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MSW Weekly Program Update
March 2, 2020

National Association of Social Workers:
Social Work Month in March is a time to celebrate the great profession of social work. The theme for Social Work Month 2020 is Social Workers: Generations Strong.

The theme has various meanings. As we enter a new decade it is important to look back and honor the powerful, positive impact the social work profession has had on our society for generations.

A Farewell Message From Dr. Mitschke



"I have had the privilege of serving as Director of Graduate Programs since mid-2015, and during that time, I have very much appreciated getting to know each of you and working hard to ensure that our MSW program is responsive to the unique and diverse needs of MSW students. Our program has grown in its reach across the state of Texas, and we're able to offer students the opportunity to develop specialized expertise in five distinct areas of advanced social work practice, preparing students to launch careers as practitioners who are ready to make a real difference in their communities. As I begin my new role as Associate Dean for Academic and Student Affairs, I am looking forward to continuing the forward progress we've made in shaping our School of Social Work to be a leader in social justice in Texas and around the world. I am so proud of each of you and the leadership, passion, and commitment to social work values you bring to the MSW Program, and can't wait to see the mountains you will move as social workers in our communities. Thank you for allowing me to serve you in this capacity for the past 4.5 years. As I hand over the reins to Dr. Regina Praetorius, your new Director of Graduate Programs, I know you are in excellent hands, and that Dr. Praetorius will work tirelessly to ensure that our MSW Program not only meets your needs and expectations, but continues to prepare graduates to be social justice leaders for years to come."

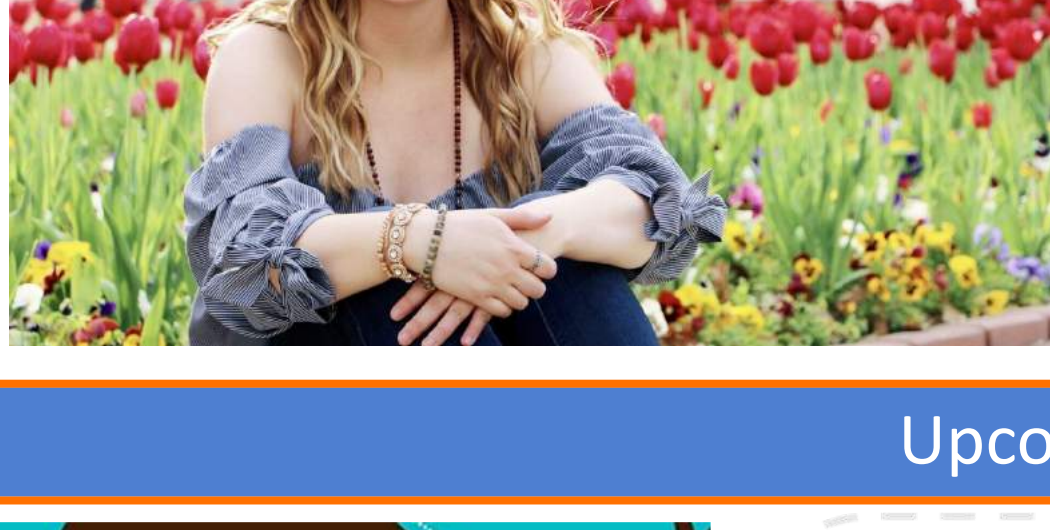
Introducing The New Director of Graduate Programs:

Dr. Regina Praetorius



"I am very excited to be the new Director of Graduate Programs. I know many of you already from your BSW work so I'm glad to encounter you on your journey again. For those of you who don't know me, I was previously the Director of Undergraduate Programs at the School of Social Work since 2015. My research area is suicide prevention with a current focus on college student mental health. Prior to becoming a faculty member at UTA, I have had many opportunities in social work that have ensured I've never been bored in my career! I have worked with the aging in a long term care facility, with nurses and police officers training them for sensitive interaction with people reporting sexual violence, with high school students in public health promotion, with college aged students exploring and planning their future careers, with people struggling with chronic mental health issues and suicidality, and with people bereaved by suicide. In my role as a faculty member and previous Director of Undergraduate Programs, I have been continually inspired by the perseverance and courage of our social work students at UTA. What an exciting future the social work profession has with you taking the lead! I look forward to the opportunities ahead to support you in your pursuit of your MSW degrees!"

Student of the Week



"My name is Sarah Jones and one of my favorite hobbies is gardening at the community garden!"
— Sarah Jones, MSW Student and Graduate Student Leader

Upcoming Events



Daylight Savings Time start March 8th. Set your clocks 1 hour ahead!!

3/4/2020

12 pm

Women's History Month Lecture- Central

Library 6th floor Parlor

Weekly Events

March Fun Facts:

Each year March and June end on the same day of the week.

March was named for war and lives up to its name...after the Latin *Martius*— aka Mars, the Roman God of war and a mythical ancestor of the Roman people. March was historically the perfect month for both farmers to resume farming, and warriors to resume warring.

What's the buzz?

VA NORTH TEXAS SOCIAL WORK 2020 CAREER DAY

YOU ARE INVITED TO ATTEND THE 2020 ANNUAL CAREER DAY FOR SOCIAL WORK COLLEGE STUDENTS ON FRIDAY, MARCH 20, 2020 FROM 10:00 AM—12:30 PM VA NORTH TEXAS HEALTH CARE SYSTEM BUILDING 75—VA COMMUNITY CENTER 4500 SOUTH LANCASTER ROAD, DALLAS TX 75216

The purpose of this event is to provide nearby universities and college students an opportunity to talk one-on-one with a VA Social Worker regarding their role within the Federal Government, Agency and Community. It is our hope that this opportunity will guide each student as they plan their career goals in the field of healthcare and mental health social work.

