On October 12th we celebrate National Freethought Day!

On this day, we are encouraged to think freely! This includes our thoughts of science, opinions on politics, poetry meaning, reasons, and ideas. Additionally, freethought day promotes concrete logic and evidence-based decision making. It provides an open dialogue to share opinions.

National freethought day dates all the way back to the Salem Witch Trials in 1692. This was when questionable evidence of the accused “witches” started to arise within the trials. Therefore, Governor Phips of Massachusetts omitted “spectral evidence” within the court. This decision saved many accused settlers’ during the trials.

Want to know more? Click Here
Get to know our Student Leaders!

Hello, my name is Ana Catalina Giner. I'm excited to be part of the GSL program to help and assist other fellow students. I'm in the MSW program, and I will be pursuing mental health and substance misuse concentration. I was born and raised in the border city of El Paso, Texas. I obtained my Bachelors in Political Science and Philosophy from the University of Texas at El Paso. I currently work in an outpatient mental health clinic, where I have been fortunate to see the positive outcomes that social workers make every day. I look forward to assisting and advocating for our social work student community at UTA!

Interested in becoming a GSL? Click here!

Graduate Student Leader (GSL) Internship Program – Spring 2023

Are you looking for an internship placement where you can grow professionally, learn leadership skills, receive mentoring, work on important special projects to improve the MSW program, and help fellow MSW students? If so, we may have the opportunity you are looking for.

We are actively recruiting for GSL interns for the spring 2023 semester.

Foundation MSW students, students in the CAP specialty, mental health & substance misuse specialty and children & families specialty (split) can choose to intern within the School of Social Work Academic Affairs Department as a GSL. How cool is that?!?! If you are interested in this new initiative, here is what you need to do. Complete the GSL application: CLICK HERE!

Keep in mind that you can still serve as a GSL even if you do not want to use this as your field placement. Whether you are a volunteer GSL, or you use this as a field placement, you will provide much needed support to fellow MSW students. Interns will have additional opportunities to lead special projects and receive mentoring.

Applications open for Spring Field placement on October 3rd. The deadline to submit applications is November 25, 2022.
Focus on relationships instead of consumption

This is Step 6 in Deepak Chopra’s 10 Steps to Wholeness. The statement is clear; no ambiguity whatsoever. Perhaps if we polled a random sampling of our community, 95% would say something to the effect, “Well, duh, of course that’s true!” Because we value our relationships. Right? I believe, in theory, we do. We are aware that relationships impact every aspect of our lives; I don’t know anyone who, literally, lives alone on an island. Yet valuing our relationships is not the essence of this statement; rather it is a call to action. If we examine the word ‘focus’, what meaning springs to mind? The thought for me is ‘camera’. If we want to get a beautiful picture, we must take the time necessary to ensure the object is in focus. Certainly, we can point-and-shoot and maybe it will be okay, maybe one out of a thousand times it will be ‘pretty darn good’. But we cannot expect to get an awesome picture if we do not spend the time necessary to ensure the object is “in focus”. In comparison, the same applies to our relationships. It takes focus, which requires time and attention. It calls us to action; a deliberate expending of our energy. We know this experientially. When we focus on our relationships, they flourish. When we spend time developing and nurturing our relationships, we compound our investment. Through our connection, we feel whole, happy, fulfilled. We feel true joy. In contrast, when we focus on consumption the outcome is far different. In the short-term, the new house, new car or new gadget will bring us joy; no doubt. But the feeling is short-lived, and it can be very short, hence the conception of the phrase “buyer’s remorse”. Often, the focus on consumption only exacerbates the emptiness we feel inside and increase stress through increased credit card debt; and where is the joy in that? Bronnie Ware wrote a powerful article titled “Top 5 Regrets of the Dying”. Ware worked in palliative care for years and found there was a common focus of those who were reaching the end of their time in this space, i.e., dying was imminent. In one way or another, relationships wove through the regrets. We have heard people say, “live this day as if it were your last” and this article brought depth to the meaning of this statement. Now...this moment...we have an opportunity. What is your focus?

Dayton Ann Williams, MBA, PMP
MSW Student, Direct Practice in Mental Health & Substance Misuse, UTA
Pronouns: she, her, hers
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 Martaya Brown or Lecia Edwards to get connected!

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!

FIELD POWER HOURS

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

• Aging & Health (Interim Field Advisor for Mental Health last names A-L)
  • 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
• BSW/BSSUT (Interim Field Advisor for Mental Health last names M-Z)
  • Field Advisor: Sharon Martin
  • 1st & 3rd Wednesday of the month, 3:30-4
  • Click here to join the meeting

*Update* Foundation: Andrea Jameson-andrea.jameson@uta.edu

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 Licensing 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.
EVENTS

National Coming Out Day Festival
Join the LGBTQ+ Program and UTA Libraries as we celebrate National Coming Out Day! Learn from Community and Campus partners how they serve the LGBTQ+ Community, listen to live music, enjoy several different activities, and have a great time with us!

Tuesday, October 11 at 11:00am to 2:00pm
Brazos Park
Do you have questions about the MSW program, registration/course information, your degree plan, field, graduation, or something else about the MSW program? Are you having issues navigating your class information or have instructor questions? Follow the steps below to get the answers you need quickly!

