



January 24, 2023



SOCIAL JUSTICE SPOTLIGHT

January 24th is National Education Day!

On January 24th we celebrate National Education day!
On January 24th, let us celebrate National Education day!

This National celebration encourages current students to keep pursuing their education. No matter how complicated it may seem, anything is possible once you put your mind to it.

National Educational day also exposes the lack of education in different countries. Over 72 million children throughout the world are unable to access their rights of education. Throughout the 24th let us be thankful on how our right for education shaped each other! Let us understand how vital it is to help children seek a way to find free education.

For more information, [CLICK HERE!](#)

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GET TO KNOW YOUR USL!



YOU MATTER
New Year, New You

This is a new year within the month of January. There are many people throughout the world who would like to better themselves in 2023. It could be by going to the gym, learning a new hobby, improve on a situation, being aware of mental health, etc.

Many individuals expect change within a short time frame without giving it a chance. And so, many fail before a month or so end. Therefore, finding reachable goals is very important to seek in order to find change.

In the past, I've discussed how attitude play a huge role within the personality of oneself. Remember, your attitude reflects who you are. The way you dress; the way you speak to others; the way of your friends and your relationship with significant others depends on your personality.

Therefore, if you have a negative attitude, one major goal of yours is to change it to a positive attitude! With a positive attitude, you will be able to accomplish many things throughout this year. The only one that is holding you back is yourself!

What is your new resolution for 2023?

Warm Regards,
Andwelah Givens

BSW Student, undergraduate Student Leader, The University of Texas at Arlington



Stephen Silva

My name is Stephen Silva Brave, I am from the Oak Cliff neighborhood of Dallas, and I'm an enrolled citizen of the **Sicangu Lakota Nation**, also known as the **Rosebud Sioux Tribe**. This will be my second semester as a USL. This semester I will be part of the CSWE Substance Use Treatment Professionals Program and doing my field placement. I will also be completing my **undergraduate thesis**, which is focused on grassroots **Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women (MMIW) organizations**. I am the **Vice President of the UTA Native American Student Association**. Outside of school, I am a **consultant for Texas' first statewide Native American Studies course and work with North Texas' MMIW group** A USL will contract you by email or Teams so you may ask questions or get information on what's going on in the BSW/BSSUT community.



ADVISING

Need to meet with an advisor but there's no upcoming appointment available? Drop-in either in person or virtually on Wednesdays. To schedule your 30-minute drop-in time, click [here](#). Be sure to select in-person or virtual and your advisor. Remember, drop-in sessions are on a first come basis.

LICENSING

- If you're in your final semester and want to get started on applying to ASWB to take the LBSW licensing exam, [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? Scroll to the end of this [Licensure](#) webpage and click on the Texas LCDC Licensing 2021 PDF for a chart that shows how different education levels can prepare you for the LCDC.

MSW ADMISSIONS

Did you know that if you pursue your MSW at UTA within 6 years of graduating with your BSW, you can finish your Masters in as fast as 1 year? 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

Important Dates

Spring 2023

- **Feb. 1st – Field Applications OPEN**
- **Feb. 1st- Census Date**
- **March 13th-17th Spring Break**
- **March 31st- Last day to drop classes;** submit requests to advisor prior to 4:00pm
- **March 31st Field Applications Closed**
- **April 23rd-** Registration begins for Summer 2023 & Fall 2023.
- **May 2nd:- Last day of classes**
- **May 12th: Grades Due**

FIELD PLACEMENT Summer 23

- **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!
- If you are having technical difficulties with InPlace please email sswfield@uta.edu and include a screenshot of the issue.
- [Field forms are available here!](#)
- [Field FAQ](#)
- **Contact [Sharon Martin](#), LMSW, Field Advisor, with any questions!** You can also connect with her during her Field Power Hours every 1st & 3rd Thursday of the month from 3:00-3:30. [Click here to join the meeting](#)
- The Summer 2023 Field Application will be open Feb. 01 – March. 31st, 2023. These dates are subject to change. See the full Summer 2023 Field Education Calendar [here](#).

