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WEEKLY UPDATE

April 5, 2021

SOCIAL JUSTICE SPOTLIGHT

April is Sexual Assault Awareness Month!

"Since 2001, NSVRC has coordinated the national Sexual Assault Awareness Month campaign observed every April. This year's theme is 'We Can Build Safe Online Spaces.' Join the campaign by accessing free resources at [nsvrc.org/saam](https://www.nsvrc.org/saam).

The goal of SAAM is to raise public awareness about sexual violence, educate communities on how to prevent it and bolster prevention efforts throughout the year. Free online campaign materials include resources on [online abuse and trauma](#), [digital consent](#), [keeping kids safe online](#) and [building safe online communities](#). NSVRC has also developed [virtual event templates](#) to help individuals and organizations host their own online events.

"Sexual Assault Awareness Month isn't just about raising awareness; it's also about prevention," said Laura Palumbo, Communications Director at NSVRC. "We can stop sexual harassment and abuse before it happens by addressing the bigger picture in which it occurs. The 'We Can Build' campaign calls on leaders and individuals to play a role in creating safe online communities and stepping in when harmful behaviors occur online."

Source: <https://www.nsvrc.org/blogs/nsvrc-marks-20th-anniversary-annual-sexual-assault-awareness-month-shine-light-building-safe>

**Support
Survivors**
*During Sexual Assault
Awareness Month*



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EXPERIENTIAL MAJOR MAP

We are excited to share the new Experiential Major Map (EMM) we have developed for BSW students! EMM's are designed to present undergraduate students with academic and non-academic enrichment opportunities for their respective majors. Please check out the Social Work EMM for tips and guidance on making the most of your educational journey!



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.

Interested in joining a Veteran and Military Connected group of students? The MAV VETS are here to get you support and connections to help navigate college life!



CONNECT WITH US ON SOCIAL MEDIA!

Instagram:

TEAMS:

Facebook:



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



Did you know as a student veteran you may qualify for free meals?

Meals for Vets is a program that provides student veterans who have low income with free daily meals.

Getting through school is hard enough without the stress of not knowing if you'll be able to afford to eat. Meals for Vets and The University of Texas at Arlington have partnered up to make sure you can get a daily meal to help fuel your success.

To qualify:

- Must have served at least 180 days federal active duty
- Provide proof of service (via us 20.314)
- Provide proof of all household income and benefits
- Meet low income qualifications

To learn more and apply, email: james.kumm@uta.edu



UTA Care Team

The Care Team is composed of Success Coaches that are here to help students succeed while attending UTA.

This includes academic and personal dilemmas a student may be facing.

Success Coaches are here to:

- Connect
- Advise
- Refer
- Encourage

Reach out to our Success Coaches today!

email: careteam@uta.edu

Division of Student Success



YOU MATTER

What's Your Calling?

I've yet to meet a social work student that didn't come to the program for a personally meaningful reason... Do you know your reason?... In all that you do in your education, are you working from that reason, purpose, or calling? If not, you're heading for trouble.

I've noticed a concerning trend among social work students where they can go through many years of education and training without being challenged, encouraged, and supported to think about, search for, wrestle with, and follow their calling. By the time these students reach the conclusion of their education, they aren't just unsure of what to do or what job to search for, they're not working from the heart, they're lacking passion, and they're already showing signs, or fully in the throws, of fatigue and burnout.

From The Book of Awakening, Mark Nepo shares sage advice from Carlos Castaneda that can be applied to the extended period of time you will spend and throughout the great range of experiences you will have in higher education:

*"Look at every path closely and deliberately
Try it as many times as you think necessary
Then ask yourself, and yourself alone....
Does this path have a heart? If it does, the
path is good. If it doesn't, it is of no use."*

It's been said that the difference between a profession and a vocation is the training, skills, and education, but, literally, that's not quite right. Social Work is considered a helping profession, but, maybe, again, that's not quite right. The word vocation comes from the Latin word vocare: to call, a call, a calling. At its best, quite literally, Social Work is a vocation. At its best, Social Work is the response to a calling.

We all hear a call. Whether you consider it your conscience, the voice inside, your soul, or God, something calls to and moves each of us to act. To better yourself, others, and all that may be accomplished through social work, I'd consider your response to this question essential: **What's your calling?**

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!

