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WEEKLY UPDATE January 31, 2022

SOCIAL JUSTICE SPOTLIGHT

National Black History Month

History

Black History Month was created by Carter Woodson, a historian from the twentieth century, who felt the role of Black Americans was not sufficient in the American history studies. Woodson was a part of an organization that explored and promoted accomplishments of Black Americans. In 1976, President Gerald Ford officially recognized February as Black History Month, which has now expanded to globally celebrated. President Ford encourage Americans to “seize the opportunity to honor the too-often neglected accomplishments of Black Americans in every area of endeavor throughout our history”.

For 2022, the theme is “Black Health and Wellness.” This will explore and showcase Black medical specialists and researchers.

Ways to Be Observe and be Involved:

- Learn about significant Black people and their influences.
• Participate in Black History Month events near you.
• Donate to charities that promote anti-racism equity and equality.
• Read books by Black authors.
• Visit Black history and culture museum exhibits.
• Watch Black history documentaries.

Source: https://www.history.com/topics/black-history/black-history-month



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# Make it happen!

Be a part of our special team of Encompass Hospice Volunteers. We care for our patients in the place they call home – a private residence, skilled nursing facility, or assisted living facility. Just a few hours a week can make a lasting impact on the lives of others.

### Volunteer Opportunity:

Direct Patient Care - Sitting with patients, reading, working puzzles, watching tv/movies and sharing life stories. Your time may also include Caregiver Respite where you will visit with the patient while the caregiver runs errands, takes time for themselves, or goes to appointments.

### REQUIREMENTS:

- Reliable Transportation
- Must be at least 17 years old
- Orientation with Volunteer Coordinator
- Volunteer a minimum of 2 hours per week
- Covid Vaccine
- Background Check, Drug Test, TB Skin Test  
(All provided at no charge to you)



If you are interested in this wonderful volunteer opportunity, please email Susan Tomlin at [susan.tomlin@encompasshealth.com](mailto:susan.tomlin@encompasshealth.com)

## NT DATES

2022

drop from 1st-8 week

drop from regular

of 2nd-8 week session

drop from 2nd-8 week

application deadline

## TUNITIES



### Interested in Serving the Profession?

Nominate Yourself for an Elected Leadership Position



(Picture: NASW Texas Board of Directors Secretary Nicole Willis, PhD, MSW)

Self-nominations are now being accepted for the NASW Texas 2022 Elections. Being a volunteer leader with NASW Texas is a fun and meaningful way to increase your leadership skills, serve the profession and network with social work leaders across the state. Any NASW Texas member in good standing may run for an elected position. Terms begin July 1, 2022.

[View list of 2022 Open Positions.](#)

[\(Use this map to locate your branch/region.\)](#)

The work of the association is not possible without our stellar volunteer leaders. Please consider nominating yourself for one of our open positions.

Application deadline is January 31, 2022 [Apply Here](#)



## ADVISING

- Need to meet with your 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.
- **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.

### BSW Academic Advisors:

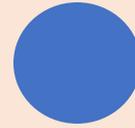
- Valerie Adame – [adamev@uta.edu](mailto:adamev@uta.edu)
- Sabrina Earle – [sabrina.earle@uta.edu](mailto:sabrina.earle@uta.edu)

## 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](#).
- **Click [here](#) for a recording of our Social Work Licensing Information Session, held in April 2021.**
- 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](mailto:leslie.reyna@uta.edu)



## FIELD PLACEMENTS

### General

- **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](mailto: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](#)

### Spring 2022

- The Spring 2022 Field Application is now closed.
- Read the Summer 2021 – Spring 2022 Field Accommodations [here](#).
- **All students have been placed.** Students should contact their [field advisor](#) if they are still awaiting placement.
- See the Spring 2022 Field Education Calendar [here](#). **InPlace fee is due on the first day of class**

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# EVENTS

# INTERESTED IN AL W



Date: Tue Feb 1  
TIME: 5:00 PM CST  
Link: [Click HERE](#) to Join  
the teams meeting or  
scan the QR Code



## What is Palliative Care?

Join us for our first-semester meeting as we hear from our guest speaker on Palliative Care!



