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WEEKLY UPDATE

March 22, 2021

SOCIAL JUSTICE SPOTLIGHT

Advocate for Medicaid Expansion!

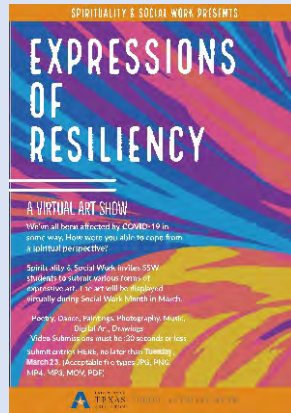
UTA's Social Work student body's support and action is needed in advocating for Medicaid expansion this Texas legislative session. As Texas is one of only twelve states that has not expanded Medicaid, Texas social workers must be involved in the fight for Medicaid expansion. More than 5 million Texans live without access to health care and Medicaid expansion will be a lifeline to the more than 2.2 million Texans who will gain access with expansion. Medicaid Expansion will only pass this session with bold bi-partisan leadership during this ongoing public health crisis. Representative Angie Chen Button (R, Texas HD 112) has expressed interest in getting involved in Medicaid expansion and your help is needed to convince her to become a champion for expansion this session! Check out the [Texas Social Workers for Medicaid Expansion Toolkit](#) so that you can take actionable steps towards healthcare justice in our state (such as tweeting or writing a letter or email to Rep. Chen Button). All of the tools, including talking points, background information, and resources are included in the toolkit.



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STUDENT ORGANIZATION SPOTLIGHT



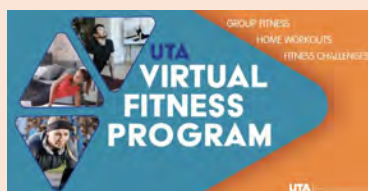
GET SUPPORT

Rental Assistance

Rental assistance is available for up to 6 months through Arlington Housing Authority for Arlington residents who are behind on their rent due to the pandemic if they meet certain criteria such as income, need is directly related to the pandemic, currently behind on rent, and a few others. The application is at www.arlingtonhousing.us and funding IS still available for the program.



Check out UTA's on-demand and live classes like HIIT the Deck, Mixed Fit, Zumba, NASA Nap, Yoga, and Sit & Stretch:



For more Mavs Hour info please e-mail:
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YOU MATTER

New Beginnings

Prior to the break I was asked what I had planned that would be just for myself while away from school for the week. I didn't have an answer. And that troubled me. I thought to myself, "Do I really not know what I need? And if not, how do I figure it out?"

Not knowing what I needed, I focused on what I didn't need. I didn't need more emails, Teams obligations, or online meetings. I didn't need more outside chatter, at least not until I got back in touch with myself. So, I planned to unplug from the virtual world.

Over the next few days, sitting in the relatively quiet mind space that comes from a digital disconnect, I realized how tired I was and have been for some time now - when I am this tired, I find that time in nature, laying in the sun is a great way to rest and recharge. After many days where I did little more than just lay in the sun, I was overcome with feelings of just how hard this Covid calendar year has been. It has changed and challenged so much in my life that seem to be positive and protective factors. Virtual school, work, meetings, meetups, friend time, hangouts, and conversations are no replacement for the real thing... Ugh!... But there was something else I was struck by during my quiet time in nature, something that was recharging me: it's Spring!

Recently, I was in a Teams chat with *graduate student leader Denise Draper*, and she said, "**Spring is a great time to begin something new as it aligns with the natural cycle of growth and new beginnings.**" Yes! That's exactly right! And that was exactly what was working in me.

Thinking about this great symbol from nature, I realize that I have been fighting what I cannot change. While I cannot change these circumstances, I can change my response to them. I can grow. I am growing. And so are you! And the more intentional you are the more meaningful and useful your growth may be.

Where could you use a new beginning, a fresh start? How might you be able to begin again after returning from Spring Break? How might you be ready to grow? What do you want to do, and how do you want to do it? This is the perfect time for something new!

