

IN THE LOOP

A WEEKLY SSW STUDENT NEWSLETTER

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UTA School of Social Work

WELCOME FEBRUARY!
WE'RE GLAD TO SEE YOU!



Welcome to February, future social workers! We hope that this week's newsletter finds you peacefully settling into your spring semester and looking forward to what's next.

By now, you should have received an introduction from your student leader. If you are unfamiliar with the student leader program, we are here to help you find answers and resources to ensure your academic success. We're also here to help build community and strong connections whether you are in person or fully online. Please don't hesitate to reach out to us. If you'd like to learn more about the student leader program, please see our websites below.

[Graduate Student Leaders](#)

[Undergraduate Student Leaders](#)

Until next week!

SOCIAL JUSTICE SPOTLIGHT

Black History Month and Health Advocacy

As we celebrate Black History Month, we honor the resilience, achievements, and contributions of Black leaders throughout history. One such trailblazer is Dr. Daniel Hale Williams, who, in 1893, performed one of the first successful open-heart

surgeries in the United States. As a pioneering Black surgeon and founder of Provident Hospital—the first Black-owned hospital in America—Dr. Williams broke barriers in medicine and paved the way for equitable healthcare access. His legacy reminds us of the importance of advocating for health equity and addressing systemic barriers that persist today.

February 7th is National Black HIV/AIDS Awareness Day, which highlights the ongoing need for education, resources, and community support to combat health disparities. This year’s theme, “We’re in This Together,” encourages collective action to ensure everyone has access to quality care. February is also American Heart Month, a time to raise awareness about heart health while honoring pioneers like Dr. Williams who advanced life-saving medical practices.

By reflecting on these causes and celebrating the contributions of Black leaders, we continue the work of building a healthier, more equitable future for all. To learn more about National Black HIV/AIDS Awareness Day and find resources, visit [HIV.gov](https://www.hiv.gov).

Jasmine Dean
USL Intern

OPPORTUNITIES & EVENTS

THE CENTER FOR MEXICAN AMERICAN STUDIES PRESENTS

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CENTER FOR MEXICAN AMERICAN STUDIES
Your Casa at UTA

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BUILDING BINATIONAL IDENTITY

SPEAKER SERIES
SPRING - 2025

- **THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 13**
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NORMA ELIA CÁRDENAS
UC - Son 8000 Room, 12:00 pm
- **THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 27**
The TBA
Edith Yolanda Merino Lucero
UC - Corbille Suite, 12:30 pm
- **SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 22**
LEUSD District 21 Women's Conference
LEAGUE OF UNITED LATIN AMERICAN CITIZENS
The Commons, 8:00 am - 4:00 pm
- **SATURDAY, APRIL 26**
Tarrant & Delta County Medical Examiners
MISSING IN NORTH TEXAS
Skill Center, Time TBA
- **TBA, APRIL**
CMAS Distinguished Lecture
SPEAKER TBA
Location TBA, Time TBA
- **TUESDAY, MAY 13**
National Conference
VIVA EL MARIACHI - CONCERT
Texas Hall, Time TBA

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT CMAS@UTA.EDU

The Center for Mexican American Studies Presents

Forjando La Identidad Binacional

Building Binational Identity

Speaker Series - Spring 2025

February 13th - May 13th

Learn more



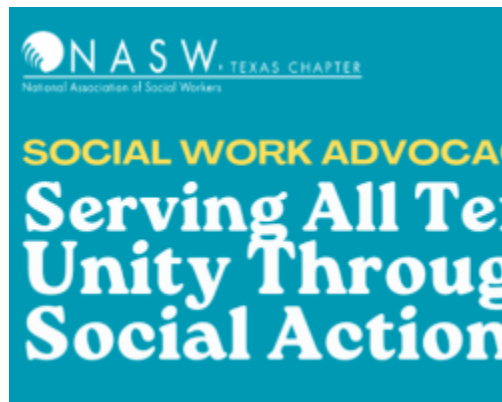
MSW Students: Find your path

February 5th: 6:30 pm

If you are not sure which of the five specialties you would like to pursue, we encourage you to attend the **Find Your Path virtual event on Feb 5th at 6:30**. This will be your chance to hear from MSW alumni and faculty about the five areas of focus and ask questions. Scan the QR code in the flyer to join the online via Teams!

****Action Required by Monday Feb 10th at 5pm** -Please use this link [Specialty Choice](#) to complete the form identifying your chosen specialty.

MSW Specialty Areas



Social Work Advocacy Day 2025 - Serving all Texans: Unity through Action

Friday April 11 at Texas State Capitol in Austin

NASW-TX is thrilled to announce the return of Social Work Advocacy Day (SWAD) 2025. Join us for a day of empowerment, education, and advocacy to make a meaningful impact together.

