

SOCIAL JUSTICE Spotlight



Restricting Access to Abortions - Acceptable or Regrettable?

As most, if not all, of us are aware, the landmark legislation of Roe v. Wade was overturned by the U.S. Supreme Court almost a year ago on June 24, 2022. Currently, we are seeing an attack on the abortion drug, mifepristone, which was approved by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) in 2000. U.S. District Court Judge Matthew Kacsmaryk ruled that access to this drug ought to be restricted, negating the judgment of the FDA. Due to Justice Samuel Alito extending a hold on this ruling, we will not know the Supreme Courts' decision on this matter until after Wednesday, April 19th. You can click the following link to learn more about the recent decisions made: [Abortion drug Justice Samuel Alito temporarily extends access while Supreme Court considers case | CNN Politics](#)

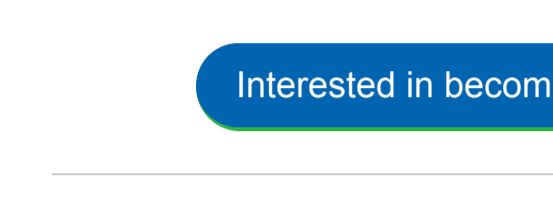
Regardless of anyone's reason behind choosing to use mifepristone, as future social workers, there are a few important questions we ought to consider. Is it ethical for a panel of nine justices to determine the accessibility of an FDA-approved drug? Does restriction to abortion access fall in line with the values and ethical principles outlined by the NASW Code of Ethics? Does the limitation to abortion access promote the dignity and self-determination of the individual?

If this is a matter which you feel passionate about, and you wish to learn more about the power of the Supreme Court along with ways you can advocate for the causes you care about in conjunction with the cases they are currently considering, then you may wish to read a few articles provided by the League of Women Voters.

I implore you to determine how you feel about this case, consider your thoughts on future cases which are set to be discussed, and utilize your advocacy skills learned throughout this program!

[Click here to learn more about the Supreme Court & their power](#)

Student Spotlight



Georgine Mwamba

Hello, my name is Georgine Mwamba. I am a second year Graduate Student Leader. My specialty is Health, I plan to graduate in the Summer of 2023. The goal is to work in hospital settings and be a voice of children and adults who need organ transplants. I would like to be part of decision making when it comes to what and who needs organ transplant the most. I currently work in Disability Services with My Health My Resource of Tarrant County. I am glad that I get to work with people from diverse backgrounds. Interacting with clients and coordinating their services makes me feel accomplished. Other than being a student, I am a wife, a mother of four and volunteer at Compass kids. I enjoy reading, singing, dancing, cooking, telling jokes and spending time with my family. I am honored to be a Graduate Student Leader and I look forward to assisting my constituents in any way I can and to building a great community of social workers.

[Interested in becoming a GSL? Click Here](#)

YOU MATTER!

Do You Believe in Life After Graduation?

Serious question: what is your purpose for being here? I mean, you entered and stayed in this program for a reason, right? Of course you did! Why else would you dedicate thousands of dollars and countless hours of your life toward earning your degree in social work?

So what are you doing now to ensure all your efforts, money and time are not all for naught by the time you graduate?

If you have not already, I recommend you take some time to seriously consider what your career goals are for when you graduate. Think about your passions and the reasons you decided to embark on this journey in the first place, and then use that knowledge to research agencies and organizations which share your same values.

Other actions you should be taking include: networking, building rapport with your professors and field supervisors, asking for letters of recommendation, volunteering, attending career fairs and seeking guidance from your advisors.

Although it may seem daunting to think about life after graduation, it will be here sooner than you think. Prepare yourself now for the best possible outcome I know you are all capable of. Unlike the great words of Cher, I really DO think you're strong enough!

Best Wishes,
Jordon Ward
Graduate Student Leader
The University of Texas at Arlington

Important Dates

- **April 23:** Co-hort students deadline to drop courses
- **April 25:** Last day to drop 2nd 8-week courses
- **May 02:** Last day of classes
- **May 03:** Student Study Day (No classes)
- **May 04 – May 10:** Final Exams
- **May 12:** Commencement Ceremonies (Tentative)
- **May 24:** Final official transcripts due for courses taken outside of UTA
- **June 05:** Last day to register for Summer & Fall 2023 courses



Opportunities

Take Over Our Social Media

Want to showcase your pride as a UTA Social Worker? Send us clips of your day on a "Social Work Student" for an opportunity to have them featured on our social media channels.

- 1 Take video of at least 3 daily activities
- 2 Voice recording of you narrating your day
- 3 Package all files via WeTransfer or Zip
- 4 Submit files to the Marketing Department

For More Information Contact: jordanf.flores@uta.edu

Do you enjoy... Networking with SSW Faculty and Staff? Mentoring Fellow MSW Students? Learning New Advocacy & Communication Skills?

JOIN OUR MSW GRADUATE STUDENT LEADER PROGRAM!

Apply at the link below!
<https://utaeu.questionpro.com/t/AVUR0ZxrBh>

SOAR Jobs

- **Maryland:** SOAR Case Manager – *EveryMind:* Meet with consumers experiencing homelessness, case managers, family members, medical support members, etc., to collect information, review medical records, and put together applications to apply for benefits.
- **North Carolina:** Population Health Specialist – *DukeWell:* Develop, implement, and evaluate comprehensive patient plans to ensure that patients receive appropriate overall medical care, therapy, and training services.
- **Texas:** SOAR Specialist – *Integral Care:* Complete SOAR applications and provide specialized training, advocacy, and assistance to consumers who may be eligible and wish to apply for SSI/SSDI benefits.
- **Virginia:** Behavioral Health Clinician *II/PATH SOAR – City of Virginia Beach Behavioral Health Division:* Assist in outreach efforts to identify citizens experiencing chronic homelessness and coordinate and prepare Social Security Disability cases using the SOAR Model.