There will be giveaways and breakfast at the event.

Students interested in the VA Social Work Fellowship should bring the following documents to Career Day:

- Letter of interest that describes (a) why you are interested in further training and in the program in particular, (b) prior exposure to recovery-oriented services for substance use disorders and/or serious mental illness, and (c) your long-term professional goals. Letters of interest are typically one page.
- A current curriculum vitae or resume.
- Three letters of recommendation, one of which must be from a practicum supervisor.
- Writing sample of your choice.

Fellowship Eligibility: • Be a US citizen • Must have received a Master's Degree from a School of Social Work accredited by the Council on Social Work Education. Applicants must graduate by the start of the Fellowship, which will begin in late August. • MSW licensure preferred. Not required

To register, please complete the registration form and email to Catriska Rucker, LCSW at catriska.rucker@va.gov

VA NORTH TEXAS HCS SOCIAL WORK 2020 CAREER DAY

Date: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email Address: _____

University/College Name: _____

Student Classification: _____

Projected Graduation Date: _____

Please submit your registration form to: Catriska Rucker, LCSW catriska.rucker@va.gov

ABSTRACT SUBMISSIONS ARE NOW BEING ACCEPTED UNTIL MARCH 18, 2020. SUBMIT [HERE](#)

UTA's School of Social Work & College of Nursing and Health Innovation present the **2nd Annual Research Symposium: "HEALTH ACROSS THE LIFESPAN"**

Faculty, students, and trainees presenting cutting-edge research aligned with the strategic goal of health and the human condition.

April 22, 2020 8:00 AM – 1:00 PM
Bluebonnet Ballroom, University Center

DIRECT ALL QUESTIONS TO KIM DOUBRAVA: KHODGES@UTA.EDU

Immigration, Trauma and Mental Health among Hispanic and Latinos: Clergy and Law Enforcement Working Together to Promote Healthy Communities

Registration: www.eventbrite.com

Registration Contact: Abigail Gonzalez abigailgonzalez@cdc.edu

8:30AM - 4:30PM
2616 COMMERCE EVENT CENTER
2616 Commerce St
Dallas, TX 75226

Who Should Attend? Counselors, Social Workers, Outreach Workers, Educators, Criminal Justice Professionals, Prevention Specialists or students.

CEU Credits Six (6) CEUs for: TCLE LSWs LMSWs

STUDENTS FOR GLOBAL CHANGE

A STUDENT ORGANIZATION WITH THE PURPOSE TO PROMOTE INTERNATIONAL UNDERSTANDING, EDUCATION, AND RESEARCH FOR STUDENTS AT UT ARLINGTON. THIS ORGANIZATION SEEKS TO UNITE UNDERGRADUATES AND GRADUATES TO ENGAGE WITH INTERNATIONAL SOCIAL ISSUES.

Interested in working with/aiding international populations? Have a passion for helping refugees and volunteering? Want to get involved in the UTA and DPW communities? Looking for a place to have an open discussion and advocate for those affected by our current political climate? Join us! We are currently recruiting members! Online students are also welcome (meetings will include Zoom link). Feel free to reach out to Karla Arenas-Itola karla.arenas@uta.edu or Eusebius Small esmall@uta.edu

The Collective for Orphan Care and Education

ABOUT US
This nonprofit has been inspiring global partnerships to improve the health, education and well-being of vulnerable populations. We support women and children in gaining the knowledge, power and tools necessary to lead healthy, safe and productive lives. For more information: <http://www.cokekenya.org/home.html>

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES
If you or your organization would like to volunteer or help fundraise for this cause please contact Karla Arenas-Itola karla.arenas@uta.edu or Eusebius Small esmall@uta.edu

[WWW.COKEKENYA.ORG](http://www.cokekenya.org)

GAY GYM CLUB

Need a workout partner? The LGBTQ+ Programs Pride Peers got you! Meet them biweekly on Tuesday evenings starting February 25th, 2020 at 6:00 PM inside of the doors of the MAC. Look for students with PRIDE t-shirts on ready to workout! All fitness levels welcome!

2/25, 3/3, 3/17, 3/31, & 4/18

If you would like to preorder a t-shirt please send us an email to utasocialworkcouncil@gmail.com, and contact us on the Teams chat, with your name, size, and quantity of shirts that you would like to purchase. The shirts will cost \$25 each, with the exception of sizes 2XL and 3XL. Cash or checks made out to Social Work Council will be accepted. Sizes: S, M, L, XL, 2XL (\$27), and 3XL (\$29)

CONNEXIONS

Connexions is a LGBTQ+ Peer Led Support Group open to all identities. It is a space for making connections, healing, processing and resources.

LOCATION: Ransom Hall 301
TIME: 12:15-1:00 PM
DATES: 2/28, 3/5, 3/20, 4/3, 4/17, 5/1

UTA is a Community That Cares. #UTACARES

MSW Students Madeline Hyde, Ixally Quiroz, and Linn Daugherty working with resettled refugees to file taxes on Sunday, February 23, allowing families to keep more of the money they've earned. If you'd like to help out, please contact Dr. Mitschke at dianemitschke@uta.edu.

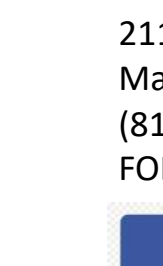
SSW Block Party (Celebration Social Work Month)

Thursday, March 19
11:30 AM - 2:30 PM
SSW Courtyard



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THE SOCIAL VALUE
OF THE WORKER.

Gloria Steinem



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