



BACHELOR OF SOCIAL WORK



WEEKLY UPDATE

March 8, 2021

*There will not be a newsletter over spring break.

SOCIAL JUSTICE SPOTLIGHT

March is Women’s History Month!

Throughout the month of March there are [20 events](#) planned for students, faculty and staff across campus. The Women’s and Gender Studies Program teamed up with Multicultural Affairs, RVSP, the LGBTQ+ Program, CMAS and other campus organizations to offer numerous and varied programs in recognition of WHM.

Please take some time and put these [events](#) on your calendar. Most are virtual but there are also opportunities for socially-distanced and masked events on campus. **All are free.**

Throughout the month t-shirts, books and other swag will also be available to win by attending and participating in events. You’ll see tables set up on campus, too, with more information about issues we are highlighting during WHM.

[Vaccination Registration Phone Bank](#) - Tue, 3/9 at 6:30pm
Volunteer to call folks throughout Texas to make sure they know where to register locally for their COVID-19 vaccine!



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STUDENT ORGANIZATION SPOTLIGHT



Missed the Student Organization Showcase event last week? Check out the recording [here](#).

WINTER STORM RECOVERY

- Students affected by the recent winter storm may be eligible for **UTA's Emergency Assistance Fund**. Those experiencing a temporary financial hardship resulting from this disaster can request a one-time award of up to \$500 to cover related expenses. Find more info [here](#).
- Apply for assistance from **FEMA** [here](#).
- Find **Arlington** storm recovery resources [here](#).
- Find **Fort Worth** storm recovery resources [here](#).

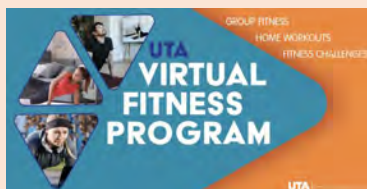
GET SUPPORT

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: [Chantinia.Chansler](mailto:Chantinia.Chansler@uta.edu)



YOU MATTER

Gimme a Break

This is one of those weeks where I spent more time trying to figure out a clever way to communicate with you than just saying what's on my mind. So, here it goes... Spring Break is on the horizon, and **I need a break!.. You need a break!**

I was going to convince you that it's break time because (1) we're still dealing with the pandemic, locked down, and severely under-socialized, (2) just had "Snowmageddon", and (3) if you're like me, still struggling to find a rhythm with this hybrid and online, virtual, Teams-based class thing. But none of that is a good reason to take a break... Do you know what is?

You need a break because you're human. It's just how you work. A break, some idle time, relaxation, and recreation are all shades of a basic human need for rest. Everyone requires it, even you!

So, as spring break gets closer, take some time to get clear on your needs, what you want to do to care for those needs, and then make some plans. Will you do that?

Children's poet Shel Silverstein once penned, "How much good inside a day? Depends how good you live 'em." This spring break live some good days: sleep, put an out-of-office reply on your email, go for a walk, sip some tea, rest, relax, and rejuvenate. You need it J

p.s. If you're still not sure, maybe you need permission. Well, here it is. This message comes straight from your BSW and MSW Directors. That's right! Professor Magruder and Dr. Praetorius, the leaders of your education and professional preparation, believe caring for your needs is so important to your educational and professional needs that they want all of you to start planning now for a real break on spring break.

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](#) 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 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.
- 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](#)

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. The fee is \$40.
- UTA is tentatively making plans for an in-person commencement ceremony May 13-15, but we don't yet have all of the details. As soon as we know specifics, we will share them. Please also check [here](#).
- [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: <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 and MSW Student Membership is \$60 for one year.

MSW ADMISSIONS

Are you graduating this semester with a 3.0 or higher and hoping to start the MSW program this fall? The priority deadline for fall MSW admission is **March 15th**, though 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.

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 cite](#) 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.

INTERESTED IN SUBSTANCE ABUSE TREATMENT?

- Are you interested in a career in substance use treatment? Want to get involved in the School of Social Work while learning about administrative leadership processes? Volunteer to serve alongside SSW faculty as we refine curriculum and processes for the new Bachelor of Science in Substance Use Treatment degree. Contact karen.magruder@uta.edu if you are interested in being a student representative on this committee!



VIRTUAL EVENTS OF THE WEEK

Disability Awareness Month

- Friday, March 5, 2-4 pm—the Department of Art + Art History and the Disability Studies Minor present the inaugural Dialogues panel: [“Art & Disability”](#)
- March 11-13—[Toyota NWBA Intercollegiate Wheelchair Basketball National Championships](#) (UTA’s Movin’ Mavs and Lady Movin’ Mavs teams will both be competing)

Save the Date! Evening of Black Excellence: Achievements & Graduation

Live via Microsoft Teams on
Wednesday, May 12th at 6pm.
Purchase your tickets [here](#)!