This week, this season, consider your new beginnings and what growth you want to realize - whether that's in school, work, relationships, or a new path on your own life journey - and tend to that every day. Life is blossoming all around you; it's only natural that it blossom within you too... Here's to new beginnings ☺

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

- Students will be able to view the summer class schedule on MyMav starting April 1.
- Summer class registration opens starting 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
- Last names D-Me: Mark Frazier – mark.frazier@uta.edu
- 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/>
- 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!
- The [Spring Field Calendar](#) lists important dates for current field students, as well as summer field application dates.
- Summer Student Application is Open Feb. 15, 2021 – Apr. 09, 2021.** This is now updated on the Field website. Currently the Fall Field application is scheduled to open on April 12th - Jun 4th. We will let you know if there are any changes to the Fall application.
- [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.
- 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](#)

GRADUATION

- The deadline to apply to graduate in May passed on March 1. **To apply late, contact your advisor. (There is a \$60 late fee.)** All students planning to graduate this spring must apply to graduate using MyMav. You must apply to graduate regardless of whether you will walk at a [commencement ceremony](#). Applying to graduate is necessary to have your degree conferred AND in order to receive your diploma. Fee is \$40.
- In-person, virtual commencement programs planned for May
 - UT Arlington will host [in-person commencement ceremonies](#) at Globe Life Field from **May 13-16** to celebrate its spring 2021 and all 2020 graduates, while preserving virtual commencement ceremonies for those who prefer an online celebration. The spring commencement exercises will mark the first time UTA has hosted in-person ceremonies since December 2019, as all 2020 ceremonies were canceled due to the COVID-19 pandemic.
 - All 2020 and spring 2021 graduates should RSVP with their intention to participate in [an in-person or virtual commencement ceremony](#). To do so, they should [register with MarchingOrder](#) using their UTA student email address. **(Although the deadline of 3/17 has passed, students are still able to register via this form.)**
- Graduation Honor Cords for NASW Student Members
 - The North Central Texas Fort Worth Area Branch of the NASW Texas Chapter would like to gift a graduation honor cord to each graduating student who is a member of the Fort Worth Area branch or who is graduating from a university located within the Fort Worth Area branch. Please complete this online form to request your honor cord by **Wednesday, March 31, 2021**: <https://forms.gle/FiRaE5eseZgUDAKf6>
 - If you are not yet an NASW member and would like a graduation honor cord from NASW, please visit socialworkers.org/membership to join prior to completing this form. BSW & MSW Student Membership is \$60 for one year.

LICENSING

- 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. **If you're in your final semester and want to get started, [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](#).**
- Interested in the LCDC? Stay tuned as we are developing a guide with the different paths to the LCDC that will be shared in this newsletter at a future time.

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



VIRTUAL EVENTS OF THE WEEK

Disability Awareness Month

- **Friday, March 26, 12-1:30 pm**—Ron Lucey speaking on “Universal Design and My Lived Experiences on the Front Lines of Accessibility” (Executive Director of the Texas Governor’s Committee on People with Disabilities) *Teams link & announcement forthcoming; contact Dr. Sarah Rose (srose@uta.edu) or Mikila Salazar (mikila.salazar@uta.edu) with questions*
- **Monday, March 29, 12-1 pm**—Disability Studies Minor Meet & Greet *Teams link & announcement forthcoming; contact Dr. Sarah Rose (srose@uta.edu) or Mikila Salazar (mikila.salazar@uta.edu) with questions*

ASL Meet and Greet!

Who: All ASL Users, ASL Learners, Deaf/deaf, and Hard and Hearing people

What: This is an ASL and Deaf Culture hang out on Teams. Get to know some of your fellow ASL users and Deaf/deaf and Hard of Hearing people on campus.

When: Monday, March 22nd from 4:00 - 5:00 pm

Where: [Join Teams](#)

What to bring: Please wear your favorite shirt. This is intended to be a conversation starter and shows a little bit about yourself.

For more information, please email Lynsey Williams:

Lynsey.Williams@utmsi.uta.edu



BE SEXUALLY HEALTHY: PROTECT YOUR SEXUAL HEALTH!



Hope M. Adams
APRIL CHES
Health Educator
Harris County Public Health

WEDNESDAY, March 25th, 2021
1:30 PM - 2:00 PM

Zoom
Meeting ID: 644 6802 1826
Click here to join the event

UTMSI | JUSTICE FORBURY | VIOLENCE PREVENTION | RETHINK POSITIVE+

STUDENT ASSOCIATION FOR MACRO SOCIAL WORK (SAMS)
Presents

CAREERS IN MACRO SOCIAL WORK

A PANEL DISCUSSION


JOIN US AS WE WELCOME A PANEL OF LOCAL PROFESSIONALS WHO WILL SHARE THEIR EXPERIENCES IN MACRO SOCIAL WORK.

