July 26 is National Disability Independence Day!

On July 26, 1990, the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) was signed into law by George H.W Bush. The ADA National Network recognizes this landmark event and the important work to promote equal opportunity for people with disabilities. This law broke down barriers that people with disabilities were facing everyday. Changes that came along were to improve the safety and mobility of a person. This year ADA turns 32 years old!

**How to Observe**

- Share Your #ThanksToTheADA Moment on Social Media
- Read the history of the ADA [here](https://adata.org/ada-anniversary#:~:text=The%20Americans%20with%20Disabilities%20Act%2C%20opportunity%20for%20people%20with%20disabilities.)!
- Take ADA Trainings (Trainings are available in-person, webcast, and online) [Click here to find out how](https://adata.org/ada-anniversary)! 
- Get inspired, read about [Ed Roberts](https://adata.org/ada-anniversary), who was a leader in disability rights!

Sources: [https://adata.org/ada-anniversary](https://adata.org/ada-anniversary)
Get to know our Student Leaders!

Meet Katie Murrillo

Hello! My name is Katie Murillo (they/them), and this is my first semester serving as a USL. I am a transfer student and am currently in my senior year of the BSW program with plans to enter the MSW program Spring 2023.

I am interning at UTA’s Relationship Violence and Sexual Assault Prevention program for my field placement, and I hope to eventually work in the field of survivor advocacy once I receive my license. My passion for social justice and my intersecting identities as a Latinx nonbinary lesbian have informed the ways in which I navigate society and have played a large role in why I chose social work. Outside of academia, I love to spend time with friends, play video games, and spend time with my cat! I’m honored to serve as a USL and foster community and create connections with my peers!

Interested in becoming a USL in the fall? Click here!

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YOU MATTER

What is Living Mindfully?

Hello everyone, my name is Olga Carrillo. I am an MSW Foundation student, and honestly, I’m trying my best to juggle a work-school-sleep balance. This semester has been a tough one to readjust myself to only doing online courses and finding the time to implement self-care habits into my routine while finishing all my to-do list. The best advice I give myself those days “is to be kind to yourself”. I say this because you wouldn’t tell your friends they aren’t doing enough or criticize them harshly, especially when they look like they’ve had a tough day.

I think we often forget that we are human, and the simplicity in that is we aren’t perfect whatsoever. We were born to make mistakes and grow from them. The key element to this is perspective and how a person’s point of view can either limit what they see or helps them overcome obstacles. This is when I discovered what is “living mindfully” and being self aware of one’s actions, especially when needing to reach out for help.

Something I’d love to share with you all

I was listening to a podcast by “Savvy Psychologists”, Host Dr. Monica Johnson. It’s titled, “5 Building Blocks of Mindfulness”. Here she says that there is so much power in perspective. She says If we continously tell ourselves we are nothing, then you will shrink to match the reality you’ve created”, in other words these are faulty interpretations of our reality.

What do you think living mindfully means?

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

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 evidence-informed 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.”

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For more info and FAQ’s Click Here

Degree Progress Worksheet  Click Here
ADVISING

• 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 here. 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 – sabrina.earle@uta.edu
• Kyleigh Easter- kyleigh.easter@uta.edu

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 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

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.
• Click here for a recording of our Social Work Licensing Information Session, held in April 2021.
• 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 doloresbevins@uta.edu
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.

GET INVOLVED

STUDENTS FOR GLOBAL CHANGE (SGC)

Interested in making an impact regarding social injustices? Advocate for social issues? Join Students for Global Change (SGC) to start making an impact!

MEETS EVERY 3RD WEDNESDAY PDF EACH MONTH | 5-8 PM | TEAMS VIRTUAL MEETINGS
EVERYBODY'S WELCOME!

To participate, please register: https://forms.gle/lnHefgj55iBx1EXq

Follow us @SGCUTA - Students for Global Change

Email us at sgc.uta@gmail.com

EVENTS

Maverick FRIENDzy

This high-energy interactive event is the perfect way to make new friends (or reconnect with old ones) at UTA. Pizza and drinks will be provided to participants following the event. A great way for transfer and off-campus students to meet new friends. Open to all Mavericks!

O. Tuesday, August 23 at 4:00pm to 5:30pm

Brazos Park
601 S. West St., Arlington, Texas 76010
ACADEMIC OPPORTUNITIES

IPE Distinction Certificate

Interprofessional education (IPE) is “when students from two or more professions learn about, from and with each other” (WHO, 2010).

