



UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS ARLINGTON SCHOOL OF SOCIAL WORK THE WORLD TALKS ABOUT UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAMS CHANGE; WE CREATE CHANGE.







SOCIAL JUSTICE SPOTLIGHT

September 4 is World Sexual Health Day!

September 4 is World Sexual Health Day, where we raise GREATER awareness to sexual health, celebrate sexuality and promotes sexual rights. What is sexual health? Sexual health regards your well-being mentally, physically and emotionally well-being regarding our sexuality. Our sexual wellbeing influences our medical issues, education and over all sexual behavior.

On this day we also look at our sexual rights, here are just a few:

- equality and non-discrimination
- autonomy and bodily integrity
- •be free from all forms of violence and coercion
- privacy
- •the highest attainable standard of health, including sexual health
- accurate information
- education
- •decide to have children and how many to have
- access justice

How To Observe

- Educate yourself on ways to stay safe
- Take part in a conference
- Talk about it!

CREATING & DEEPENING CONNECTIONS

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Sources: https://www.worldsexualhealthday-northamerica.com/

STUDENT SPOTLIGHT



Get to know our Student Leaders!

Howdy, all! My name is Sandra (Sandy) Miller, and I am thrilled to be a Graduate Student Leader again this semester. This is my third semester as a GSL, and I am beginning my Advanced year with the Program. Like many of you, I am a "non-traditional" student, as I received my bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice from Sam Houston State back in "the 1900's," as my kids call it. I grew up in a tiny town in rural Central Texas and was the first person in my family to graduate from college. After marrying my elementary school sweetheart (and next- door neighbor), we landed in the DFW metroplex for job opportunities and have lived here almost 30 years.

I worked as an adult felony probation officer for Tarrant County for many years in various capacities and thought I would retire from the County, as I loved the job very, very much. That plan changed after becoming a mom. Over the years, I had many conversations with loving, dedicated parents whose young adult children had become involved in crimes or addicted to drugs – It can happen to anyone. I knew I did not have the energy to deal with the despair and ugliness of the justice system all day and be an effective parent. Many people can, and do, but I knew my limits. We scaled back financially so I could be a stay-at-home parent to our two smelly, kind-hearted boys, who are now thriving in middle and high school. I am thankful for that opportunity. Now that my family doesn't "need" me as much, here I am, back in school with my gray hair and reading glasses with the goal of eventually becoming an LCSW.

In one of my classes, we watched a Ted Talk by a social worker who floored me with the statement, "You never know that you'll need a social worker in your life... until you do." I can attest to that. Many of you probably can, too. Volunteering as a GSL gives me the opportunity to give back by helping other students navigate the Program, just as others have so patiently helped me. The time commitment is minimal, but the reward is a sense of community and purpose that brings great satisfaction. We are all in this together with the common goal of helping others, and I see the GSL program as part of the natural progression toward our future "helping professions." I wish you all the best! Let's have a great semester!

Interested in becoming a GSL? Click here!

ORGANIZATION SPOTLIGHT



The Gerontological Organization (GO) invites all UTA students interested in advancing the field of aging, as well as reducing agism to join us to network, realize new opportunities, and increase our understanding on the needs and ways to support our growing older adult

GO is a student organization created by the school of social work and open to all UTA students.

Mission statement: "The Gerontology Organization (GO) aims to create opportunities for students interested in learning about, serving, and working with older adults to network with like-minded students across UTA and to develop their professional portfolio. Together we aim to create an Age Friendly UTA campus!"

Aligned with recommendations across the literature for multidisciplinary approaches to address the needs of our growing older adult population, GO offers several opportunities to student members:

- Networking opportunities for UTA students across various fields of study to meet and interact
 with like-minded students, as well as with professionals currently working in the field of aging.
- Collaboration opportunities to enhance school projects, research work, and publications with
 perspectives outside the scope of one discipline.
- Learning opportunities to equip student members with a robust knowledge base of other disciplines and how they approach, perceive, and how disciplines may support each other in their work with older adults.
- Career exploration opportunities through presentations provided by professionals working in the field of aging to prepare our student members on course work and qualifications necessary for successful employment
- Civic Engagement opportunities through volunteerism, as well as by learning strategies to increase awareness across the UTA campus and in our communities regarding stereotypes, prejudices, and discrimination that may be harmful or hurtful to older adult student learners and the overall older adult population.
- Resume and curriculum vitae building opportunities. GO encourages student involvement
 and welcomes student champions to suggest projects, lead or organize projects, and
 contribute in ways that will benefit their long-term goals.