TITLE IV-E STIPEND FOR BSW/MSW STUDENTS

HOW TO APPLY

1 GET IN TOUCH

Start the process by contacting Stipend Coordinator Kimberly Evans at titleive@uta.edu or an appointment to discuss the application process and obtain an application form.

2 STIPEND APPLICATION & WRITING SAMPLE

Complete the stipend application and writing sample online, and return to titleive@uta.edu by stipend deadline.

3 LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION

Submit letter of recommendation from a UTA professor to titleive@uta.edu by stipend deadline.

4 PRELIMINARY INTERVIEW

Participate in a preliminary interview with UTA Title IV-E Stipend Program Coordinators.

5 FINAL INTERVIEW AND SELECTION

Eligible candidates will be invited to a final interview with Child Protective Services staff.

CONTACT US:
KIMBERLY EVANS, LCSW
TITLE IV-E COORDINATOR
titleive@uta.edu

VISIT US ONLINE:
UTA.EDU/ISSW

FOR STUDENTS WHO ARE INTERESTED IN:

* CHALLENGING AND REWARDING WORK

Students will be working with children, parents and families impacted by child abuse and neglect, and who are in foster and adoptive placement.

* FINANCIAL AID

Stipend amount offered through Title IV-E Child Welfare Programs are:
BSW Students: \$ 6500
MSW Students: \$ 7000

* INTENSIVE TRAINING AND SOCIAL WORK EXPERIENCE

No other field and work setting offers such wide range of opportunities to learn, network, and grow.

* POST GRADUATION OPPORTUNITIES

Students sign a contract with the Department of Family and Protective Services (DFPS) or Our Community Our Kids (OOCK) to complete a minimum of 8 months of employment with full salary and benefits.

IMPORTANT INFO:

* GRADUATION TIME IS CRUCIAL:

Students must have completed all course requirements and be eligible to graduate from their program in the same semester in which they receive the Child Welfare Stipend.

* SELECTION PROCESS IS COMPETITIVE:

Stipend applications are processed 1-2 semesters prior to students' final acceptance into the program. Contact kimberly.evans@uta.edu for the best time to begin the application process.

* BACKGROUND CHECK IS REQUIRED:

A final screening including driving record, criminal background check, online assessment and employment interview is conducted by DFPS.

* APPLICATION DEADLINE

FALL – APRIL
SPRING – SEPTEMBER
SUMMER – JANUARY

The Child Welfare Stipend is provided through the Title IV-E Training Contract, a federally funded initiative to enhance child welfare practice by infusing the work force with more BSW and MSW educated practitioners

The YWCA Support Group



YWCA Greater Austin is here to support you!

Counseling and Referral Center & Care Coordination

- Mental Health Therapy
- Trauma Resolution
- Parenting Resources
- Mental Health & Professional Development Consultations
- Non-crisis Warmline: Call (512) 548-YWCA (9922)
- Case Management
- Psychoeducational Classes
- Life Skills & Personal Empowerment
- Resource Linking
- Application Assistance
- Advocacy



*All services currently offered through telehealth

(512) 326-1222

info@ywcaustin.org

YWCAustin.org

Job Opportunities

Statewide Child Protective Investigator Virtual Career Fair

Same Day Interviews

January 24, 25 and 26, 2023

Please RSVP:

https://www.dfps.state.tx.us/Jobs/job_fairs.asp



Join Our Team

Working in Your Community to Build and Strengthen Families

Who we are

- We are Passionate
- We are Flexible
- We are Driven
- We have a Strong Work Ethic
- We Love the Work we Do

What we do

- Investigate reports of child abuse and neglect
- Work closely with community partners
- Promote safety and well-being of children and families

WHAT WE OFFER

- 100% employer-paid healthcare
- Health and wellness programs
- Retirement planning
- Tuition reimbursement
- Promotional opportunities
- Holiday / annual / sick leave
- Paid classroom and field training

Be Essential. Make a Difference.



We can change everything together.

HEALTH WITH HEART HAS OPEN POSITIONS!!

WE ARE CURRENTLY LOOKING FOR A VICE PRESIDENT AND SECRETARY FOR THE STUDENT ORGANIZATION.

