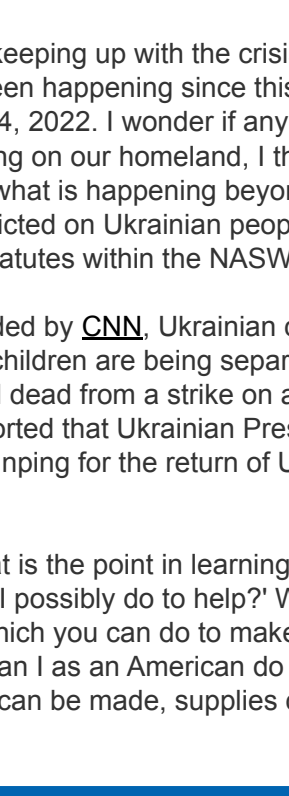


# SOCIAL JUSTICE Spotlight



## Keeping Up with the Crisis in Ukraine

I must admit, I have not been keeping up with the crisis in Ukraine; I am regrettably ignorant to a lot of what has been happening since this country was invaded by Russia over a year ago on February 24, 2022. I wonder if any of you can say otherwise? Even though this war is not happening on our homeland, I think it is important for us as future social workers to be aware of what is happening beyond our borders as the ongoing acts of violence and oppression inflicted on Ukrainian people by the Russian government violates various statutes within the NASW Code of Ethics.

Based on a daily update provided by CNN, Ukrainian citizens are being attacked and killed in their own homes and children are being separated from their families! At least 23 individuals have been reported dead from a strike on an apartment building in the city of Uman last Friday, and it is reported that Ukrainian President Zelensky is attempting to work with Chinese President Jinping for the return of Ukrainian children who were forcefully deported.

Some of you may wonder 'what is the point in learning about these issues when it is beyond my control? What can I possibly do to help?' While that is a fair thought, there actually are tangible actions which you can do to make a difference! After conducting a simple Google search - what can I as an American do to help Ukraine? - I came across various sites where donations can be made, supplies can be sent and protests can be joined!

[Click here to learn more about what you can do to help Ukraine](#)

# Student Spotlight

**UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT ARLINGTON**  
School of Social Work  
Invites you and your family to a  
*Post-Commencement Reception*  
in recognition of your outstanding student achievements

Friday, May 12th, 2023  
Immediately after Commencement  
School of Social Work Building  
501 W Mitchell St., Arlington, TX 76019

Please stop by for refreshments, photos, and a tour of the new School of Social Work building!

Congratulations my fellow peers; we have made it, we are here! You have completed the hard work necessary to get to this point, and now you can proudly say you have another successful semester for the books.

To all our graduates, we want to give you a HUGE congratulations for making it this far. Through all the pages and pages of essays, sleepless study nights and countless hours put in for field, you have grown so much from when you first started this program. We believe you will go forth and accomplish great feats! Before you do that, though, make sure you join us for the post-commencement reception on Friday, May 12, so we can celebrate all you have already accomplished!

As for our continuing students, we want to congratulate you too! You are choosing to keep moving forward with your education, and for that we are so proud of you. The journey may seem long and difficult at times, but the fruits of your labor will be well worth it. Enjoy your summer break, and know we are so excited to see you next semester.

# YOU MATTER!

## Take a Break!

With the final days of Spring semester upon us, I am sure we are all looking forward to some time to just take a break!

If you are like me, you are experiencing so much stress right now trying to turn in final essays on time, study for final exams, scramble to complete those final field hours, keep up with all those discussion posts, and so on and so forth. It is exhausting!

That is why you deserve this time off. In the next one to three months (depending on when your intended next semester is), I strongly encourage you to wind down and take some time for yourself.

