

SOCIAL JUSTICE Spotlight



Are Your Clothes Ethically Sourced?

We all wear clothes, right? (I sure hope so!) Well have you ever thought about where your clothes come from? And I do not mean your favorite store in the mall; I mean, where do they originate from? Who is the person who delicately stitched the seams together on your favorite dress or sewed the buttons on your best work-blouse? And more importantly, what were the working conditions like for this person and were they fairly compensated for their efforts?

According to a recent news article published in Business Insider, *Nordstrom, Neiman Marcus and Other Brands Were Buying Clothes From a 'Sweatshop' That Paid Just \$1.58 an Hour - in California* (Davis, 2023), "the Department of Labor randomly investigated 50 clothing companies in Southern California" (para. 1) and found that over 80% were violating federal labor laws. How do you feel about that?

If you are someone who feels passionate about social justice issues experienced by the laboring class and see an issue with the numbers mentioned above, then you may wish to advocate for this issue. One way you can do so is by signing the petition for The Fabric Act. This act aims to enforce minimum wage standards and protect US clothing factory workers from wage theft among other goals which seek advancement of social justice for the people who create the clothes in our closets.

[Click here to read more about The Fabric Act & sign the petition](#)

Student Spotlight



Hello, my name is Dycariya (Die-car-ey-uh) Johnson (She/her). I graduated with a Bachelor's in Social Work with a minor in Criminal Justice from the University of North Texas in May of 2022. I am currently pursuing a Master's in Social Work with a focus in Community and Administrative Practice (CAP). This will be my second semester participating in UTA's graduate program. It will be my first semester working as a Graduate Student Leader (GSL). I look forward to working with you all!

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

YOU MATTER!

Your Mental Health Matters!

What is important to you? Is it passing all classes? Taking five to six classes? Staying up through the night to study a major test? Passing classes with all A's?

What about your mental health?

It is great to make goals in life. It is also good to succeed at those goals. However, it is important to be aware of your mental health!

According to the [mentalhealth.gov](#) website, it is necessary to find a trustworthy support group. Find others that may give you great advice, respect your boundaries and interests, and listen to you without judgement.

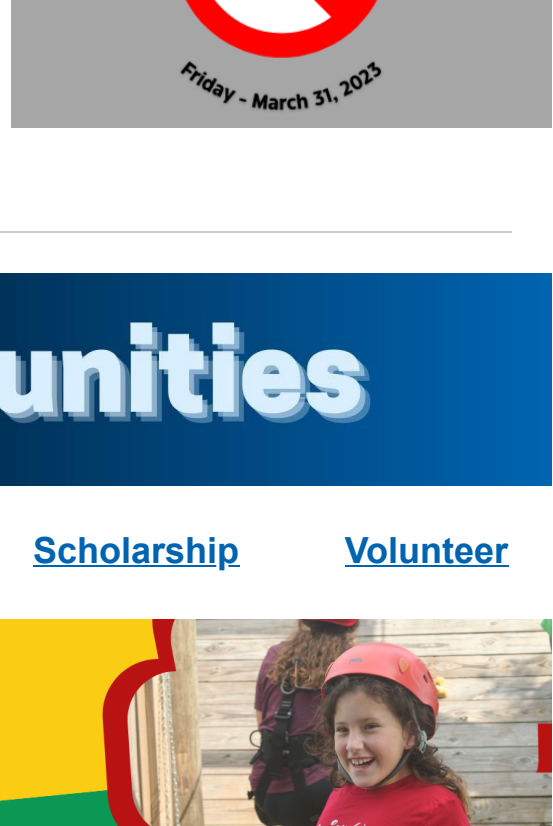
Always remember to give your mind a rest when needed. Get a good night's rest and let your mind recharge throughout the time. Remember to get about 8 hours of sleep every night.

Therefore, always remember to take a mental health day. It is important to rest your mind than to overload it.

Best Wishes,
Andwelah Givens
USL Student Leader
The University of Texas at Arlington
BSW Student

Important Dates

- **March 31:** Last day to drop classes (submit a request to advisors by 4pm); last day to apply for Summer Field in InPlace
- **April 03:** Registration Opens for Summer 2023 & Fall 2023
- **April 23:** co-hort students deadline to drop 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



Opportunities

- [Academic](#) [Career](#) [Scholarship](#) [Volunteer](#)

NETWORK+LEARN with CAP Alumni



MARCH 28
6-7PM

- Licensing & Entrepreneurship
- Research & Post-MSW Education
- Field Placement, Coursework, & Your Career
- Non-profit Development & TINYURLISM

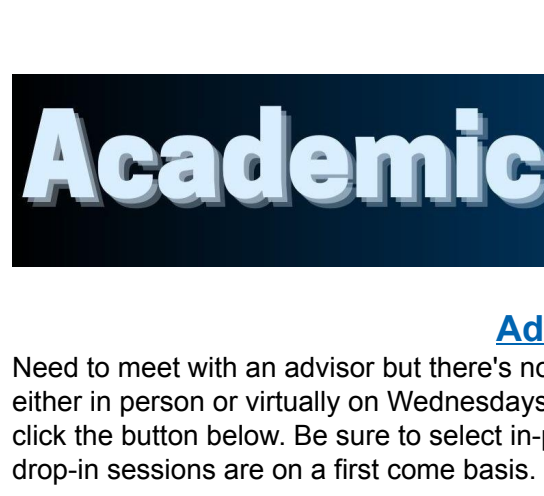


[HTTPS://TINYURL.COM/SA3RH3P6](https://tinyurl.com/sa3rh3p6)

[Student Association for Macro Social Work](#)

Events

Student Success Resource



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.

EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE FUND

UTA students with a temporary financial hardship resulting from a sudden emergency may apply for financial help.

[Website](#)

<https://www.uta.edu/student-affairs/dos/advocacy/emergency-assistance>

[For Questions about EAF](#)

Contact Dean of Students Office Email: dos@uta.edu

[To make a Donation or Gift](#)

Contact Jim Livernois - Director of Annual Giving
Email: livernois@uta.edu
Phone: 817-272-6864

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

Click the link below to learn "How to write the policy paper"
https://uta.instructure.com/courses/149142/pages/how-to-write-the-policy-paper?module_item_id=5806231

Study Tip: Set Yourself up for Success

Don't study when you're tired, hungry, or stressed. Before you hit the books, sleep, have a snack, and listen to some of your favorite music.

[Attend Tutoring Office Hour Wednesday, March 29, 1pm. Uncommon APA & Reference Examples](#)

[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 (mxb8093@mavs.uta.edu), Chloe Glenn (clg1385@mavs.uta.edu), Martaya Brown (mmb9972@mavs.uta.edu), Leticia Edwards (lae0269@mavs.uta.edu), Jordana Ward (jxw9372@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

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	

"We are all implicated when we allow other people to be mistreated. An absence of compassion can corrupt the decency of a community, a state, a nation."
- Bryan Stevenson

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