



WEEKLY UPDATE November 15, 2021

SOCIAL JUSTICE SPOTLIGHT

Military Family Month

Throughout the month of November, worldwide people celebrate Military Family Month. This month recognizes the commitment families make to their service members.

Spouses and children are often separated for long periods of time during training or deployment. Communication during this time can be limited. Families are also moving every few years, leaving a community they've grown with, and having to start with a new one. Military families create a foundation at home that gives our service people confidence and strength in the field.

Ways to Honor #MilitaryFamilyMonth

- Adopt a military family for the holidays.
- Offer to run errands for military spouses who may have their hands full with their children or even their pets.
- Volunteer or donate services to military organizations.
- Research how legislation impacts our military, veterans, and their families. Write and call your legislators.

Learning more [here](#)

Source: <https://nationaldaycalendar.com/military-family-month-november/>



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COURSE SPOTLIGHT

SPECIAL ISSUES IN SOCIAL WORK SOCW 4350

Relevant social work topics generated and explored in depth according to student and professional needs.

Prerequisite: Permission of the Director.

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

Environmental Justice & Green Social Work

Spring 2021

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
Environmental Justice & Green Social Work

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

Instructor: Karen Magruder, LCSW
Assistant Professor of Practice
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YOU MATTER

I Bet I Know How You're Feeling

If I was a betting man, I would put all my money on this: you're stressed right now, like really stressed! You have too many papers to write about too many things that don't matter to you, and too little time and physical, mental, and emotional bandwidth to do them. And while I would love to change this educational system into something much less stressful – stress is antithetical to growth and development and education should be exciting and inspiring– and into something more applicable, useful, and meaningful long-term – who remembers what they wrote in their papers last semester? - paper writing and the sometimes not very meaningful assignments is what we're currently stuck with. So, what can you do to relieve your stress and reconnect with interest, curiosity, excitement, and inspiration in your educational, professional, and personal growth and development?

Now, this is the time or place in these posts where I usually delve into various perspectives or methods you could try, but I'm not going to do that here. I can't. I don't know what makes you, you. I don't know what makes you tick. I don't know your interests, your curiosities, your deep and meaningful reasons for taking this educational, professional, and personal journey. But you do! What is it? Why are you here? Why do you want to learn? What do you want to learn? How do you want to learn? All of these things matter, and the more you're in touch with them, the more meaningful and exciting - and less stressful - this journey can and will be.

After you've really explored these questions for yourself, you may get to the point that you say, "you know what, this class or this assignment doesn't fit with my purpose and my interests." And you could very well be right. And if you're feeling that right now, consider something one of the most successful professors and helping professionals once told me about success in school: "Anything not worth doing is not worth doing well." Are all of the academic assignments you have right now worth doing well? Honestly, only you can know.

One of the biggest movements in education, currently, is inclusion. And that includes you! Search yourself, your heart, your soul, and find what matters to you. Some assignments, some classes aren't that important for you and your needs. I'm ok with that if you are.

Craig Keaton,

MSW | Doctoral Student | Adjunct Professor



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.

Mark Wednesday 12:00-1:00 [Click here to join the meeting](#)
 Valerie Thursday 11:00-12:00 [Click here to join the meeting](#)

BSW Academic Advisors:

- Last names A-C/S-Z: Valerie Adame – adamev@uta.edu
- Last names D-R: Mark Frazier – mark.frazier@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 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](#)

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.

Fall 2021

- The Fall 2021 Field Application closed June 4th. No late applications will be accepted.
- All students have been placed. Students should contact their [field advisor](#) if they are still awaiting placement.
- See the Fall 2021 Field Education Calendar [here](#). InPlace fee is due on the first day of class

Spring 2022

- The Spring 2022 Field Application will be open Oct. 01 – Nov. 26, 2021. These dates are subject to change. See the full Spring 2022 Field Education Calendar [here](#).
- Read the Summer 2021 – Spring 2022 Field Accommodations [here](#).

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

FALL 2021

- Nov. 8 Registration begins for Spring
- Nov 25-26 Thanksgiving Holiday
- Nov 26 Spring Field Application Deadline
- Dec 7 Last Day of Classes
- Dec 8 Student Study Day
- Dec 9 – 15 Final Exams
- Dec 16 – 18 Commencement Ceremonies
- Dec 16 – Jan 17 Winter Break
- Jan 18 - First Day of Classes

