



Protecting the Planet from Power Plant Pollution

In light of National Earth Day this past Saturday and National Arbor Day this coming Friday, it seems appropriate to discuss a recent announcement made by the Biden administration - they intend on implementing "aggressive new rules to regulate planet-warming pollution from natural gas power plants" (Nilsen, 2023, para. 1), which may seem contradictory to the recent decision made to approve the Willow oil drilling project in Alaska last month.

It seems the motivation behind this decision lies in the fact that "the electricity sector generates a quarter of all planet-warming pollution in the US" (Nilsen, 2023, para. 5), which the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has stated that natural gas, along with coal, "have been the largest energy sources for the electric power sector over the past three decades" (EPA, 2023, para. 8).

It is believed that the Biden administration will face legal challenges against these proposed regulations. What are your thoughts concerning this move? Do you believe this would be an efficient way to reduce planet-warming pollution? Or do you think the Biden administration should focus their efforts on other tactics to protect the planet?

Whatever your stance is on the current regulations in question, I would like you to speak up for the ideas which you believe would be the most effective toward reducing planet-warming pollution and taking action in your personal life to minimize your own ecological footprint. While we aim to improve issues such as social justice or physical/mental wellbeing in our field, we must also aim to protect our home, Planet Earth.

Student Spotlight

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://utaedu.questionpro.com/t/AVUWoZxrBh>

- Helping your fellow peers navigate this journey
- Working on special projects to improve the MSW program
- Developing leadership skills
- Boosting your resume
- & so much more!!!

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

YOU MATTER!

Your Attitude Matters

Did you know that your attitude determines your personality?

Therefore, as future social workers, it is necessary to have a positive attitude. It is important for our clients to know that it is good to have a positive mindset. Your attitude is with you in every part of daily communication. The attitude is always there and evident, not just in any words that you might say, but also in the tone you say them.

Your attitude affects hand gestures and facial expressions. Alongside this, it may affect your posture and other nonverbal cues. Your attitude will reflect outwardly in your behavior. Even if you attempt to carefully monitor what you say to your future clients.

It is important to know your unique connections with attitudes. Research has shown that many people are unaware of their attitudes or a change in behavior. It is important to know when our mindset change for the worse and immediately change it for the better.

Therefore, let us focus more on the positive rather than negativity. Whatever is bringing you down right now is temporary. You will feel better when thinking positive. Remember, your attitude makes who you truly are!

Warm Regards,
Andwelah Givens

BSW Student, Undergraduate Student Leader, The University of Texas at Arlington

Important Dates

- **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

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

Needs to be Director of Program, responsible for Program Manager for BHSU activities.

Position Summary:
 The Program Coordinator is a critical management position and will assist in the implementation and management of the program. The Program Coordinator will be responsible for the day-to-day operations of the program and will be responsible for the following duties:

- Working and collaborating, Spanish and English is required - position will interact with and assist students with disabilities and their families, as well as provide program activities.
- Develop and coordinate program activities and provide support for students with disabilities.
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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 – DukeWells: 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 SSW@ESA.SOAR.UTACenter!

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 Specialist!

<https://utaedu.questionpro.com/t/AXXrYmZx7Bh>

For more information, contact:
 Hannah Hensley (hhensley@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:
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 GTA NOW Student
 432-227-9218
 Email: lharo002@mavs.uta.edu

Events

Leadership Academy Application

QTPOC
 Join the LGBTQ Programs QTPOC group for diverse issues, challenges, and success opportunities. Open and Safe People of Color.

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

TRANSPARENCY LEADERSHIP ACADEMY

- Paid internship and leadership sessions with scholarship.
- Intended to be interested 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:
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.

Student Employment

The Division of Student Success employs over 500 students in various capacities. We use Handshake as our application platform, and we'd love you to learn more about the variety of opportunities across the division by looking at our Student Employment page. To find the current listing of job opportunities follow the link below:

[UTA Student Employment](#)

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 Monday, April 24, 6pm: Proper Email & Communication Etiquette](#)

[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@mavs.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 (cgl1385@mavs.uta.edu), Martaya Ward (mmb9972@mavs.uta.edu), Lecia Edwards (lae0269@mavs.uta.edu), Jordon 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 LMSWB 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/Tri-C Food Pantry Distribution |
| SSW Writing Resources | |

"War contributes greatly to global warming, which shouldn't surprise us. All those bombs going off, all those rockets, all those planes and helicopters. All that fuel of various kinds being used. It pollutes the air and water of this very fragile and interconnected planet."

- Alice Walker

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