More information



Fiestas en Laredo

February 13, 12:30 pm-2 pm

Discover the vibrant traditions of Laredo through the eyes of Dr. Norma E. Cantú, an award-winning poet and author. Blending memoir, ethnography, and folkloristic analysis, Professor Norma E. Cantú examines the vibrant traditions of Laredo through an insider's lens, exploring Matachines dances, quinceañeras, and the unique borderlands celebration of George Washington's birthday. Grounded in sentipensante (thinking/feeling) folkloristics and influenced by Gloria Anzaldúa's concept of nepantla, it reflects a deep integration of intellectual and emotional insight. Continuing the Society's century-long tradition of documenting Texas-Mexico border lore, this work honors the region's rich cultural legacy.

[More information](#)

The American Heart Association (AHA) has recently launched Telehealth Certificate Courses designed to enhance healthcare curriculums.

These courses provide a unique advantage for students pursuing careers in nursing, as physician assistants, in medicine, and in mental health. Other courses available through AHA: CORE Concepts in Telehealth (Clinical, Operational, Regulatory, Ethics), Teleprimary Care, Telebehavioral Health, Basics of Telestroke.

[For more information](#)

VA U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs
Veterans Health Administration
South Texas Veterans Health Care System

SOCIAL WORK PALLIATIVE CARE FELLOWSHIP

Practice Areas:

- Inpatient Care
- Outpatient Clinics
- Bereavement Counseling
- Weekly Didactics
- Clinical Supervision

The South Texas Veterans Health Care System offers a 1-year paid Interdisciplinary Fellowship for newly licensed LMSWs interested in the field of Palliative Care.

Fellows will learn about Palliative Care through weekly didactic sessions and direct patient care treating veterans diagnosed with chronic, progressive, and life-limiting illnesses. Fellows work in an interdisciplinary setting alongside physicians, nurses, pharmacists, psychologists, and chaplains. Training includes developing clinical skills in individual and group counseling focused on grief and bereavement. The Fellowship also develops expertise in difficult, complex communication and instills clinical knowledge and skills consistent with palliative care philosophy and social work values.

This is a paid, onsite, post-graduate health professions trainee position at South Texas VA in San Antonio, TX. The Fellowship year runs from July 2025-June 2026.

VIRTUAL INFORMATION SESSIONS:

- Wed. 1/22/25 @ 3:00pm
- Tue. 1/28/25 @ 5:00pm
- Fri. 1/31/25 @ 12:00pm

Social Work Palliative Care Fellowship

FOR MORE INFORMATION, VIRTUAL LINKS
& APPLICATIONS, PLEASE CONTACT:
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Social Work Palliative Fellowship Coordinator
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APPLICATIONS
OPEN ON 2/1/25 &
CLOSE ON 2/21/25

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SURVIVOR LINK
Building Resilience
of Survivors

Tech Based Abuse & Intimate Partner Violence:
& AWARENESS INTERVENTIONS

Learn the basics of technology facilitated abuse, and how to use technology to support survivors in a digital age.

SPRING SESSION
PART 2 OF 3

DIGITAL INTERVENTION
Learn about digital interventions for survivors of intimate partner violence.

TECH BASED ABUSE
Learn the signs of Tech-Facilitated Abuse and Safe Strategies for Intervention.

Questions or need accommodations?
Participants? Reach out to:
Rachel Voth Schrag
rachel.vothschrag@uta.edu

JOIN US
FEB 19
@ 4PM CST
via Microsoft Teams

QR code

UTA SurvivorLink & AmeriCorps Tech Based Abuse and Intimate Partner: Violence and Awareness Interventions

Rachel Voth Schrag and Morgan PettyJohn are co-leading our UTA SurvivorLink AmeriCorps cohort this year in which our MSW students will share important information about technology facilitated abuse, digital interventions for survivors of violence, and safety planning in a digital world. The webinar will be February 19th at 4:00 PM.

FOR MORE INFORMATION & VIRTUAL LINKS PLEASE CONTACT:
Rachel Voth Schrag, PH.D. LCSW
rachel.vothschrag@uta.edu

Join Webinar



Job Opportunities

Corps Program:

Are you looking for a full-time job post-graduation that will allow you to begin a career of impact? Being part of this full-salared leadership program will give you hands-on experience to develop transferable skills that can be applied to any equity-driven industry. You will teach a K-12 subject of your choice in a location of your choosing, making a life-changing difference in your students' lives while launching your meaningful career.

- Check out the application [here](#).
- Apply by February 3 at 11:59pm CT.



Ignite Fellowship:

The Ignite Fellowship is a paid tutoring opportunity that fits into your schedule. This leadership opportunity is for all current college students and will allow you to make a meaningful difference in the lives of young people in an under-served school; you'll support their academic progress and sense of belonging through customized instruction during their school day. You will gain a unique experience and professional badges that will validate your marketable skills; this fellowship will give you an edge in landing any job after college.

- Check out the application [here](#).
- Apply by April 30 at 11:59pm CT.

