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WEEKLY UPDATE
August 30, 2021

SOCIAL JUSTICE SPOTLIGHT

National Grief Awareness Day
August 30, 2021

In 2014, Angie Cartwright started this day due to a life filled with much grief and pain. She realized there was a stigma attached by peers to those who were grieving, and they were expected to grieve in silent. Angie realized the negative affect this could cause and wanted to make aware how to properly address grief because everyone will face it in their lives. It has become a national movement helped to educated and promote compassions for others.

Continue reading [here](#)

Stage of Grief

- Denial and Isolation
- Anger
- Bargaining
- Depression
- Acceptance

Ways you can celebrate this day are by helping those who are grieving, being present for them. You can also share your grief story on social medial and use #GriefAwarenessDay in your post

Source: <https://www.tributearchive.com/blog/58ec3dee-20c2-4f87-b843-ff0ab16613c0/The-Complete-Guide-To-National-Grief-Awareness-Day>



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Welcome Back from the Director of Undergraduate Programs

Hello BSW & BSSUT Mavericks,

As the new Director of Undergraduate Programs, I would like to welcome you back to campus for the start of the 2021-2022 academic year in the School of Social Work! We are excited about the return to in person learning and the launch of so many wonderful Baccalaureate programs. I would also like to welcome to the new students in the Bachelor of Science in Substance Use Treatment (BSSUT) Program, and to our new BSW- Online students. We hope that whether you are learning remotely or in-person, you will participate in all that the School of Social Work has to offer this term in our constantly changing world of health and safety risk management. We hope that you are returning to campus with a renewed mind and spirit and that you are eager to embrace the changes we have seen over the last year. I am eager to start getting to know you all in my role as Director and I am hopeful to meet many of you at our BSW Welcome!

This year many of you will venture back out to face-to-face classes, internships, or expand your social repertoire. As we continue to navigate pandemic realities and face new challenges let's embrace the resilience and insight change brings. As Mother Teresa once said, "I alone cannot change the world, but I can cast a stone across the waters to create many ripples." In the next leg of your social work journey, you will cast the ripples that help you grow, advance knowledge in our field, and encourage each other as classmates. I look forward to working with you all and the bright year ahead in our Bachelors programs.

-Dr. Tomlinson



YOU MATTER

What Matters?

Welcome back for a new semester of school! The beginning of the semester is always an exciting time. Although, as we often hit the ground running, very soon you will quickly hear all about and be required to acclimate to what's important to others: the expectations and aims of your professors and field supervisors and the various assignments, projects, and tasks you will be given. **However, to be most successful, you must have a clear vision for your own personal aims, goals, and expectations. You need to be clear on what matters to you. What matters to you matters most!**

Roman philosopher, Seneca, said "Our plans miscarry because we have no aim. When an individual does not know what harbor they are making for, no wind is the right wind." Where do you want to go? How do you want to get there? And what do you need to do so?

Beyond letter grades and GPA, what are your personal aims this semester, both in and beyond school? (Hint: the more specific, the better)

In life:

- Why am I in school?
- How do I want to grow and develop – personally?
- What matters to me?
- What are my personal priorities?
- What are my personal values? (Social Work has values; what are yours?)
- What do I want to accomplish that I cannot accomplish through school only?
- What other ways, beyond school, do I want to learn and grow?
- What do I need to do all of this?
- When so many people and things have an agenda, how can I stay connected to and living from my values, my priorities?

In school:

- How do I want to develop professionally?
- How do I want to be professionally?
- Who do I want to be professionally?
- What do I want to learn or experience in each of my specific classes?
- What do I want to learn, do, and experience in my field placement this semester?
- What matters to me?
- What are my personal priorities for school?
- What can and will I do to align my actions with my school priorities?

Reflect on these questions and any others that are important to you. For any questions that are important to you: journal, take notes, make lists, create a vision board, do whatever is good for you to get clear on your aims and moving in a personally meaningful direction.

This is your journey. Where you want to go and how you want to get there matters. You matter!

Cheers to a great semester!

Craig Keaton

MSW | Doctoral Student | Adjunct Professor

STUDENT ORGANIZATION SPOTLIGHT

JOIN UTA VOLUNTEERS



Apply Now!

Deadline September 3rd

Want to grow your skills as an advocate and servant leader? Apply for UTA Volunteers and put advocacy into action.

UTA Volunteers is a group of passionate students that plans and implements volunteer and community service programs for UTA and the surrounding community. Our purpose is to promote active citizenship and strengthen our community by creating a role for students to become involved in community service and provide tools and resources to the UTA community by building advocacy and servant leadership skills.

Learn more about us [here](#).

