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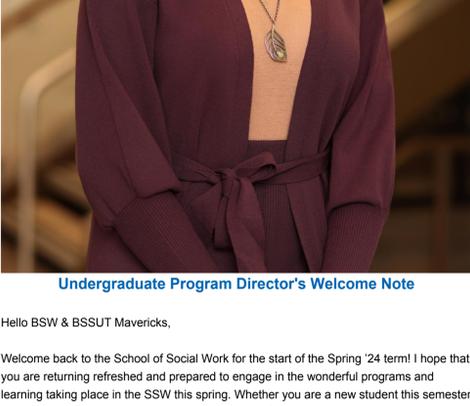
### Graduate Program Director's Welcome Note

Happy 2024 MSW Students!

In case we haven't met, I'm your Director of Graduate Programs! Please call me Regina if you're comfortable (If not, you can call me Dr. P, Dr. Regina or Dr. Praetorius). I am happy to be in partnership with you and, I'm so honored to join you on your journey to the MSW. Social Work is an amazingly fulfilling profession that allows us to be supportive forces toward our clients' achieving their best lives whether it be through individual, couples, groups and family counseling (micro and mezzo) or community, state and federal level (macro) advocacy and program development, we are afforded opportunities to strive for change for the betterment of all—what a gift that is for us in our work! Remember you are part of the gift; treat yourself kindly as you move through fulfilling your commitments to clients, instructors, family, friends, community, AND (don't forget) yourselves!

Have a great week!

Regina



### Undergraduate Program Director's Welcome Note

Hello BSW & BSSUT Mavericks,

Welcome back to the School of Social Work for the start of the Spring '24 term! I hope that you are returning refreshed and prepared to engage in the wonderful programs and learning taking place in the SSW this spring. Whether you are a new student this semester or this is your final push toward graduation we look forward to supporting you on your journey. We hope that if you are learning remotely or in-person, you will participate in all that the School of Social Work has to offer this term.

As Mother Teresa once said, "I alone cannot change the world, but I can cast a stone across the waters to create many ripples." In the next leg of your social work journey, you will cast the ripples that help you grow, advance knowledge in our field, and encourage each other as classmates. I look forward to working with you all in bright semester ahead here in the SSW Undergraduate Programs!

MAV UP!

Dr. Tomlinson

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**THE WORLD TALKS ABOUT CHANGE; WE CREATE CHANGE.**

## Event Spotlight



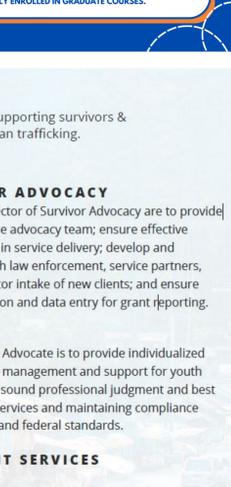
### UTA EDGE CENTER Open House

Science Hall, Suite 322 January 24, 2-6pm



### Important Dates

- **Jan 31st:** Census Date
- **Mar 11th-15th:** Spring Break
- **Mar 29th:** Last Day to Drop Classes; Submit in MyMap prior to 4pm



## Opportunities

## Join our TEAM

THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT ARLINGTON  
**FOLLETT STUDENT LEADERSHIP CENTER**

**TO APPLY, EMAIL**

- RESUME
- LETTER OF INTEREST

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**ON CAMPUS GRADUATE ASSISTANT**  
FOR 02/01/2024-08/31/2024

- PLAN, ORGANIZE, AND IMPLEMENT A COMPREHENSIVE STUDENT INVOLVEMENT PROGRAM DESIGNED TO MEET THE NEEDS OF THE STATEWIDE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM & ENHANCE THE STUDENT EXPERIENCE.
- SUPPORT THE TEXAS LEADERSHIP SCHOLARS AT UTA PROGRAM THROUGH PROGRAM ASSESSMENT, STUDENT REFLECTION, & REPORTING.
- ASSIST IN CREATING AND DOCUMENTING UTA'S REQUIREMENTS TO ENSURE PROGRAMMING IS IN LINE WITH STATE REQUIREMENTS AND STUDENTS ARE MEETING MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS.

THIS POSITION PROVIDES GROWTH IN STATE GRANT FACILITATION, PROGRAM PLANNING & LOGISTICS, ASSESSMENT, CAMPUS POLICIES, AND STUDENT DEVELOPMENT.

PAID POSITION/20 HOURS/WEEK  
MUST BE CURRENTLY ENROLLED IN GRADUATE COURSES.

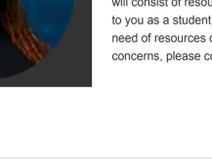
**WHO WE ARE.**  
Unbound Now is a global nonprofit supporting survivors & resourcing communities to fight human trafficking.

### JOB OPENINGS

**1. DIRECTOR OF SURVIVOR ADVOCACY**  
The primary functions of the Director of Survivor Advocacy are to provide leadership and supervision for the advocacy team; ensure effective advocate training and excellence in service delivery; develop and maintain strong relationships with law enforcement, service partners, and other referral sources; monitor intake of new clients; and ensure timely and accurate documentation and data entry for grant reporting.

**2. CSEY ADVOCATE**  
The primary function of the CSEY Advocate is to provide individualized crisis response and ongoing case management and support for youth survivors of sex trafficking, using sound professional judgment and best practices to ensure high-quality services and maintaining compliance with established program, state, and federal standards.