Guest Speaker:  
Professor Michael Bennett



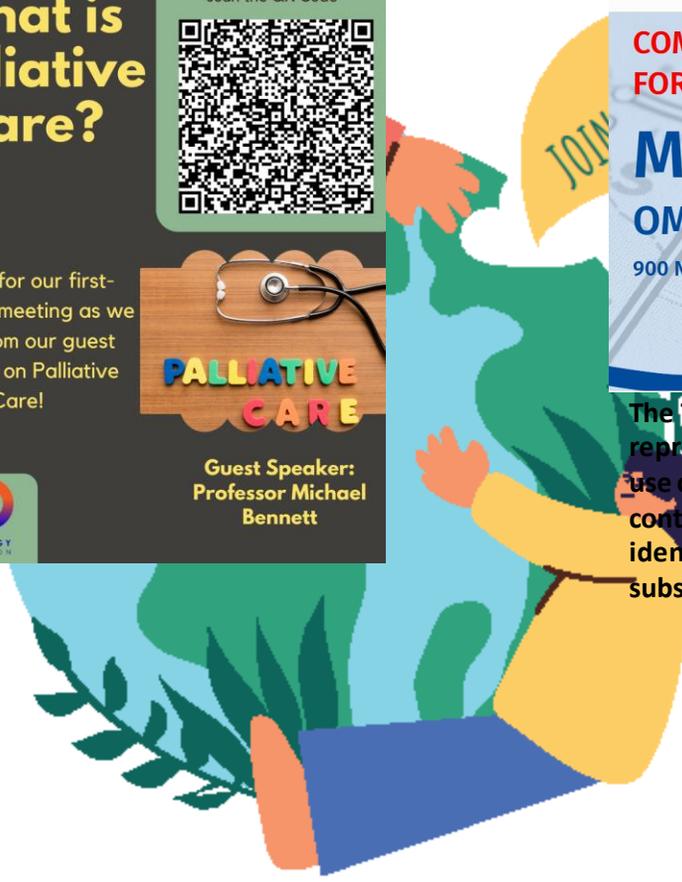
COMMUNITIES COLLABORATING FOR POSITIVE CHANGE

## MARCH 24 & 25

### OMNI CORPUS CHRISTI HOTEL

900 N SHORELINE BLVD, CORPUS CHRISTI, TX

The Texas Substance Use Symposium (TxSUS) represents a special time for our substance use community to come together and continue our work to strengthen the field and identify challenges and solutions for substance use. [Click here for more information.](#)



## STUDENT ASSOCIATION FOR MACRO SOCIAL WORK

JOIN SAMSW FOR OUR PEER SUPPORT MEETINGS ON THE FIRST MONDAY OF THE MONTH!

[CLICK HERE](#) OR SCAN THE QR CODE TO JOIN.



**FEBRUARY 7 | MARCH 7 | APRIL 4**  
**5:30 - 6:30 PM**  
**MICROSOFT TEAMS**

## Mentorship Opportunity

Arlington ISD is looking to set up some of their students with mentors. Help support our community schools!

If interesting, please reach out to Stephanie Tucker at [stephanie.tucker@mavs.uta.edu](mailto:stephanie.tucker@mavs.uta.edu)

get your team INVOLVED

WE HAVE A **PLAN** FOR YOUR CALENDAR

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| <p><b>BRING A GROUP</b><br/>UPCOMING EVENTS:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Fall Carnival: October 30, 2021</li> <li>- Thanksgiving Grocery Giveaway: November 20, 2021</li> <li>- Christmas Giveaway: December 18, 2021</li> <li>- Spring Carnival: March 12, 2022</li> <li>- Easter Basket Giveaway: April 16, 2022</li> </ul> <p>Which event can you see yourself at?</p> | <p><b>HOST A DRIVE</b><br/>WE HAVE A NEED FOR:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Candy</li> <li>- Groceries</li> <li>- Coats</li> <li>- Christmas Toys</li> <li>- Small Toys and Trinkets</li> <li>- Easter Eggs and Candy</li> <li>- Easter Baskets</li> </ul> <p>This covers all the materials needed for the rest of our events! Which need can you fill?</p> | <p><b>JOIN A CAMP</b><br/>SUMMER AND SPRING BREAK:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Spring Break Camp: March 13 to March 16, 2022</li> <li>- Summer Camp: June and July of 2022</li> </ul> <p>Join camp for a day or a week, which works best for you? Either way, book your date today, they fill up quick!</p> |
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## LEARN A NEW ADVOCACY SKILL WITH SPEAK & SKILLSHARE!

IT'S FREE!



