February is Black History Month!

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!](#)
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

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
**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.

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**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 Licensing webpage and click on the Texas LCDC Licensure 2021 PDF for a chart that shows how different education levels can prepare you for the LCDC.

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**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)

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**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

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**FIELD PLACEMENT**

**Summer 23**

- All students, agencies, and Field Instructors should use this URL for InPlace: [https://inplace.uta.edu/](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](mailto:sharon.martin@uta.edu), 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](#).
The University of Texas at Arlington’s SOCW/NURS Building
HISTORY HAS BEEN MADE! The University’s newest building is finally open to all facility, 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!
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.

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!

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

THE SOCW OPEN HOUSE EVENT

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 event will be held at the SOCW/NURS Building. This building is located in front of the SER building.
Address: SSW, Hobbit, Jefferson, TX 75689

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 BSSW advisors to engage in a Q&A session with advising other students in the Program.

CONTACT US
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THE WORLD TALKS ABOUT CHANGE, BUT WE CREATE CHANGE.
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

UTA PLANETARIUM

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

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

WRITING & ORATION AUDITIONS

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TAKEN THROUGH FEB 24TH

FOLLOW OUR IG: @MAVERICKMONOLOGUES

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/TitleIVEStipend@bookings.uta.edu?showTag

Venieca 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 Venieca 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
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

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

**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. RSVP 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)

**“We Make A Living By What We Get, But We Make A Life By What We Give.”**
- Winston Churchill