



MASTER OF SOCIAL WORK



# WEEKLY UPDATE April 11, 2022

# SOCIAL JUSTICE SPOTLIGHT

#### National Month of Hope

Mother in Crisis, Inc, founded National Month of Hope as an awareness campaign to help extent hope around the globe and it became recognized in 2018. The goal is to "think hope" and "make hope connections." This began as an endeavor of hope to have substance-free lives, but evolved into giving hope in all ways, by contributing wisdom, kindness, time and many other avenues.

Hope is defined as "to cherish a desire with anticipation; to want something to happen or be true." (Merriam-Webster Dictionary). Hope is the belief we hold during times that things will get better. With everything that has happened in the world the last few years and global events currently we are experiencing, putting hope out into the world can help any and all who need it.

#### Ways to Observe

•Spread hope and sunshine in into those lives you encounter.

- •Volunteer by reading to children in schools.
- •Giving of time, food, and money to help families in need.
- •Minister to those incarcerated by writing letters and visiting.

•Sharing your story of overcoming with those who are going through hard times.

- •Lending a helping hand to those in need.
- •Cleaning up areas where there is trash such as parks and beaches.

•Spend a day with the homeless whether on the streets in shelters, etc.

•Use #NationalHopeMonth to share your hope on social media.

Source: https://nationaldaycalendar.com/national-month-of-hope-april/



Helping Others Practice Empowerment

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# DIRECTOR OF GRADUATE PROGRAMS INTRODUCTION



Dr. Joyce White, LMSW Joyce.White@uta.edu

#### **Greetings UTA SSW Mavs!**

There is a rumor going around that the School of Social Work brought in a new Director of Graduate Programs. Apparently, some lady that has absolutely no previous experience working in higher education applied for the job and was hired. Now, you know, somebody had to take the initiative and do a little snooping around to see if this new person will be able to add value to UTA's already top notch program. Well, I am happy to report that I have conducted a thorough investigation and found that the newcomer might work out just fine! Here is what I was able to uncover.

Her name is Dr. Joyce M. White, LMSW. She is in fact the new Director of Graduate Programs at the UTA School of Social Work. In this role, she will oversee the masters and doctoral programs; collaborate with students, faculty, and staff regarding program elements and curricula; and provide leadership and mentoring to graduate interns and students. She also serves as an Assistant Professor of Practice primarily for the Community and Administrative Practice specialty area. Prior to serving the in new director role, she previously served as adjunct faculty in the UTA School of Social Work.

Dr. White has held a variety of senior and executive level positions that included Grants Manager & Project Director at Dallas County in the Criminal Justice Division, Vice President of Compliance and Administrative Director at Dallas Housing Authority, Founder and Executive Director for Family & Leadership Empowerment Network, Director of Community Information and Outcome Management at the United Way of Greater St. Louis, and Project Director at the Father's Support Center in St. Louis. In addition, she also served as adjunct faculty at University of Phoenix for ten years.

In each of these roles, she has engaged in various activities such as leading collaboratives and committees, program development, curriculum development, grant management, professional development, budgeting and financial management, staff training and supervision, as well as student education. She enjoys exercising, listening to music, and relaxing outdoors.

Finally, Dr. White has a focus on leadership and professionalism. She believes students are colleagues and leaders of their own learning, as well as the learning of those around them. Student colleagues work together to find answers and create solutions in class and at their intern sites. This model helps to prepare student colleagues to lead when they secure employment in their chosen areas.

So, what do you think, should we give her a hearty Mavs welcome?

# **COURSE SPOTLIGHT**

How do pollution & climate change impact vulnerable communities? What can social workers do about it?

#### **Environmental Justice & Green Social Work**

	Fall 2022		
All readings are free! No textbook to purchase!	Topics include:         • Environmental Racism         • Ecological issues for children, older adults, women, and low-income populations         • Climate-forced Migration         • Natural Disaster Response         • Health & The Environment         • Ecotherapy for Mental Health         • Environmental Policy         • Micro and Macro Level Advocacy Strategies		
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<u>Course:</u>	SOCW 3310 (Undergraduate) / SOCW 5310 (Masters) Environmental Justice & Green Social Work		
Modality:	Online- Asynchronous (with recorded lectures and optional live sessions)		
Instructor:	Karen Magruder, LCSW-S Assistant Professor of Practice		

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SOCIAL WORK

No textbook to

purchase!

#### Fall 2022

#### SOCW 5356 COGNITIVE BEHAVIORAL INTERVENTIONS

TEXAS

Learn practical tools for engagement, assessment and intervention using this popular, evidencebased approach!

Format: Online Asynchronous Instructor: Karen Magruder, LCSW-S

Questions? Email karen magruder@uta edu

# IMPORTANT DATES

#### **SPRING 2022**

- April 4<sup>th</sup> Registration Begins for
   Summer and
- April 23<sup>rd</sup> Summer Field Application Closes
- April 26<sup>th</sup> Last day to drop from 2nd-8 week sessions
- May 2<sup>nd</sup> Fall Field Application Opens
- May 3<sup>rd</sup> Last day of classes
- May 12 14<sup>th</sup> Commencement

Ceremonies

#### CEU OPPORTUNITIES

# Free CEU's from Valdosta State University

For All Licensed Clinical Social Workers

Do you want to learn more about dementia, caregiving, and cultural considerations while working with diverse communities? <u>Click</u> for more information.