Tuesday, March 23, 2021
5:30 - 6:30 PM
Microsoft Teams
Click here to join the event

RESEARCH TUTORING CENTER

DROP-IN SOCIAL WORK RESEARCH ASSISTANCE

Calling all students enrolled in 3308! Are you struggling with your research class? Tutors are here to help! Log in through Microsoft Teams to receive assistance.



JOIN IN THURSDAYS FROM 2-7PM. LOG IN HERE

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

Racism, Racial Bias, & the upEND Movement to Abolish the Child Welfare System

March 24th, 5:30 - 7 pm CST

with Alan J. Dettlaff, PhD, MSW



Register at bit.ly/2MClqoW

Hosted by
St. Edward's University Social Work Program
and the Social Work Student Association

Continuing Education Credits available

Part 2: An Interdisciplinary Perspective of the Impact of COVID-19 on End-of-Life Care
A dialogue between health professionals and community leaders

Earn CEUs

Join the Discussion!

Friday, March 26
2 P.M. - 4 P.M.

f LIVE
Watch Here: fb.com/UTASocialWork

zoom
Register Here: [http://bit.ly/3c3byxn](https://bit.ly/3c3byxn)

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Continued Professional Development Hours (Social Work CEUs) pending submission.
*Contact hours for this activity will be provided for registered nurses.
The University of Texas at Arlington College of Nursing and Health Innovation is accredited as a provider of nursing continuing professional development by the American Nurses Credentialing Center's Commission on Accreditation.

MSWSN
Macro Social Work Student Network

Presents...

Day in the Life OF A MACRO PRACTITIONER

Meriam Issa, LLMSW
Data Manager

Marjorie Upshaw, MSW, MBA
Faculty, Entrepreneurship and Innovation

Algeria Wilson, MSW
Director of Public Policy

Leonard Swanson, LLMSW
Project Coordinator

Friday, March 26 | 2:30pm-4pm EST
Organizations include Center for Behavioral Health and Justice, NASW-AT, Wayne State University, and Zero to Thrive
Register for FREE at <https://forms.gle/a5E6yqAVMfH4dAS>

National Webinar on March 26th at 2:30 pm ET

For Social Work Month, MSWSN is sponsoring a special webinar, **Day in the Life of a Macro Practitioner**, on Friday, Mar. 26, 2:30pm-4pm ET.

Join us for a lively discussion with four experienced social workers on the benefits and challenges of being a macro practitioner.

We will email out the link to the webinar to all who register.

REGISTER HERE!



FUNDING



Emergency Rental Assistance

Keeping Families in their Homes

Emergency Rental Assistance Program

The Neighborhood Services Department is offering an Emergency Rental Assistance Program (ERAP) to Fort Worth residents who have been impacted by COVID-19. [Click Here to Apply for Emergency Rental Assistance.](#)

Write for diversity story contest

UTA Libraries encourages students, faculty, and staff to share their creativity and insight in [Shifting Perspectives: A Short Story Diversity Contest](#). Write a fiction story on how the shifting of perspectives has allowed for a more inclusive and equitable viewpoint. The top prize is a \$500 gift card. Submissions are due by **Sunday, April 18**. Winners will be announced **Friday, May 21**, on World Diversity Day.

UTA is Offering Additional Financial Help to Students in Need

UTA plans to provide HEERF II Emergency Grants of \$1,000 for full-time students and \$500 for part-time students who meet federal eligibility criteria, and \$600 for full-time Accelerated Online students and \$300 for part-time Accelerated Online students. You can apply for this grant by logging into your MyMav account, clicking the 'MyForms' tile located on the UTA Student Homepage, and then clicking on the 'Fill Out a New Form' button. Students may apply for assistance through [UTA's Emergency Assistance Fund](#). Please visit our [HEERF II Frequently Asked Questions page](#) for more information.

PAT BRANDENBURG SCHOLARSHIP IN LATINO STUDIES IN THE COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS

Requirements:
• Have completed 1 MALS/MAS course with a "B" or higher
• Will enroll in at least 9 hours of coursework in Fall 2021
• Submit a one-page application statement. No recommendation letters needed.

