

## TEXAS ARLINGTON SOCIAL WORK THE WORLD TALKS ABOUT CHANGE; WE CREATE CHANGE.

BACHELOR OF SOCIAL WORK BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN SUBSTANCE USE TREATMENT



# WEEKLY UPDATE July 11, 2022

# SOCIAL JUSTICE SPOTLIGHT

## July 18 is International Nelson Mandela Day!

On July 18, we pay tribute to Nelson Mandela who was a political leader, activist and one of the most famous anti-apartheid activists in South Africa. This day was chosen because it was Mandela's birthday.

He was imprisoned in 1963 for leading the liberation movement against apartheid. The court gave him a life sentence for this, and he served 27 years until he was released in 1990 by President F.W. de Klerk. He then went on to serve as President of the country from 1994 to 1999.

After his presidency, Mandela became a philanthropist with a special focus on education.

#### How to Observe

- Learn about the history of South Africa and the issue of apartheid
- Read a <u>book</u> by Nelson Mandela
- Donate to the <u>Nelson Mandela Foundation</u>

"Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world." – Nelson Mandela



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Sources: https://www.nelsonmandela.org/

# STUDENT SPOTLIGHT



#### Get to know our Student Leaders!

Hello! My name is Kristen Kerr (she/her/hers) and I am a senior in the BSW program expected to graduate in spring 2023. I aspire to become a community social worker in which I help impoverished communities and people who are struggling with mental health. I plan on advocating as much as possible and really enhance and uplift the social work niche.

After I get my BSW, I also plan to continue my studies and get my MSW right after. In my spare time, I absolutely love to volunteer and find new skills. My most memorable volunteer experience is volunteering at Genesis Women's Shelter with domestic violence survivors and The Salvation Army where I helped at the food pantry. I take pride in the work I do and make sure I always help others, especially people who rely on it. Social work was definitely a calling to me and I enjoy every second of it!

I am excited for this road ahead and the hard work starts now! I am honored to spend my undergraduate journey here because the UTA School of Social Work has amazing opportunities and connections that are lifelong. Thanks to all the professors/peers that have guided my journey. Interested in becoming a USL in the fall? Click here!

## YOU MATTER



# **Meditation & The Benefits**

Is meditation effective? I asked myself this question at the beginning of this year when I was making a list on new things, I would try for myself. I've always heard that it is great for a person's health for many reasons.

#### Reasons why you should try meditation?

- It reduces STRESS
- Since it reduces stress... it reduces anxiety levels too!
- It may enhance your self-awareness about yourself
- Improvements in attention span & reducing age-related memory loss
- Improve <u>sleeping patterns</u>
- It is accessible & don't need equipment

Try different forms of meditation to find your fit. Here is one of the first videos I watched a few months ago. I try to practice my breathing everyday in the morning to start my day off right. This is something I didn't think would make a huge difference, but it has become routine. I have seen my mood become more positive!



Interested in writing your own "YOU MATTER" section for others? Email: Olga.carrillo@mavs.uta.edu

#### COURSE SPOTLIGHT

#### How do pollution & climate change impact vulnerable communities? What can social workers do about it? **Environmental Justice & Green Social Work** Fall 2022 Topics include: **Environmental Racism** > Ecological issues for children, older adults, All readings women, and low-income populations are free! Climate-forced Migration No textbook Natural Disaster Response to purchase! > Health & The Environment Ecotherapy for Mental Health Environmental Policy Micro and Macro Level Advocacy Strategies Course: SOCW 3310 (Undergraduate) / SOCW 5310 (Masters) Environmental Justice & Green Social Work Modality: Online- Asynchronous (with Karen Magruder, LCSW-S Instructor: Assistant Professor of Practice karen.magruder@uta.edu SCHOOL OF TEXAS SOCIAL WORK ARLINGTON

