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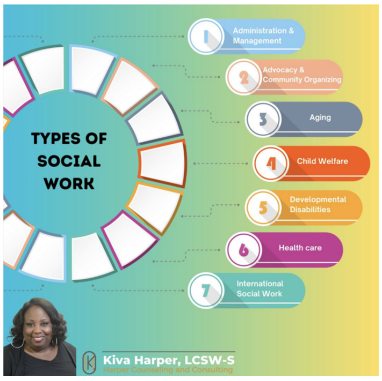

A poster presentation highlighting the various types of social work, based on insights from Kiva Harper, a University of Texas at Arlington School of Social Work professor of practice and owner and clinical director of Harper Counseling and Consulting Services, PLLC.

UTA School of Social Work highlights varied career paths during Social Work Month

By Thomas Johns

Social workers serve individuals, families and communities in a wide range of settings, including hospitals, schools, nonprofit organizations, government agencies and private practice. The profession focuses on helping people navigate challenges such as mental health concerns, poverty, housing instability, family conflict and substance use while also addressing the larger systems that affect people's well-being.

CLICK TO READ MORE ABOUT SOCIAL WORK CAREER PATHS

Two students sit at a table which invites students to take part in a game to win prizes. (Photo by Doughlas Gutierrez)

UTA School of Social Work prepares for MavsDay 2026

By Thomas Johns

The University of Texas at Arlington will host its annual MavsDay on April 22, a 24-hour giving campaign designed to unite alumni, faculty, staff, parents and friends in support of programs across campus.

CLICK TO READ MORE ABOUT MAVSDAY

A UTA School of Social Work student creates a nonalcoholic mixed drink. (Photo by Jaelon Jackson)

UTA School of Social Work prepares for MavsDay 2026

By Jaelon Jackson

The University of Texas at Arlington School of Social Work's Studying Alcohol and Related Risks (STARR) Lab hosted its "Saddle Up Soda Bar" on March 3, offering students an interactive way to explore nonalcoholic drink options while learning strategies for safer decision-making in social settings.

CLICK TO READ MORE ABOUT THE SADDLE UP SODA BAR

Research and Faculty Highlights

The coastline of Anjengo, Republic of India. (Photo by Ebin Thomas)

MSW student launches community mental health initiative in South India

By Jaelon Jackson

University of Texas at Arlington Master of Social Work student Ebin Thomas is leading an international initiative aimed at addressing mental health needs within a coastal community in Southern India affected by climate-related disasters.

CLICK TO READ MORE ABOUT THE INITIATIVE

Dr. Jennifer O'Brien, an associate professor at the UTA School of Social Work, poses for a photo. (Courtesy Photo)

Research highlights prevalence and impact of technology-facilitated sexual abuse

By Thomas Johns

Dr. Jennifer O'Brien, an associate professor at the UTA School of Social Work, studies what is known as technology-facilitated sexual abuse, or TFSA. While she recently served as an expert witness in a case involving online exploitation, she said the larger issue extends well beyond any single courtroom.

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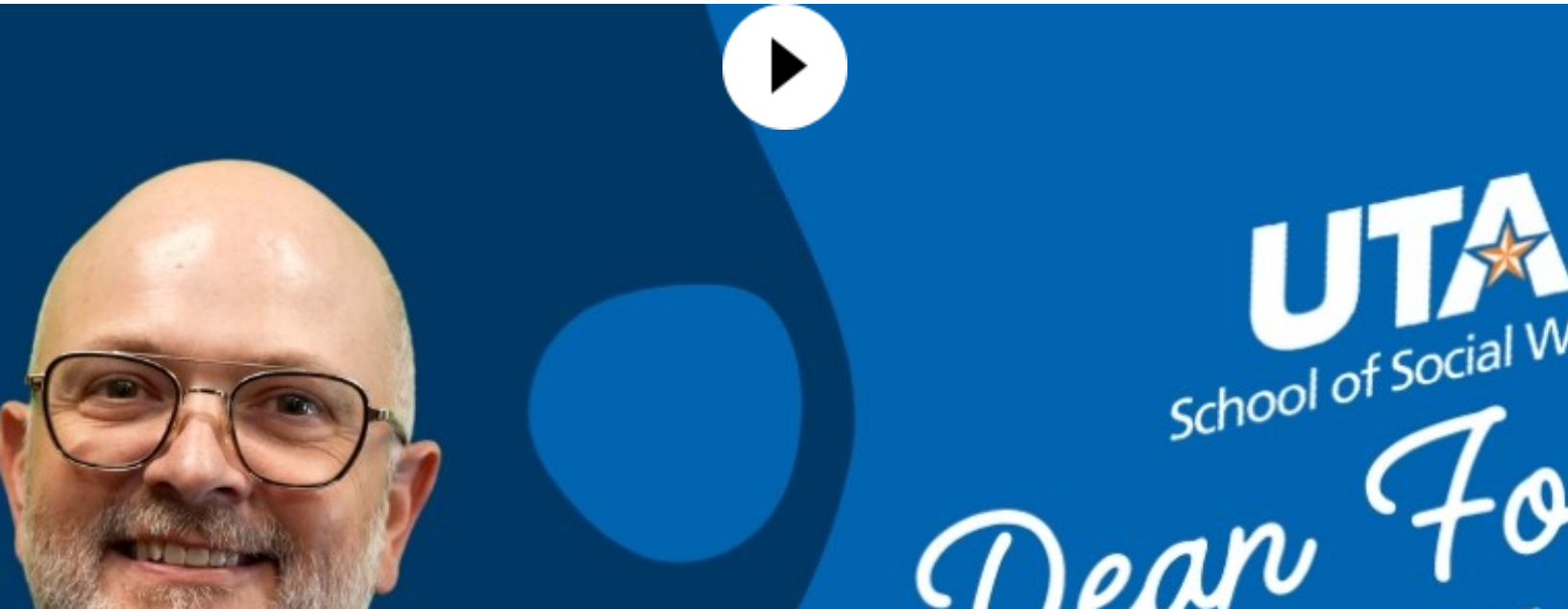
Looking Toward April



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Video edited and produced by Doughlas Gutierrez

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Upcoming SSW Events:

- **April 22:** UTA MavsDay
- **April 24:** Celebration of Aging Luncheon
- **April 29:** Child Welfare Research Symposium
- **May 1:** Celebration of Excellence
- **May 3:** UTA Spring Commencement
- **May 7:** Dr. Hoefer and Dr. Woody's Retirement Celebration
- **May 11:** Preventing and Intervening on Violence Over Time (PIVOT): Building Community

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