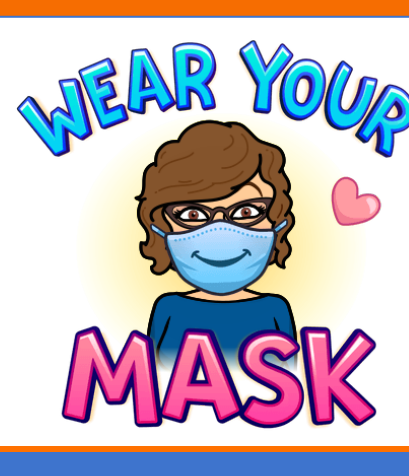
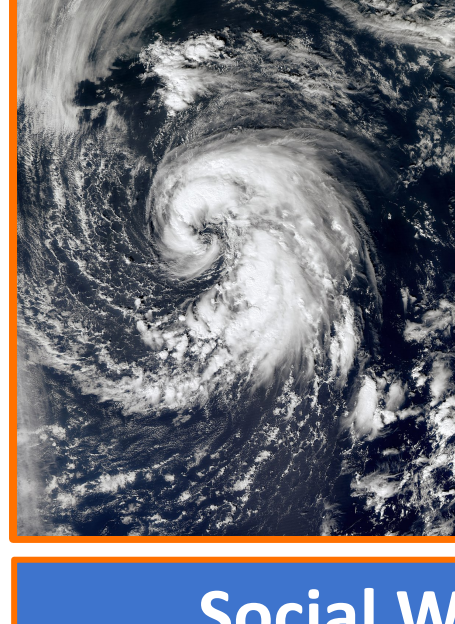


## MSW Weekly Program Update

August 31, 2020



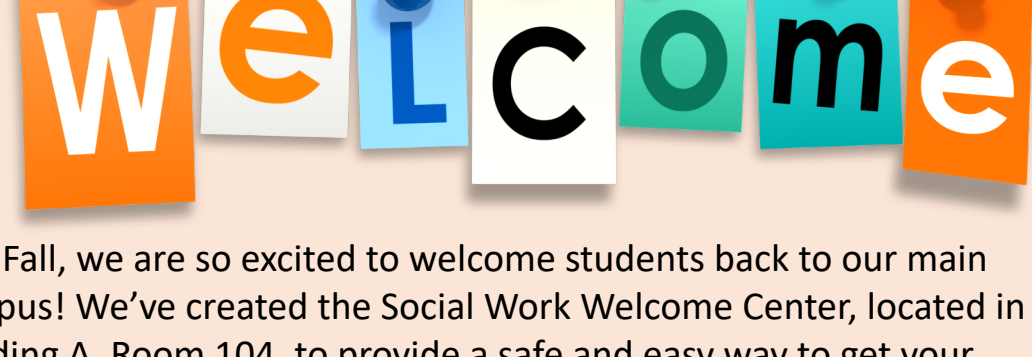
## Social Justice Spotlight



Oftentimes, we do not recognize that hurricanes, extreme weather events, and environmental issues, directly impact vulnerable and marginalized populations. It is during these unprecedented times that we all must unite and extend a hand or help wherever we can.

We realize that you or your loved ones are possibly in the area affected of the Hurricane; however, we hope you and yours are all safe and well. In this time, please know we at the School of Social Work want to support you. Please let us know if you need accommodations or other forms of support by contacting your Graduate Student Leader, Instructors, Advisors, and me (Dr. P; [tptraetorius@uta.edu](mailto:tptraetorius@uta.edu)). If you need assistance with University resources such as financial assistance, please contact Student Affairs at [studentaffairs@uta.edu](mailto:studentaffairs@uta.edu) or 817-272-6080. For other resources, please visit **Mavs Unite in Canvas** as there is a section specific to you with resources. Finally, do not hesitate to call the MAVS TALK 24-hour crisis line to speak with a crisis counselor available 24/7: **(817) 272-TALK (8255)**.