## IMPORTANT DATES

#### **SUMMER 2022**

- July 21 Last Day to Drop Classes
- August 10 Last Day of Classes
- August 13 Commencement Ceremonies
- August 22- First day of Fall classes
- September 5 -- Labor Day Holiday
- September 7– Census Date
- Oct. 28-- Last day to drop classes; submit requests to advisor prior to 4:00pm

## **BSSUT SPOTLIGHT**

The Bachelor of Science in Substance Use & Treatment (BSSUT) "The degree will use a multidisciplinary approach to understand the biological, psychological and social aspects of substance misuse," said Scott Ryan, dean of the School of Social Work. "Its curriculum for assessment and treatment methods for substance misuse are based on evidenceinformed and research-supported practices that will enable students and future professionals to understand and treat individuals, families, groups and communities while preparing graduates for careers in this field."

Continue reading <u>here</u>

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For more info and FAQ's Click Here

Degree Progress Worksheet Click Here



- 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 <u>here</u>. 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:**

- Sabrina Earle <u>sabrina.earle@uta.edu</u>
- Kyleigh Easter- <u>kyleigh.easter@uta.edu</u>

### LICENSING

- If you're in your final semester and want to get started on applying to ASWB to take the LBSW licensing exam, <u>click here</u> to request the Dean's Letter for Licensure, which UTA will send to ASWB. More info can be found <u>on the ASWB site</u> and our <u>SSW licensure page</u>.
- Click <u>here</u> for a recording of our Social Work Licensing Information Session, held in April 2021.
- Interested in the LCDC? Scroll to the end of this
   <u>Licensure</u> 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 <u>here</u>. If you have any questions about the process of applying to the MSW, please contact <u>doloresbevins@uta.edu</u>



#### 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.
- <u>InPlace Training</u> and <u>Logbook Training</u> can be found here!
- If you are having technical difficulties with InPlace please email <u>sswfield@uta.edu</u> and include a screenshot of the issue.
- Field forms are available here!
- Field FAQ
- Contact <u>Sharon Martin</u>, 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.
   <u>Click here to join the meeting</u>



- The Fall 2022 Field Application is now open.
- Application Deadline is June 24, 2022.
- See the Summer 2022 Field Education Calendar for Block and for Split here.

InPlace fee is due on the first day of class

Spring 2023

- The Spring 2023 Field Application is open **October 03, 2022.**
- Application deadline is November 25, 2022
- See the Spring 2023 Field Education Calendar for Block and for Split <u>here.</u>

InPlace fee is due on the first day of class



#### The School of Social Work Virtual Clinic Need additional support? The School of Social Work Virtual Clinic offers FREE services. Support groups are offered virtually, weekly to BSW students. Please email SSWVirtualClinic@uta.edu for more information.







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#### SSW Community of Caring

Join us in a brave space for the UTA Sschool of Social Work community (students, staff, faculty) to support one another as we face local and global injustices. This month focuses on Roe V. Wade.

O Friday, July 15 at 10:00am to 11:00am Virtual Event

## GRADUATING THIS SUMMER? TAKE THE EXIT SURVEY



## LEARN A NEW ADVOCACY SKILL WITH SPEAK & **SKILLSHARE!** IT'S FREE!





## Click Here for more info

Book your session HERE!



## ACADEMIC **OPPORTUNITIES**





FOR INQUIRIES AND PROPOSAL SUBMISSION SWLSymposium@gmail.co

#### CALL FOR EXHIBITORS

Exhibition for the Social Work and Law Symposium is a virtual platform to provide information about an advocacy campaign, inspirational idea, cutting-edge research, services as well as personal and professional stories pertinent to the national audience. Prospective exhibitors will be solely responsible for the facilitation of their session and maintaining event

Exhibit types include visual displays in the form of posters, banners, pamphites, storied images, flyers, expressive arts (e.g., drawings, paintings, poetry, etc.), boks, and other types of information. Exhibits should be accompanied by a clear statement of purpose. Exhibitor should be prepared to respond to altendee questions during their 10-minute session.

Prospective exhibitors must submit proposals that are consistent with the virtual orientation of the symposium and this year's theme. Strengthening Pathways and Partnerships to Advance Empowerment, Justice, and Change.