You're invited
UTA
MILITARY AND VETERAN SERVICES
FALL 2021
WELCOME & RESOURCE FAIR
Wednesday September 8, 2021
10:00am - 2:00pm
UTA Military and Veteran Services Center
back parking lot
406 Summit Ave. Arlington, TX 76019
UTA campus corner of
UTA BLVD & Summit Ave.
FREE
Pokey's Ice Cream Cookies
Shaved Ice
T-Shirts
Fun for the whole family
Challenge
OF TARRANT COUNTY
UTA
MILITARY AND
VETERAN SERVICES

Please
Join
us!





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: Valerie Adame – adamev@uta.edu
- Last names D-Me: Mark Frazier – mark.frazier@uta.edu
- Last names Mi-Z: Patrice Green- patrice.green@uta.edu

Keiana Crain is no longer with UTA. Until her position is filled, please contact Patrice Green



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

- **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

- **Aug. 30 Late Registration Ends**
- Sep. 6 Labor Day Holiday
- Sep. 10 Census Date
- Nov. 5 Last Day to Drop Classes

COURSE REGISTRATION

- **Fall registration is open.**
- We are continuing to review course seats and waitlists to determine if classes need to be cancelled or added to the schedule
- Courses marked "BSW Online Students ONLY" are restricted to students in the fully online BSW program. If you would like to switch into the fully online program, please contact your academic advisor and complete [this survey](#).
- For questions about the BSW Online program, please contact david.waters@uta.edu
- If one of your courses is cancelled and you need assistance finding a different class, please contact your academic advisor
- **Late Course Registration is open until Aug 30th**



WELCOME EVENTS

SSW WELCOME WEEK SCHEDULE

AUG. 25-31

FACE MASK ENCOURAGED

WEDNESDAY (25) BREAKFAST WITH SSW 8AM - 12PM SSW 1ST FLOOR	WEDNESDAY (25) MSW WELCOME 9AM - 3PM SSW B-107
THURSDAY (26) BREAKFAST WITH SSW 8AM - 12PM SSW 1ST FLOOR	THURSDAY (26) BSW WELCOME 9AM - 3PM SSW B-107
THURSDAY (26) RIDING BACK TO CAMPUS-BBQ 11:30AM - 1:30PM BRAZOS PARK	
FRIDAY (27) USL/GSL KICKOFF 12PM - 4PM SSW 1ST FLOOR	
MONDAY (30) FIELD EDUCATION/ ADVISING WELCOME 9AM - 5PM SSW 3RD FLOOR	TUESDAY (31) SWC SPIRIT BOOTH 12PM SSW 1ST FLOOR

GET CONNECTED AND LEARN ABOUT ALL OF OUR RESOURCES AND PROGRAMS.

UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS ARLINGTON
SCHOOL OF SOCIAL WORK

AUGUST 30th

- ❖ FIELD EDUCATION / ADVISING WELCOME

AUGUST 31st

- ❖ SWC SPIRIT BOOTH

UTA School of Social Work

FIELD EDUCATION & ADVISING WELCOME!



AUGUST 30, 9AM TO 5PM
SSW 3RD FLOOR

UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS ARLINGTON
SCHOOL OF SOCIAL WORK

SOCIAL WORK COUNCIL SPIRIT BOOTH

Tuesday, August 31
12pm
SSW 1st Floor

SHOW YOUR SPIRIT

UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS ARLINGTON
SCHOOL OF SOCIAL WORK

UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS ARLINGTON

SUPER SERVICE SATURDAY

#WORKYOURCAUSE

JOIN US FOR A DAY OF VOLUNTEERING!

SEPTEMBER 11, 2021

TIME: 9AM-1PM

REGISTER BY SEPTEMBER 2ND

FIND MORE INFO AND REGISTRATION HERE:

[HTTPS://TINYURL.COM/S4W6SW2J](https://tinyurl.com/s4w6sw2j)



IF YOU NEED ACCOMMODATIONS TO PARTICIPATE, PLEASE CONTACT THE BIG EVENT AT (817) 272-2963 OR THEBIGEVENT@UTA.EDU AT LEAST FIVE DAYS PRIOR TO THE EVENT DATE.

UTA Tier 1 Announcement
UTA has earned the Texas Tier One designation from the state of Texas!

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](#)

BSSUT PROGRAM CONTACTS

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





RESEARCH

Student Research Opportunity Center

Let's talk about transportation in your community

A research team at the University of Texas in Arlington has partnered with the Texas Department of Transportation to better understand what your community values when making transportation choices.



CHOICE

We want to learn what impacts your transportation choices.



IMPACT

We want to understand how transportation impacts your community.



RESEARCH

We will be conducting focus groups via zoom in communities across Texas.



PARTICIPATE

You can participate if you are at least 18 and a resident of Texas. You will receive a \$30 gift card for your time.

Want to participate in our focus groups?

