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# SOCIAL JUSTICE *Spotlight*

## **Transforming a Monument of Hate, to a Center of Arts and Community Healing**

Fort Worth had one of the largest Ku Klux Klan memberships in the United States, and in 1924 the Ku Klux Klan Auditorium opened and soon became the headquarters in Texas. This building, located at what was previously known as 1006 N Main St., is one of the last existing KKK buildings. Throughout the years, this building has been used for different purposes; but in 2021 a coalition of nine local entities called “Transform 1012 N Main Street”, acquired ownership of the building through a significant donation from the former owner and a generous grant from the Rainwater Charitable Foundation.

Transform 1012 N Main Street’s mission is, “to transform this monument to hate into a beacon of truth-telling, reconciliation, and liberation for the nation”. Transform 1012 is a

non-profit coalition of 9 local entities which include arts, grassroots, service organization, pro bono partners, and individual partners. This coalition represents the groups of people who were targeted by the Ku Klux Klan in the 1920's which specifically includes Black, Catholic, Hispanic, Immigrant, Jewish, and LGBTQQ2SPIAA+ populations. Along with transforming this building, this coalition ensures that the building will be led and programmed by representatives of the cultural groups that were targeted.

Along with restoring the building, it will receive a new name, "The Fred Rouse Center for Arts and Community Healing"; which will honor the life and memory of Fred Rouse, who was a black butcher lynched by a white mob in Fort Worth in 1921.

[Please look at the Transform 1012 website](#) to see more of their plans for making this building a place of inclusion and healing.

**Emily Rappaport, She/Her/Hers**  
**Undergraduate Student Leader Intern**

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# Same Day Interviews



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Department of Family  
and Protective Services

# Virtual Career Fairs

for Child Protective Services  
Conservatorship

## What we do:

- Responsible for a child's welfare whenever they are removed from their home
- Work closely with parents, family and legal parties to help children find a safe and permanent place to live



## Join Our Team

Scan to  
RSVP today!

## Important Dates

- **Nov 6th:** Registration for Spring semester starts
- **Nov 10th:** Field Spring 2024 Application closes



- **Nov 15th:** Last date to [register for commencement](#)
  - **Nov 17th:** Deadline to apply as a [GSL volunteer](#)
  - **Nov 22nd-24th:**  
Thanksgiving Holiday, no classes
  - **Dec 5th:** Deadline to apply as a [USL volunteer](#)
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**YOU MATTER!**

### **Holiday joy and other emotions**

As the holiday season approaches, we are surrounded by memories of joy and excitement. During this time, you get to spend time with family members and cherish their presence. However, it is also a time that is filled with fond memories of loved ones who are on your mind yet absent from your traditions and rituals. For many, acknowledging someone's absences can make it difficult to enjoy the holidays and may not get any easier to overcome the grief.

As we prepare for the holidays, it is important to establish healthy mechanisms to create a positive environment for yourself and others. A grief expert, Dr. Kenneth J. Doka created a method called the Three C's for Holiday Grief as it has helped many to navigate through tough times.

**CHOOSE.** Remember that you have choices. You have the choice of how you want to celebrate the holidays and with whom. Many grievers look different than others. Do not feel pressure in needing to explain yourself to others about your feelings and the ways that you grieve during the holidays.

**COMMUNICATE.** Communicate your choices with others so they can plan their holidays to be what's best for them. They may have other ways they like to grieve and may want to alter plans that include them. By using open communication, you can find the best way to enjoy the holidays both together and apart.

**COMPROMISE.** As mentioned above, each person deals with loss differently and there is no wrong way to grieve. Be open to compromise so that everyone can have their needs met in the way that's best for them.

Read more about the three C's [here](#).

**Love & Light,  
Mayte Ledezma  
USL Intern**

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The logo features the word "Student" in a bold, white, sans-serif font with a slight shadow effect. Below it, the word "Spotlight" is written in a white, cursive script font that appears to be glowing with a yellow-orange light. The background is a solid dark blue.