#### SUBMISSION

General Guidelines: Proposals are to include the following information for consideration. Student submissions are encouraged.

**COSTS:** Regular \$45 before August 1, Regular \$55 after August 1 Student registration is Free. CEUs included. Certificates available at a cost of \$5 per certificate upon request.

## **VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITES**



CRIMES CHILDREN	Dallas Children's Advocacy Center	BECOME A CONFERENCE VOLUNTEER

Internationally recognized, the Crimes Against Children Conference is the premier conference of its kind providing practical and interactive instruction to those fighting crimes against children and helping children heal. At the last in-person event in 2019, we hosted 5,100 attendees from all over the world.

Must attend Volunteer Training.
<ul> <li>On-site responsibilities: Attendee registration, VIP Registration,</li> </ul>
room monitor and other duties as assigned.

#### VOLUNTEER TIME COMMITTMENTS

Thursday, August 4th	Volunteer Training	6:00 pm - 8:30 pm 12:00 pm - 4:00 pm	
Saturday, August 6th	Conference Set-up		
Sunday, August 7th	VIP Registration	10:00 am - 6:30 pm	
Sunday, August 7th	Attendee Registration	1:00 pm - 9:30 pm	
Monday, August 8th	Conference Day 1	6:30 am - 5:00 pm	
Tuesday - Wednesday, August 9-10th	Conference Day 2 & 3	7:00 am - 5:00 pm	

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Commitment deadline: June 10, 2022 No dropouts after July 8, 2022 mation, contact Bria Manning at bmar ng@dcac.org

ww.cacconference.org

#### PERMISSION TO CHECK RECORDS

DALLAS CHILDREN'S ADVOCACY CENTER BOARD MEMBERS, STAFF AND VOLUNTEERS

Purpose: The purpose of this form is to grant representatives of authorized Volunteer Organizations pe current volunteers, employees, and board members:

Criminal history check from the Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) and
 Check from the Texas Department of Family and Protective Services (DFPS) Central Registry of Child Abuse and Neglect.

uthorized volunteer organizations include: Big Brothers and Sisters of America, Child Advocacy Centers of Texas, Make-A-Wish Fo ica and I Have a Dream/Houston. This form is completed by the subject of the background check or a designee. Directions: The subject of the background check or designee reads and completes Sections 1-3, and submits this form to a Dallas Children's Adr Center Designee

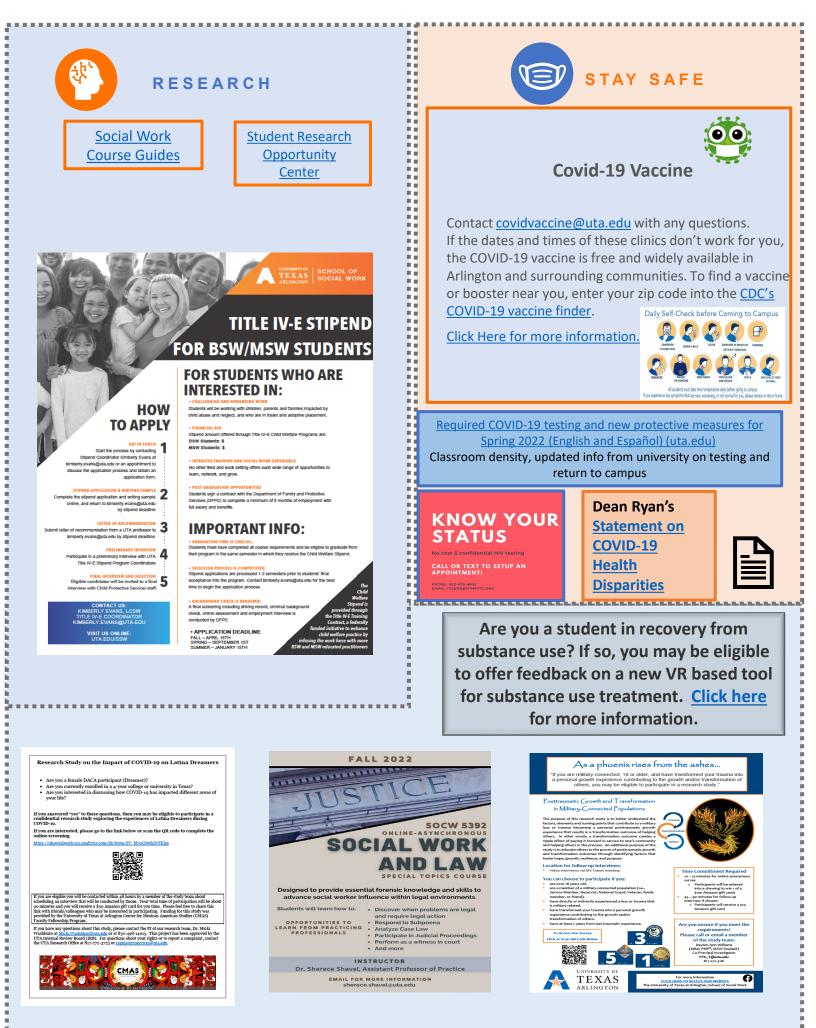
Board Member and Staff Designee: Julie Smith, jsmith@dcac.org
 Volunteer Designee: Bria Manning, bmanning@dcac.org

