

# IN THE LOOP

A WEEKLY SSW STUDENT NEWSLETTER

Spring 2025 | March 10

## Win a NASW Membership



The SSW needs your help to improve our USL/GSL program! Complete our [survey](#) by **Friday, March 21st** and you can enter to win a NASW student membership, entrance fees to the October Virtual NASW Conference, movie passes, an Alexa enabled smart watch, or an Amazon Echo Pop!

## ORGANIZATION SPOTLIGHT

### Join the African American Social Work Student Alliance!

Leadership opportunities such as President, Vice President, Treasurer, etc. are available. Seize this opportunity to connect with others and learn how Black culture connects to Social Work.

For more information email Dr. Elisha Tones at [Elisha.tones@uta.edu](mailto:Elisha.tones@uta.edu) or Dr. Tiara Okoruwa at [tiara.okoruwa@uta.edu](mailto:tiara.okoruwa@uta.edu)

Welcoming new members and leaders!

### African American Social Work Student Alliance

- Are you a social work student?
- Do you want to connect with others and give back to the community?
- Want to learn more about how Black culture connects with social work?

Leadership  
Opportunities  
Available:

- President
- Vice President
- Treasurer
- and more!

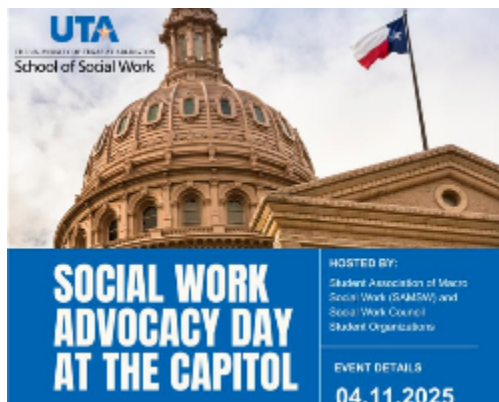
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Come Join  
Us!



# OPPORTUNITIES & EVENTS



Join **Social Work Advocacy Day at the Capitol** on **April 11, 2025**, from **8 AM to 4 PM** at the Texas State Capitol in Austin. This year's theme, "*Serving All Texans: Unity Through Social Action*," focuses on uniting social workers to advocate for positive change and equitable access to resources for all Texans. Hosted by the **Student Association of Macro Social Work (SAMSU)** and **Social Work Council Student Organizations**, this free event includes entry and transportation to Austin.

**Register by March 11th** using the registration button or scan the QR code on the flyer to learn more.

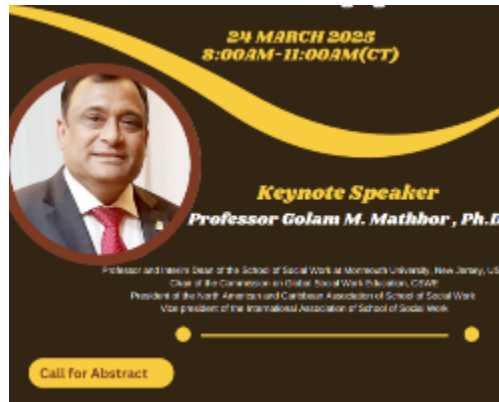
Register Now

## EDGE Career Graduation Stole – Earn Yours Today!

Students celebrate your commitment to career advancement with the **EDGE Career Graduation Stole!** Eligible graduate students can earn their stole by completing six career engagement activities, including career coaching, LinkedIn Learning courses, and career events.

- Who's Eligible? Graduate students graduating in Spring, Summer, or Fall 2025
- How to Earn It? Attend career events, complete coaching sessions, and finish two LinkedIn Learning courses
- Upcoming Career Events Count!

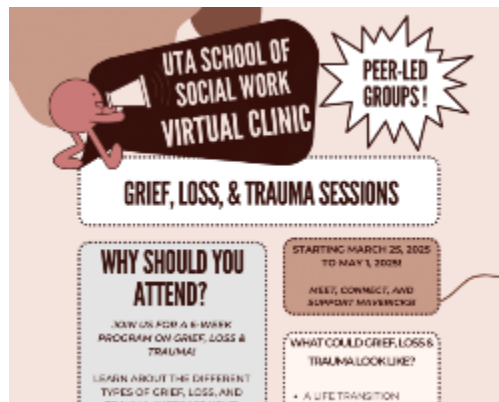
[Register Here](#)



## 2nd International Social Work Students Virtual Conference

Welcome keynote speaker, Dr. Golam M. Mathbor. His research interests are vast, with a focus on community participation, coastal community development, disaster relief and management, international social development, and international social work.