GO welcomes all UTA students of **all ages** with a passion for older adults and the field of aging **Join us and GO far!**

Join the UTA School of Social Work Gerontological Organization (GO) First Meeting: September 12, 2022 – 5:30 – 6:30P

- Interested in creating a better world
- Interested in a career working with older adults
- adults

 Want to build your resume with studenty
- activities
- Looking to network with your peers
- Consider joining GO



TEAMS Link: CLICK HERE to join the meeting



To Join GO: https://mavorgs.campusla







 Click and search for the Gerontological Organization

To join GO click HERE!



I have learned...through a great deal of missing the mark and adjusting...that whenever I take the focus off of what is going on inside of me and direct that focus to another...what is wrong with them...everything gets out of balance inside of me. It is a high price I pay when I attempt to ditch what I am responsible for...my thoughts, feelings, and choices.

It typically goes something like this...someone says or does something, and I notice that I become incredibly anxious or stressed. I don't want to feel anxious, and I want an immediate solution NOT to feel stressed. So, the quickest path to resolution is to blame the person for their actions and for 'making me' feel anxious. Well, we all know that nobody can make us feel anything; how we feel in any given situation is completely within our power.

What is the result? I will continue to feel anxious and out of balance until I stop and turn the question inward...where is this anxiety coming from? Sometimes I have to sit with the question for awhile...maybe hours...maybe days...maybe weeks...for it all depends on how willing I am to be honest with myself. Their words or actions were merely a catalyst for making me aware of an old wound...I say old wound for rarely is it about something in the here and now.

As I walk this journey of evolution and awakening, I notice that the present continuously offers opportunities to heal the past in the now...as long as I enter the process with a few perspectives. First is mindfulness...which is simply another way of saying 'being present in the now'. Next is curiosity...the ability to wonder...for when we are in wonderment, it is much easier to leave judgement out of the picture completely.... and this is foundational to healing. Finally, to be open. If we want to experience something different, we have to do something different. A common saying in 12-step programs is 'insanity is doing the same thing over and over expecting different results' or the proverbial beating our head against the wall. A quote that applies to these concepts is attributed to Herbert Spencer, "There is a principle which is a bar against all information, which is proof against all argument, and which cannot fail to keep a man in everlasting ignorance. This principle is contempt prior to examination"

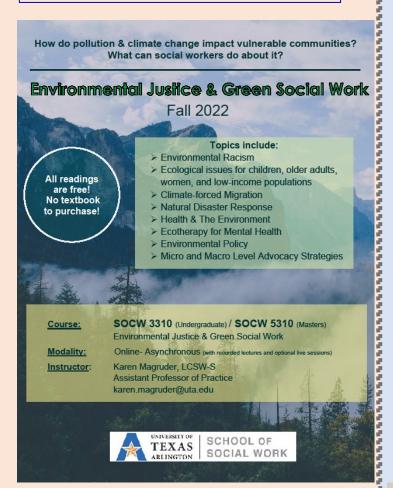
Consequently, taking each situation as an opportunity to learn something about myself becomes a magical and transformative process. I give myself the opportunity to identify and release patterns that no longer serve me. I give myself the opportunity to experience a whole new level of self-awareness, self-acceptance, and self-love. I become proficient at self-regulating my emotions...of addressing the source of the anxiety.... as well as steps to alleviate the anxiety. I believe that each of us have...within us...the answers to whatever questions we have. It is simply a matter of tapping into that innate wisdom...our higher self...Great Spirit...Universal Consciousness...God within...or whatever name you choose. Remember, this is your journey, and you are creating your reality with every thought, feeling and choice. You get to decide how you want to respond; this is where your personal freedom and personal power lie.

What did you learn about yourself today? How has your life changed? What is different now? Do you feel an increased vibration of love, joy, grace, or peace? Do you have more to explore about a particular experience, thought or feeling? Do you feel closer to your authentic self. Do you feel empowered?

My wish for you? Whatever the day brings, anchor yourself in the now and embrace the beautiful you. This journey is uniquely yours...you are writing the script...you are telling the story...trust the journey...trust yourself...for you matter.

Dayton Ann Williams, MBA, PMP®
MSW Student, Direct Practice in Mental Health & Substance Misuse
MHPS (Certified Mental Health Peer Specialist)
CPC® (Certified Professional Coach)

COURSE SPOTLIGHT



SOCW 5356 COGNITIVE BEHAVIORAL INTERVENTIONS

No textbook to purchase!