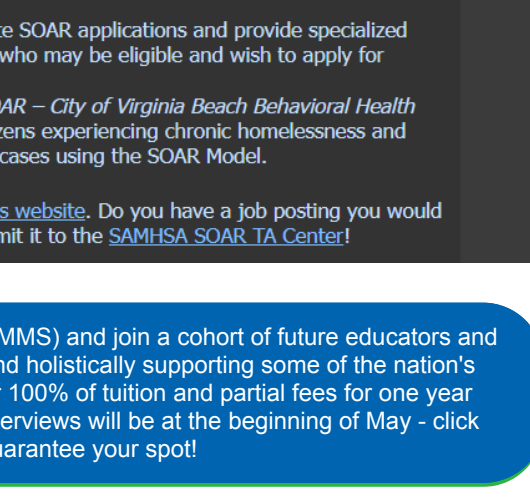
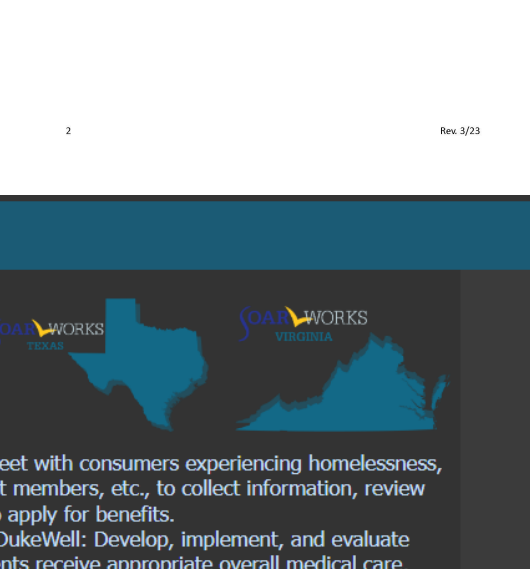
Do some light journaling, read for fun, call an old friend, go on a run and bask in the sun! Do whatever it is that brings you peace and joy. During your break, I also advise you (as I advise my own self) to consider how you can grant yourself more breaks in the future once you do start classes again, because you deserve time for self-care!

With that being said, I wish you all the best of luck with your final essays and exams! And I hope you all have an enjoyable Summer break. ^\_^

Best Wishes,  
**Jordan Ward**  
Graduate Student Leader | Newsletter Lead  
The University of Texas at Arlington

## Important Dates

- **May 02:** Last day of classes
- **May 03:** Student Study Day (No classes)
- **May 04 – May 10:** Final Exams
- **May 12:** Commencement Ceremonies ([see schedule here](#))
- **May 24:** Final official transcripts due for courses taken outside of UTA
- **June 05:** Last day to register for Summer & Fall 2023 courses



# Opportunities

**The Jordan Elizabeth Harris Foundation**  
Program Coordinator - Bilingual English/Spanish Required

**Reports to:** Director of Programs  
**Responsible to:** Program Manager for SPWC Initiatives

**Position Summary:**  
The Program Coordinator is a full-time exempt position and will assist in the implementation and oversight of SPWC. This role is critical to the success of the SPWC program and will provide a visible connection leading to community partners. The Program Coordinator works closely with the Program Manager for SPWC Initiatives and the Director of Programs to implement the program of the Foundation.

**Primary Responsibilities:**  
• Assist in planning and implementing the large budget outside promotion program across delivery sites.  
• Conduct meetings and trainings for parents, consumers, and business and community leaders and provide input for continued engagement with these demographics.  
• Work with Hope Social Lead Advisors to encourage active participation in curriculum delivery.  
• Manage social media and outreach to Spanish speaking communities.  
• Maintain accurate contact information and assist in data driven program evaluation.  
• Establish and maintain cooperative relationships with other SPWC staff, contractors, community leaders, including problem solving to resolve program implementation and operational issues.  
• Coordinate SPWC monthly communication efforts via email and Spanish.  
• Participate in staff development by attending meetings, seminars, and conferences.  
• Operate all activities and develop a work schedule, leading program team quality work efforts, data, information, and activities in increasing SPWC outcomes.  
• Make contact with outside providers, vendors, and agencies.  
• Perform other duties as assigned.

**Hours of Work Requirements:**  
• Position is hybrid with traditional work hours of 8:30 am to 5:00 pm to answer inquiries, emails, phone calls, and text messages as required.  
• Travel and assist the executive to represent various transportation to regional, national and international as required, which may also include leading program team quality work efforts.  
• Position must be willing and able to integrate and work with diverse school populations.

**Required qualifications:**  
• Bachelor's degree preferred - behavioral, social sciences, education fields, or related arts preferred.

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• Speaking and understanding Spanish and English is required, as position will interact with and present training to both Spanish and English speaking clients.  
• Must be able to work independently and in a team structure, in both a practice project or office.  
• Proficient computer skills including Microsoft Office software, the Google Suite of applications, social media content management programs and writing skills and Word/PowerPoint/Excel/Outlook.  
• Must have a vehicle and valid driver's license.  
• Professional appearance and demeanor required.