[CLICK HERE TO LEARN MORE](#)

[Click Here for more info](#)

## Research Study on the Impact of COVID-19 on Latina Dreamers

- Are you a female DACA participant (Dreamer)?
- Are you currently enrolled in a 4-year college or university in Texas?
- Are you interested in discussing how COVID-19 has impacted different areas of your life?

If you answered “yes” to these questions, then you may be eligible to participate in a confidential research study exploring the experiences of Latina Dreamers during COVID-19.

If you are interested, please go to the link below or scan the QR code to complete the online screening.

[https://uhsocialwork.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_b17qCSovhSvYKIm](https://uhsocialwork.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_b17qCSovhSvYKIm)



If you are eligible you will be contacted within 48 hours by a member of the study team about scheduling an interview that will be conducted by Zoom. Your total time of participation will be about 90 minutes and you will receive a \$50 Amazon gift card for your time. Please feel free to share this link with friends/colleagues who may be interested in participating. Funding for this study was provided by the University of Texas at Arlington Center for Mexican American Studies (CMAS) Faculty Fellowship Program.

If you have any questions about this study, please contact the PI of our research team, Dr. Micki Washburn at [Micki.Washburn@uta.edu](mailto:Micki.Washburn@uta.edu) or at 832-498-14015. This project has been approved by the UTA Internal Review Board (IRB). For questions about your rights or to report a complaint, contact the UTA Research Office at 817-272-3723 or [regulatoryservices@uta.edu](mailto:regulatoryservices@uta.edu)



AY SAFE

## COVID-19 Testing



Students and employees coming to campus during the Spring 2022 semester must provide proof of COVID-19 testing by February 4, 2022. Tests taken before January 3, 2022, do not count. If you have any questions, please contact the Center for Health, Safety, and Wellness.

Testing options that meet the requirements received from an on-campus testing site are reported to the University with no charge. UTA's COVID-19 testing program is available if you should you need or want a test, even if it is not a UTA testing requirement.

Off-campus testing results will be accepted, though you will need to upload your results from an off-campus testing site to the COVID-19 Self Report portal in MyMav. If you have any questions about the portal, contact the OIT Help Desk. Please follow the CDC's [isolation and quarantine](#) and [Diagnosis Form](#).

Support services are always available to you should you need them.

## COVID-19 Vaccine

On-campus COVID-19 vaccine clinics are available on a walk-in-only basis and be held in the Maverick Center (Room 101B) in the Maverick Center.

Hours are from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

If you have any questions about the vaccine, please contact the Center for Health, Safety, and Wellness. If the clinics don't work for you, on-campus vaccine is not available in all communities. To find a vaccine near you, enter your zip code into the [CDC's](#) [Vaccine Finder](#).

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[Required COVID-19 testing and new protective measures for Spring 2022 \(English and Español\) \(uta.edu\)](#)  
Classroom density, updated info from university on testing and return to campus

## KNOW YOUR STATUS

No cost & confidential HIV testing

CALL OR TEXT TO SETUP AN APPOINTMENT!

PHONE: 832-476-6965  
EMAIL: [TYLER@HHHPTC.ORG](mailto:TYLER@HHHPTC.ORG)

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



# RESOURCES

## [UTA Academic Calendar](#)

## [Evidence-Based Practice Research Guide](#)



**Check Canvas for the MavsUnite Page!**  
**To add please e-mail:**  
**[Emily Clark](mailto:Emily.Clark@uta.edu)**

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

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

**THERAPIST ASSISTED ONLINE (TAO)**  
Visit [TAOconnect.org](http://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](http://uta.edu/caps) for more information

UTA is a COMMUNITY THAT CARES

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



**In Crisis?**  
**Text HELLO to 741741**

CRISIS TEXT LINE | Free, 24/7, Confidential

**Our Services**

**Peer-Led Team Learning (PLTL)**  
Small group and experiential learning to support student success and retention.

**Academic Coaching**  
Academic Coaching in the various areas of being students identify their strengths and weaknesses, then develop a personal study plan.

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Academic Coaching is a 1:1 service provided to improve your skills, habits, and study strategies.

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THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT ARLINGTON  
COUNSELING & PSYCHOLOGICAL SERVICES

**MAVS talk**  
24 HOUR CRISIS LINE

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

**UTA Library Accessibility**

**On-Demand & Live Fitness Classes**

**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](mailto: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)  
[suicidpreventionlifeline.org](http://suicidpreventionlifeline.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](mailto: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 Tuesday Darling: [tbd2290@mavs.uta.edu](mailto:tbd2290@mavs.uta.edu)

