



July 4th, 2023



SOCIAL JUSTICE SPOTLIGHT

Celebrating Independence Day

On July 4th, 1778, the Declaration of Independence of the United States was signed, thereby announcing the colonies' separation from Great Britain. On this day, it marked the beginning of America's Independence and has been known as America's Birthday. Today, the Fourth of July is one of the biggest celebrated federal holidays in the country. With a tradition of wearing red, blue, or white to represent the colors of the American flag, many come together to celebrate the historic achievement by hosting parades, fairs, concerts, and carnivals for the community. The most anticipated part of the Fourth of July is the fireworks displays at the end of the day. As we celebrate the day, it is also a recognizable day to pay tribute to those who fought or are fighting for our country. Independence Day is a day to reflect on the hardships we have overcome and faced through the years as a country.

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Get to know your USL



YOU MATTER

Aida Rachid (Intern)

Hello! My name is Aida Rachid. I was born in Kigali, Rwanda which is in Central-Eastern Africa. I moved to the U.S at the age of 8. I settled in Michigan with my family for thirteen years. I have been set on Social Work as my career goal and path since my Junior year in High school. Since I was young, I have always loved the feeling I get when I can offer support and help others around me like my friends/family. While in Michigan I attended a 2-year community college (Lansing Community College) for 2 years. In the summer of 2020, my family and I relocated to Texas. I am a transfer student. I started at the University of Texas at Arlington in Fall 2021 as a social work INT student. Now, I am in the process of finishing my last few courses of Undergrad. I will be graduating in the summer of 2023. Then I plan to further my education in social work and obtain my MSW also at UTA, I plan to get my LCSW (Licensed Clinical Social Worker) and start a private practice and then later go further to obtain a PhD. I plan to start my own private practice working with Sexual assault and domestic violence victims, and families. I would also like to work with abused and neglected children/adolescents.



Ready. Set. Go!

As we continue through the semester, we may become occupied with many situations. Whether it be work, school or personal reasons, remember that the journey is not a sprint, but a marathon. You may experience challenging times along the way, however, those moments can teach us valuable lessons. We encourage you to take this journey step by step and constantly remind yourself that **YOU MATTER**.

You have power over your mind
Our biggest enemy is ourselves
Understanding your potential

Mistakes are lessons in life
Attitude determines your altitude
Take the risk or loose the chance
There is no elevators to success, you must take the stairs.

Embrace your mistakes
Regret is forever, fear is temporary

Keep focus on the goals that you set for yourself. Each goal that you achieve is a foundation for the bigger picture.

Mayte Ledezma and Tamika Hayes
Undergraduate Student Leader Intern
BSW Student
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

Summer 2023

- **July 3rd No classes**
- **July 4th Independence Day & No classes**
- **July 21st Last day to drop**
- **August 10th Last day of class**

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](#)

Upcoming Events

UTA College of Nursing and Health Innovation
CENTER FOR RURAL HEALTH AND NURSING

Opioid Endemic & Sex Trafficking Awareness in Rural Texas



Guest speakers will discuss the opioid endemic during the event's morning sessions and sex trafficking in rural Texas during afternoon sessions.

Breakfast and lunch provided.
Contact hours available for
attending this event.

JULY 21, 2023
8 am- 4pm
SEIR Building,
Room 194

For any questions, contact the Center
for Rural Health and Nursing at:

crhn@uta.com

Registration

Limited to 100 in-person attendees. The first 50 participants from rural communities to register will be sponsored to attend.

Participants must attend the full day to receive **contact hours**.

Virtual attendance available.

Click here to
register now!

