



WEEKLY UPDATE
January 31, 2022

SOCIAL JUSTICE SPOTLIGHT

National Black History Month

History

Black History Month was created by Carter Woodson, a historian from the twentieth century, who felt the role of Black Americans was not sufficient in the American history studies. Woodson was a part of an organization that explored and promoted accomplishments of Black Americans. In 1976, President Gerald Ford officially recognized February as Black History Month, which has now expanded to globally celebrated. President Ford encourage Americans to “seize the opportunity to honor the too-often neglected accomplishments of Black Americans in every area of endeavor throughout our history”.

For 2022, the theme is “Black Health and Wellness.” This will explore and showcase Black medical specialists and researchers.

Ways to Be Observe and be Involved:

- Learn about significant Black people and their influences.
- Participate in Black History Month events near you.
- Donate to charities that promote anti-racism equity and equality.
- Read books by Black authors.
- Visit Black history and culture museum exhibits.
- Watch Black history documentaries.

Source: <https://www.history.com/topics/black-history/black-history-month>



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CERTIFICATES

New Military Certificates

The **Military Social Work Graduate Certificate** prepares micro practice students to work with military service members, veterans, and their families in a clinical social work setting.

Coursework focuses on enhancing the ability to assume advanced evidence-based practice roles in working with individuals and families.

The **Military, Veteran and Family Care Graduate Certificate** prepares students to work with military service members, veterans, and their families across settings. It is open to any graduate student at UTA. It focuses on military, military-connected, and veteran culture toward effectively serving these populations across various non-direct practice roles in health and social service agencies.

Talk with an advisor about how the military certificate can be added to your degree plan.

RECOGNITION

UTA Graduate students in Social Policy with Children and Adolescents from Fall 2021 had an opinion piece featured last week in The Shorthorn. What started as an assignment, their article discussed promoting advocacy in foster care due to the changes that have started because of Senate Bill 1896, the Texas Foster Care Omnibus Bill.

Read below to learn more and support our fellow classmates:

https://www.theshorthorn.com/opinion/opinion-senate-bill-1896-brings-much-needed-reform-to-texas-foster-care/article_4bceb78e-73e8-11ec-ac81-7f2099f664c7.html

CEU OPPORTUNITIES

Free CEU's from Valdosta State University

For All Licensed Clinical Social Workers

Do you need Continuing Education units? Earn those units from the comfort of your office. [Click](#) for more information.

IMPORTANT DATES

SPRING 2022

- **Feb 23rd** – Last day to drop from 1st-8 week session by 4PM
- **April 1st** – Last day to drop from regular session by 4PM
- **March 21st** – First day of 2nd-8 week session
- **April 26th** – Last day to drop from 2nd-8 week sessions
- **March 1st** – Graduation application deadline



OPPORTUNITIES



Make it happen!

Be a part of our special team of Encompass Hospice Volunteers. We care for our patients in the place they call home – a private residence, skilled nursing facility, or assisted living facility. Just a few hours a week can make a lasting impact on the lives of others.

Volunteer Opportunity:

Direct Patient Care - Sitting with patients, reading, working puzzles, watching tv/movies and sharing life stories. Your time may also include Caregiver Respite where you will visit with the patient while the caregiver runs errands, takes time for themselves, or goes to appointments.



REQUIREMENTS:

- Reliable Transportation
- Must be at least 17 years old
- Orientation with Volunteer Coordinator
- Volunteer a minimum of 2 hours per week
- Covid Vaccine
- Background Check, Drug Test, TB Skin Test (All provided at no charge to you)

If you are interested in this wonderful volunteer opportunity, please email Susan Tomlin at susan.tomlin@encompasshealth.com

Interested in Serving the Profession?

Nominate Yourself for an Elected Leadership Position



(Pictured: NASW Texas Board of Directors Secretary Nicole Willis, PhD, NASW)

Self-nominations are now being accepted for the NASW Texas 2022 Elections. Being a volunteer leader with NASW Texas is a fun and meaningful way to increase your leadership skills, serve the profession and network with social work leaders across the state. Any NASW Texas member in good standing may run for an elected position. Terms begin July 1, 2022.

