August 9 is International Day of World’s Indigenous People!

August 9 is International Day of World’s Indigenous people; People gather on this day to bring awareness to world issues concerning indigenous people and recognizes the achievements and contributions of indigenous people in our society.

History
International Day of the World’s Indigenous People first began by the introduction of a UN Resolution. With intentions to raise awareness about indigenous groups, UN Resolution 49/214 became a reality on December 23, 1994. August 9 is a reminder of the FIRST meeting the UN Resolution had and therefore serves as the day to recognize.

Did you know?
• Globally, 47% of all indigenous peoples in employment have no education, compared to 17% of their non-indigenous counterparts. This gap is even wider for women.

• Indigenous women particularly suffer high levels of poverty; low levels of education and illiteracy; limitations in the access to health, basic sanitation, credit and employment; limited participation in political life; and domestic and sexual violence.

The Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA) is organizing a virtual commemoration of the International Day from 9 am to 11am (EST) on Tuesday, 9 August 2022, focusing on this year’s theme: “The Role of Indigenous Women in the Preservation and Transmission of Traditional Knowledge”. Indigenous Peoples, Member States, UN entities, civil society, and the public are all invited. Join with this zoom link!

Hello! My name is Aida Rachid. I was born in Kigali, Rwanda which is in central-Eastern Africa. 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. Ever since I was young, I have always loved the feeling I get when I am able to offer support and help others around me like my friends/family. I was inspired to be a social worker because of my maternal grandmother, who passed away two years. I grew up around My grandmother although she did not have much to offer to anyone, always made everyone feel welcomed and comfortable and would give the last thing she had. So, my choosing social work as a career path that allows me to make a difference in people's lives is like my lifetime tribute to her and it's the profession, I know I am passionate about.

Starting Fall 2022 I will be an undergraduate BSW Senior. Planning to graduate in Fall 2023. I plan to further my education in social work and obtain my MSW, as well as get licensed as a Clinical social worker (LCSW), and then later go further to obtain a Ph.D. I plan to start my own private practice working with Sexual assault and domestic violence victims, and families. I also plan to work with sexually abused and neglected children as well as adolescents. My long-term goal is to do mission work and travel to different countries specifically countries in Africa and be an advocate for the importance of the mental health and wellbeing of women and children. Outside of academics, there are things I enjoy doing in my spare time such as traveling, cooking/baking, Listening to music, and spending time with family/friends.

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

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Hello everyone, my name is Precious Bell. I am a BSW student. As we are wrapping up this semester and approaching the Fall semester, I wanted to share some tips on self-care and merriment making!

What is Merriment Making? Merriment making is the practice of having for no other reason other than having fun. It’s remembering that we get to do things instead of the mindset that we have to do things. It focuses on gratitude and happiness while not letting life be a chore. I found a blog and podcast that lists 50 ways to practice merriment, here are a few of my favorites:

1. Decorate your office/workspace
2. When running errands, you can create a playlist for each task
3. Ask a child about their opinion on a deep philosophical question
4. Write yourself a check for a million dollars and pin it on your vision board

For more information I have included two links below:

Sources:
- 50 Ways To Practice Merriment - Uncustomary

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.”

Continue reading [here](#)

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For more info and FAQ’s [Click Here](#)

Degree Progress Worksheet [Click Here](#)
A D V I S I N G

- 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

F I E L D  P L A C E M E N T S

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

L I C E N S I N G

- 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.

M S W  A D M I S S I O N S

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

Fall 2022

- The Fall 2022 Field Application is now CLOSED
- Application Deadline was June 24, 2022.
- See the Fall 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 here. 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.

E V E N T S

Maverick FRIENDday
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!
Wednesday, August 25 at 4:00pm to 5:30pm
Brazos Park
601 S. West St., Arlington, Texas 76010

Summer Virtual Student Employment Job Fair
Open to freshman, sophomores, juniors, seniors, and graduate students seeking on-campus student employment and off-campus work-study opportunities. See a real-time list of employers on Handshake. Dress professional and have an updated electronic copy of your resume to share.
Professional Development Trainings

Electronic Accessibility (#1)- Why, What and How
Wednesday 08/10/2022, 1:30 PM – 3:00 PM (1.5 hrs)
VIRTUAL
Interested? Click here now!