Contact the research team in two ways:

Visit this link: <https://xdot-public.questionpro.com>

Scan this QR code:



uta.socialwork.engineering@gmail.com

Social Work Course Guides



STAY SAFE



COVID-19 Testing

Regardless of vaccination status, all students, faculty and staff coming to campus in any capacity for the Fall 2021 semester **must provide a viral test** (antigen test or nucleic acid amplification test such as a PCR) **by Sept. 8, 2021.**

UTA has [a number of on-campus testing options](#) that meet the required criteria and are free. In addition, the results from our on-campus options will be automatically reported to UTA 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. You will be able to upload and submit your COVID-19 test results from off-campus testing sites to a digital portal that will be made available to campus in the coming days. Please continue to monitor your UTA email and the [UTA COVID-19 Information website](#) for updates. Students already living or otherwise present on campus may submit their results as soon as the portal becomes available, but no later than Sept. 8. Negative results from tests conducted more than 72 hours before the portal is made available will not be accepted.

Remember, if you test positive, please follow the CDC's [isolation protocols](#) and submit the [Personal Diagnosis Form](#). UTA facilities will be made available for on-campus residents who need to quarantine.

[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



FUNDING

All Scholarships Currently Available

UTA SCHOOL of SOCIAL WORK HAS THE FOLLOWING EXTRA FALL 2021 SCHOLARSHIPS

- Dean's Excellence in Social Work & African American Studies/Diversity Studies (Undergraduate Students)
- Dean's Excellence in Social Work & Mexican American/Diversity Studies (Undergraduate Students)
- Joseph, Lucille & Rebecca Hegar Scholarship (PhD students)
- Roy & Betty Dulak Scholarship (CAP students & CAP certificate students)
- Nazreen Mahmood Graduate Fellowship (PhD students)
- Yu-Mei Chow Graduate Scholarship (Undergraduate and MA students) - New scholarship

Deadline to apply September 3rd, 2021
Go to [SSW Scholarships](#) for more information.

Financial Aid for new School of Social Work Distance Education Fee

The University announced recently that students charged Distance Education (DE) fees for Fall 2021 online courses may be eligible for financial aid if they are facing extraordinary educational and economic challenges due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Additional information, including a University online application form, will be available after September 13 for regular session courses.

The University announcement mentioned only the \$25 per credit hour DE Fee. For students taking online School of Social Work classes, you are charged an additional \$65 per credit hour DE fee. If you are determined eligible by the University to receive financial aid for the \$25 per credit hour of the DE fee and you are a School of Social Work student, then the remaining balance of \$65 per credit hour will also be covered. This is in effect for as long as the University continues this waiver program or thru the Spring 2022 semester, whichever comes first. To coordinate with the University, further details regarding this process will be forwarded on or about September 13th.

If you are having challenges paying tuition and fees before fall classes start, it is suggested that you submit a request to the University to be on a payment plan.

If you have questions about your bill please [contact Student Accounts](#)

KNOW YOUR STATUS

No cost & confidential HIV testing

CALL OR TEXT TO SETUP AN APPOINTMENT!

PHONE: 862-479-6965
EMAIL: TYLERB@MHRMC.ORG

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



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

UTA IS A...
COMMUNITY THAT CARES



UTA Academic Calendar

Evidence-Based Practice Research Guide



Check Canvas
for the MavsUnite Page!
To add please e-mail:
[Emily Clark](mailto:Emily.Clark@uta.edu)

SAR Center

(Formerly Office of Students with Disabilities)

MEAL DISTRIBUTION

Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Tarrant County will be distributing meals, food and snacks. Curbside meal distribution will occur Monday - Friday 4:00-5:30pm.

Distribution Locations

Eastside Branch 4851 Ramsey Ave Fort Worth, TX 76105	Main Branch 808 North Elm St. Arlington, TX 76011
Martin Branch 3123 Avenue G Fort Worth, TX 76105	Partner Branch 1500 Hampshire Fort Worth, TX 76104

All Are Welcome!

- Meals available to any child ages 18 years or younger (no need to ask for help).
- Meals will be distributed as long as food supplies last.
- Each car is given to receive individually packaged meals and groceries and serve to the recipient.
- Vehicle at home, health & groceries provided with each meal.

Contact Us!

For more information or questions contact:
Latoya @ helper
LO.helper@bgtc.org

First Come, First Served!

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

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.**

TEXAS Health and Human Services

DREAMERS WELCOME

In Crisis?
Text HELLO to 741741

CRISIS TEXT LINE | Free, 24/7, Confidential

Webinar Library

Isabella Hong, an MSW Alum, graciously compiled a list of webinar resources and a video going over the basic functioning of Teams to any who may need assistance. Special thanks to Jose B. Yerena, LCPAA, who has taken over updating the list on a weekly basis! **Please note that it is necessary to ask your supervisor permission for these to count towards any required field hours.**

[MSW Specialties](#)

[Social Work Webinars List](#)

[Basic Function of Teams](#)



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.

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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