March 24th, 2025 from 8 am - 11 am



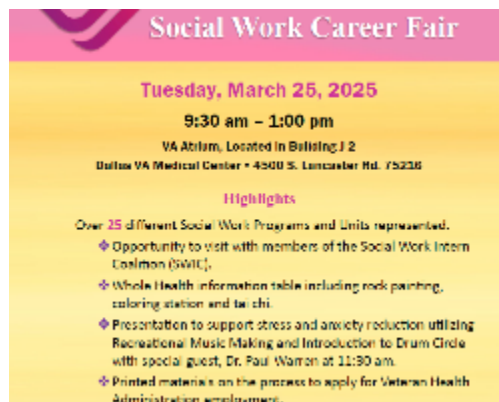
## Alert! New Groups Starting!

### UTA School of Social Work Virtual Clinic: Grief, Loss, & Trauma Sessions

The Virtual Clinic is back! Sessions are every Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday at 12 pm and 6pm. Deepen your awareness of trauma's effects and learn practical tools and mindfulness strategies to cultivate resilience after challenging experiences.

Sessions begin March 25

[Sign up for a Session](#)

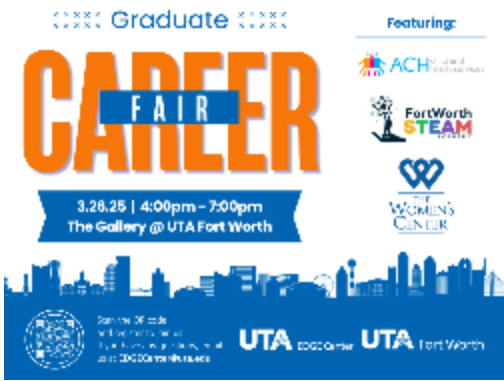


Social Work Career Fair

The NASW and VA are hosting the Social Work Career Fair! Join them for speaker presentations, activities, and the chance to connect with other Social Workers.

March 25th | 9am - 1pm

Dallas VA Medical Center | 4500 S. Lancaster Road, 75216



Graduate Career Fair

Looking for ways to help your students transition into their careers? Encourage them to attend the **Graduate Career Fair** on **Wednesday, March 26, from 4PM – 7PM at UTA Fort Worth**. This is an incredible opportunity to connect with employers, explore job openings, and gain industry insights!

□ **Where?** The Gallery at UTA Fort Worth | 1401 Jones St Ste 203

□ **When?** Wednesday, March 26 | 4PM – 7PM

[Sign up Here](#)



Houston Social Workers' Gala

Come and network with colleagues and friends at the Houston's Social Worker Gala and Award Ceremony.

March 27th, 2025 at 6 pm  
5475 W. Sam Houston Pkwy N  
Houston, Texas

Sterling Banquet Hall A

[More Information](#)

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You Matter

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Hello, amazing students! As you head into Spring Break, take a moment to reflect on two significant celebrations this month: Social Work Month and International Women's Month. Both remind us of the power of compassion, advocacy, and action in creating meaningful change.

This year's Social Work Month theme, "Compassion + Action," highlights the importance of turning empathy into tangible efforts to support others. As social work students, you embody this every day through your studies and dedication to helping others. At the same time, International Women's Month inspires us to celebrate the achievements of women while continuing to advocate for equality and empowerment.

Self-Care Tip for the Week: Use this break as an opportunity to recharge and reflect on your goals. Whether it's journaling about your aspirations, practicing gratitude for your progress, or simply taking time to relax, remember that self-care is not a luxury—it's essential. By caring for yourself, you strengthen your ability to care for others.

You are part of a legacy of compassion and action. Enjoy your break and keep moving forward—you matter!

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## SOCIAL JUSTICE SPOTLIGHT

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**Dr. Abramovitz**

Mimi Abramovitz, DSW, MSW, is a professor at the Silberman School of Social Work at Hunter College in New York. Dr. Abramovitz is also an author and activist. She received the 2013 Humanitarian and Leadership Award for contributions in the field of social work, women's rights, and human rights, from the Association for International Conferences and for these reasons and more we felt she was an excellent individual to spotlight for Women's History Month.

She co-founded an organization, Welfare Rights Initiative, that allows welfare recipients to attend college.

Her early work focused on low income women and women of color. She is known nationally and internationally as a social critic and activist who brought a gender/race/class analysis into the study of the U.S. welfare state. In 2015, she was inducted as a fellow of the American Academy of Social Work and Social Welfare.

To learn more about Dr. Abramovitz, visit her page on NASW's site [here](#) or see more of her work at Hunter College [here](#).

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## ADVISING UPDATES

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](mailto:emily.rappaport@uta.edu)).

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## IMPORTANT DATES

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- **March 10 - March 14:** Spring Break
- **March 14:** Summer Practicum Applications close
- **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

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## STUDENT SUCCESS

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### UTA Library Resources

Did you know UTA has librarians who specialize in different academic subjects? The library has so many services to offer! Such as:

- Research Help
- Study Spaces

- Borrow Technology
- Creative Spaces and Services

More Information

## SCHOOL OF SOCIAL WORK RESOURCES

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STUDENT SUCCESS

ACADEMIC ADVISING

PRACTICUM PLACEMENT

LICENSURE

DEAN'S LETTER FOR LICENSURE

## UTA RESOURCES

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- [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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