WEEKLY GROUP SCHEDULE

Weekly Virtual Support Group Schedule	
MONDAY	TUESDAY
6:30PM-7:30PM Military Women Empowerment Group	9:00AM-10:00AM Parenting During a Pandemic
WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY
10:00AM-11:00AM First-Generation & International Students' Success 1:30PM-2:30PM Accommodating for Success 3:30PM-4:30PM Promoting Healthy Habits 6:30PM-7:30PM COVID and Caregivers	6:15PM-7:15PM Building Better Interpersonal Relationships
FRIDAY	
10:00AM-11:00AM Men's Virtual Room of Recovery 11:30AM-12:30PM Women's Virtual Room of Recovery 6:30PM-7:30PM Active Duty, Deployed Guard and Reserve Group	

For inquiries or referrals contact us at SSWVirtualClinic@uta.edu

Presented by University of Texas Arlington School of Social Work



MILITARY WOMEN'S EMPOWERMENT VIRTUAL GROUP

Monday Evenings from 6:30-7:30 on Microsoft Teams
For inquiries, send email at SSWVirtualClinic@uta.edu

Presented by The School of Social Work Virtual Clinic

[Email Here for more info](#)

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GET INVOLVED

MAVS UNITE
Created for you!

Fun ideas for you & family
Ideas for food and financial support
Stress Relief
Resources and support for Veterans
Encouragement from Faculty & Students
Well-Being Resources
Mavs Hour to Connect with Fellow Students
Student & Study Success Tips

Contact Emily Clarke@mavs.uta.edu for more information.

[Email Here for more info](#)

Cocoa & Clubs
DECEMBER 2, 2021 | 12:00PM TO 1:30PM
ROOM B107

JOIN US AS WE CELEBRATE YOUR HARD WORK THIS SEMESTER WITH FREE HOT COCOA AND SNACKS. CONNECT WITH STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS AND MINGLE WITH FRIENDS, FACULTY AND STAFF.

MASK UP! Mavs UP!

UTA School of Social Work

For accommodations, please email Coral Simpkins-Mims at SSWSPECALEVENTS@UTA.EDU

MAVERICK PANTRY

Please help stock up the new Maverick Pantry! Donating any of the items below would be greatly appreciated.

- Pasta
- Pasta sauce
- Peanut butter & jelly
- Rice
- Beans
- Instant oatmeal
- Granola bars
- Dried fruit
- Canned vegetables
- Canned fruits
- Canned protein
- Shelf stable milk
- Feminine / period products
- Toiletries

Drop off donations to the Dean of Students Office, Lower Level of the UC, B150.

To schedule donation drop off by vehicle, email TAJ@uta.edu. We will gladly meet you in front of the UC to receive donations from your car.

#CommunityThatCares

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 | 5-6 PM | TEAMS VIRTUAL MEETINGS EVERYBODY'S WELCOME!

To participate, please register: <https://forms.gle/8nHefgf53IB1Exqa9>

Follow us @SGCUTA: Students for Global Change
Email us at sgc.uta@gmail.com

[Click Here for more info](#)

get your team INVOLVED

WE HAVE A PLAN FOR YOUR CALENDAR

BRING A GROUP UPCOMING EVENTS:

- Fall Carnival: October 30, 2021
- Thanksgiving Grocery Giveaway: November 20, 2021
- Christmas Giveaway: December 18, 2021
- Spring Carnival: March 12, 2022
- Easter Basket Giveaway: April 16, 2022

Which event can you see yourself at?

HOST A DRIVE WE HAVE A NEED FOR:

- Candy
- Groceries
- Coats
- Christmas Toys
- Small Toys and Trinkets
- Easter Eggs and Candy
- Easter Baskets

This covers all the materials needed for the rest of our events! Which need can you fill?

JOIN A CAMP SUMMER AND SPRING BREAK:

- Spring Break Camp: March 13 to March 16, 2022
- Summer Camp: June and July of 2022

Join camp for a day or a week, which works best for you? Either way, book your dates today, they fill up quick!

Win \$50!
Enter SPEAK's Policy Brief Contest!

We will be awarding a \$50 Target Gift Card to five submissions in each MSW track - that's 25 prizes!

CLICK HERE TO LEARN MORE!

[Click Here for more info](#)

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

RSUASIVE WRITING TIME MANAGEMENT ARTIVISM ADVOCACY

CLICK HERE TO LEARN MORE

[Click Here for more info](#)

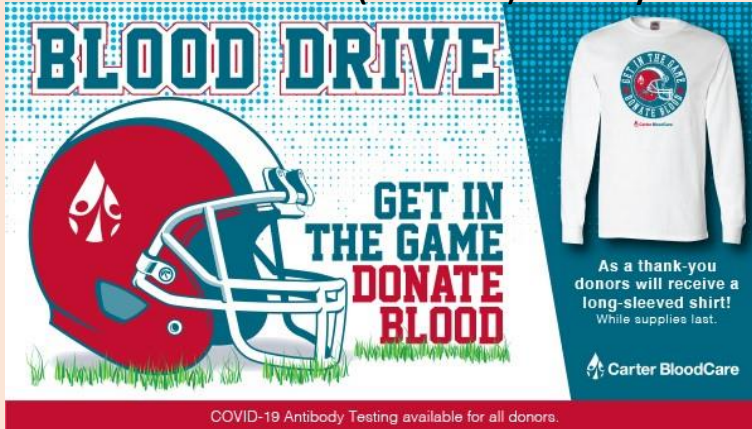
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EVENTS