IMPORTANT DATES

FALL 2022

- September 5 -- Labor Day Holiday
- September 7- Census Date
- Oct. 28-- Last day to drop classes; submit requests to advisor prior to 4:00pm
- Nov. 23- No classes scheduled
- Nov. 24- Thanksgiving Holiday
- Nov. 25- Thanksgiving Holiday
- Dec. 6- Last day of classes
- Dec. 7- Student Study Day (no classes)

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? Click for more information.

FALL 2022



Designed to provide essential forensic knowledge and skills to advance social worker influence within legal environments.

Students will learn how to:

· Discover when problems are legal and require legal action Respond to Subpoena

OPPORTUNITIES TO LEARN FROM PRACTICING PROFESSIONALS

- **Analyze Case Law**
- Participate in Judicial Proceedings
- Perform as a witness in court
- And more

INSTRUCTOR

Dr. Sherece Shavel, Assistant Professor of Practice

EMAIL FOR MORE INFORMATION sherece.shavel@uta.edu



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 Martaya Brown or Lecia
Edwards 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 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
 <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 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!

Fall 2022

 Application Deadline is CLOSED. See the Fall 2022 Field Education Calendar for Block and for Split here.

InPlace fee is due on the first day of class

Spring 2023

- The Spring 2023 Field Application is open October 03, 2022.
- Application deadline is November 25, 2022
- See the Spring 2023 Field Education Calendar for Block and for Split <u>here.</u>

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 Wednesday of the month, 3:30-4
 - Click here to join the meeting



GET INVOLVED

SOCIAL WORK CONNECTIONS LAB



RECEIVE HELP WITH:

Brainstoring ideas APA formatting FREE! Writing flow & structure EDEE Build social work skills FREE! Avoiding plagiarism



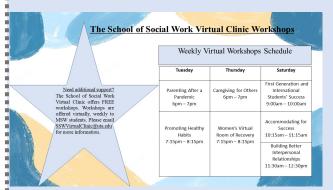
Get ahead this semester by booking your appointments now!

SSW CAP GRADUATES

SAMSW IS COLLECTING **ALUMNI CONTACT INFORMATION FOR A CAP ALUMNI NETWORK**



Email SSWVirtualClinic@uta.edu for information.



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EVENTS





MONDAY AUGUST 22ND

MAVS MEET CONVOCATION CELEBRATE THE START OF THE NEW ACADEMIC YEAR WITH MAVSMEET AT THE COLLEGE PARK CENTER

WEDNESDAY AUGUST 24TH

WAFFLEOPOLIS

THE EVENING WILL INCLUDE NEW AND OLD FRIENDS
MEETING UP TO ENJOY WAFFLES WITH A VARIETY OF
TOPPINGS. LOCATED AT BRAZOS PARK

WEDNESDAY AUGUST 31ST

MAVERICK ACTIVITY FAIR DAY ACTIVITY FAIR DAY IS A PRIME OPPORTUNITY TO MEET FACE-TO-FACE WITH AN ARRAY OF CAMPUS AND COMMUNITY RESOURCES. 10:00 AM- 1:30 PM

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT TRAININGS



Making an Accessible PDF Document From a Word Document

Virtual Only Date Monday 08/29/2022, 10:00 AM – 11:00 AM (1 hr)

Prerequisite:#1 Electronic Accessibility - Why, What and How

A Day In Your Shoes

In-Person Only
Location
rary Room Atrium

Library, Room Atrium
Date

Tuesday 09/13/2022, 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (2 hrs)

Mav Ally 1.0

Virtual Only

Date Thursday 09/15/2022, 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM (2 hrs)

GLOBAL ENGAGEMENT - <u>INTERCULTURAL</u> COMPETENCY TRAINING

Virtual Only THURSDAY 10/20/2022, 10:00 AM – 11:00 AM

Visit the Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Professional

Development UTA

Website!

_____ Introducing the 1st Annual

SOCIAL WORK AND LAW

National Symposium

Strengthening Pathways and Partnerships to Advance Empowerment, Justice, and Change

ONE DAY VIRTUAL EVENT FRIDAY | SEPTEMBER 30, 2022

CALL FOR PROPOSALS

The 1st Annual Social Work and Law National Symposium exist to harness energy, passion, and wisdom to advance the field of forensic social work and the capacity of forensic social work and the capacity of forensic social work practitioners. This is a future forward event bringing together deucators, researchers, community practitioners, justice-oriente leaders, and students for synergistic learning collaborations.

