



BACHELOR OF SOCIAL WORK





SOCIAL JUSTICE SPOTLIGHT

Dean's Statement on Black History Month 2021

This past year Americans truly saw the deep and ugly stain of racism, inequality and social injustice. From George Floyd to Breonna Taylor to voter suppression to the Jan. 6 Capitol Insurrection riot, we see that America has yet to fully address and eradicate its original sins of racism, slavery and injustice. In addition, we've seen the vast disparity in health care and economic relief during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Last year we held a series of discussions related to addressing racial injustice, health disparities and systemic racism. We sponsored a Black Lives Matter protest to voice our concerns and frustrations with police brutality and the daily injustices that take place against African Americans. Many of our faculty, through their research and analysis of policy practices, are seeking solutions to dismantling oppressive and discriminating systems.

We have events throughout the month of February, but also others being planned throughout the year to address issues affecting the Black Family and what Social Workers can do to advocate for change and justice.

I encourage all of you to attend and participate in our School of Social Work sponsored events as well as events taking place on UTA's campus and in our community celebrating the vast achievements of African Americans, but also discussing and seeking solutions to issues affecting the Black Family.

In solidarity,

Scott D. Ryan

Dean & Professor | School of Social Work

Read the full statement here: https://www.uta.edu/academics/schools-colleges/social-work/news/releases/2021/02/05/deans-statement-on-black-history-month-2021



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GET SUPPORT



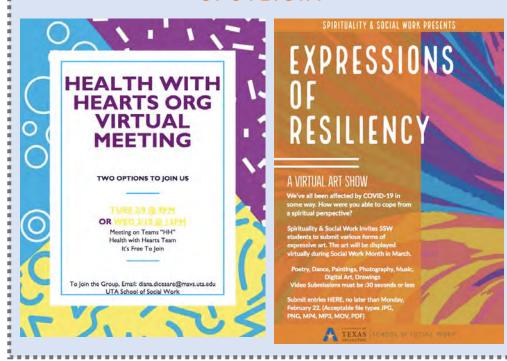
USE YOUR UTA MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES!

- If a face to face student, you are eligible for 6 sessions per semester.
 - Some services are offered at no charge and others at a discounted rate for face to face students.
- If you are an online student within the state of Texas, you can opt in for services.
- All students are also eligible to purchase inexpensive health insurance through UTA.
 - This will cover services at UTA Health Services or with other providers.
- If the mental health issue is ongoing, consult with Student Access and Resource Center about whether you qualify for accommodations.
- My health
- Speak with your instructors, your advisor, and your Director so we may provide support, resources, and possible solutions.



You are stronger than you know, braver than you believe, and smarter than you think.

STUDENT ORGANIZATION SPOTLIGHT





YOU MATTER

To Be Before To Do

On the "good" days, I have this idea that I seem to come back to. My idea – or question - is this: What is the main focus of my day? What I have **to do**? Or what, who, or how I want **to be**?

In one form or another, we all have "to do" lists. And no matter how many items we check off those lists, the "to dos" never fulfill us. This is especially true if we're stressed, upset, and completely exhausted trying to complete them, only to start all over again tomorrow. So, maybe we're prioritizing the wrong thing.

What if instead of organizing and operating our days based on a "to do" list, first, we operated, from a "to be" list? (Please note, I am not the first person to propose such an idea). So, what, who, or how do you want "to be"?

Do you want to be:

- patient
- happy
- assertive
- understanding
- thoughtful
- helpful
- joyful
- loving
- kind
- mindful
- present

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!



Today, this week what do you think your day would look and feel like to focus first on your "to be" list? It's my guess that whatever, whoever, or however you want to be, if you put that first, the "to dos" will take care of themselves

Craig Keaton, MSW | Doctoral Student | Adjunct Professor



ADVISING

- All academic <u>advising appointments</u> are currently being conducted via phone or Microsoft Teams.
- Summer class registration opens April 5th.
- Don't need a full advising appointment but have general questions? Join your advisor for their weekly Power Hour!

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:

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- Last names Mi-Z: Keiana Crain keiana.green@uta.edu



FIELD PLACEMENTS

- All students, agencies, and Field Instructors should use this URL for InPlace: https://inplace.uta.edu/
- InPlace Training and Logbook Training can be found here!
- The <u>Spring Field Calendar</u> lists important dates for current field students, as well as summer field application dates. Summer field applications open March 1.
- Field forms are available here!
- Field FAQ
- Spring 2021 Field Accommodations Q&A
- If you are having technical difficulties with InPlace please email <u>sswfield@uta.edu</u> and include a screenshot of the issue.
- For the Spring 2021 semester, CSWE has extended the reduction in field hours. Therefore, UTA SSW will continue with the reduced required minimum of 204 hours for Split students and a minimum of 408 hours for Block students for the Spring semester. For further information regarding accommodations for the Spring 2021 semester, please visit the Field webpage by following this link.
- Contact <u>Sharon Martin</u>, <u>LMSW</u>, <u>Field Advisor III</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.
 <u>Click here to join the meeting</u>

BSW ORIENTATION

If you have not already attended BSW Orientation (this is different from the university-wide transfer/freshman orientation), you should have received an invitation to attend <a href="mailto:mailto

Please contact <u>velvet.denny@uta.edu</u> if you need an invitation sent to you or have any questions.

GRADUATION

- The deadline to <u>apply to</u> graduate in May is March 1.
- All students planning to graduate this spring must apply to graduate using MyMav. This must be done both in order to have your degree conferred AND in order to receive your diploma.
- The fee is \$40.









Cognella Cares Student Scholarship

- This program awards undergraduate students from any academic discipline for writing essays on timely and relevant topics that impact higher education, student life, and society at large.
- To apply, submit an 800 1,500 word essay on one of these topics: pandemics and the future of online learning; policing, social justice, and solutions; or truth, credibility, and "fake news."
- The deadline for submissions is 7:00 pm (CT) on February 28, 2021. One winning essay will be selected per topic, and \$1,000 scholarships will be awarded to three deserving students in March.



INCREASE TO CALL TO SERVICE AND CALL TO SERVIC

The jobs posted to this website are restricted to those which are related to Social Work or Social Services.

Other Scholarships Currently Available

Part-time
Bilingual
Project
Hope
Coordinator
Wanted!





Social
Work
Course
Guides



UTA's COVID Vaccine Resource Page

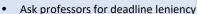
Dean Ryan's <u>Statement on COVID-19</u> <u>Health Disparities</u>

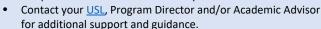
If you believe you have contracted COVID19, please type in 'COVID-19 Testing' and your zip code into the Texas Health and Human Services to

find a testing location closest to you

Have you tested positive? Had close contact with someone with Covid?

- 1. Complete mandatory reporting form
- If needed, you can:







Face Covering Protocol:

To create the safest possible environment on campus, UTA implemented a mandatory face-covering protocol, effective until further notice.

For more information, click here.





UTA Academic Calendar

Evidence-Based Practice Research Guide

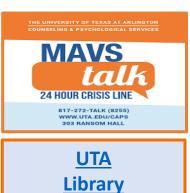
Licensure Information

The board recently made additional changes to the TX social work licensing process. Students in their final semester can now apply directly to ASWB to take the exam, and then apply to the board for a license after passing the exam and graduating. More info can be found here.

SAR Center

(Formerly Office of Students with Disabilities)





Accessibility







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.



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



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 Meghan Sheridan: mls9929@mavs.uta.edu



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