On Campus Blood Drive

Monday, November 15 – Thursday, November 18

10:30am – 3:30 pm

****2 Locations** UC Mall (Woolf Hall) & Library Mall**


BLOOD DRIVE

GET IN THE GAME DONATE BLOOD

As a thank-you donors will receive a long-sleeved shirt! While supplies last.

Carter BloodCare

COVID-19 Antibody Testing available for all donors.



Are you struggling with writing? We can help! Tutors at the Connections Tutoring Lab are available for one-on-one sessions that guide you through the writing process and improve knowledge & skills that are essential for effective writing at the college level.



Beginning Monday, October 25th, virtual and in-person sessions will be available Monday-Saturday. Sessions are scheduled for 30 minutes each and will focus on the specific skills or questions you have about writing for assignments or papers.



Scan to book your appointment!

The SSW
Connections
Tutoring Lab
is NOW OPEN!

Please see the flyer for information and a link to book your 30 minute session—we have virtual and face to face slots available to meet your needs.

Ventana by Buckner

Thanksgiving Cards

Join us for an in-person event!!
We will be making Thanksgiving cards for Senior residents living at Ventana by Buckner in Dallas, Texas.

Thursday, November 18,
2021 at 7pm

Health with Heart

Virtual Career Fair

Same Day Interviews

November 18, 2021

RSVP - REGION03TAG@dfps.texas.gov

Who we are

- Child Protective Investigations
- Child Protective Services
- Adult Protective Services
- Child Care Investigations
- Human Service Technicians
- Administrative Assistants

What we do

- Protect children
- Protect adults who are elderly or have disabilities
- Manage community-based programs that prevent delinquency, abuse, neglect, and the exploitation of children and youth

WHAT WE OFFER

- 100% employer-paid healthcare
- Health and wellness programs
- Retirement planning
- Tuition reimbursement
- Promotional opportunities
- Holiday/annual/sick leave
- Paid classroom and field training

**Be Essential.
Make a Difference.**



We can change
everything together.



Join Our Team

Working in Your Community
to Build and Strengthen Families



Save the Date

Nov. 16—Cultural Competence & Behavioral Health Webinar

SAMHSA and the HHS Office of Minority Health will convene a webinar:

Advancing Behavioral Health Equity: CLAS Standards in Action

November 16, 2:30-3:30 PM ET

[Click Here for more info](#)

JOIN US ON TEAMS!

Wed. Nov. 17th noon

[Click here to join the meeting](#)

Spirituality & Social Work

Open Discussion

Topic:

The Spirit of Compassion



Faculty Rep: LaShaunn Bold, LCSW-S

Please RSVP: lashaunn@uta.edu

Spirituality & Social Work is looking for student organization board members. Come grow with us holistically. Exploring a variety of ideas about spirituality and our future clients.

CELEBRATE WITH US.

NOVEMBER'S

THURSDAY TALKS & TREATS

Come to the SSW courtyard with your lunch and grab a DESSERT on us!

Eat and discuss the state of affairs for a different cultural group each month and how social workers can support them.

November's celebration is for **American Indian and Alaskan Native Heritage Month!**

Thursday, November 18th from
12:00pm-1:30pm
Come and go event!



Annette Anderson, LCSW
Indigenous Institute of the Americas



Stephen Silva
BSW Student
UTA School of Social Work



Alicia Crook
Advocate for
American Indian Rights

Facilitators

[Email Here for more info](#)

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY



Volunteer Opportunity

JOIN US IN MAKING TEXAS HEALTHIER

HSC and Remote Area Medical – RAM – a major nonprofit provider of pop-up clinics delivering free, quality, dental, vision, and medical care to underserved and uninsured individuals – are bringing a free clinic to Fort Worth.

VOLUNTEER DETAILS

DATE
December 11 & 12, 2021

LOCATION
13901 Aviator Way,
Fort Worth, TX 76177

To learn more, visit: unthsc.edu/ram

Students, practicing professionals, and general volunteers needed! Sign up using the QR code below.

Register to volunteer at ramusa.org

Logos: hsc, RAM, Hill Country Medical Center, and others.

