



WEEKLY UPDATE

July 12, 2021

SOCIAL JUSTICE SPOTLIGHT

July 18th is Nelson Mandela International Day!

In 2009, the United Nations General Assembly designated July 18th as Nelson Mandela International Day. They chose this day because it was Mandela's birthday. Born in South Africa in 1918, Mandela eventually become one of the most famous anti-apartheid activists in South Africa. He was imprisoned in 1963 for leading the liberation movement against apartheid and for his stance on the human right to live in freedom. He continued his activist work once he was released from prison and went on to become president of South Africa from 1994-1999. He is known for resolving conflicts, promoting human rights, international democracy and reconciliation, and addressing racial issues.

Source: <https://www.un.org/en/events/mandeladay/>



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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 for assistance.

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

Presented by University of Texas Arlington | School of Social Work

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



YOU MATTER

*Content Warning: abuse, childhood trauma

Many of us are called to this profession because of our own experiences. We've gone through pain, and we want to prevent others from going through it, too. I'm one of the many that started this career with the same sentiment. I look back at my childhood and sometimes ask myself, where were the adults who were supposed to look out for me? At home? At school? So, believe me when I say that I still get it when I hear students repeat this reason for choosing social work. I want you to carry on that idea because you need it to change the world. But, there's always a flip side. I also want you to consider how this idea can also be dangerous to your well-being.

You're probably already familiar with the flight, fight, and freeze responses to trauma. Over the last decade, clinicians have identified a fourth response called "fawning." Fawning is a way to avoid further abuse by pro-actively trying to please the abuser. In childhood, this often looks like agreeing to appease the abuser, ignoring personal feelings, saying the "right" answer to avoid confrontation. Even in loving homes, we can see fawning behavior such as doing exceptionally well in school to protect chronically stressed parents. These behaviors in childhood become patterns we develop in adolescence and eventually carry over into adulthood.

Psychology today listed a few key signs, including:

- Difficulty identifying your feelings when you're alone
- You ignore your own beliefs, thoughts, and truths and accept those of the people around you
- You feel self-anger and guilt some or most of the time
- Saying no to those around you is a challenge
- You are overwhelmed at times but take on more if asked
- You lack boundaries and are often taken advantage of in relationships
- You are uncomfortable or threatened when asked to give an opinion

If any of this sounds familiar, you're not alone. I'm a fawner at heart. It's hard to keep this pattern in check, and I can still see it play out in my life. Every few years, I notice that I've unintentionally developed relationships with no boundaries. What does this look like? It looks like having a flat tire at 3 in the morning with nobody willing to pick me up, even if I'm willing to do the same. Or, it can be getting a big promotion at work when it's a job I don't even like with a boss that only values me when I'm working more than 40 hours a week. I create this world around me that is impossible to live in because it's impossible to make everyone around you happy.

I want to say again; it's not a bad thing to want to help people. But people-pleasing is exhausting, and it can easily lead to burning out. Think about working with Clients. Sometimes we need to confront. Sometimes we need to advocate. Sometimes we need to make our voices heard, and that can make people uncomfortable. I've heard a lot of colleagues tell me it's easier to advocate when it's not about themselves. If these skills are worth developing for our Clients, why aren't we developing them for ourselves? What makes us feel like we aren't worth it?

I hope you'll consider thinking about this more. Even if your trauma response is something different, we all need to evaluate our boundaries every once in a while. This pattern once helped you survive, but it's likely you no longer need to take this way of coping with you into the future. It's ok to thank your old self for protecting you. You can give yourself permission to try something new. One way to start is to start making lists. Take note of the people you spend most of your time with. Do you actually like those people? How are they supporting you? Look at your responsibilities. Is there a balance between responsibilities that take away your energy and activities that help you replenish? What do you need more or less of in your life to help you stay well?

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!



MSW PROGRAM CHOICES

Integrative or Thesis?

Not sure which route you want to take during your MSW? Watch this [recording](#).

COURSE SPOTLIGHT

New Class Alert!
SOCW 4350:
SPECIAL ISSUES IN SOCIAL WORK
Relationship Violence & Sexual Assault Prevention Program: Peer Advocacy

SOCW 4350 is designed for students who are passionate about sexual and relationship violence prevention, crisis interventions, and advocacy efforts for victims and/or survivors. Students will engage in curriculum through a trauma-informed and social justice lens, while learning directly from campus and community leaders who advocate and serve survivors.

Students who pass the course will have the opportunity to interview for paid, part-time RVP Peer Advocate positions! Questions? E-mail: Jessica.Sanchez@uta.edu

For Fall 2021 semester, SOCW 4350 will be offered in-person Thursdays from 2:00-4:50PM.



WELCOME NEW BSW ADMIN ASSISTANT!

Our previous BSW program administrative assistant Velvet Denny has moved out of state, and we are pleased to welcome our new admin assistant, David Waters!

David will be helping with things like minor declarations, transitioning to the major, BSW orientation and more. He can be reached at david.waters@uta.edu



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
- Last names D-Me: Mark Frazier – mark.frazier@uta.edu
- Last names Mi-Z: Keiana Crain – 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](#).
- **Missed the Social Work Licensing Info Session? [Here is a link to the recording!](#)**
- 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



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 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 to May 31, 2022 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](#).

