

**Evidence-Based Practice Research Guide**

**SAR Center**
(Formerly Office of Students with Disabilities)

**Managing Stress and Anxiety During COVID-19**

**Thrive App**

Download "Thrive at UTA" on App Store or Google Play

**UTA Talk 24HR Crisis Line**

Call (817)272-8255

**Dreamers Welcome**

**In Crisis?**
Text HELLO to 741741

**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.

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*How do measure your growth? By how much you help.*
– Meir Ezra