[Click Here for more info](#)

RESEARCH

[Social Work Course Guides](#)

[Student Research Opportunity Center](#)

Fall 2021 Students Please Join
UTA School of Social Work
Research Focus Group on Experiential
Learning and Multiculturalism

IN AND BEYOND THE CLASSROOM



Please check your email and newsletter or contact
Dr. Marie Salimbeni,
marie.salimbeni@uta.edu
for recruitment information

[Email Here for more info](#)

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 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](#)

David Waters
david.waters@uta.edu

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

Degree Progress Worksheet [Click Here](#)

Dr. Allison Tomlinson, PhD, LCSW-S
allison.tomlinson@uta.edu

STAY SAFE

COVID-19 Testing



REQUIRED COVID-19 TESTING

Beginning Monday, Sept. 13, students, faculty and staff coming to any UTA campus in any capacity will be selected [at random for mandatory COVID-19 testing](#).

Until further notice, 20% of our campus population, regardless of vaccination status, will be selected each week for testing. Notifications will come from covidtesting@uta.edu, and you will have seven days to get tested after being selected. If you have any questions, contact covidtesting@uta.edu.

UTA has a number of on-campus testing options that meet the required criteria and are free. Results received from an on-campus testing option will automatically be reported to the University with no further action required on your part.

Results from off-campus testing sites will be accepted, though you will not be reimbursed for costs. Test results from an off-campus testing site will be uploaded to the COVID-19 Self Report portal in MyMav.

Remember, if you test positive, please follow the CDC's [isolation protocols](#) and submit the [Personal Diagnosis Form](#).

UTA's COVID-19 testing resources are always available to you should you need or want a test; you do not need to wait until you are selected for random testing.

Covid-19 Vaccine

Click to [find vaccine opportunity](#).

Listen to UTA public health experts explain [why getting a COVID-19 vaccine is beneficial](#) for you and your community.

[Required COVID-19 testing and new protective measures for Fall 2021 \(English and Español\) \(uta.edu\)](#)

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

Flu Shots

Health Services recommends getting vaccinated by the end of October to be protected against flu before the start of flu season. [Email](#) the Immunization Clinic with your name, date of birth, student ID number, and phone number to schedule your free flu shot.

KNOW YOUR STATUS

No cost & confidential HIV testing

CALL OR TEXT TO SETUP AN APPOINTMENT!

PHONE: 852-476-0965
EMAIL: TYLER@HHSUTC.ORG

**Dean Ryan's
[Statement on COVID-19 Health Disparities](#)**



RESOURCES

[UTA Academic Calendar](#)

[Evidence-Based Practice Research Guide](#)

**MAVS
UNITE**

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for you!



Do you want to join Mavs Unite? Contact Daylin Williams (daylinw@mavs.uta.edu) to be added to Mavs Unite Canvas page.

**Check Canvas
for the MavsUnite Page!
To add please e-mail:
[Emily Clark](#)**

[SAR Center](#)

(Formerly Office of Students with
Disabilities)

MANAGING STRESS AND ANXIETY DURING COVID-19 UTA COUNSELING AND PSYCHOLOGICAL SERVICES (CAPS)

THERAPIST ASSISTED ONLINE (TAO)

Visit TAOconnect.org



THRIVE APP



Download "Thrive at UT"
on App Store or Google Play

MAVS TALK 24HR CRISIS LINE

Call (817)272-8255



Visit uta.edu/caps for more information

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Texas Health and Human Services
COVID-19 Mental Health Support Line

If you or someone you know is feeling overwhelmed by the COVID-19 pandemic, **help is available.**

Speak with a mental health professional for help dealing with anxiety, depression, stress, grief or worry 24/7.

Call the toll-free COVID-19 Mental Health Support Line at **833-986-1919.**

**DREAMERS
WELCOME**

**In Crisis?
Text HELLO to 741741**

CRISIS TEXT LINE | Free, 24/7, Confidential

Our Services

Peer-Led Team Learning (PLTL)
PLTL is a peer-led learning approach that provides support and encouragement to students who are struggling in their coursework. PLTL is a proven strategy for improving student success and retention. PLTL is a free service for students who are struggling in their coursework. PLTL is a free service for students who are struggling in their coursework. PLTL is a free service for students who are struggling in their coursework.

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Information for Students

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

[UTA Library
Accessibility](#)

[On-Demand & Live
Fitness Classes](#)



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](tel:817-850-7940).

The Lifeline is **FREE**, confidential, and always available.

HELP a loved one, a friend, or yourself.

Community crisis centers answer Lifeline calls.

**NATIONAL
SUICIDE
PREVENTION
LIFELINE**
1-800-273-TALK (8255)
suicidepreventionlifeline.org

**Learn the
Warning
Signs.**

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 Tuesday Darling: tbd2290@mavs.uta.edu



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CHANGE; WE CREATE CHANGE.**

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Social Work Program
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"Speak up if you want to bring change to the world."

— Dr. DaShanne Spokes

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