Making Accessible Word Documents
Thursday 08/18/2022, 2:00 PM – 3:00 PM (1 hr)
* Prerequisite: #1 Electronic Accessibility - Why, What and How

Making an Accessible PowerPoint
Thursday 08/25/2022, 10:00 AM – 11:00 AM (1 hr)
*Prerequisite: #1 Electronic Accessibility - Why, What and How

Women’s Equality Day
*In-Person Only*
Location
Planetarium, Room Date
Friday 08/26/2022, 12:00 PM – 1:00 PM (1 hr)

Making an Accessible PDF Document From a Word Document
Virtual Only
Virtual Only Date
Monday 08/29/2022, 10:00 AM – 11:00 AM (1 hr)
Prerequisite: #1 Electronic Accessibility - Why, What and How

A Day In Your Shoes
*In-Person Only*
Location
Library, Room Atrium Date
Tuesday 09/13/2022, 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM (2 hrs)

May Ally 1.0
Virtual Only Date
Thursday 09/15/2022, 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM (2 hrs)

GLOBAL ENGAGEMENT - INTERCULTURAL COMPETENCY TRAINING
Virtual Only
THURSDAY 10/20/2022, 10:00 AM – 11:00 AM

Visit the Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Professional Development UTA Website!
CALL FOR PROPOSALS

The 1st Annual Social Work and Law National Symposium seeks to harness emerging passion and wisdom to advance the field of forensic social work and the capacity of forensic social work practitioners. This is a nature forward event bringing together educators, researchers, community practitioners, justice-oriented leaders, and students for amplify emerging collaborations.

We seek dynamic presenters to lead engaging workshops and interactive discussions focused on advancing knowledge, skills, and abilities around forensic social work practice including the intersection of social work and law in relation to this year's theme, Strengthening Pathways and Partnerships to Advance Empowerment, Justice, and Change.

DEADLINE FOR RECEIPT OF PROPOSAL IS JUNE 15, 2022
See attached for submission instructions.

FOR INQUIRIES AND PROPOSAL SUBMISSION: JMH.Symposium@gmail.com

CALL FOR EXHIBITORS

Exhibits 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 connections.

Exhibit types include visual displays in the form of posters, banners, pamphlets, stored images, types, expressive arts (e.g., drawings, paintings, poems, e-books), and other types of information. Exhibits should be accompanied by a 250-word statement of purpose. Exhibitor should be prepared to respond to attendee questions during their 30-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 must include the following information for consideration. Student submissions are encouraged.
1. Title of event
2. Name, 100 words, affiliation, and contact for each presenter (include phone number of lead presenter)
3. Session type
4. Learning and learning objectives
5. Descriptive interdisciplinary, cross-professional or student collaboration (2 or more authors)
6. Abstract and adherence of the topics (100 words)
7. Description of the topic (200-500 words)
8. Summary of distinctive elements and technical requirements (150-200 words)
9. Biographical statement for each presenter

Proposals should be sent as PDF files and submitted to Symposium Review Committee by email (JMH.Symposium@gmail.com) in no later than June 15, 2022. Notifications about participation will be delivered by July 1, 2022. Registration will be available by July 15, 2022. All accepted presentations must register to confirm virtual attendance no later than August 1, 2022.

COSTS: Regular S50 before August 1; Regular S50 after August 1
Student registration is Free. ELTs included. Certificates available at a cost of S9 per certificate upon request.

NEW BSSUT COURSES

This Fall, All undergraduate students can take advantage of the new course offerings of the Bachelor of Science in Substance Use Treatment degree.

Course descriptions are available on the BSSUT Web Page.

BSSUT Program Course

BSSUT Course Options

SUT 3318 -Screen, Assess, Engage
SUT 3319 -Treatment Management
SUT 3321 -Substance Use Treatment
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.

Research Participation Opportunity

Volunteers needed for an exploratory survey of childhood experiences and well-being in transition-age youth.

Thank you for your interest and participation! We understand that your time is valuable. Participants who complete the survey will be entered into a raffle for one of ten $20 Amazon gift cards.

If you have any questions, please contact the research team at katharne.fahrenthold@msa.uta.edu or carolyn.lavelle@uta.edu.
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

UTA/Tri-C Food Pantry Distributions

Currently distributing groceries on Thursdays only, from 9-11:45 a.m. and 2-4:45 p.m. To receive these grocery bags you must send an email to utafoodpantry@gmail.com 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.

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