## Social Work Welcome Center



This Fall, we are so excited to welcome students back to our main campus! We've created the Social Work Welcome Center, located in Building A, Room 104, to provide a safe and easy way to get your questions answered and needs met. Simply stop by the Welcome Center between 8:30 am and 5:00 pm Monday through Friday, and you will be greeted by a friendly member of the Academic Affairs team. They will immediately connect you using Microsoft Teams with a member of our Advising Team, Field Team, or a program administrator for a virtual meeting. The greeter will set up the meeting and connect you using a handheld tablet, and you'll be able to use the room just next door, Room 108, to have a quiet space for your meeting. Once you're finished with your virtual meeting, simply return the tablet to the Welcome Center, where it will be sanitized and ready for use by other students. The Social Work Welcome Center is a "one-stop shop" for all of your academic needs on campus, and we look forward to seeing you there!

DIANE B. MITSCHKE, PHD  
Associate Dean for Academic and Student Affairs  
Associate Professor

## Job Postings

### Master-Level Graduate Assistant Job

Please see e-mail attachment for information regarding job duties, position details, eligibility requirements and compensation.

[GRA Application Form](#)

Questions regarding the position or the application process may be directed to [sswresearch@uta.edu](mailto:sswresearch@uta.edu).

### Student Research Assistant – Fall 2020

We are looking for a self-motivated student to join our team for a project exploring the transportation resources and needs and well-being of older Vietnamese and Vietnamese Americans in the Dallas/Fort Worth area. Responsibilities include distributing flyers and assisting with study recruitment, describing the research to potential participants, administering surveys, and attending weekly team meetings.

Must be fluent in Vietnamese and English; good communicator over the telephone; and accurate in data entry. Successful candidate will be able to skillfully and patiently interact with older adults; experience working with older adults preferred but not required.

This hourly position will entail approximately 5-10 hrs/week. Hours are flexible. Data collection and team meetings are by phone or video conference.

For more information or to submit a resume, contact Dr. Rebecca Mauldin at [rebecca.mauldin@uta.edu](mailto:rebecca.mauldin@uta.edu).

## Stay Safe!

### MAVSUNITE

## BACK TO SCHOOL FAQ

### COVID-19



#### Any new protocols?

UTA is requiring all students, faculty, and even visitors to wear face masks while indoors on campus. You don't have to wear one outdoors, although it is heavily advised.



#### So where exactly do I have to wear a mask?

It's required in every building on campus but not necessary in residence halls, apartment complexes, or private offices. It's also recommended to wear one on shuttle buses or at crowded events.



#### What happens if I test positive for COVID-19?

Most important of all, STAY HOME. Self isolate from roommates or family members the best you can. Let professors know of your diagnosis so they can accommodate your needs, and afterwards, report your personal diagnosis to UTA for campus safety purposes.



#### What happens if I come into contact with someone who tested positive?

Self isolate for 14 days. Get tested if possible. It's imperative you fill out the exact locations that contact occurred through this form for the safety of other students.



#### Can I still apply for the CARES Act fund?

Absolutely! You must fit federal eligibility criteria that includes completing FAFSA and being a domestic and documented student. You can apply on your MyMav account. If you're ineligible, you can instead apply for UTA's Emergency Assistance Fund



#### Which of my classes are going to be online?

For Fall 2020, classes will be taught either face-to-face, online, or as a hybrid. Scan this QR code for the full list!

#### Have you tested positive?

#### Had close contact with someone with COVID-19?

1. **Complete mandatory reporting form**
2. If needed, you can:
  - Withdraw from summer classes ([Forms](#) on the website)
  - Ask professors for deadline leniency
  - Consider requesting an incomplete
  - Contact your [USL](#), Program Director and/or Academic Advisor for additional support and guidance.



### UTA's COVID-19 Website

#### Field Placements

- Fall field students: Learning contracts are due September 18<sup>th</sup>! Fall Census Date is September 11<sup>th</sup>! After this date, students cannot add or swap classes. If you drop a course after Census, you'll receive a grade of W on your transcript.
- **InPlace Training** can be found here!
- Spring field applications will open on October 1<sup>st</sup>. You will receive an email with instructions on Oct 1. The field application closes on November 27<sup>th</sup>!
- Fall field calendar has been posted online [Fall Field Calendar](#)
- [Field forms](#) are available here!

