



**July 18th, 2023**

# disability pride month

## SOCIAL JUSTICE SPOTLIGHT

### Embracing Abilities!

July is a month of celebration and awareness, it serves to highlight and honor the rights, achievements, and challenges faced by individuals with disabilities. Disability awareness pride month aims to foster inclusivity, understanding, and equality within society. Throughout the month, various events, campaigns, and initiatives are organized to promote disability awareness and educate the public about the diverse abilities and talents of individuals with disabilities. These celebrations not only acknowledge the resilience and strength of the disabled community but also strive to create a more accessible and inclusive world where everyone can thrive and contribute their unique perspectives and talents. July's disability awareness celebration serves as a reminder of the importance of embracing diversity, removing barriers, and building a society that values and supports the rights and well-being of all individuals.

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# Get to know your USL

## Emily Rappaport

Hi everyone! My name is Emily Rappaport, and this is my second semester as an Undergraduate Student Leader. I am a transfer student here at UTA. I am in the third semester of my BSW and hope to complete my MSW here at UTA as well, what practice would I focus on you ask? Well, that is the fun of Social Work, there are so many options; I am still curious what is out there! I hope everyone has a great Summer semester! I am so excited for this opportunity to serve other peers.



**YOU MATTER**

## Empowering Reflection: Utilize Journaling for a Productive End to Sum'23 Semester"

As your fast-paced summer semester comes to an end you can harness the power of journaling to navigate challenges, gain insights, and foster personal growth. Journaling is a simple and effective method of understanding your thoughts and feelings, as well as, managing anxiety, reducing stress, coping with depression, and identifying triggers. To incorporate journaling into your routine, follow these steps:

- 1-Designate a notebook and pen solely for your journaling practice.
- 2-Find a comfortable and distraction-free place and time that work best for you.
- 3-Explore different forms of expression, whether it's writing, drawing, or using prompts.
- 4-Personalize your journaling experience or seek inspiration from online resources.
- 5-Keep your journal in a safe and accessible location.

By engaging in consistent journaling, you can empower yourself to reflect on your experiences, gain clarity, and foster personal growth. Embrace the power of journaling as a tool for self-discovery and empowerment as you conclude your fast-paced summer semester.

Anadja Tamofu  
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](mailto:leslie.reyna@uta.edu)

## Important Dates

### Summer 2023

- **July 21<sup>st</sup>** Last day to drop
- **July 27<sup>th</sup>** Summer movie series
- **August 9<sup>th</sup>** Last day of class
- **August 10<sup>th</sup>** Final exams
- **August 11<sup>th</sup>** Final exams
- **August 21st** First Day of Fall Classes

## 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](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](#)

# Upcoming Events

Save the date

## Make a Difference



## Virtual Career Fairs

for Child Protective Services Conservatorship

### Who we are:

- We are passionate
- We are flexible
- We are driven
- We are essential
- We have a strong work ethic
- We love the work we do



### Join Our Team

Scan to RSVP today!

YOU'RE INVITED



## Summer Movie Series

Event Details  
6 - 8 PM  
ROOM 104 & 105  
501W 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** 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.

### 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.

**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](mailto:crhn@uta.com)

Click here to register now!

## DEAF COFFEE CHAT

Last Thursday of Every Month  
5:00 pm - 7:00 pm  
Second Sunday of Every Month  
3:00 pm - 8:00 pm

**INCLUSION COFFEE**  
101 E ABRAM SUITE #110  
ARLINGTON, TX 76010



ASL fluency not required, but hands must be up!

Questions? Contact Lei-Sea Sky: [leiseasky@gmail.com](mailto:leiseasky@gmail.com)

[mavthat.carrd.co](https://www.instagram.com/mavthat.carrd.co)



**We're Hiring!**

**Apply on Handshake**

**Peer Health Educator** 🔍

**Applications open NOW - July 16th**

Applications are now open until Friday, July 16th at 11:59



**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!

**max ScholarShop**  
Office of Financial Aid, Scholarships, and Veteran Benefits Certification



**UTA**

Become a **MavTemp**



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



**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** \$6300
- 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](mailto: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**

**Summer & Fall Course Spotlight**

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](mailto:karen.magruder@uta.edu)

# Volunteers Opportunities



## 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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## SUMMER VOLUNTEER TRAINING 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
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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



## 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 trauma-informed it is.
- By participating in the survey, you will be entered into a raffle to win a \$10 Pie 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://utaedu.questionpro.com/t/AWpGrZxba7>

### About the Researchers and the Project

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

### 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 in the new School of Social Work.
- Please contact us if you have any questions:  
Email: [meganrose.westmore@uta.edu](mailto:meganrose.westmore@uta.edu)

Link to the survey:

<https://utaedu.questionpro.com/a/TakeSurvey?tt=L8ldNOK2BlkEChrPelW9eQ%3D%3D>

## Hot Weather Safety Tips

# HOW TO STAY SAFE IN THE HEAT

Source: National Weather Service



STAY HYDRATED AND DRINK PLENTY OF FLUIDS



AVOID THE SUN AND STAY IN AN AIR-CONDITIONED AREA



NEVER LEAVE CHILDREN OR PETS UNATTENDED IN VEHICLES



WEAR PROTECTIVE CLOTHING AND SUN PROTECTION



KNOW THE SIGNS/SYMPTOMS OF HEAT EXHAUSTION/STROKE



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

## 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](mailto: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.](#)

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**MAVS**  
*talk*  
24 HOUR CRISIS LINE

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



[Link](#)

### Free Transportation



[Link](#)

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