

# THE WORLD TALKS ABOUT CHANGE; WE CREATE CHANGE.







# SOCIAL JUSTICE SPOTLIGHT

# 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

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### STUDENT SPOTLIGHT



# 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 out-patient 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.

#### YOU MATTER

#### 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

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

#### **IMPORTANT DATES**

#### **FALL 2022**

- 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 Field Applications
   Close
- Dec. 6- Last day of classes
- Dec. 7- Student Study Day (no classes)
- Dec. 16- School of Social work Graduation, 6:30
   PM

#### **NEW FIELD ADVISOR UPDATE ON PAGE 4!**

\*Sharon & Natalie will be splitting MHSU students!

# 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



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 <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.
- <u>InPlace Training</u> and <u>Logbook Training</u> 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!

#### 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 Jamesonandrea.jameson@uta.edu

School of Social Work JOIN THE SOCIAL **WORKERS FOR** CHILDREN AND **FAMILIES STUDENT ORGANIZATION!** 

> Join a new student organization for students interested in working in the social work field with children and families!

- NETWORK WITH OTHER UTA STUDENTS HAVE GUESTS/PROFESSIONALS VIS WITHIN THE SOCIAL WORK FIELD
- For those interested in joining please reach out to Oscar Aguilla via email at oxa8654@mavs.uta.edu or on Microsoft Teams.

Celebrate HISPANIC **COCE KENYA'S** 2ND ANNUAL

## GROWING VIRTUAL 5/10K LITERACY RACE



■M■ OCT 8-14

SIGN UP TODAY! HTTPS://BIT.LY/3TIV9TY







# **ALUMNI NETWORK**

**ALUMNI CONTACT** 

SCAN OR CLICK TO REGISTER!



# STUDENTS FOR **GLOBAL CHANGE** (SGC)

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 particapte, please registers https://forms.gle/8nHefgf53iB1EXq



Follow us @SGCUTA- Students for Global Change

INTERESTED IN MACRO SOCIAL WORK?

STUDENT ASSOCIATION FOR MACRO SOCIAL WORK (SAMSW) OCT 3, 2022 @ 7PM



October 3 (First Monday) November 7 (First Monday) December 5 (First Monday)

Click or Scan to Register!



#### National Coming Out Day <u>Festival</u>

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** 







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# Student and Academic Affairs MSW Student Guidance Protocol

Do you have questions about the MSW program, registration/course information, your degree plan, field, graduation, or something other 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 I: Initial point of contact

- 1. Registration issues, degree plan, graduation information:
  - Academic Advisor
- 2. Questions about field:
  - Reach out to your field liaison
    - o Still have questions, then:
  - Field Advisor



- 3. General questions about MSW program:
  - Reach out to a <u>GSL</u> (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:
  - o Ms. Patrice Green, Manager of Student Success & Advising



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



- Graduate program issues:
  - o Dr. Diane Mitschke, Associate Dean of Student & Academic Affairs



#### **UTA School of Social Work**

### Step 3:Third point of contact

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

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



#### Process all together





# PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT TRAININGS/EVENTS



# MSW Special Power Hour Sessions WHO: For MSW Graduate student: Weekly information and discussion sessions. WHEN: Programed. Programe

#### <u>'Stepping Out—Gender, Women & Sexuality</u> <u>Studies Name Change Celebration</u>

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!



# **ACADEMIC OPPORTUNITES**



#### **MavMentors Training**

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

#### 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!

COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP

POLICY LEADERSHIP

MILITARY, VETERAN, FAMILY CARE

#### **VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITES**







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** 

# Hispanic/Latinx Heritage Month!

September 15th-October 15th

Beans & Rice Canned Fruits (i.e Salsa Mole Bases Canned pickled chiles Cooking oils & Spices (i.e., cumin, oregano,





## **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





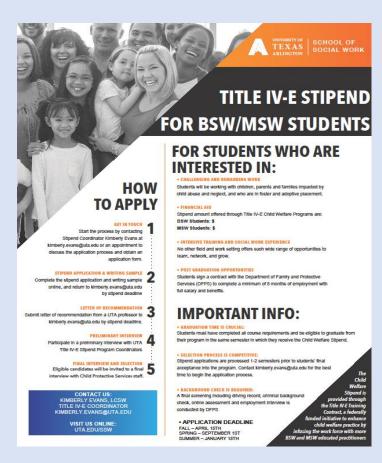


**Click here for more information** 



#### RESEARCH

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





#### **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



RECRUITING PARTICIPANTS FOR

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#### TRANS AND NONBINARY EXPERIENCES IN SOCIAL WORK EDUCATION

#### Requirements:

• 18 years old or older

· Identify as gender diverse (such as trans, two-spirit, nonbinary, agender)

· Are either:

o 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 markkinn@iu.edu or Richard Brandon-Friedman





#### **UTA Academic Calendar**

#### **Evidence-Based Practice Research Guide**

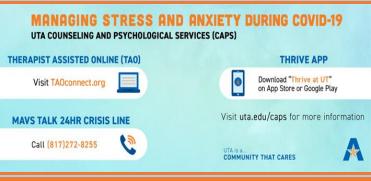


Check Canvas for the MavsUnite Page! To add please e-mail:

**Emily Clark** 

# **SAR Center**

(Formerly Office of Students with Disabilities)













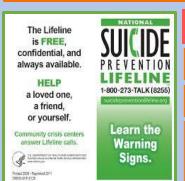
UTA Library Accessibility

On-Demand & Live Fitness Classes



#### **Rental Assistance Program**

The <u>Tarrant County Rental Assistance Program</u> assists residents who have been impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. For more details, email <u>renthelp@tarrantcounty.com</u> or call <u>817-850-7940</u>.



#### **Emergency Assistance Fund**

UTA students with a temporary financial hards hip 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 <a href="mailto:utafoodpantry@gmail.com">utafoodpantry@gmail.com</a> 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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