THIS IS FOR MSW HEALTH CONCENTRATION AND BSW STUDENTS WITH AN INTEREST IN THE HEALTH CONCENTRATION.

PLEASE CONTACT BRIANNA MARTINEZ-RUTIAGA, AT BRIANNA.MARTINEZ2@MAVS.UTA.EDU FOR MORE INFORMATION.

BSW Degree Plan

Check out the BSW and BSSUT Degree Plan: Your degree plan is one of the best ways to help you stay on track toward your college goals. Your degree plan can help you plan future semesters more efficiently and communicate with your advisor. You can reference the degree plans to check if you have taken your required courses.


SCHOOL OF SOCIAL WORK
THE WORLD TALKS ABOUT CHANGE, BUT WE CREATE CHANGE.

Name	Course Number - Title	MAV ID	Credit	Enrolled/Completed
SOCIAL WORK	SOCW 1331/1331V (1331 for Freshmen) or SOCW 1330 (for Transfer Students)		3	
INTENDED	SOCIAL WORK PRACTICE SEMINAR I&II & STUDENT SUCCESS		3	
STUDIES	SOCW 3308 SOCIAL WORK PRACTICE I		3	
STUDIES	SOCW 3307 DIVERSE POPULATIONS		3	
SOCIAL WORK	SOCW 3309 SOCIAL WORK PRACTICE II		3	
MAJOR STUDIES	SOCW 3308 SOCIAL WORK RESEARCH METHODS		3	
MAJOR STUDIES	SOCW 3301 THEORIES OF HUMAN BEHAVIOR		3	
MAJOR STUDIES	SOCW 3303 SOCIAL WELFARE POLICY AND SERVICES		3	
(Must meet the BSW Major requirements to continue)	SOCW 3306 SOCIAL WORK PRACTICE III: MACRO PRACTICE		3	
	SOCW ELECTIVE ¹		3	
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SOCIAL WORK INTERNSHIP	SOCW 4451/4451 SW FIELD INSTRUCTION/ SW FIELD SEMINAR OR		9	
	SOCW 4452/4452 SW FIELD SEMINAR BLOCK PART I/ SW FIELD INSTRUCTION BLOCK PART 1		9	
	SOCW 4453/4453 SW FIELD SEMINAR BLOCK PART 2/ SW FIELD INSTRUCTION BLOCK PART 2		9	
	Total SOCW hours		54	
	Total hours for Graduation		120	

¹SOCW Elective Options (a minimum of 2 SOCW electives must be at the 4006 level):

- SOCW 3310 Environmental Justice & Green Social Work
- SOCW 3312 Disability and Social Work
- SOCW 3314 The Latino Experience
- SOCW 3315 Introduction into Substance Use Disorders
- SOCW 3320 U.S. Immigration & The SOCW Assistant Director
- SOCW 4314 Intimate Partner Violence
- SOCW 4330 Aging in American Society
- SOCW 4336 Seminar on Women's Issues
- SOCW 4370 Social Work in Schools
- SOCW 4371 Inequity and Incarceration
- SOCW 4391 or 4391: With Permission of the BSW Director, students may complete an Undergraduate Research Project or Independent Study for up to 2 Social Work Electives.

Students are responsible for enrolling in classes in MyBlue.
This document is not a guarantee that classes will be offered every semester.

Please meet with your academic advisor prior to registration each semester to stay on track with your degree plan.

Interested in the BSSUT program? Want to minor in SUT? The BSSUT degree plan details the required courses for this degree. If you have additional questions about this degree click [HERE!](#)

The Powwow Community



May 18 2023

27th Annual UTA Scholarship Benefit Powwow

VOLUNTEERS WANTED

Learn about Native American Culture while helping the community



When: March 18
Where: UTA MAC

If you are interested please email Stephen Silva Brave @sjs9624@mavs.uta.edu

The chance to volunteer at the Powwow event is a wonderful opportunity for educators, students, and community members to actively engage with and serve the local Native American community. Additionally, it will be a wonderful opportunity to experience a Powwow, one of our most important social-cultural events.