[View list of 2022 Open Positions.](#)

[\(Use this map to locate your branch/region.\)](#)

The work of the association is not possible without our stellar volunteer leaders. Please consider nominating yourself for one of our open positions.

Application deadline is January 31, 2022 [Apply Here](#)



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 [here](#). Be sure to select in-person or virtual and your advisor. Remember, drop-in sessions are on a first come basis.

Feeling a bit lost?
Start with
your
Graduate Student
Leader!

Don't know who that is?

Email [Stacie Hill](#) to get
connected!

LICENSING

- If you're in your final semester and want to get started on applying to ASWB to take the LMSW 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](#).
- **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 [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.



FIELD PLACEMENTS

General

- InPlace has a new URL! All students, agencies, and Field Instructors will need to use the new URL. <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!
- [Field forms are available here!](#)
- [Field FAQ](#)
- If you are having technical difficulties with InPlace please email sswfield@uta.edu and include a screenshot of the issue.
- Are you a CAP student ready for your advanced field placement? Check out the Funding section for paid opportunities!

Spring 2022

- The Spring 2022 Field Application is now closed
- Read the Summer 2021 – Spring 2022 Field Accommodations [here](#).
- **All students have been placed.** Students should contact their [field advisor](#) if they are still awaiting placement.
- See the Spring 2022 Field Education Calendar [here](#).
InPlace fee is due on the first day of class

FIELD POWER HOURS

This is an opportunity for you to ask questions, similar to Office Hours for faculty!

- Foundation MSW
 - Field Advisor: Natalie Mangham
 - 1st & 3rd Monday of the month, 3-4
 - [Click here to join the meeting](#)
- CAP & Children & Families
 - Field Advisor: Monica Brown
 - 1st & 3rd Tuesday of the month, 3-4
 - [Click here to join the meeting](#)
- Mental Health
 - Field Advisor: Hector Ramos
 - 1st & 3rd Wednesday of the month, 3-4
 - [Click here to join the meeting](#)
- Aging & Health
 - Field Advisor: Sharon Martin
 - 1st & 3rd Thursday of the month, 3:30-4
 - [Click here to join the meeting](#)



EVENTS

Date: Tue Feb 1
TIME: 5:00 PM CST
Link: [Click HERE](#) to Join the teams meeting or scan the QR Code



What is Palliative Care?

Join us for our first-semester meeting as we hear from our guest speaker on Palliative Care!



PALLIATIVE CARE

Guest Speaker:
Professor Michael Bennett




COMMUNITIES COLLABORATING FOR POSITIVE CHANGE

MARCH 24 & 25

OMNI CORPUS CHRISTI HOTEL

900 N SHORELINE BLVD, CORPUS CHRISTI, TX

The Texas Substance Use Symposium (TxSUS) represents a special time for our substance use community to come together and continue our work to strengthen the field and identify challenges and solutions for substance use. [Click here for more information.](#)



GET INVOLVED



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 proteins
- Shelf stable milk
- Feminine / period products
- Toilettes

Drop off donations to the Dean of Students Office, Lower Level of the UC, B130.

To schedule donation drop off by vehicle, email EAF@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 POF EACH MONTH | 5-6 PM | TEAMS VIRTUAL MEETINGS EVERYBODY'S WELCOME!

To participate, please register: <https://forms.gle/8nHefg53IB1EXq>

Follow us @SCCUTA - Students for Global Change
Email us at sgc.uta@gmail.com

[Click Here for more info](#)

INTERESTED IN MACRO SOCIAL WORK?



JOIN SAMSW FOR OUR PEER SUPPORT MEETINGS ON THE FIRST MONDAY OF THE MONTH! [CLICK HERE](#) OR SCAN THE QR CODE TO JOIN.

FEBRUARY 7 | MARCH 7 | APRIL 4
5:30-6:30 PM
MICROSOFT TEAMS



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!

Mentorship Opportunity

Arlington ISD is looking to set up some of their students with mentors. Help support our community schools!

