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WEEKLY UPDATE

January 19, 2021

SOCIAL JUSTICE SPOTLIGHT

January 18th is Martin Luther King Jr. Day!

Also known as MLK Day, this federal holiday honors civil rights activist Martin Luther King Jr. King was an American Baptist minister who became well known in the 1950s and 60s for his advocacy of nonviolent means to end racial segregation. In 1963, King organized the peaceful March on Washington along with other civil rights leaders, where he delivered his famous "I Have a Dream" speech on the steps of the Lincoln Memorial. This march led to the Civil Rights Act of 1964, which authorized the federal government to desegregate public areas and outlaw discrimination in public facilities and employment. King was also the recipient of the Nobel Peace Prize in 1964. He was assassinated in Memphis by a sniper while standing on his hotel balcony in 1968, at the age of 39. He was posthumously awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom.

Resource: www.britannica.com/biography/Martin-Luther-King-Jr

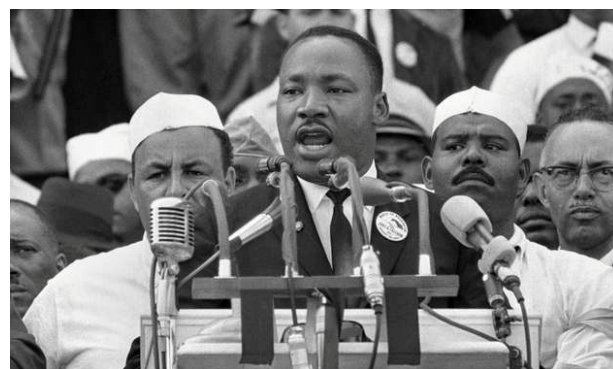


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BREAKING NEWS



TUITION DEADLINE EXTENSION!

The Spring 2021 Tuition Payment Deadline has been extended to **01/21 at 11:59pm**. The Student Accounts office will open on January 19th to accept cash/face to face payments. Because of this change, **the Drop for Non-Payment is now 01/22** (early in the morning).



GET SUPPORT

MAVS UNITE

Created for you!



Check Canvas for the MavsUnite Page!
To add it, please e-mail:

[Chantinia Chansler](mailto:Chantinia.Chansler)

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

Your Voice Matters!

A Note from the BSW Director

Last semester, I worked with an MSW intern to conduct one on one interviews with BSW students about your experience in the program. I truly value your insights and appreciated the opportunity to learn more about what makes you feel most supported, and to uncover opportunities for growth.

I saw how much students value clear and prompt communication, quality teaching, and belonging to a caring and supportive learning community. Although there will be ongoing efforts to grow, I wanted you to know that we have already implemented many of your suggestions, including but not limited to:

- Monthly training for instructors about the latest strategies for effective teaching
- Reformatting the weekly BSW newsletter and including a highlights video
- Revising curriculum to enhance quality, rigor, accessibility and organization
- Increased encouragement and outreach to students through email
- Growing the number of Undergraduate Student Leaders (USLs) available to serve as advocates and mentors
- Sharing specific feedback with relevant faculty and staff (e.g. advising, field office)

Please know that my door is always open if you have any additional input to share.

Karen Magruder, LCSW | Director of Undergraduate Programs | Assistant Professor of Practice

STUDENT ORGANIZATION SPOTLIGHT

SOCIAL WORK COUNCIL

FIRST GENERAL BODY MEETING

JANUARY 27, 7 PM
GAMES, ICEBREAKERS,
AND SUPPORT

EMAIL
UTASOCIALWORKCOUNCIL@GMAIL.COM
TO GET INVOLVED



YOU MATTER

What's Your Aim?

Welcome back for a new semester of school! The beginning of the semester is always an exciting time. As we often hit the ground running, you will surely quickly here about and be asked to get acclimated to the expectations and aims of your professors, field supervisors, and the like. However, **to be most successful, you must have a clear vision for your own personal aims, goals, and expectations.**

Roman philosopher, Seneca, said "Our plans miscarry because we have no aim. When an individual does not know what harbor they are making for, no wind is the right wind." Where do you want to go? How do you want to get there? What do you need to get there? Beyond letter grades and GPA, what are your personal aims this semester? (Hint: Be specific)

- What do you want to accomplish in school?
- What do you want to accomplish with school?
- How do you want to grow and develop – personally, professionally?
- What do you want to learn or experience in each of your specific classes?
- What do you want to do, learn, and experience in your field placement?
- What ways do you want to grow outside of school that can help you this semester?

Reflect on these questions. For any questions that you feel are important to you, journal, take notes, make lists, create a vision board, do whatever is good for you to get clear on your aims and moving in a personally meaningful direction.

This is your journey. Where you want to go and how you want to get there matters. You matter!... Cheers to a great semester!

p.s. This semester, consider checking in weekly with the You Matter section of the newsletter, where we will explore a wide range of mind and body-based self-care and self-development thoughts, exercises, and practices.

Craig Keaton, MSW | Doctoral Student | Adjunct Professor



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!