**Anticipated Time Rates:**  
Hourly: \$24.00/commensurate, support and response - 75%  
Incentive: 0% Training - 15%  
Other Rates as Indicated - 10%

## 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-TA Center!](#)

Consider Project Match Made in Schools (Project MMS) and join a cohort of future educators and social workers committed to teaching/practice and holistically supporting some of the nation's most vulnerable students. The program pays for 100% of tuition and partial fees for one year towards a master's degree. The next round of interviews will be at the beginning of May - click [HERE](#) to apply and guarantee your spot!

## Are you passionate about ending intimate partner violence, and interested in getting PAID FOR PRACTICUM? Consider applying for the Survivor Link AmeriCorps program at UTA!

**Survivor Link members will engage in 450 service hours (through their social work practicum sites) between August 1st 2023- July 31st 2024 to earn a \$2,750 stipend. Survivor Link members will also be eligible for a \$2,474.27 Segal Education Award at the completion of their required hours. Service hours include:**

- Practicum Internship hours (GET PAID FOR PRACTICUM!)
- Receiving training in domestic violence (max of 20% of hours),
- Resource mapping,
- Facilitating 3-7 trainings on domestic violence to public health agency staff, preferably at your internship site, and
- Engagement with a faculty mentor and other program participants at UTA.

This is an excellent opportunity to participate in National service, earn money to engage in internship hours, and connect with people across the U.S. who share an interest in building healthy and violence-free communities! Contact Dr. Voth Schrag (rachel.vothschrag@uta.edu) to find out how to apply!

**Calling all Advanced MSW Students**  
We want to hear from you!

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

<https://utaeduquestionpro.com/!AXYmEZ4H7B>

For more information contact:  
Hannah Hensley | hh9749@mavs.uta.edu

**Single-Parent Student Participants Invited**

- ✓ Opportunity to share personal experiences
- ✓ Contribute to helping universities better serve students who are parents
- ✓ Chance to win \$25 Amazon Gift Card

For a study investigating academic resilience in UTA's Social Work Undergraduates

Primary Investigator:  
Leticia Haro, BSW  
UTA MSW Student  
432-227-8238  
Email: lhh003@mavs.uta.edu

# Events

**Leadership Academy Application**

**QTPOC**  
Join the LGBTQ Programs QTPOC group to discuss issues, challenges, and experiences representing Queer and Trans People of Color.

**Tuesday April 25th, 2023**  
**12pm-1pm**  
**702 Planetarium Pl., Arlington, TX**  
**Central Library, 318**

**TRANSPORTATION LEADERSHIP ACADEMY**

- Paid internship and leadership sessions with scholarship.
- Potential to be interviewed for full-time employment.
- Open to all majors/undergraduate seniors : 2.8+ GPA
- U.S. Citizen or Green Card status required

For more information, visit: [https://transportationleadershipacademy.com](#)

UTA Career Development Center  
@UTAcareeradv

uta.edu/careers

# 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](mailto:traecia.nichols@uta.edu).

**Maverick Pantry**

Are you or someone you know experiencing food and financial insecurity? UTA Maverick Pantry can provide support to our fellow mavericks with essential food items, blankets, baby food, professional attire, and more.

**UTA Maverick Pantry**

# 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**  
**Meditation Makes for Better Grades**  
Studies show that those who meditate may perform better on tests and are generally more attentive. Try a mindfulness app before your next study session and see if your focus improves.

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

[Attend Tutoring Office Hour Tuesday, May 02, 1pm: Self Care During Finals](#)

[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](mailto: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](mailto:mxb8093@mavs.uta.edu)), Chloe Glenn ([cgl1385@mavs.uta.edu](mailto:cgl1385@mavs.uta.edu)), Martaya Brown ([mmb9972@mavs.uta.edu](mailto:mmb9972@mavs.uta.edu)), Lecia Edwards ([lae0269@mavs.uta.edu](mailto:lae0269@mavs.uta.edu)), Jordon Ward ([jw9372@mavs.uta.edu](mailto:jw9372@mavs.uta.edu)) or Reagan Leslie ([reagan.leslie@uta.edu](mailto: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/Tri-C Food Pantry Distribution
SSW Writing Resources	

"A flower cannot blossom without sunshine, and man cannot live without love."  
- Max Muller

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