Join us for our *GSL* led YOGA SESSION

DATE: THURSDAY | JULY 06

TIME: 7:30PM - 8:30PM

MEETING LINK:
[HTTPS://TINYURL.COM/GSL-YOGA-MEETING](https://tinyurl.com/gsl-yoga-meeting)



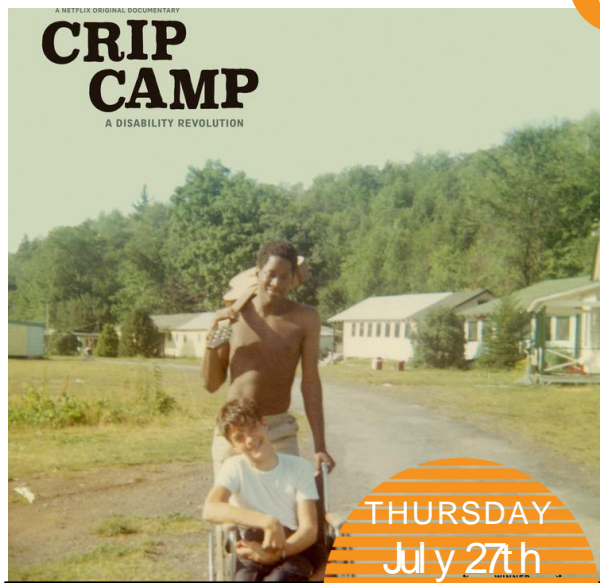
Scan here to join!



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YOU'RE INVITED

Save the
date



Summer Movie Series

Event Details

6-8 PM
ROOM 104 & 105
501 W Mitchell St
Arlington, TX, 76010

Joining Online? [Click Here!](#)

Follow-up discussion on
disability rights and Advocacy.
Crip Camp [Trailer](#)

Food will be served!

UTA School of Social Work

Deaf Coffee Chat



Last Thursday of every month
5:00pm - 7:00pm

Second Sunday of every month
3:00pm - 8:00pm

LOCATION:
Inclusion Coffee
101 E Abram St #110
Arlington, TX 76010





Career Opportunities



Are you looking for scholarship opportunities? You've come to the right place!

1. Enter this link into your browser:
<https://buff.ly/3qWM5AS>
2. Login with your UTA credentials.
3. Find a scholarship you may be a good candidate for and apply!



Become a MavTemp



For more info
click [here for MavTemp](#)

Summer & Fall Course Spotlight



UTA School of Social Work TITLE IV-E STIPEND FOR SSW STUDENTS

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 workforce with more BSW and MSW educated practitioners.

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN?

CHALLENGING & 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

BSW STUDENT \$6000

MSW STUDENT \$7000

INTENSIVE TRAINING & EXPERIENCE

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

POST GRADUATION OPPORTUNITIES

Upon graduation employment is available with the Department of Family and Protective Services (DFPS) or Community Based Contractors (CBC) with full salary and benefits.

IMPORTANT INFO

Must be eligible to graduate the same semester they receive stipend

Stipend applications are processed 1-2 semesters prior to acceptance

Driving record, criminal background check, and online assessment are required

HOW TO APPLY

1

GET IN TOUCH

Start the process by contacting us at julieve@uta.edu to discuss eligibility and if this is a good fit for you.

2

STIPEND APPLICATION

Complete the stipend application, and upload resume, writing sample, and a letter of recommendation from a UTA professor.

3

PRELIMINARY INTERVIEW

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

4

FINAL INTERVIEW & SELECTION

Eligible candidates will be provided a list of final requirements by Child Services staff.

VISIT US TODAY



How do pollution & climate change impact vulnerable communities?
What can social workers do about it?

Environmental Justice & Green Social Work Fall 2023

Topics include:

- Environmental Racism
- Ecological issues for children, older adults, women, and low-income populations
- Climate-forced Migration
- Natural Disaster Response
- Health & The Environment
- Ecotherapy for Mental Health
- Environmental Policy
- Micro and Macro Level Advocacy Strategies

All readings are free!
No textbook to purchase!

Course:

SOCW 3310/5310

Environmental Justice & Green Social Work

Modality:

Online- Asynchronous (with recorded lectures and optional live sessions)

Instructor:

Karen Magruder, LCSW-S
Assistant Professor of Practice
karen.magruder@uta.edu

Volunteers Opportunities



Study on the New School of Social Work Building

Seeking Participants – We Want You!