DEADLINE FOR RECEIPT OF PROPOSAL IS JUNE 15, 2022

FOR INQUIRIES AND PROPOSAL SUBMISSION:



ACADEMIC **OPPORTUNITES**

CALL FOR EXHIBITORS

oposals should be saved as PDF files and submitted to Symposium Revi mmittee by email (SWLSymposium@gmail.com) no later than June 15, 22. Notifications about participation will be delivered by July 1, 2022. gistration will be available by July 15, 2022. All accepted presenters mu jister to confirm virtual attendance no later than August 1, 2022.

COSTS: Regular \$45 before August 1, Regular \$55 after August 1 Student registration is Free. CEUs included. Certificates available at a cos of \$5 per certificate upon request.

SSW GRADUATE CERTIFICATES

Certificates are a great way to gain specialized expertise while earning your degree Talk to your advisor today about adding a certificate to your plan this Fall!

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POLICY LEADERSHIP

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VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITES



and staff?

Learning new advocacy and communication skills?



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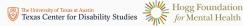
Road To Recovery: Trauma Informed Care Applications Open for 2023

The Texas Center for Disability Studies is offering an exciting training opportunity – FREE to selected applicants. The Center is recruiting applicants to become master trainers of the Road to Recovery: Supporting Children with Intellectual/ Developmental Disabilities Who Have Experienced Trauma.

The virtual training offers IDD professionals, mental health professionals, family members, educators, direct care workers and others valuable insights into how to support children with intellectual and other developmental disabilities in healing from trauma.

Interested in becoming a trainer? Complete the application on disabilitystudies.utexas.edu/R2R

Deadline to submit your application is November 14, 2022. Questions? Contact r2rtcds@gmail.com.





REGISTER TODAY

NASW Texas **Hybrid Conference** October 13-15, 2022

Student Volunteers Needed!







Volunteer TODAY



JOB OPPORTUNITES

Click here for more information

Trauma Therapist

Overview

Date Posted: 6/23/2022

Job Code: THRTDSP
Position Type: Exempt

City: Fort Worth

State: TX

Country: United States of America

Category: Direct Care - Clinical Therapist/Social Work/Case Worker

Requisition Number: 8977
Position Number: 12493





ABOUT US

As the public hospital for Dallas, Parkland has been providing exceptional care stretches back for over a century. Today, many of Parkland's specialty areas have garnered national achievements in care, research, and technological innovation.



CURRENT OPENINGS:

- Social Worker (BSW) bilingual Spanish
- Social Worker (LMSW)
- Social Worker (LMSW) bilingual Spanish
- Mgr, Social work



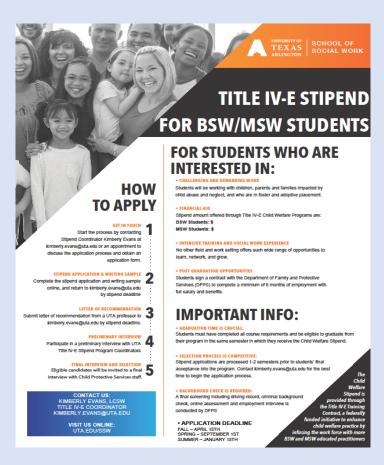




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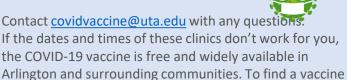
Social Work Course Guides Student Research **Opportunity** Center





Covid-19 Vaccine

or booster near you, enter your zip code into the CDC's



Click Here for more information.

COVID-19 vaccine finder.

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



Are you a student in recovery from substance use? If so, you may be eligible to offer feedback on a new VR based tool for substance use treatment. Click here for more information.



"If you are military-connected, 18 or older, and have transformed your trauma into a personal growth experience contributing to the growth and/or transformation of others, you may be eligible to participate in a research study."

umatic Growth and Transformatio in Military-Connected Populations

Location for follow-up Interviews

Video interviews via MS Teams meeting







Research Participation Opportunity

Volunteers needed for an exploratory survey of childhood experiences and well-being in transition-age youth.



youngadultwellbeing.questionpro.com

Thank you for your interest and participation! We understand that your time is valuable. Participants who complete the survey will be entered into a raffle for one of ten \$20 Amazon gift cards.



UTA Academic Calendar

Evidence-Based Practice Research Guide



Check Canvas for the MavsUnite Page! To add please e-mail:

Emily Clark

SAR Center

(Formerly Office of Students with Disabilities)











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.



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 Olga Carrillo: Olga.carrillo@mavs.uta.edu



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