If interesting, please reach out to Stephanie Tucker at stephanie.tucker@mavs.uta.edu

LEARN A NEW ADVOCACY SKILL WITH SPEAK & SKILLSHARE!

IT'S FREE!

RSUASIVE WRITING

TIME MANAGEMENT

ARTIVISM

ADVO



[CLICK HERE TO LEARN MORE](#)

[Click Here for more info](#)



RESEARCH

[Social Work Course Guides](#)

[Student Research Opportunity Center](#)

Research Study on the Impact of COVID-19 on Latina Dreamers

- Are you a female DACA participant (Dreamer)?
- Are you currently enrolled in a 4-year college or university in Texas?
- Are you interested in discussing how COVID-19 has impacted different areas of your life?

If you answered “yes” to these questions, then you may be eligible to participate in a confidential research study exploring the experiences of Latina Dreamers during COVID-19.

If you are interested, please go to the link below or scan the QR code to complete the online screening.

https://uhsocialwork.co.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_b17qCSovhSyYK1m



If you are eligible you will be contacted within 48 hours by a member of the study team about scheduling an interview that will be conducted by Zoom. Your total time of participation will be about 90 minutes and you will receive a \$50 Amazon gift card for your time. Please feel free to share this link with friends/colleagues who may be interested in participating. Funding for this study was provided by the University of Texas at Arlington Center for Mexican American Studies (CMAS) Faculty Fellowship Program.

If you have any questions about this study, please contact the PI of our research team, Dr. Micki Washburn at Micki.Washburn@uta.edu or at 832-498-14015. This project has been approved by the UTA Internal Review Board (IRB). For questions about your rights or to report a complaint, contact the UTA Research Office at 817-272-3723 or regulatoryservices@uta.edu



STAY SAFE

COVID-19 Testing



REQUIRED COVID-19 TESTING

Regardless of vaccination status, all students and employees coming to campus in any capacity for the spring 2022 semester must provide proof of a [viral COVID-19 test](#) by Feb. 4, 2022. Tests taken before Jan. 3, 2022 will not be accepted. 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. **UTA’s COVID-19 testing resources are always available to you should you need or want a test, not only when you are completing a UTA testing requirement.**

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](#). If you have trouble finding or using the portal, contact the [OIT Help Desk](#). 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.

Covid-19 Vaccine

On Campus Covid Vaccine Clinic

Each clinic will operate on a walk-in-only basis and be held in the Group Exercise Room (101B) in the Maverick Activities Center.

•Wednesday, February 2 – 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Contact covidvaccine@uta.edu with any questions. If the dates and times of these clinics don’t work for you, the COVID-19 vaccine is free and widely available in Arlington and surrounding communities. To find a vaccine or booster near you, enter your zip code into the [CDC’s COVID-19 vaccine finder](#).

[Click Here for more information.](#)

[Required COVID-19 testing and new protective measures for Spring 2022 \(English and Español\) \(uta.edu\)](#)

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

KNOW YOUR STATUS

No cost & confidential HIV testing

CALL OR TEXT TO SETUP AN APPOINTMENT!

PHONE: 882-473-6868
EMAIL: TYLERB@MHMRTC.ORG

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



Need help with an assignment, writing, or study tips? Book your FREE session at the Connections Tutoring Lab!

Connections Tutoring Lab
UTA School of Social Work

NOW OPEN

Schedule a 30 minute session with a writing tutor!

Book your session [HERE!](#)

[@UTA/ConnectionsLab@ce355.com](https://bookbookofce355.com/booking/UTA/ConnectionsLab)

[UTA Academic Calendar](#)

[Evidence-Based Practice Research Guide](#)

MAVS UNITE

Created for you!



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)

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**.

TEXAS Health and Human Services

DREAMERS WELCOME

In Crisis?
Text HELLO to 741741

CRISIS TEXT LINE | Free, 24/7, Confidential

Our Services

Peer-Led Peer Learning (PLPL)

Supplemental Instruction (SI)

24/7 Student Support Services

Academic Coaching

Information for Students

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