- We are seeking students to share their experiences with the new School of Social Work building.
- We want to know more about how you feel in the building, how accessible it is, and how teams informed it is.
- By participating in the survey, you will be entered into a raffle to win a \$10 De 5 gift card.
- You can take the survey on any electronic device (e.g., computer, cell phone, tablet, etc.), and it should only take about 5 minutes to complete. The first page of the survey will be the consent form. Please read it carefully, and by clicking "Accept" you will be electronically signing the form.
- You can access the survey here: <https://utmsu.qualtrics.com/j/jAWpGzZba?>

About the Researchers and the Project

- Megan Westmore, LMSW and Dr. Regina Probstman, PhD are researchers from the School of Social Work at the UT-Austin.

How Do I Become a Part of This Project?

- You are eligible to participate if you are at least 18 years old, a current UTA social work student, and have taken at least one in-person class at the new School of Social Work.
- Please contact us if you have any questions: [Email: regina.probstman@uta.edu](mailto:regina.probstman@uta.edu)



ATTENTION BSW STUDENTS!

THE SCHOOL OF SOCIAL WORK IS RECRUITING UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT LEADERS(USLS) VOLUNTEERS FOR FALL 2023!

JOIN OUR TEAM

USL VOLUNTEERS

- WORK DIRECTLY WITH BSW PROGRAM DIRECTORS
- SERVE AS ADVOCATES AND COMMUNICATION FACILITATORS FOR BSW STUDENTS
- CONNECT STUDENTS TO SERVICES AND RESOURCES

DEADLINE: AUGUST 11TH

SCAN HERE TO APPLY



NEED MORE INFORMATION??

EMAIL INTERNS

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STUDENT ADVOCATES for WELL-BEING

Become a WELL-BEING ADVOCATE!

Scan to apply!



About Us

Student Advocates for Well-Being is a group of undergraduate and graduate students who use their voice to amplify student issues and concerns regarding health and well-being topics to UTA administration.

Experience You Will Gain

- Public speaking
- Data collection and analysis
- Writing a white paper
- Advocacy
- Leadership
- Group development

Commitment

- No dues or fundraising
- Attend general body meetings
- Maintain membership for two consecutive semesters
- Work within a subcommittee



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dallas area rape crisis center

SUMMER VOLUNTEER TRAINING 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31					

★ 6:00-9:30 PM [VIRTUALLY]

★ 10:00-2:00 PM [VIRTUALLY]

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN PARTICIPATING IN OUR SUMMER TRAINING, PLEASE EMAIL: VOLUNTEER@DALLASRAPECRISIS.ORG

For more information [Click Here](#) or may contact [Anna Fagan](#)

UTA Health Services
DIVISION OF STUDENT AFFAIRS

Questions? Email: health.promotion@uta.edu

AVAILABLE RESOURCES

WEBINARS ON SOCIAL WORK WRITING (GUIDE)

- Write that policy paper
- Write that case study
- APA Style for Social Work
- Professional writing for field. [CLICK HERE.](#)

Summer Tutoring

Students can book appointments for One-on-one tutoring By using [TutorTrac](#)

Counseling & Psychological Services(CAPS)

CAPS assists students in increasing self-awareness, addressing mental health and emotional concerns, and making positive changes in their lives. [Link](#)

Student Access & Resource Center(SARC)

The SAR Center provides academic accommodations to students with all disabilities. [Link](#)

MAC SUMMER HOURS (JUNE 5 - AUGUST 19)

MONDAY - FRIDAY 6 AM - 10 PM
SATURDAY CLOSED
SUNDAY 2 PM - 10 PM

STUDENT SUCCESS COORDINATOR



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 need anything of resources or have any questions or concerns, please contact me at traecia.nichols@uta.edu Sincerely, Traecia

Emergency Assistance Fund

UTA students with a temporary financial hardship resulting from a sudden emergency [may apply for financial help.](#)

THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT ARLINGTON
COUNSELING & PSYCHOLOGICAL SERVICES

MAVS
talk
24 HOUR CRISIS LINE

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



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