Virtual Event Spotlights

Teach For America Corps Info Session

Wednesday, January 29th
7pm CST

[RSVP here](#)



Teach For America Corps Application Workshop

Thursday, January 30th
10:30 pm CT

[RSVP here](#)



Virtual Professional Development: Identify and Sell Your Transferable Talents

Monday, February 10th
4:30 pm CT

[RSVP here](#)



Hello, UT Arlington!



I am Kamille Byrd, and I will serve as the recruiter for students at the University of Texas at Arlington. I will be your point of contact for any questions you have about Teach For America and our programs. I am excited to get to know and support the students at UT Arlington this year! Be Brave!

Leadership, teacher corps program

Are you looking for a full-time job post-graduation that will allow you to begin a career of impact? Consider applying to Teach For America's Leadership Teacher Corps. For more information:

Check out the application [here](#). Apply by February 3 at 11:59 pm.

[Connect with Kamille](#) for a 30-minute virtual meeting to learn more and ask any questions that you may have.

Ignite Fellowship

The Ignite Fellowship offers college undergraduate students a paid tutoring opportunity that fits into their schedules.

Check out the application [here](#). Submit your application by April 30. Connect with Genesis if you have any questions.

ORGANIZATION SPOTLIGHT



EXCEL Campus Activities

Want to get more involved on campus? Follow along with EXCEL Campus Activities! The official student-led programming board that provides social, educational, cultural and tradition-centered events and activities for the UTA community. They collaborate with other organizations and host many fun events throughout the semester. Find what they're hosting now down below!

[Learn more about Excel Campus Activities](#)

YOU MATTER

Self-advocacy

Self-advocacy is an essential skill for college students that significantly impacts their academic success, mental health, and overall well-being. It involves the ability to communicate and assert one's needs, rights, and desires, enabling students to make decisions aligned with their goals and seek support when necessary. By practicing self-advocacy, students can confidently navigate challenges, access resources, and ensure they have the support they need to succeed. This skill fosters personal growth, strengthens mental health, and prepares students for future career opportunities, ultimately enhancing their college experience and setting them up for long-term success. For students pursuing social work, it serves as the foundation for many key skills in the profession, such as communication, problem-solving, and empowering others. By developing strong self-advocacy skills, students and future social workers can better support the individuals and communities they work with, leading to more effective advocacy and meaningful change.

Love and Light,

Natasha Sutherland, GSL Intern

ADVISING UPDATES

UTA School of Social Work Advising FAQs can be found [here](#).

We have some changes in our Academic Advising & Practicum Offices, and we want to share those changes with you. For contact information to each person, please click [here for advisors](#) and

practicum specialist.

[Former Specialties]	Practicum Specialists	[New] Letters	Advisor
BSW/BSSUT	Dimekia Hicks	<i>no change</i>	Kyleigh Easter; Daisy Jones; Desiree Warren
Foundation	Vanessa Caraveo	A-D	George Jauss
Children & Families	Monica Brown	E-K	Meverlyn Maisonave
Aging, CAP, Health	Cindy Bassey	L-P	Cleondria Marable
MH	Sharon Martin	Q-Z	Tara Harris

We also have a Same Day advisor who can assist BSW, BSSUT, and MSW students and his information is below:

Same Day Advisors: Matthew Williams & Keiana Crain

If you need immediate assistance, please contact the Student Affairs Administrative Assistant, Emily Rappaport (emily.rappaport@uta.edu).

IMPORTANT DATES

- **February 14:** Valentine's Day
- **February 17:** Presidents' Day
- **March 10 - March 14:** Spring Break
- **April 4:** Last day to drop classes; submit requests in MyMav prior to 4 pm
- **April 11:** Social Work Advocacy Day
- **April 7:** Registration opens for Summer 2025 & Fall 2025
- **April 29:** Last day of classes
- **May 1 - May 7:** Final exams
- **May 7:** Last day of term
- **May 9:** Commencement Ceremonies

STUDENT SUCCESS RESOURCE



ACADEMIC SUCCESS CENTER

Academic Success Center

The Academic Success Center (ASC) is your portal to achieving academic success at UT Arlington. We make every effort to assist students in meeting their academic goals across a wide variety of subject areas.

Through supplemental instruction, tutoring, mentoring, and collaborations with campus partners, the Academic Success Center focuses on helping you maximize your potential and thrive in your undergraduate career at UT Arlington.

[More Information](#)

SCHOOL OF SOCIAL WORK RESOURCES

STUDENT SUCCESS

ACADEMIC ADVISING

FIELD PLACEMENT

LICENSURE

DEAN'S LETTER FOR LICENSURE

UTA RESOURCES

- [UTA Academic Calendar](#)
- [Webinar Library](#)
- [UTA Counseling & Psychology Services \(CAPS\)](#)
- [SAR Center](#)

- [Suicide Prevention Lifeline](#)
- [Free Windows Apps with Student ID](#)
- [Emergency Assistance Fund](#)
- [Free & Confidential HIV Testing](#)
- [UTA/Tri-C Food Pantry Distribution](#)

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