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## WEEKLY UPDATE

### February 8, 2021

## 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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## ADVISING

- All academic [advising appointments](#) 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:

- Last names A-C: Valerie Adame – [adamev@uta.edu](mailto:adamev@uta.edu)
- Last names D-Me: Mark Frazier – [mark.frazier@uta.edu](mailto:mark.frazier@uta.edu)
- Last names Mi-Z: Keiana Crain – [keiana.green@uta.edu](mailto: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 [Spring Field Calendar](#) 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 [sswfield@uta.edu](mailto:sswfield@uta.edu) 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 [Sharon Martin](#), LMSW, Field Advisor III, with any questions! You can also connect with her during her Field Power Hours every 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month from 3:00-3:30. [Click here to join the meeting](#)

## 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 **mandatory BSW Orientation** on **Friday February 12th** from **12-5pm** online via Teams.

Please contact [velvet.denny@uta.edu](mailto:velvet.denny@uta.edu) if you need an invitation sent to you or have any questions.

## GRADUATION

- The deadline to apply to 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.





## VIRTUAL EVENTS OF THE WEEK

**2021 EVENT CALENDAR**

**FEB 1 - FEB 12**

**Feb 1, 2021** *Link*  
**BAILEY vs Dallas County Justice for Corey**

**Feb 1, 2021** *Link*  
**Lift Every Voice and Sing**

**Feb 2, 2021** *Link*  
**Assertive or Angry: The Black Women's Burden**

**Feb 3, 2021** *Link*  
**February Power Hour**

**Feb 3, 2021** *Link*  
**Colorism: A Family Narrative**

**Feb 4, 2021** *Link*  
**Black Healing Matters**

**Feb 4, 2021** *Link*  
**Re-Make History: Black Inventors**

**Feb 5, 2021** *Link*  
**Black Veterans Panel**

**Feb 6, 2021** *Link*  
**Black Lives Matter in Academia and What You Can Do**

**Feb 9, 2021** *Link*  
**UTA My Way**

**Feb 10, 2021** *Link*  
**THE LAVINIA MASTERS ACT**

**Feb 10, 2021** *Link*  
**Book Club**

**Feb 11, 2021** *Link*  
**Black Hair-itage Hair Care Workshop**

**Feb 11, 2021** *Link*  
**ASO Cook Off**

**Feb 12, 2021** *Link*  
**Black Hair-itage Panel**

**TAKING CARE OF OUR OWN**  
LGBTQ+ Community Conference

Join us for a morning of learning, networking, and celebration. The conference will feature keynote speakers, breakout sessions, and a special luncheon for professionals in the LGBTQ+ community. Registration is free for all attendees.

Register today! Call (817) 272-8255 or visit [uta.edu/tcoo](http://uta.edu/tcoo)

**Mindfulness & Stress Management Event**

Do you feel overwhelmed? Need a break from your assignments?

Join us for our "Mindfulness and Stress Management" virtual event on teams!

Thursday February 18, 2021  
5 p.m. - 6 p.m.

[CLICK HERE TO JOIN](#)



## RESEARCH



[Student Research Opportunity Center](#)

[Social Work Course Guides](#)



## STAY SAFE

[UTA's COVID Vaccine Resource Page](#)

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.



### 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](#).

### MANAGING STRESS AND ANXIETY DURING COVID-19

UTA COUNSELING AND PSYCHOLOGICAL SERVICES (CAPS)

THERAPIST ASSISTED ONLINE (TAO)

Visit [TAOconnect.org](http://TAOconnect.org)

THRIVE APP



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

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Call (817) 272-8255



Visit [uta.edu/caps](http://uta.edu/caps) for more information

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## FUNDING

### 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.

**THE PAT BRANDENBURG SCHOLARSHIP IN AFRICAN AMERICAN STUDIES**

**ABOUT THE SCHOLARSHIP**

The Pat Brandenburg Scholarship is awarded to a student who has demonstrated exceptional academic achievement and a commitment to the study of African American history and culture. The scholarship is awarded annually to a student who has completed at least one semester of college-level African American studies coursework.

**ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA**

- U.S. citizen or permanent resident
- Enrolled in a college-level African American studies program
- Completed at least one semester of college-level African American studies coursework

**APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS**

- One-page essay (500-750 words)
- Letter of recommendation from a faculty member

For more information, visit [uta.edu/pbs](http://uta.edu/pbs)

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!](#)



## [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)



**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**

<b>Eastside Branch</b> 4851 Ramsey Ave Fort Worth, TX 76105	<b>Main Branch</b> 800 North Elm St. Arlington, TX 76011	<b>Panther Branch</b> 1500 Hampshire Fort Worth, TX 76104
<b>Marlin Branch</b> 3123 Avenue G Fort Worth, TX 76105	<b>NW Branch</b> 2000 Ellis Ave Fort Worth, TX 76104	

**All Are Welcome!**  
Meals are available to any child ages 18 years or younger (preschool to 18th grade).  
Meals will be distributed on a first-come, first-served basis.  
Each site is able to provide individually packaged meals and snacks are available to the organization.  
Meals are available starting 4:00pm and will be available until 5:30pm.

**Contact Us!**  
For more information or questions contact:  
Latoya Dwyer  
LDwyer@bgc.org

**First Come, First Served!**

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COUNSELING & PSYCHOLOGICAL SERVICES

## MAVS

### talk

24 HOUR CRISIS LINE

817-272-TALK (8255)  
WWW.UTA.EDU/CAPS  
303 RANSOM CALL

## UTA

### Library

### [Accessibility](#)


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](#)



**MAVS UNITE**  
Created for you!

**Check Canvas for the MAVS Unite Page!**

**To add please e-mail:**  
[Chantinia Chansler](#)



### 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](mailto: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)  
[www.suicideline.org](http://www.suicideline.org)

**Learn the Warning Signs.**

### 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](mailto: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](mailto:mls9929@mavs.uta.edu)



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*"People are hard to hate close up. Move in."*

- Brené Brown