\$1,500

APPLY ONLINE
UTA.ACADEMICWORKS.COM

**DEADLINE:
APRIL 9TH, 2021**

Contact Information:
Cristina Salinas, Ph.D.
Assistant Director
Center for Mexican American Studies
csalinas@uta.edu

School of Social Work Scholarships NOW OPEN!

Click [here](#) to apply by March 26!

PAT BRANDENBURG SCHOLARSHIP FOR MALS MINORS

\$1,500

Requirements:
• Have completed 1 MALS/MAS course with a "B" or higher
• Will enroll in at least 9 hours of coursework in Fall 2021
• Submit a one-page application statement. No recommendation letters needed.

APPLY ONLINE
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APRIL 9TH, 2021**

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Find your summer at Camp Fort Worth—apply today to be a Camp Leader!

Apply to be a Camp Leader or Literacy Support Specialists at Camp Fort Worth.

Camp Leader Qualifications:

- Be 18 or older (Age 17 if a high school graduate)
- Have a high school diploma or GED
- Have 6 months of training/experience from volunteering, on-site, or observation work leading programs for children age 5-13 in a recreational or educational environment
- Display working knowledge of arts, crafts, games, and a variety of sports
- Candidates should be motivated, creative, energetic, flexible, show initiative and display good decision making skills

Literacy Support Specialists (LSS) Qualifications:

- High school diploma or GED (degree preferred), and six (6) months teaching experience, especially one leading instruction, early learning, elementary education.

Additional information:

- These positions are seasonal positions with no benefits.
- Camp leader salary is \$12 per hour, depending on years of experience, up to 40 hours per week.
- Literacy Support Specialist salary is \$25 an hour up to 20 hours per week.
- Camp runs 8 weeks and is offered between 7:30 a.m. and 5 p.m.
- Both positions must commit to working the entire 8-week program.
- Attendance at orientation is required and will be held one week before the start of camp.

Hiring Fairs

Online Learning Resources

Wednesday, March 17, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Saturday, April 17, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Friday, April 30, 1 p.m. - 8 p.m.

Victory Forest Community Center

3427 Hempill St., 76110

153 attendees

Saturday, March 20, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Victory Forest Community Center

3427 Hempill St., 76110

Apply online before the hiring fair:

[careers.fortworthva.gov](#)



RESEARCH



Student Research Opportunity Center

Social Work Course Guides

SURVEY

We want to know how social work students are involved with advocacy.

[CLICK HERE FOR SURVEY](#)

Thank you!

The SPEAK Program

(Social Policy Education Advocacy & Knowledge)



STAY SAFE

UTA continues protocols to protect campus community

In the interest of the health and safety of our community, UTA's current COVID-19 protocols and guidance will remain in effect through May 31, at which point they will be reassessed. This decision has been made after review of the latest Governor's Executive Order, which goes in effect Wednesday, March 10, and its direction that higher education institutions are to follow the most recent guidance issued by the Texas Education Agency. Read the [announcement](#).

Dean Ryan's [Statement on COVID-19 Health Disparities](#)

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

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](#)

Did you know? Any Texas resident can register for a Covid vaccine in any Texas County! Sign up in Tarrant County [HERE](#) or Dallas county [HERE](#).

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

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

MAVS TALK 24HR CRISIS LINE

Call (817)272-8255

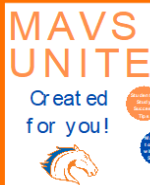


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[UTA Academic Calendar](#)

[Evidence-Based Practice Research Guide](#)



Check Canvas
for the MavsUnite Page!
To add please e-mail:
[Chantinia Chansler](#)

[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

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

All Are Welcome!
Meals are available to any child ages 18 years or younger.
Meals are distributed on a first-come, first-served basis.
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Contact Us!
For more information or to schedule a contact:
Lafayette Dwyer
LDwyer@bgtc.org

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303 RANSOM HALL

[UTA
Library
Accessibility](#)

[On-
Demand
& Live
Fitness
Classes](#)

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.

TEXAS
Health and Human
Services

**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](#)



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).

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.suicidepreventionlifeline.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 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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*"Take the risk of thinking for yourself. Much more happiness,
truth, beauty, and wisdom will come to you that way."*

- Christopher Hitchens

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