**3. DROP-IN CENTER CLIENT SERVICES FACILITATOR:**  
The primary functions of the Client Services Facilitator are to: welcome youth and service partners to the drop-in center; meet immediate needs of youth and establish trust-based relationships; be attentive in caring for the safety of clients; provide case management to connect the youth with interim and long term care; provide services in a professional manner; complete client intake, assessment, and other documentation in a timely manner; and promptly comply with reporting obligations.



## gender, women+ sexuality studies

The Gender, Women and Sexuality Studies program is hiring an hourly graduate student TA for the spring semester.

The student will assist with grading and student communications for the Introduction to Gender and Women's Studies course.

The position is 3 hours per week and the student will work closely with two instructors (Kendra Eggleston and Alicia Garza).

Pay: \$819 stipend for semester  
Hours: 45 per semester (3.2 per week)

Any student interested can send an email expressing their interest with an attached CV to Director Dustin Harp at [dustinh@uta.edu](mailto:dustinh@uta.edu).  
Application will be considered beginning Jan. 17 and until the position is filled.

## SOCIAL WORKER, CASE MANAGER, SOCIAL WORKER SUPERVISOR POSITION ANNOUNCEMENT

The Dallas County Public Defender's Office, has a diverse and talented staff of over 150 dedicated attorneys, social workers, case managers, investigators and support staff. Our staff is passionate about providing unparalleled legal representation to people forced to navigate the legal system without the means to hire an attorney.

### Duties of The Engagement Team, comprising Social Workers and Case Managers:

- Interviewing clients, assessing mental health and social service needs
- Facilitating housing referrals and rehabilitative placements
- Administering skills courses that address the root causes of justice system involvement
- Monitoring progress in competency restoration programs
- Offering on-call support to attorneys
- Cultivating relationships with community partners

### Postitions:

- Longer-term positions for those looking to put down roots and dig in to the rewarding work of Case Management.
- Grant-funded position for a nine-month period, ideal mode for individuals seeking to gain valuable social work experience in a dynamic environment without the need for a long-term commitment.
- Finally, for the individual ready to take on a leadership role, with the ability and credentials to direct professional development, while contributing innovative ideas to a motivated and enthusiastic team, there is the Engagement Team lead position.

To explore this opportunity, please forward your resume and letter of interest to Vickie Rice, Dallas County Public Defender's Office Special Programs Division Chief at: [vrice@dallascounty.org](mailto:vrice@dallascounty.org) | [CCMHimes@dallascounty.org](mailto:CCMHimes@dallascounty.org).

## 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

## Academic Resources

### Academic 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.

No drop in appointments available? [Visit this page](#) to find your advisor's power hour where you can always drop in and ask questions, no appointment needed.

[Schedule your appointment here](#)

### Connections Lab

#### Study Tip

Don't study when you're tired, hungry, or stressed. Before you hit the books, sleep, have a snack, and listen to some of your favorite music.

[Schedule your online tutoring session here](#)

### Field Updates

- Due to the way the Tevera "classes" were rebuilt for Spring Semester, you will likely not see anything pertaining to assignments in the assignment section. The new restructure is set up so that students will only see their Field Liaison in the menus and the Field Liaisons will only see their specific students. At this time, the Field office is working on moving the students to their correct Field Liaison.
- You will not be able to add field placement hours into Tevera without a Field instructor assigned to you in Tevera. Please allow time for this to occur by next week.
- As you submit the Agency info survey, which is due 1/23, the Field office will utilize this information to be able to assign your Field Instructor to you if it has not already been done.
- If you are not able to add hours to Tevera at this time, please just keep track of the time until the placement is opened in Tevera. You will be able to add the previous Field hours earned that were not able to be documented in Tevera once your Agency Field instructor has been assigned and the placement has been opened.
- Questions about Field, check out the Field FAQs document, located here: [Field FAQs document](#)
- If you are having technical difficulties with Tevera please email [sswfield@uta.edu](mailto:sswfield@uta.edu) and include a screenshot of the issue.

### Field Advising

This is an opportunity for you to ask questions, similar to Office Hours for faculty!  
**BSW and BSSUT Students**

- Field Advisor: Vanessa Caraveo
- 1st & 3rd Thursday | 3pm - 4pm
- [Join your field advisors' power hour here](#)

**Advanced Children & Families, Advanced CAP, Advanced Aging & Advanced Health**

- Field Advisor: Monica Brown
- 1st & 3rd Wednesday | 4pm - 5pm
- [Join your field advisors' power hour here](#)

**Advanced Mental Health/Substance Misuse**

- Field Advisor: Sharon Martin
- 1st & 3rd Thursday | 3pm - 4pm
- [Join your field advisors' power hour here](#)

[View all field advisors and power hours here](#)

### Undergraduate & Graduate Student Leader (USL/GSL)

USLs & GSLs serve as advocates and communication facilitators for BSW & MSW students, fielding questions about all aspects of the school experience, including advising, field, registration, orientation, scholarships, deadlines, program policies, and more. You may reach out to your USL / GSL by email or Teams.

[Click here to meet our USLs](#)

[Click here to meet our GSLs](#)

### Licensing

- If you're in your final semester and want to get started on applying to ASWB to take the LBSW or LMSW licensing exam, [click here](#) to request the Dean's Letter for License, 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!**
- 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	CAPS

"As we express our gratitude, we must never forget that the highest appreciation is not to utter words, but to live by them."  
- John F. Kennedy

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