ADVISING

- All academic [advising appointments](#) will be done via phone or Microsoft Teams.
- **Classes start January 19th**
- **Late registration ends January 22nd**
- Census date is February 3rd. Students cannot add or swap classes after this date. If you drop a course after Census date, you'll receive a grade of W on your transcript.
- 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
- Last names D-Me: Mark Frazier – mark.frazier@uta.edu
- Last names Mi-Z: Keiana Crain – keiana.green@uta.edu



FIELD PLACEMENTS

- **InPlace has a new URL! All students, agencies, and Field Instructors will need to use the new URL.** <https://inplace.uta.edu/>
- [InPlace Training](#) and [Logbook Training](#) can be found here!
- Spring field calendar has been posted online [Spring Field Calendar](#)
- [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 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 1st & 3rd Wednesday of the month from 3:00-3:30. [Click here to join the meeting](#)



SPRING COURSES

- **Classes are still open!**
- [Course modalities](#) are subject to change, given the rapidly evolving nature of the pandemic. More information about each modality can be found [here](#), and the modality for each course is listed in the Course Attribute column in the MyMav class search. Here are some examples:

Online 1: Asynchronous

Course Attribute	Days & Times
ONLINE1	TBA

Online 2- Synchronous (live virtual class during times listed)

Course Attribute	Days & Times
ONLINE2	MoWe 4:00PM - 5:20PM

Hybrid (Combination of face-to-face to live virtual class)

Course Attribute	Days & Times
HYBRID2	TuTh 2:00PM - 3:20PM



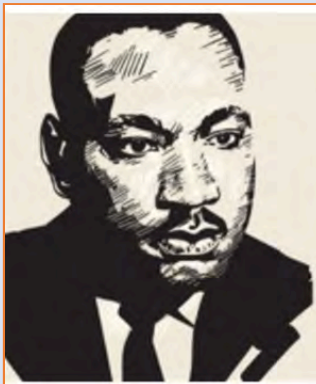
VIRTUAL EVENTS OF THE WEEK



Learn to Edit Wikipedia Workshop

Learn the basics of editing
Wikipedia in one session.
Friday, Jan 22 from 12-2:00pm

[Click here to join the meeting](#)



ADVANCING
THE DREAM
IN ARLINGTON

"Advancing the Dream" Celebration

Arlington's Martin Luther King Jr. Day event will be
online Friday-Monday, Jan. 15-18.



FUNDING

**SOCIAL JUSTICE
PEER EDUCATORS**

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN:

- MAKING A MORE EQUITABLE UTA EXPERIENCE FOR ALL,
- FACILITATING WORKSHOPS FOR CLASSROOMS AND ORGANIZATIONS,
- DEVELOPING PERSONAL AND PROFESSIONAL LEADERSHIP SKILLS,
- MAKING SOME EXTRA MONEY

Application Link:
<https://tinyurl.com/SJPE21>

**If you answered
YES, APPLY NOW!**

Application Closes
01/25/21 11:59PM

REQUIREMENTS:

- 2.5 OR HIGHER GPA
- ENROLLED AS A UTA
- UNDERGRADUATE OR GRADUATE STUDENT
- MUST ATTEND ALL SPRING TRAINING DATES (1/29-1/30)

For More Information Contact:
harold.brown2@uta.edu

MULTICULTURAL AFFAIRS
Office of Diversity & Inclusion

Scholarships Currently Available



The jobs posted to this [website](#) are restricted to those
which are related to Social Work or Social Services.



RESEARCH



[Student Research Opportunity Center](#)

Social Work Course Guides



STAY SAFE

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



THRIVE APP



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

MAVS TALK 24HR CRISIS LINE

Call (817)272-8255



Visit uta.edu/caps for more information

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[UTA Academic Calendar](#)

[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](#).



MEAL DISTRIBUTION



Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Tarrant County will be distributing meals, food and snacks. Curbside meal distribution will occur Monday - Friday 4:00-5:30pm.

Distribution Locations

Eastside Branch 4811 Ramsey Ave Ft Worth, TX 76105	Main Branch 808 North Elm St Arlington, TX 76011
Martin Branch 3225 Avenue G Ft Worth, TX 76105	Panther Branch 1500 Memorial Ft Worth, TX 76104

All Are Welcome!

- Meals available to any child ages 18 years or younger (no identification required)
- Meals will be distributed as long as food supplies last
- Each car is eligible to receive individually packaged meals and snacks are available to the supervisor
- Weekly phone learning resources provided with each meal

Contact Us!
For more information or to schedule a tour, contact:
LeToya Greer
lbgreer@bgclubs.org

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24 HOUR CRISIS LINE

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


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.**

[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).

[Evidence-Based Practice Research Guide](#)

[SAR Center](#) (Formerly Office of Students with Disabilities)

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.

Emergency Assistance Fund

UTA students with a temporary financial hardship resulting from a sudden emergency [may apply for financial help](#).



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"Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere."

- Martin Luther King Jr.