STUDENT ORGANIZATION SPOTLIGHT

Undergraduate Student Leader (USL) Program

Would you like to gain leadership skills, build your resume, and network with your peers, UTA faculty and staff? Want to make a difference in the School of Social Work by building community, facilitating communication, and serving as a mentor and advocate for your fellow students? Consider [applying](#) for the [Undergraduate Student Leader \(USL\)](#) program! **Applications close on April 16th at 5pm.** Questions about serving as a USL? Contact georgianna.goff@mavs.uta.edu



ADVISING

- Don't need a full advising appointment but have general questions? Join your advisor for their weekly Power Hour!
- If your advisor's appointment schedule is full, please consider emailing them for email-advising, or attend their weekly Power Hour. Please check advising appointments every Monday when new availability opens up for the coming weeks.

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

- **Summer Field Application closes Apr. 09, 2021.** Late applications will not be accepted.
- The Fall Field application is tentatively scheduled to be open April 12th-Jun 4th.
- **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.
- [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

- Our School of Social Work Ceremony will be combined with College of Architecture, Planning and Public Affairs, Division of Student Success and the Honors College. **The ceremony will be held on Friday, May 14 at 9:00 a.m.** at Globe Life Field.
- The **Virtual Commencement will take place on Sunday, May 16th at 5:00pm** CST through an on-demand website that will have auto-generated name calling, graduate slides, and videos from university officials.
- **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.
- 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.)**

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



Mark your calendars to join us on May 6 for the 4th annual Older Adult Mental Health Awareness Day Symposium! This free, all-day, virtual event will feature engaging plenaries, informative session, and a diverse array of topics addressing the most pressing needs in older adult mental health.

On Tuesday, April 27, 2021, at 7:30 pm, take a study break to tune into a free virtual performance by jazz musician, trumpeter and Grammy Award winner Wynton Marsalis.

- Are you interested social work opportunities in the criminal justice field?
- Open discussion with social workers in various positions in the criminal justice field across Texas.
- Discussion open to social work students



UTA School of Social Work Children and Families Committee Presents

Working with LGBTQ+ Youth and Families Through the Lifespan - A Panel Discussion



**Monday, April 5
11 A.M. - 1 P.M.**



Dr. Brittanie Ash
(she/her/thers)



Deyan Bae
(they/them/theirs)



Dr. Adam McConic
(he/him/his)



Dr. Dr. An Repner
(she/her/thers)



Angella Tankford
(she/her/thers)



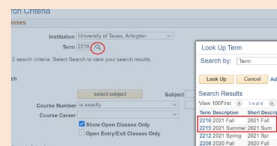
Dr. Micki Washburn
(she/hears)

Watch Here:
FB.com/UTASocialWork

Register Here:
bit.ly/397G0pM

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- **Registration opens starting April 5th.**
- When searching for classes, be sure to select the correct term. MyMav may default to 2218 (Fall). 2215 is Summer.



- Course Modalities will be listed under Course Attribute in MyMav. **If the Course Attribute is blank, this will be populated shortly**; UTA is worked to fix a glitch. More information about each modality can be found [here](#). Here are some examples:

- Online 1: Asynchronous
- Online2-Synchronous (live virtual class during times listed)
- Hybrid (Combination of face-to-face and live virtual class)

Course Attribute	Days & Times
ONLINE1	TBA

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

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

- Courses marked "BSW Online Students ONLY" are restricted to students in the fully online BSW program. For current BSW students, the fully online program is only available to students who live 50+ miles from the DFW area. For questions about the BSW Online, please contact velvet.denny@uta.edu

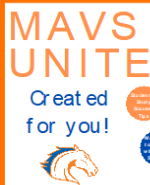
SOCW 3303 SOCIAL WELFARE POLICY AND SERVICES
Class # 55798 - Section 003 LEC

List of Texas Common Course Numbers

CLASS NOTE
BSW Online Students ONLY

[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	Marlin Branch 3123 Avenue G Fort Worth, TX 76105	NW Branch 2000 Ellis Ave Fort Worth, TX 76104	Panther Branch 1500 Hampshire Fort Worth, TX 76104
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All Are Welcome!

- Meals are available to any child ages 18 years or younger (residents of Tarrant County).
- Meals will be distributed as long as food supplies last.
- Each meal is available to be individually packaged means and are available to be organized.
- Meals are available to be organized.
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Contact Us!

For more information or questions contact:
Lafayette Dwyer
LDwyer@bgtc.org

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[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)
suicidepreventionlifeline.org

Learn the Warning Signs.

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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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*"Do things that feed your soul, not your
ego, and you will be happy."*

- Robert Tew