IMPORTANT DATES

SUMMER 11 WEEKS 2021

- Jul. 22 - Last day to drop classes; submit requests to advisor prior to 4:00pm
- Aug. 12 - Last day of classes
- Aug. 16 - Final exams
- Aug. 17 - Final exams
- Aug. 18 at 7pm – SSW Commencement Ceremonies at College Park Center (on UTA campus)

COURSE REGISTRATION

- Fall registration is open.
- Courses marked "BSW Online Students ONLY" are restricted to students in the fully online BSW program. For current BSW students, the fully online program is only available to students who live 50+ miles from the UTA campus. For questions about the BSW Online, 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

Support Dreamers

Mark your calendar for a training session on supporting DACA and undocumented Mavericks so they can be successful. [Dreamers Ally Training](#) is at 2 p.m. **Wednesday, July 21**. For more information, email dreamers@uta.edu.

Featured Webinar: "When It is Darkest: Why People Die by Suicide"

CAMS-care will sponsor a webinar presentation featuring Dr. Rory O'Connor! Rory will be talking about his new book and innovative IMV model of suicide. Join us live on **Wednesday July 14** at 12 PM Eastern time (U.S.). Register [here](#).

>81,000 DRUG OVERDOSE DEATHS OCCURRED IN THE US IN 2020, THE HIGHEST NUMBER OF OVERDOSE DEATHS EVER RECORDED IN A 12-MONTH PERIOD
cdc.gov

SHATTER THE STIGMA

An Interprofessional Simulation with Standardized Patients
July 23, 2021 | 9:00AM—12:30PM (Virtual)

BECAUSE healthcare professionals are typically the first points of contact for a person with a **substance use disorder (SUD)**, we should all take the necessary steps to reduce the potential for stigma and negative bias. Take the first step in shattering the stigma of SUDs by learning and practicing the use of destigmatizing patient interviewing techniques with standardized patients.

FEATURING

- Lucas Hill, PharmD, BCPS, BCACP – Keynote presentation on SUDs and harm reduction strategies
- Zach Sneed, PhD, LCDC, CRC – Destigmatizing the patient interview in SUDs
- Small group interprofessional simulation with standardized patients
- Large group debrief
- Stacy Hobbs, APRN, PMHNP, BC – a personal story of recovery and hope

REGISTER BY JULY 16, 2021

<https://tinyurl.com/ykx4vmhh>
For more information visit the Office of Interprofessional Education website at: www.ttuhsu.edu/interprofessional-education or contact us at ipe@ttuhsu.edu.

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Office of Interprofessional Education

NASW's Congressional Advocacy Day

Please join us on **July 22** to advance critically important congressional legislation that will strengthen the social work profession and the clients they serve. This is a key opportunity to meet with your congressional delegation, educate them about the value of social work and social workers, and to gain their support for priority legislation. To register for the event, please click [HERE](#). Registration is \$25. Space is limited, so please register early. Participants will be able to register on a first-come, first-served basis.

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](#) tentatively 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](#)
- Are you an NASW student member graduating in August? Be sure to request your [graduation cord](#) before Friday, July 16. Not a member yet? You can join NASW before you graduate for only \$60 and receive a discount on your membership dues for the next two years if you retain active membership. Click [here](#) for more information.

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

GRADUATING THIS SUMMER?

TAKE THE UNDERGRADUATE EXIT SURVEY

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IPE Distinction Certificate

Interprofessional education (IPE) is "when students from two or more professions learn about, from and with each other" (WHO, 2010).

Have you participated in IPE activities while attending UTA?

Want to be recognized for your hard work?

Apply for an **IPE Distinction Certificate!**

REQUIREMENTS:

- MUST HAVE COMPLETED AT LEAST TWO IPE ACTIVITIES WHILE ATTENDING UTA
- MUST BE ABLE TO DISCUSS THE IPE ACTIVITIES IN WHICH YOU PARTICIPATED
- SUBMIT A COPY OF YOUR RESUME THAT INCLUDES THE IPE ACTIVITIES
- SUBMIT AN EXAMPLE COVER LETTER EXPLAINING HOW IPE HAS HELPED YOU TO PREPARE FOR A JOB

To fill out an application **CLICK HERE!**

APPLICATIONS ARE DUE: July 16th, 2021

Questions?
Contact: Professor Tracy Orwig
tracy.orwig@uta.edu



RESEARCH

Student Research Opportunity Center

Social Work Course Guides

RESEARCH TUTORING CENTER

DROP-IN SOCIAL WORK RESEARCH ASSISTANCE

Calling all students enrolled in research courses! Are you struggling with your research class? Tutors are here to help! Log in through Microsoft Teams to receive assistance.



JOIN IN TUESDAYS FROM 12-2PM. LOG IN HERE

Unable to drop by during the designated time? No problem! Submit your questions [here](#).



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.](#)"



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student must be currently using federal VA Education Benefit and enrolled at least 3/4 time



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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.



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Scholarships

Fall scholarships closed on July 9th. Visit the [ScholarShop](#) to search scholarships you might qualify for.

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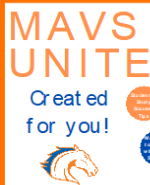
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for the MavsUnite Page!
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(Formerly Office of Students with
Disabilities)

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

Eastside Branch 4851 Ramsey Ave Fort Worth, TX 76105	Main Branch 808 North Elm St. Arlington, TX 76011
Murkin Branch 3123 Avenue G Fort Worth, TX 76105	North Branch 2000 Ellis Ave Fort Worth, TX 76104
Parthen Branch 1500 Hampshire Fort Worth, TX 76104	

All Are Welcome!

- Meals are available to any child ages 18 years or younger (residents of the area).
- Meals will be distributed as long as food supplies last.
- Each family is to receive individually packaged meals and snacks are available to be organized.
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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).

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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 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 Meghan Sheridan: mls9929@mavs.uta.edu



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"Do not judge me by my successes, judge me by how many times I fell down and got back up again."

- Nelson Mandela