Learn more about these positions on the SOARWorks website. Do you have a job posting you would like to share with the SOAR community? Please submit it to the SAMHSA SOAR-VA Center!

Events

Calling all Advanced MSW Students

We want to hear from you!

Take this quick survey to help us improve the MSW Specialist!

<https://utaeu.questionpro.com/t/AVUR0ZxrBh>

For more information contact:
Hannah Henning hennin@utaeu.edu

"OUT OF AREA" STUDENTS

WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU

Do you have a unique experience with the UTA MSW program?

Complete the survey to help us improve the MSW Specialist!

Click here to join us for a 3000 grant!

Don't have time to meet? Take our short survey here

Events

GET READY FOR THE "DEVELOPING A \$SW/MSW IDENTITY" WORKSHOP!

When: Wednesday, April 26, 2023
Time: 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM
Where: 2100A

Check out this video for more info!

Leadership Academy Application

TRANSPORTATION LEADERSHIP ACADEMY

In partnership with DART

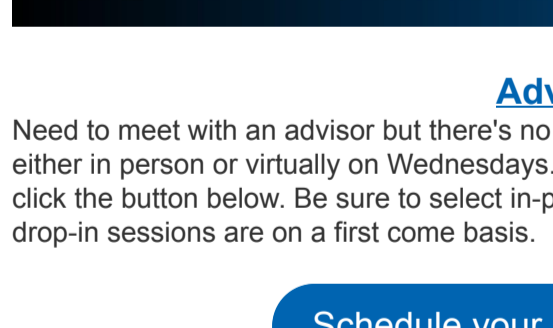
- Paid internships and leadership sessions with DART
- Potential to be interviewed for full-time employment
- Open to all regions undergoing bus service 2, 3, or 6PM
- US Citizen or Green Card status required

For more information, visit uta.edu/careers

Black and Latino Communities Addressing Mental Health, Social Histories, and Collective Trauma

April 19 - 20, 2023
Embassy Suites by Hilton
Dallas Market Center

Student Success Resource



Emergency Housing

My name is Traecia Nichols, I am the Student Success Coordinator for the School of Social Work. In my role I work with students who are facing crises and need help accessing university and community resources. This section will consist of resources that are available to you as a student. If you are in need of resources or have any questions or concerns, please contact me at traecia.nichols@uta.edu.

Students experiencing primary homelessness (i.e., living on the streets, in parks, in car, and/or deserted buildings) may be able to receive temporary housing assistance.

The Dean of Students office has on-campus, confidential, and temporary emergency housing for students experiencing primary homelessness (i.e., living on the streets, in a car, in parks, and/or deserted buildings) as a result of domestic violence, relationship and/or sexual violence, family violence, stalking, displacement as a result of gender and/or sexual identity, and/or other identifiable emergency related situations.

Contact information
Students experiencing homelessness are advised to email the Director of Student Advocacy Services and/or EAF@UTA.EDU.

Academic Resources

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 the button below. Be sure to select in-person or virtual and your advisor. Remember, drop-in sessions are on a first come basis.

[Schedule your appointment here](#)

Connections Lab

Switch Up Your Study Station!
Did you know that studying information in multiple places helps you retain it? Try switching studying locations often. Rotate from your desk at home to the library to the park and see how much better you remember!

["APA Style for everything social work"](#)

[Attend Tutoring Office Hour Thursday, April 20, 12pm: Google Scholar & Citation fun!](#)

[Schedule your tutoring session here](#)

Field Placements

- **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.

Field Power Hours

This is an opportunity for you to ask questions, similar to Office Hours for faculty!
Advanced Aging and Advanced Health

- Field Advisor: Natalie Mangham
- 1st & 3rd Thursday | 2pm - 3pm

Advanced Children & Families and CAP

- Field Advisor: Monica Brown
- 1st & 3rd Wednesday | 4pm - 5pm

Advanced Mental Health/Substance Misuse

- Field Advisor: Sharon Martin
- 1st & 3rd Thursday | 3pm - 4pm

Foundation

- Field Advisor: Andrea Jameson

[Join your advisors' Power Hour here](#)

Graduate Student Leader (GSL)

GSLs serve as advocates and communication facilitators for MSW students, fielding questions about all aspects of the graduate experience, including advising, field, registration, orientation, scholarships, deadlines, program policies, and more. You may reach out to your GSL by email or Teams.

If you do not know who your assigned GSL is, you may email Mary Bell (mx8093@mavs.uta.edu), Chloe Glenn (cgl1385@mavs.uta.edu), Martaya Brown (mmb9972@mavs.uta.edu), Leica Edwards (ae0269@mavs.uta.edu), Jordon Ward (jw9372@mavs.uta.edu) or Reagan Leslie (reagan.leslie@uta.edu).

[Click here to meet our GSL's](#)

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.

UTA Resources

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| UTA Academic Calendar | Suicide Prevention Lifeline |
| Evidence-Based Research Guide | Emergency Assistance Fund |
| Webinar Library | Rental Assistance Program |
| UTA Counseling & Psychology Services | Survivor Support Group |
| SAR Center | Free & Confidential HIV Testing |
| Free Windows Apps with Student ID | UTA/Tr-C Food Pantry Distribution |
| SSW Writing Resources | |

"Because to take away a man's freedom of choice, even his freedom to make the wrong choice, is to manipulate him as though he were a puppet and not a person."
- Madeline L'Engle

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