



WELCOME TO SPRING 2020, MAVERICKS!

MSW PROGRAM WEEKLY UPDATE

January 21, 2020



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From the Director:

I am so excited to welcome you to the Spring semester! Whether this is your first semester, your last, or you're someplace in between, I am so glad that you've chosen to pursue your graduate education here at the UTA School of Social Work. Amazing things are happening at our school this Spring, so make sure to check out our weekly newsletter for important announcements, opportunities, and resources to support you on your journey!



Dr. Diane Mitschke
Director of Graduate Programs

Important Reminders:

- Tuesday, January 21st is the 1st day of the Spring semester! Log on to Canvas (<https://uta.instructure.com>) to check out your course syllabus and materials.
- The Advising Office will hold special walk-in and phone advising hours from 9 am – 4 pm all week. If you are an online student, call the main Advising office number to connect to an advisor during walk-in hours: (817) 272-3687.

Welcome Back Events on Campus

8/21/19
[Welcome Back Coffee & Donuts](#)
8am-11:00am • SSW Complex Bldg. A

8/22/19
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8am-11:00am • SSW Complex Bldg. A

8/28/19
[Maverick Stampede –SSW booth](#)
8am-3pm • University Center Mall



Program Highlight: Graduate Student Leaders



Front row (L to R): Assistant Professor in Practice Karen Magruder, Advanced CAP Intern Hailey Tran, GSLs Laura Benitez, Kylie McGee, Carolyn Mask-Oats, Graduate Program Director Dr. Diane Mitschke; 2nd row (L to R): GSLs Kristi Parks, Joanna Glover, Chrissy McKinnon, Emily Jenkins, Danielle Fork, Sarah Jones; Not pictured: Advanced CAP Intern Isabella Hong, GSLs Kelsey Bodnar, Emily Costello, Vidhya Krishnan, Ann Kuo, Prince Nyadu, Tiffany Parran, Diann Tigner, Farah Uddin, and Shane Whisler

The Graduate Student Leadership (GSL) Program is designed to enhance communication, facilitate connections, and build community. GSLs are trained to find answers to questions quickly and accurately, and serve as a resource and support for MSW students. Every MSW student in the program has been assigned to a GSL for the Spring 2020 semester. This is your “go-to” person when you have a question or concern and are looking for a response quickly, or need an advocate in your corner. Look for an email this week from your GSL!

SAVE THE DATE!



UTA's School of Social Work & College of Nursing and Health Innovation present the **2nd Annual Research Symposium:**

“HEALTH ACROSS THE LIFESPAN”

Faculty, students, and trainees presenting cutting-edge research aligned with the strategic goal of health and the human condition.

April 22, 2020 8:00 AM – 1:00 PM
Bluebonnet Ballroom, University Center

Dallas Area Rape Crisis Center

Volunteer Opportunities:

We have opportunities in four main areas:

Crisis Hotline: Advocates are available by phone 24/7 to provide information, crisis-intervention, advocacy, emotional support, and referrals. Phone calls are transferred to your cell phone so calls can be taken from any location.

Hospital Advocate: Provide face-to-face support to survivors and their loved ones at Presbyterian Hospitals of Dallas and Rockwall.

Community Outreach/ Prevention: Support our outreach team through tabling and other events.

Legal Advocacy: Accompany survivors to law enforcement and judicial appointments.

We also have internships for the upcoming Summer and Fall semesters. Interns gain experience in providing advocacy services to survivors of sexual violence while also gaining insight and experience in the non-profit sector. This opportunity provides professional hands-on experience and offers college credit.

Our next advocate training will start on Feb. 3 and run on Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday evenings for two weeks and Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday for the last week, with one Saturday half-day (Feb. 8 from 10am-2pm). Interested students can apply online at <https://dallasrapecrisis.org/apply-to-volunteer>.

