



February 14, 2023

BLACK HISTORY MONTH

SOCIAL JUSTICE SPOTLIGHT

February is Black History Month!

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During this Month, let us celebrate Black History Month!

[What is the History of Black History Month?](#)

It started with Carter G. Woodson and the members of the *Association of the Study of the Negro Life and History*. They organized a week for African American History in the month of February 1926.

FUN FACT! They chose the month of February due to it being close to President Abraham Lincoln's birthday.

Black History Month stress the importance of freedom and history to pursue this. If it wasn't for heroes such as Rosa Parks, Martin Luther King Jr., Malcolm X, or cases like *Brown v Board of Education*, there would not be such things as: The Voting Rights Act, The Civil Rights Act, diversity, or desegregation.

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

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Get to know your USL



Kristen Kerr

Hello everyone! My name is Kristen Kerr, and this is my third semester serving as an undergraduate student leader. I am a senior graduating in May 2023. I am interested in becoming a community social worker in which I help impoverished and vulnerable communities, and work at local nonprofits. I plan on advocating for the social work community as best as I can. I will pursue my MSW in Fall 2023 with a concentration in community and administrative practice. It's a pleasure and honor to serve my fellow constituents here at the School of Social Work and I'm looking forward to getting to know you better!

-Kristen Kerr



YOU MATTER

Loving Yourself!

With Valentine's Day upon us, it only seems fitting to speak about love! Love is an important part of the human experience. The way we love others and the way we receive love from others are important indications for healthy relationships.

According to the New York State website, the signs of a healthy relationship include comfortable **boundaries**, open and honest **communication**, **trust** and **consent**. [You can click HERE to read more about what this means.](#)

Do you feel as though your romantic or platonic relationships lack any of these important aspects? In that case it may be time to have a difficult, but important conversation or even take some time to reflect on how you treat others.

When communicating about your needs, it may feel a bit awkward, however, it is important for the health of any relationship. It is always best to use "I statements" when communicating rather than using accusatory statements while actively listening to your partner.

So, on this Valentine's Day, I encourage you to think of healthy ways to love yourself and healthy ways to love others.



Best Wishes,
Jordon Ward
MSW Student, Graduate Student
Leader, The University of Texas at Arlington



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](#).

A New Beginning for all!



The University of Texas at Arlington's SOCW/NURS Building
HISTORY HAS BEEN MADE! The University's newest building is finally open to all faculty, staff, administrators and students! Since Social Work and Nursing have a lot in common with the wellbeing of the clients/patients, both majors are now combined into one building! According to Support UTA, "This building serves as a new center for interdisciplinary learning, encouraging students of both SSW and CONHI to think outside of their skillsets." This 15,000 square foot building is also a mixture of flexibility, state of art, and technology as a whole!

JOB OPPORTUNITY



Spring 2023 All Majors Job and Internship Fair

When and Where? March 1st from 12pm to 4pm in the Mavericks Activities Center
Open to all UTA students and alumni seeking full-time positions, part-time jobs, internships and field placements. Over 100 employers expected to attend!

ETHICAL PRACTICE WITH LGBTQ CLIENTS IN A CHALLENGING POLITICAL CLIMATE

FEBRUARY 17TH | 12-1 PM | ZOOM

PANEL & DISCUSSION



DR. BRITTANIE ASH
SHE/HER/HERS
FACILITATOR



DEVYN BOX, LCSW
THEY/THEM/THEIRS

PANELIST
UTA alum, Dallas ISD counselor, & former CPS worker



BRYAN MARES, MSW
HE/HIM/HIS

PANELIST
NASW TX personnel, & formerly a Health Policy Associate with Texas CASA



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MavPlanner & MavScheduler

Already registered for next semester? Don't stop there. Keep blazing your trail to graduation with MavPlanner in MyMav, UTA's personalized degree planning tool.



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.

THE WORLD TALKS ABOUT CHANGE, BUT WE CREATE CHANGE.

Name	Course Number - Title	MAV ID	Credit	Enrolled/Completed
SOCIAL WORK	SOCW 1331/563V 1131 (for Freshmen) or SOCW 1330 (for Transfer Students)		3	
INTENDED STUDIES	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	
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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		3	
	SOCW 4452/4452 SW FIELD INSTRUCTION/ SW FIELD SEMINAR OR		9	
	SOCW 4456/4456 SW FIELD SEMINAR BLOCK PART 2/ SW FIELD INSTRUCTION BLOCK PART 2		3	
	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 American Dream
 SOCW 3316 Social Work with Children & Families
 SOCW 4314 Intimate Partner Violence
 SOCW 4330 Aging in American Society
 SOCW 4336 Seminar in Women's Issues
 SOCW 4370 Social Work in Schools
 SOCW 4371 Inequity and Incorporation
 SOCW 4391 or 4391: 100% 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.
 This degree plan is subject to change.
 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 Open House Event



THE SOCW OPEN HOUSE EVENT



SAVE THE DATE!!!