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 <u>here</u>. 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 <u>Stacie Hill</u> 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, <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.



#### 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 <u>sswfield@uta.edu</u> 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!

### Summer 2022

- The Summer 2022 Field Application is now open.
- Application Deadline is April 23, 2022.
- See the Summer 2022 Field Education Calendar for Block <u>here</u> and for Split <u>here</u>.

InPlace fee is due on the first day of class

\*\*If you are planning on starting Field this summer, you must apply before the April 23<sup>rd</sup> deadline.\*\*

## FIELD POWER HOURS

	This is an opportunity for you to ask questions, similar to Office Hours				
	for fa	for faculty!			
	•	Foundation MSW			
- 2		<ul> <li>Field Advisor: Natalie Mangham</li> </ul>			
- 3		<ul> <li>1<sup>st</sup> &amp; 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of the month, 3-4</li> </ul>			
1		<u>Click here to join the meeting</u>			
- 2	•	CAP & Children & Families			
		Field Advisor: Monica Brown			
- 2		<ul> <li>1<sup>st</sup> &amp; 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month, 3-4</li> </ul>			
- 3		<u>Click here to join the meeting</u>			
1	•	Mental Health			
		Field Advisor: Hector Ramos			
		<ul> <li>1<sup>st</sup> &amp; 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month, 3-4</li> </ul>			

- <u>Click here to join the meeting</u>
- Aging & Health
  - Field Advisor: Sharon Martin
  - 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month, 3:30-4
  - Click here to join the meeting



# **GET INVOLVED**

Weekly Virtual Support Group Schedule					
Tuesday	Thursday	Saturday			
Parenting During a Pandemic 6pm – 7pm	COVID and Caregiver 6pm – 7pm	First Generation and International Students' Success 9:00am – 10:00am			
Promoting Healthy Habits 7:15pm – 8:15pm	Women's Virtual Room of Recovery 7:15pm – 8:15pm	Accommodating for Success 10:15am – 11:15am			
		Building Better Interpersonal Relationships 11;30am – 12;30pm			
TBD					
Military Women Empowerment Group					
Men's Virtual Room of Recovery					
Active Duty, Deployed Guard and Reserve Group					

At this time, the Virtual Support Groups are not available for MSW students, but we do ask for support and to please refer anyone that could use these services. Email SSWVirtualClinic@uta.edu for information.



Click Here for more info



Make it happen!

home – a private residence, skilled nursing facility, few hours a week can make a lasting impact on the

ent Gare – Sitting with patients, reading, working puzzles, watching tw/movies and stories. Your time may also include Caregiver Reprise where you will wait with the the caregiver runs errainds, takes time for themselves, or goes to appointments



REQUIREMENTS Reliable Transportation

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

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# get your team WE HAVE A **PLAN** FOR YOUR CALENDAR HOST A BRING A GROUP JOIN A CAMP UPCOMING EVENTS: SUMMER AND SPRING BREAK: all Carnival: October 30, 2021 pring Break Camp: March 13 to March 16 2022

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ne and July of 2022 samp for a day or a which works best ou? Either way, book y ates today, they fill up

# **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

#### **INTERESTED IN MACRO SOCIAL WORK?**



STUDENT ASSOCIATION FOR MACRO SOCIAL WORK JOEN SAMSW FOR OUR PEER SUPPORT MEETINGS ON THE HERST WOND AT OF THE MONTH! CLICK HERE OR SCAN THE QR CODE TO JOIN.



# LEARN A NEW **ADVOCACY SKILL** WITH SPEAK & **SKILLSHARE!** ĪT'S FREE!





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Hiring in ALL subject areas!



# SCHOLARSHIP HIGHLIGHTS



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- **Cabin Counselor: Stay** hildren for the v
- Support Buddy: Be a one on one buddy for a child that needs extra support
- Camp Nurse: Certified nedical professional to ssist with medication and

Contact Information:

Deadline:

April 15, 2022

lindsay.garrett@gladney.org for more info



"It was so amazing to have the privilege to share what my adoptee status means to me. and listen and learn from all of the other adoptees there. While all of our stories are different, camp provided a needed outlet to let each of our experiences shine!"

-Elena, Gladney Adoptee and Camp Volunteer



Complete your application HERE !

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Contact Information: Cristina Salinas, Ph.D Center for Mexican American Studies salinas@uta.edu

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Questions? Contact Dr. Catherine LaBrenz - catherine.labrenz@uta.edu

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# RESOURCES e-e



211 S. Cooper Street, Arlington TX 76019 Social Work Program (817) 272-2135

"The price of inaction is far greater than the cost of making a mistake:" — Meister Eckhart