2020 Military Social Work and Behavioral Health Conference

April 9-10, 2020, Austin, TX

The 2020 Military Social Work & Behavioral Health Conference will be hosted April 9-10, 2020 at the AT&T Conference Center in Austin, TX. The conference is a gathering of clinicians, researchers and veteran service organizations committed to sharing and learning how to best address the behavioral health needs of our country's service members, veterans, caregivers and family members. Hosted by the Institute for Military & Veteran Family Wellness, the conference will address the theme of interdisciplinary collaboration to ensure innovative and effective systems of care. The conference will offer an opportunity for cross-sector dialogue that can spur increased collaboration among Department of Defense uniformed behavioral health personnel, civilian, community-based and VA behavioral health providers. Click the link above to learn more.



EVENTS

Tuesday, Jan. 21st

[Ask Me Days](#)

The UTA Ambassadors and other volunteers will be available on campus to answer any questions about campus itself, resources, & involvement opportunities.

7:30am

[University Center, E.H. Hereford](#)

Thursday, Jan. 23rd

[Tri-C/UTA Food Pantry Distribution](#)

The Food Pantry at the Tri-C is one of many valuable resources made available to students, faculty and staff here at UTA.

1pm

[Tri C Campus Ministries](#)

Friday, Jan. 24th

[Maverick FRIENDz](#)

This high-FRIENDy, interactive event is the perfect way to make new friends (or reconnect with old ones) at UTA. Pizza and drinks will be provided!

3pm

[Brazos Park](#)

[The Mavs 100](#)

Spend an evening networking, connecting and witnessing the extensive UTA startup ecosystem and its explosive growth, first hand.

[Live! by Loews- Arlington, Ballroom, 2nd Floor](#)

Saturday, Jan. 25th

[The Big Howdy](#)

Howdy and welcome to UTA to our new international friends! The Big Howdy is a welcome party just for you hosted by UTA Christian student organizations.

6pm

[Rio Grande Ballroom, University Center](#)

Sunday, Jan. 26th

[Europe to the Stars](#)

Discover the European Southern Observatory in a story of cosmic curiosity, courage and perseverance; a story of observing a Universe of deep mysteries and...

1:30pm

[UTA Planetarium, UTA Planetarium](#)

[SpacePark 360: Infinity](#)

SpacePark360: Infinity is a set of fulldome movies designed to recreate the experience of amusement park thrill rides - roller coasters, pendulums, inverters...

2:30pm

[UTA Planetarium, UTA Planetarium](#)

Monday, Jan. 27th

[Writing Group Grant Workshop](#)

This workshop will cover the best practices for writing groups and offer tips for crafting a successful Writing Group Grant proposal. Learn more and register.

4pm

[Online](#)

Student Affairs Job Opportunity:

NOW HIRING

UTA GRADUATE STUDENT

We are looking for a Graduate Student to be a part of our team here at the UTA Parent & Family Center.

Apply through Handshake job #3357799

COME BE A PART OF OUR FAMILY!



CAREER CORNER

8 Tips for New Social Work Interns. [Read more](#)



DON'T FORGET

1/21/20
First day of Classes
Late Registration

2/5/20
Census Date

4/3/20
Last day to drop Classes

MAVERICK OF THE WEEK:

JOANNA GLOVER



Joanna Glover (r) and Dr. Diane Mitschke (l) at the *Maverick Activities Center* following their presentation on "The Online Student Experience" for the UTA Division of Student Affairs last week.

Joanna is an MSW student specializing in Aging. She is a member of the Online Aging Cohort and began her graduate studies in the Fall 2019 semester. Since joining the School of Social Work, Joanna has embraced a number of leadership opportunities. She is the current president of GO—the Gerontology Organization—in the School of Social Work, where she works with other students to promote social work with older adults. She also serves as a Graduate Student Leader, facilitating connections and building community among students, faculty, and staff within the School of Social Work. Finally, Joanna serves as a Graduate Research Assistant and works with faculty members in the School of Social Work and in the College of Engineering on exciting interdisciplinary research project. A strong advocate for online education, Joanna shared her positive experiences as an online student at UTA for over 200 staff and administrators in the Division of Student Affairs on January 14, 2020.



Have questions or need help? Reach out to your Graduate Student Leader (GSL) for a fast and accurate response!



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