UTA School of Social Work

School of Social Work Weekly Newsletter September 9, 2024 Fall Semester

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Maverick students, on November 5,2024, make your voices and choices heard by remembering the right to vote is the cornerstone of our democracy and that it's not only a civic right, but a human right. If we want our democracy to thrive, we must protect and promote everyone's right to vote. Voting is a human right and it is important to empower the next generation to become lifelong voters and encourage civic engagement. As we continue to fight against extreme attacks on voting rights, we must legislate to ensure all eligible voters, especially young voters can participate in the democratic process and have their voices heard.

Tracie Prosser/Leah Neal Graduate Student Leader Intern The University of Texas at Arlington







Self Care after grief....

While grief can be difficult and challenging, It is not something that should be avoided or expedited. By allowing ourselves to process the loss, we should take a moment to practice self-care. During the grief process, we often feel moments of pain,sorrow, sadness,anxiety,and loneliness which makes the process more difficult and even unbearable at times. By recognizing and acknowledging how grief has affected your daily life and routine is a form of self-care. The more you are able to express and recognize what you are feeling, the easier it becomes to accept the loss. During moments of grief, self-care can assist in navigating that loss. Selfcare and grief tends to never go hand in hand,however, placing others before self will make it impossible to achieve a positive and healthy outcome. Self-care can play a crucial role in navigating through those challenging times. Taking a moment to practice some of the different ways of self-care will assist in your well-being and make the grieving process a little bit easier. Listed below are a few ways to practice self care...

Seek Support

Never feel as if you are a nuisance to anyone. By seeking support from your family members, friends, support groups, and professional counseling, you are not navigating through your grief alone. We know how grief can be overwhelming at times, but help is available.

Self Kindness

Although grief can be complex to many, it's okay to treat yourself with grace and kindness on your difficult days. And trust me, there will be difficult days. When it comes to your feelings, try not to be so judgemental. It's okay. Your feelings are validated.

Journal

By allowing yourself a safe place to reflect is one of the greatest tools to have when it comes to expressing your feelings. Journaling has been found to be a creative form of self-care in almost any type of situation. But for grief, it allows you to get your personal thoughts together while making sense of what you're going through. There are multiple things that you could write in your journal to assist you with self-care. (Pictures, Mementos)

Music

For many of us,music is a great way to practice self-care. It's known to be meditative and relaxing. Allowing yourself to have music in your existence during this grieving period, you are elevating your mind and spirit to ease your grief, even if it's for a short period of time.

Love and Light, Tracie Prosser GraduateStudent Leader Intern The University of Texas at Arlington





Jasmine, is planning on pursuing UTA's MSW advanced program after completion of her field placement as a undergraduate intern. After graduation with her BSW, Jasmine will continue her education by pursuing her LCSW, while continuing to work in Telehealth, and immersing in international social work. Jasmine hope to work with couples and children, as well as pursuing her musical ventures. She also has aspirations of working with couples and children. Congratulations Jasmine Dean, you are our student of the week.

Ashley Moody Undergraduate Student Leader Intern The University of Texas at Arlington