## Webinar Library

Isabella Hong, an MSW Alum, has so graciously compiled a list of webinar resources and a video going over the basic functioning of Teams to any who may need assistance.

**Please note that it is necessary to ask your supervisor permission for these to count towards any required field hours.**

**\*This list is updated weekly!\***

[Social Work Webinars List](#)

[Basic Function of Teams](#)



Did you know? NASW Student Members pay just \$90 for full conference early bird registration to the 2020 NASW/TX Virtual Conference. Yep. We'll offer a virtual forum just for students to connect, as well as one on job searching during uncertain times. Register today & save!

<https://www.naswtx.org/page/conference>

If a student is not a member, they pay the same non-member rate as professionals: \$355 (August 18-September 25) and \$405 (September 26-October 10). So, they can save more than \$200 by joining NASW for \$60 then paying the student member rate.

The conference is virtual, so there will not be any travel expenses to attend!

## RESOURCES

### Dean Ryan's Statement on COVID-19 Health Disparities

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

**HELP** a loved one, a friend, or yourself.

Community crisis centers answer Lifeline calls.

Learn the Warning Signs.

### MAVS talk

24 HOUR CRISIS LINE

817-272-TALK (8255)  
WWW.UTA.EDU/MAVS  
303 RANDOM HALL



Check Canvas for the MavsUnite page. To add it, please email [Dayton Williams](mailto:Dayton Williams)

### Evidence-Based Practice Research Guide

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 9:11-4:45 a.m. and 2-4:45 p.m. To receive these grocery bags you must send an email to [utafoodpantry@gmail.com](mailto: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.

### Emergency Assistance Fund

UTA students with a temporary financial hardship resulting from a sudden emergency [may apply for financial help.](#)

If you believe you have contracted COVID19, please type in 'COVID-19 Testing' and your zip code into the Texas Health and Human Services to [find a testing location closest to you](#)

**COVID-19 MEAL DISTRIBUTION**

Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Tarrant County will be distributing meals, food and snacks! Curbside meal distribution will occur Monday - Friday from 4-6pm.

**Distribution Locations**

East Branch	South Branch	North Branch	West Branch
3122 W. 10th Street Ft. Worth, TX 76116	4222 W. 10th Street Ft. Worth, TX 76116	3122 W. 10th Street Ft. Worth, TX 76116	3122 W. 10th Street Ft. Worth, TX 76116

**All Are Welcome!**

• Meals available every other week (2nd and 4th weeks of the month)

• Meals will be distributed by bag as long as food temperatures are maintained

• Students are required to provide personal information

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First Come, First Served!

**Parkland Financial Assistance**

Speak with a financial 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 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.

**WANT TO HELP IMPROVE MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES ON CAMPUS?**

BE A PART OF A RESEARCH STUDY ON THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THERAPY ASSISTANCE ONLINE (TAO) AT A STUDENT AT UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT ARLINGTON.

INTERVIEWS WILL TAKE APPROXIMATELY 1 HOUR AND CAN BE DONE VIRTUALLY OR ON UTA CAMPUS.

A \$50.00 GIFT CERTIFICATE WILL BE PROVIDED FOR COMPENSATION.

**LENDING A HAND**

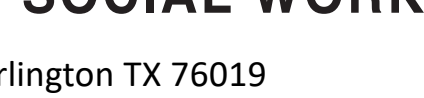
COVID-19 has severely affected North Texas, particularly low-income Latino communities. These communities have higher rates of cases and deaths compared to other groups and are at higher risk. They need help to survive the pandemic. We need your help!

OUR GOAL: We are looking to connect with students who are bilingual in English and Spanish and have experience in community service or social work. We need your help to provide the support that these communities need during this time of crisis.

### SSW Commencement Info

### UTA Academic Calendar

If you have any questions or content suggestions for the newsletter, please contact Jessica Minnier. [jac4808@mavs.uta.edu](mailto:jac4808@mavs.uta.edu)



One person can make a difference, and everyone should try.

- John Fitzgerald Kennedy