#CardsForCubs Card-A-Thon

March 12th from 12pm-4pm

Make handmade cards for kids in foster care! Find more info [here](#).

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

MODERN SLAVERY

A Decade of Innovation: Statistics in the Fight Against Modern Slavery

March 10, 2021
12:00 PM

Search WHM2021 in teams 🍀

For more information contact
WFSN@UTA.EDU

Speaker
Dr. Davina Durgana

THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT ARLINGTON
WGS WOMEN'S & GENDER STUDIES

women's FACULTY AND STAFF NETWORK

Women's HISTORY MONTH
Honoring the 100 Years of FEMINISM

Racism, Racial Bias, and 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

**Wellness Committee Wednesday
Heart Boost Virtual Lunch And Learn Event!**

Wednesday March 10, 2021 on Teams
1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Virtual School Social Work Discussion Panel

Date: March 10, 2020 @ 7:00 PM

Topics Covered:

- What is school social work?
- Daily tasks?
- Required skills?
- Benefits & drawbacks?
- Personal experiences?
- Clinical or Macro work?

Click here to attend:
[Microsoft TEAMS LINK](#)

Questions or Comments contact:
Rebecca Cole, LCSW
UTA and Student/GR A
University of Texas Graduate
School of Social Work
[rebecacole@uta.edu](#)

Featuring Guest Panelists:

- Emma Thompson, LMSW
Student Support Manager with Community in Schools
- Karen Lattrell, LMSW
Social Worker with Community in Schools
- Angela Sells, LCSW
School Social Worker San Antonio, ISD
- Joelisse Galarza, LMSW
School Social Worker with IDEA Public Schools
- Melissa Brown, LMSW
Elementary school Social Worker with Harlandale ISD

Social Work Educators Advancing Antiracism

CSWE proudly celebrates Black History Month each year and looks forward to doing that in several ways in 2021.

Today we want to highlight recommendations from CSWE’s Task Force to Advance Anti-Racism in Social Work Education. Convened in 2020, this group presented initial recommendations to improve social work education and prepare students to dismantle racism in their social work practice. [Watch that video and learn more!](#)



FUNDING

School of Social Work Scholarships NOW OPEN!

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

Part-time Bilingual Project Hope Coordinator Wanted!



THE PAT BRANDENBURG SCHOLARSHIP IN AFRICAN AMERICAN STUDIES



ABOUT THE SCHOLARSHIP

Pat Brandenburg, a UTA alumni, wants to help heal our nation's racial wounds by assisting promising students who are interested in African American Studies. Up to six \$5,000 awards are available. Recipients will be announced during "An Evening of Black Excellence: Achievements and Graduation" in early May.

For more information
visit [http://www.uta.edu/uta/aaas](#)
or call (817) 259-3330

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

- Full-time undergraduate student
- 3.0 cumulative GPA
- Minor in African American Studies (preferred)
- Earned a "B" in at least one course from CAAS (AAST 2300, AAST 3310, AAST 3320, AAST 3330, AAST 4330)

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

- Two short essays (no more than 500 words)
- Two letters of recommendation

Visit us on social media
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IG: UTARLINGTONCAAS

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.



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

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](#).

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](#)

Have you tested positive?

Had close contact with someone with Covid?

- Complete [mandatory reporting form](#)**
- 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](#).

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, an internship, 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 in specialty area (reading instruction, early learning, elementary education).

Additional information:

- These positions are seasonal positions with no benefits.
- Camp Leader salary is \$11 - \$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 6 weeks and is offered between 7:30 a.m. and 6 p.m.
- Both positions must commit to working the entire 6 week program.
- Attendance at orientation is required and will be held one week before the start of camp.

Hiring Fairs

Camp Leader Interviews

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

Sycamore Community Center

2525 E. Rosedale St., 76105

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

Victory Forest Community Center

3427 Hemphill St., 76110

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

Victory Forest Community Center

3427 Hemphill St., 76110

LSS Interviews

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

Victory Forest Community Center

3427 Hemphill St., 76110

Apply online before the hiring fair:
[careers.fortworthtexas.gov](#)



MANAGING STRESS AND ANXIETY DURING COVID-19 UTA COUNSELING AND PSYCHOLOGICAL SERVICES (CAPS)

THERAPIST ASSISTED ONLINE (TAO)

Visit [TAOconnect.org](#)



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Call (817)272-8255



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

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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 Ramsey Ave Fort Worth, TX 76105	Main Branch 808 North Elm St. Arlington, TX 76011	Westside Branch 1500 Hampshire Fort Worth, TX 76104
Marlin Branch 3123 Avenue G Fort Worth, TX 76105	NW Branch 2000 Ellis Ave 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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*"I ask no favor for my sex. All I ask of our brethren
is that they take their feet off our necks."*

- Ruth Bader Ginsburg