Peer Advisors & Fall Advising Dates are currently being updated

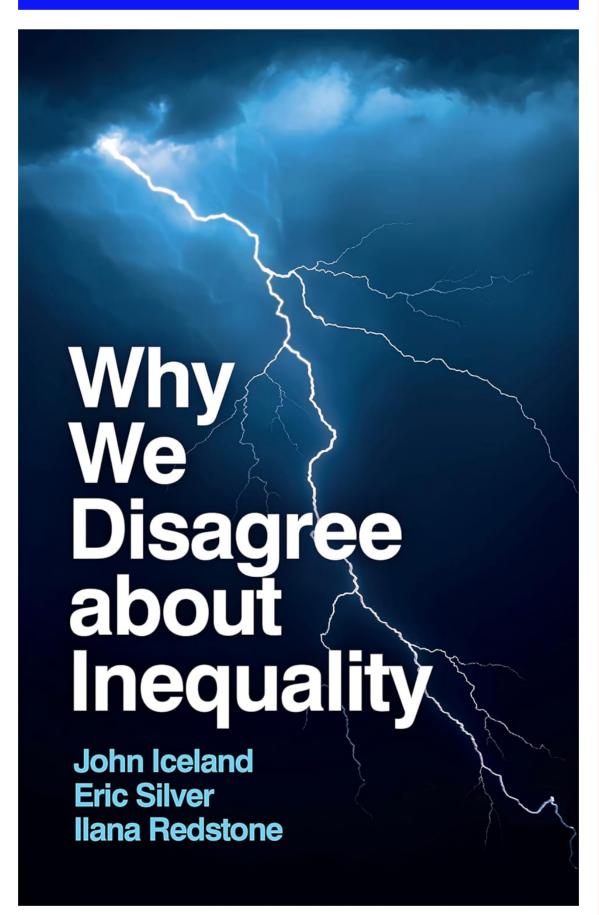
IMPORTANT DATES

Oct. 25-Last day to drop classes; submit requests in MyMav prior to 4:00pm Nov. 4-Registration begins for Spring 2025 Nov 5-Election Day





Book of the Week



Why We Disagree About Inequality

The authors show how each worldview provides a different understanding of human nature, morality, social change, and the wisdom of the past. They argue that, before Americans can find lasting solutions to today's seemingly intractable societal challenges, they will need to recognize that each side possesses a wisdom the other lacks. Only then can we achieve the common ground and consensus we seek. So, while we argue that the root cause of disagreements over social issues is not party affiliation but rather a divide in people's moral and philosophical beliefs about what constitues a good and just society, lets aim to address the complex social problems with a shared understanding of their causes and consequences.

Tracie Prosser Graduate Student leader Intern The University of Texas at Arlington





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 are in need of resources or have any questions or concerns, please contact me at <u>traecia.nichols@uta.edu</u>.

Nutrition Services

Did you know UTA offers nutrition services for a small fee?

One-on-one nutrition counseling with a registered, licensed dietitian is available for the following:

- Weight management
- Weight/fat lossWeight/muscle gain
- Sports nutrition
- Medical nutrition therapy
- Skin nutrition
- Eating disorders/disordered eating
 Wellness/preventive nutrition
- Basic nutrition education

Nutrition Consultation is \$25.00 per session with a minimum to start of 2 sessions (initial + follow-up).

Additional sessions are available as needed for \$25 each session; and as agreed upon by the client and dietitian.

Schedule you Nutrition Consultation today by submitting a <u>request form</u>.

OR

Join wellness information sessions, Food for Thought, for a free presentation the first Wednesday of October and November at noon to 1pm. Join in person or online. Click below for more information.

Learn more about "Food for Thought"



Academic 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 the button below. Be sure to select in-person or virtual and your advisor. Remember, drop-in sessions are on a first come basis.

No drop in appointments available? <u>Visit this page</u> to find your advisor's power hour where you can always drop in and ask questions, no appointment needed.

Schedule your appointment here

Field Advising

This is an opportunity for you to ask questions, similar to Office Hours for faculty! BSW and BSSUT Students

- Field Specialist: Vanessa Caraveo
- 1st & 3rd Thursday | 3pm 4pm
- Join your field advisors' power hour here

Advanced Children & Families, Advanced CAP, Advanced Aging & Advanced Health

- Field Specialist: Monica Brown
- 1st & 3rd Wednesday | 4pm 5pm
- Join your field advisors' power hour here
- Advanced Mental Health/Substance Misuse
 - Field Specialist: Sharon Martin
 - 1st & 3rd Thursday | 3pm 4pm
 - Join your field advisors' power hour here

View all field specialists and power hours here

Licensing

- If you're in your final semester and want to get started on applying to ASWB to take the LBSW or LMSW licensing exam, <u>click here</u> to request the Dean's Letter for Licensure, which UTA will send to ASWB. More info can be found <u>on the ASWB site</u> and our <u>SSW licensure page</u>.
- There's lots of great updated information about licensing in the Student Success and Advising Course on Canvas—Check it out!
- Interested in the LCDC? Scroll to the end of this <u>Licensure</u> 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.

UTA Resources

UTA Academic CalendarSuicide Prevention LifelineEvidence-Based Research GuideEmergency Assistance FundWebinar LibraryRental Assistance ProgramUTA Counseling & Psychology ServicesSurvivor Support GroupSAR CenterFree & Confidential HIV TestingFree Windows Apps with Student IDUTA/Tri-C Food Pantry DistributionSSW Writing ResourcesCAPS

"As we express our gratitude, we must never forget that the highest appreciation is not to utter words, but to live by them." - John F. Kennedy

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