-The UTA National Native American Student Association



Upcoming Events within UTA



Study Abroad: Kenya



PROGRAM OVERVIEW

- Interactive Learning
- Train with 3 experts in the field
- Earn 3 Course Credits
- Taught at UTA and in Kenya
- Meets most UTA degree plans
- Enhance understanding of education in international context

Application Deadline:
March 2023

Highlights

- Visit the Kibera slums; Largest slum in Africa and 3rd largest in the world
- Explore the Thriving Tsavo National Park
- Experience the City of Nairobi

ESTIMATED COSTS

- Housing & Meals
- Training & Tuition
- Healthcare
- Airfare/Transportation

Eligibility

- Must be a UTA Student
- Must be in good Judicial Standing

Program Date:
Summer 2023

Program Leaders

Dr. Eusebio Small esmall@uta.edu
 Prof. Karla Arenas-Iltis karla.arenas@uta.edu
 Prof. Tracy Orwig tracy.orwig@uta.edu

COCE Kenya



START TODAY. APPLY NOW!

SECURE FINANCIAL AID FOR 2023-2024

JOIN US AT THE UTA FAFSA & TASFA NIGHT

EVENT DETAILS

THURSDAY, JANUARY 26, 2023
 4:00 PM TO 6:00 PM
 UC UPPER LEVEL - SAN SABA/PALO PINTO

*2023-2024 PRIORITY DEADLINE FOR UTA'S LIMITED INSTITUTIONAL AND STATE GRANT FUNDING IS FEBRUARY 14, 2023

*ATTEND TO WIN VARIOUS RAFFLE PRIZES INCLUDING A \$500 BOOK SCHOLARSHIP!!

RSVP HERE



Sponsoring Partners

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UTA Center for Service Learning

Faculty/Community Partner Service Learning Networking Social

Interact-Learn-Share

Wednesday, Jan. 25, 2023
 4:00-6:30pm
 Trinity Hall, Room 104

Networking, Beverages, Heavy Appetizers

RSVP



Open to UTA Faculty/Staff and Non-Profit Agencies
 CRTLE, Office of the Provost-Division of Faculty Affairs

NASW National Association of Social Workers TEXAS CHAPTER

ANDREW MARKS STUDENT ADVOCACY AWARD

NOMINATIONS DUE February 20, 2023

DESCRIBE

- Problem or Issue
- Population Affected
- Advocacy Action & Your Role
- Outcome of the Advocacy Action

SUBMIT
bit.ly/AndrewMarksAward_2023

PRIZE
 \$100 Gift Card for BSW and MSW winners!

Winners announced on Social Work Advocacy Day, March 3, 2023!

SOCIAL WORK ADVOCACY DAY (SWAD) 2023

Save the date!

March 3, 2023

Texas State Capitol

@naswtx_advocacy

naswtex.naswtx@socialworkers.org

NASW National Association of Social Workers TEXAS CHAPTER

[UTA Academic Calendar](#)

[Evidence-Based Practice Research Guide](#)

UTA First-Gen College Education Series

Thursday, January 26th - 12pm-1pm
University Center, Red River

UTA First-Generation Student Initiatives is excited to announce the UTA First-Gen College Education Series which will provide first-gen students with additional support to better navigate the college environment.

Join us for the opportunity to interact and engage with topics surrounding:

- Financial Literacy
- Academic Success Tips
- Career Planning
- Campus Involvement
- School & Work-Life Balance
- Campus Resources
- Networking
- Mental Health
- Time Management



UTA
Department of Transition Programs and Services

*If you need accommodation to participate, please contact the Department of Transition Programs & Services at 817-272-7130 at least 5 days prior to the event date.

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WWW.UTA.EDU/CAPS

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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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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 Maria Cruz mxc5965@mavs.uta.edu

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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211 S. Cooper Street, Arlington TX 76019
Social Work Program
(817) 272-3613

SAR Center

(Formerly Office of Students with Disabilities)

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"We Make A Living By What We Get, But We Make A Life By What We Give."
- Winston Churchill