SSW OFFICE OF ACADEMIC AFFAIRS ARE HOSTING AN OPEN HOUSE ON 2/21/23 FROM 11:00AM- 3:00PM IN OUR NEW BUILDING THE SOCIAL WORK SMART HOSPITAL BUILDING MEET THE DIRECTOR AND PROGRAM STAFF 11:00AM- 12:00PM OPEN HOUSE WITH FIELD AND ADVISING 2:00PM- 3:00PM

When is the Open House Event?

The Open House Event will be held on February 21st from 11:00am to 3:00pm.

Where is it Located?

The session will be held at the new SOCW/NURS Building. This building is located in front of the SEIR building. Address: 501 W. Mitchell, Arlington TX, 76109

What to expect?

An opportunity to learn more about the program and student organizations in a personalized way. You will meet the Undergrad Director, Dr. Allison Tomlinson and your awesome BSW advisors to engage in a Q&A Session all while meeting other students in the Program.

CONTACT US

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Upcoming Events within UTA



Learn mindfulness and practice meditation to effectively manage stress

MINDFUL MOMENTS UNDER THE STARS

TUESDAYS THROUGHOUT SPRING 2023

Feb. 14-28 and March 21-May 2
Tuesdays, from 12:45-1:15 PM

AT THE



Open to all UTA Faculty, Staff, and Students



Interested in macro social work?

The Student Association for Macro Social Work provides Peer Support & Professional Development for students interested in macro social work!

First Mondays 7-8pm via Teams
February 6 - March 6 -
April 3 - May 1



For questions, email monica.canizares@mavs.uta.edu

MAVERICK MONOLOGUES



WRITING & ORATION AUDITIONS

2023

TAKEN THROUGH FEB 24TH

SUBMIT YOUR STORY OR SPEAKER AUDITION. ANY GENRE OF STORY & RANGE OF VOICE IS WELCOME! CHECK OUR INSTAGRAM FOR SUBMISSION INFORMATION!

PARTNERING WITH:

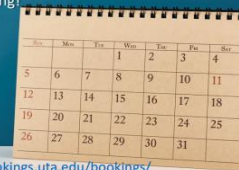


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Title IV-E Stipend Program

Interested in starting a career in Child Welfare? Learn more about the Title IV-E stipend program and its benefits by meeting with a coordinator!

Scan the code or click the link below to schedule your meeting!



<https://outlook.office365.com/owa/calendar/TitleIVStipends@bookings.uta.edu/bookings/>

Verieca Kusek Tells All: The Role of Social Workers in Hospice Care

The Gerontology Organization invites you **Monday, March 6th from 6:30-7:30pm** to join us as we host **UTA alumni Verieca Kusek, LMSW** to learn about her role and experience as a hospice social worker.

2 Options to Join!
In-person or Online via Teams
Refreshments served In-Person!

In-person: Rm 231 in the School of Social Work/
501 W Mitchell St, 76010
Online: [TEAMS LINK TO JOIN](#)





STUDENT SUCCESS COORDINATOR

[UTA Academic Calendar](#)

[Evidence-Based Practice Research Guide](#)



My name is Traecia Nichols, I am the Student Success Coordinator for the School of Social Work. In my role I work with students who are facing crises and need help accessing university and community resources. This section will consist of resources that are available to you as a student. If you are in need of resources or have any questions or concerns, please contact me at traecia.nichols@uta.edu

Sincerely,
Traecia

AVAILABLE RESOURCES

RVSP- Relationship Violence and Sexual Assault Prevention

The purpose of RVSP is to empower students who are victims and survivors of relationship and/or sexual violence to seek advocacy and support with assistance through the healing and justice process. The RVSP program is part of Student Affairs' commitment to creating a Community That Cares. RVSP also has a Confidential Advocate. The RVSP Confidential Advocate, Tiffany Bland (she/her/hers), facilitates a victim-centered, social justice, and trauma-informed approach to facilitate support and advocacy services for victims and survivors of sexual and/or relationship violence. When seeking support, the confidential advocate's priority is to ensure the student feels safe, is academically successful, and feels supported.

Contact information

Website email: <https://www.uta.edu/student-affairs/rvsp>

Phone: 817-272-3947

Address: Ransom Hall Suite 301 Arlington, TX 76019

CAPS-

Counseling and Psychological Services CAPS services are available to help students increase their understanding of person issues, address mental and behavioral health problems, and make positive changes in their lives. CAPS provides individual, couples, and group counseling. CAPS Psychiatry provides diagnostic assessment and ongoing treatment for psychiatric conditions, including medication and brief psychotherapy. Currently enrolled UTA undergraduate and graduate students are eligible for services. Please refer to uta.edu/caps for fee information. Contact Information Ransom Hall Rm 303 Arlington, TX 76019 817-272-3671 Maverick Activities Center Rm 212 Arlington, TX 76019 817-272-3671

[SAR Center](#)

(Formerly Office of Students with Disabilities)

If you have any questions or content suggestion for the newsletter, please contact Maria Cruz mxc5965@mavs.uta.edu



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

- Winston Churchill