### Step 1: Initial point of contact

1. Registration issues, degree plan, graduation information:
   - **Academic Advisor**

2. Questions about field:
   - Reach out to your field liaison:
     - Still have questions, then:
     - **Field Advisor**

3. General questions about MSW program:
   - Reach out to a [GSL](#), (Graduate Student Leader)
     - Still have questions or other program issues:
   - Reach out to the Office of Graduate Programs:
   - **Dr. Joyce White**

   - **Ginger Jackson**

4. Questions about your course assignments, Canvas, syllabus:
   - Reach out to your instructor first (see Canvas for details)

### Step 2: Second point of contact

Still need answers after initial point of contact or issue not resolved from step 1?

- Academic Advising and Field Education Concerns:
  - **Ms. Patrice Green**, Manager of Student Success & Advising

- Course or instructor issues:
  - **Dr. Amanda Hassan**, Assistant Dean of Academic Affairs

- Graduate program issues:
  - **Dr. Diane Mitschke**, Associate Dean of Student & Academic Affairs
Step 3: Third point of contact

Still need answers after second point of contact or issue not resolved from steps 1 or 2? Please contact:

Dr. Diane Mieschke, Associate Dean of Student & Academic Affairs

Process all together

- Step 1
  - Resolved, yes... STOP HERE!
  - Resolved, no... GO TO STEP 2!
- Step 2
  - Resolved, yes... STOP HERE!
  - Resolved, no... GO TO STEP 3!
- Step 3
  - Resolved, yes... STOP HERE!

Professional Development Trainings/Events

- Stepping Out — Gender, Women & Sexuality Studies Name Change Celebration
  
  Join the Gender, Women & Sexuality Studies program as we celebrate our name change!
  
  Stop by for food, drinks, and swag!
  
  Wednesday, October 12 at 11:30am to 1:30pm
  
  Library Mall

- Global Engagement - Intercultural Competency Training
  
  Virtual Only
  
  Thursday 10/20/2022, 10:00 AM – 11:00 AM

Visit the Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Professional Development UTA Website!
We're seeking transfer students who want to boost their resume and career options with Power Skills and Tech Skills. No matter what your major, we can provide the path to a lucrative and fulfilling career. [Click here to register!]

MavMentors Training
Learn how to join UTA’s mentor program, MavMentors, and connect with UTA alumni and industry leaders to help guide your career journey Monday, September 26 at 10:00am to 11:00am Virtual Event

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 t2rtdcs@gmail.com.

Volunteer Today!

Hispanic/Latinx Heritage Month!
September 15th-October 15th

Beans & Rice
Canned Fruits (i.e., mango, guava, peaches)
Melé Bases
Canned pickled chiles
Tortillas (i.e., corn & flour)
Cooking oils & Spices (i.e., cumin, oregano, chile powder)
Tostadas
**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

**Benefits**

- Medical
- Dental
- Vision
- Life Insurance
- Flexible Spending Account
- Disability
- Pet Insurance
- Supplemental Insurance
- Dependent Care Flexible Spending Account

**Contact**

- Gillian Williams  
  214-593-8269  
  gillian.williams@phhs.org

**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

**Click here for more information**
STAY SAFE

Covid-19 Vaccine

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

RESEARCH

Student Research Opportunity Center

Social Work Course Guides

TITLE IV-E STIPEND FOR BSW/MSW STUDENTS

FOR STUDENTS WHO ARE INTERESTED IN:

1) ELIGIBILITY AND ELIGIBILITY WORK
   Students will be working with children, parents and families impacted by child abuse and neglect, and also in a foster and adoptive placement.

2) FINANCIAL AID
   Students must complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) and complete the Title IV-E Scholarship application form.

3) LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION
   Students must secure two letters of recommendation from a faculty member or a community member who has worked with the student.

4) INTERVIEW
   Students must be interviewed by the Title IV-E Program Coordinator.

5) FINAL INTERVIEW AND DECISION
   Eligible candidates will be invited to a final interview with the Title IV-E Program Coordinator.

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RECRUITING PARTICIPANTS FOR TRANS AND NONBINARY EXPERIENCES IN SOCIAL WORK EDUCATION

Requirements:

- 18 years old or older
- Identify as gender diverse (such as trans, nonbinary, agender)
- Are either:
  - A) a social work student in the last two years (current, withdrawn, or graduated) OR
  - B) social work faculty (part time or full-time) teaching within the last two years

Expectations:

Complete one 30-45 minute Zoom interview about your experiences in social work education as a gender diverse person.

Compensation:

20-30 people will complete the interview and receive a $15 gift card by email.

Interested?

Contact M. Killian Kinney (they/them) at markkimm@iu.edu
or Richard Brandon-Friedman (he/him) at rifriedm@iu.edu

Indiana University
IRB Protocol #16155
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

Mavs Talk 24HR Crisis Line
Call (817) 272-0255
Visit uta.edu/caps for more information

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

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 vegetable, 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

“You must not be fearful about what you are doing when it is right”
— Rosa Parks

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