Have you participated in IPE activities while attending UT-A?

Want to be recognized for your hard work?

Apply for an IPE Distinction Certificate!

Requirements:
- Must have completed at least two IPE activities while attending UT-A
- Must be able to discuss the IPE activities in which you participated
- Submit a copy of your resume that includes the IPE activities
- Submit an example cover letter explaining how IPE has helped you prepare for a job

To fill out an application, click here!
 APPLICATIONS ARE DUE: July 15, 2022

Questions?
Contact: Professor Tracy Orwig
trac@utdallas.edu

CALL FOR PROPOSALS

The 1st Annual Social Work and Law National Symposium invites submissions on social work and the capacity of social work practitioners to address and lead forward novel strategies building together educators, researchers, community practitioners, justice-oriented leaders, and students for synergistic learning collaboration.

We seek dynamic presentations to build engaging workshops and interactive discussion focused on advancing knowledge, skills, and abilities around forensic social work practice, including the intersection of social work and law as related to this year’s theme: Strengthening Pathways and Partnerships to Advance Empowerment, Justice, and Change.

DEADLINE FOR RECEIPT OF PROPOSAL: June 15, 2022
See attached for submission instructions.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

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CALL FOR EXHIBITORS

Exhibitions for the Social Work and Law Symposium is a virtual platform to provide information about an advocate campaign, inspirational ideas, 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 connections.

Exhibit types include visual displays in the form of posters, banners, pamphlets, social images, photos, informative articles, drawings, carpentry, etc. (please, no fruit, vegetables, plants, etc.)

SUBMISSION

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

- Title of session
- Name(s), title, affiliation, and contact for each presenter (include phone number and email address)
- Abstract (250-300 words maximum)
- Learning area and learning objectives
- describing key learning outcomes (150 words)
- Summary of the impacts (150 words)
- Timeline of the impacts (150 words)
- Biographical statement for each presenter

Proposal should be saved as PDF files and submitted to Symposium Review Committee by email:

PROPOSAL@UTDALLAS.EDU

Deadline for submission is April 15, 2022. Notification about participation will be delivered by April 21, 2022. Registration is $50.00. A 15% discount is available for students. Registration begins at July 15, 2022. 44 accepted proposals must register to confirm virtual attendance no later than August 1, 2022.

COSTS:
- Regular $45 before August 1
- Regular $65 after August 1

Student registration is Free. ETS is included. Certification available at a cost of $15 per certificate by request.
Covid-19 Vaccine

Contact covidvaccine@uta.edu with any questions. If the dates and times of these clinics don’t work for you, the COVID-19 vaccine is free and widely available in Arlington and surrounding communities. To find a vaccine or booster near you, enter your zip code into the CDC’s COVID-19 vaccine finder.

Click Here for more information.

Required COVID-19 testing and new protective measures for Spring 2022 (English and Español) (uta.edu)

Classroom density, updated info from university on testing and return to campus

Dean Ryan’s Statement on COVID-19 Health Disparities

Are you a student in recovery from substance use? If so, you may be eligible to offer feedback on a new VR based tool for substance use treatment. Click here for more information.
MANAGING STRESS AND ANXIETY DURING COVID-19
UTA COUNSELING AND PSYCHOLOGICAL SERVICES (CAPS)

THERAPIST ASSISTED ONLINE (TAO)
Visit TAOnnect.org

MAVS TALK 24HR CRISIS LINE
Call (817)272-8255

RESOURCES
UTA Academic Calendar
Evidence-Based Practice Research Guide
SAR Center
(Formerly Office of Students with Disabilities)

Check Canvas for the MavsUnite Page!
To request a pickup time. Include student name, last four digits of UTA ID, requested grocery pickup time, choice of vegetarian, chicken, or any meat groceries.

Rental Assistance Program
The Tarrant County Rental Assistance Program assists residents who have been impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. For more details, email renthelp@tarrantcounty.com or call 817-850-7940.

Emergency Assistance Fund
UTA students with a temporary financial hardship resulting from a sudden emergency may apply for financial help.

Get Microsoft 365, The Wall Street Journal and Other Apps FREE with your student email!
How to gain access to SSW writing resources: Advising & Student Success Canvas

If you have any questions or content suggestion for the newsletter, please contact Olga Carrillo: Olga.carrillo@mavs.uta.edu

“You must not be fearful about what you are doing when it is right”
— Rosa Parks