A note to Designees: The designee is responsible for ensuring the information provided by the subject in Section 1 is complete and ao information must be verified by viewing official documents provided by the subject of the check, such as a driver's license or social securit

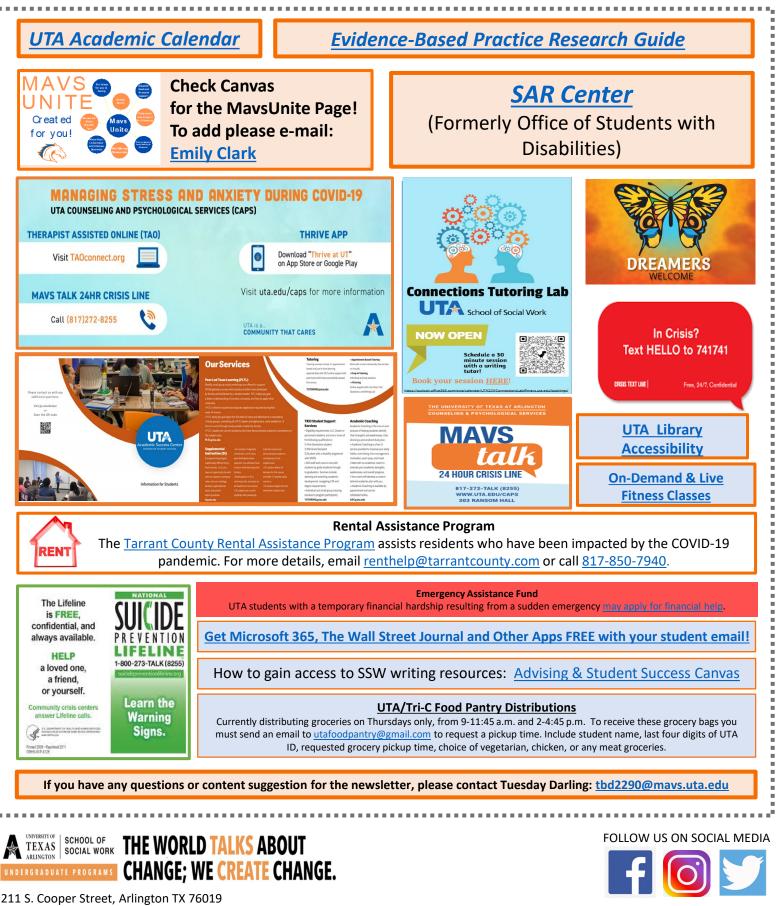


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# RESOURCES



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

"You must not be fearful about what you are doing when it is right"