**Student  
Spotlight**



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### Sandra Miller, Graduate Student Leader

First, I have to say, “You never know you need a social worker... until you do.” And most of us will at some point in our lives. Whether it’s at the bedside of a sick loved one, a personal mental health crisis, or navigating the “red tape” of social services for a family member, social workers are there to help people through life’s challenging situations. They are true “superheroes” in my opinion, and should wear their capes proudly. They’re not easily earned.

I found myself indebted to social workers in an unexpected time of crisis, and they encouraged me to pay it forward and earn my “superhero cape” as well. I entered the MSW program as a foundation student in the summer of 2021 after being a full-time mom to my two smelly, good-hearted boys for a long time. I had SO many questions and felt

out of place, as I had been out of school for over 25 years. My GSL was patient and helpful and taught me how to navigate UTA's overwhelming websites to find answers on my own.

Again "paying it forward," I am in my seventh semester as a GSL and plan to graduate in May with an eighth under my belt. I love helping other students find answers to their questions, and have also made many lasting connections and friendships along the way, which is rare for an online program. I can't wait to graduate and pay it forward!

**Interested in being a GSL volunteer this Spring? We need people like you! [Apply here.](#)**

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# Advising Updates

## Spring Registration Opens Soon

### Spring 2024 Registration

Nov 6<sup>th</sup> – Priority registration opens for currently enrolled students

**Note: All registration times begin at 7:00am on your designated day.**

See the [registration timetable](#) to see your registration day. It is based on academic career status (undergraduate and graduate) and number of completed hours accrued.

**Important:** The [UTA Registration Agreement](#) **must** be completed before registering if you have not already done so. This agreement acknowledges your financial responsibilities to UTA when you register for classes. It is located in MyMav and once completed the Enrollment Hold will be removed.

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# Opportunities

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# MSW Students;

The School of Social Work is recruiting  
**Graduate Student Leader (GSL)**  
**Volunteers** for Spring 2024.

Deadline to  
Apply:

November 17,  
2023.

## AS A VOLUNTEER:

- Work with the MSW director and faculty.
- Connect other students to services and resources they need.
- Act as an advocate for other MSW students .

FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE  
CONTACT A GSL INTERN

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SCAN ME TO FIND  
OUT MORE





# Attention BSW Students

The school of social work is recruiting  
**Undergraduate Student Leader (USL)**  
**Volunteers** for Spring 2024!

## VOLUNTEERS

- Work directly with the BSW program directors
- Serve as advocates and communication facilitators for BSW students
- Connect students to services and resources

## DEADLINE:

December  
5th

## FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT AN INTERN:

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## SCAN HERE TO APPLY



November 9th  
5:00pm-7:00pm

Old School Pizza Tavern  
(603 W Abram St.  
Arlington, TX 76010)

# LGSA GENERAL BODY MEETING

Come and meet other graduate students while enjoying a slice of pizza!

Exactly a year ago, on this date, we had our first ever LGSA meeting at Old School Pizza.

Let's come together, enjoy some pies, and talk about what the next year of LGSA will look like.

**Friends and Family of LGSA members  
are also welcome!**

# LIKE OUR NEW BUILDING?

(OR NOT?)

**TELL US WHY FOR A  
FREE PIZZA AT PIE 5!**

**YOU ARE ELIGIBLE FOR THIS  
RESEARCH STUDY IF YOU:**

- ARE AN MSW STUDENT
- ARE AT LEAST 18 YEARS OLD
- HAVE TAKEN AT LEAST 1 IN-  
PERSON CLASS IN OUR NEW  
BUILDING
- CAN SPEAK & UNDERSTAND  
ENGLISH



**WHO:** MEGAN WESTMORE, LMSW & REGINA PRAETORIUS, PHD  
ARE UTA SCHOOL OF SOCIAL WORK RESEARCHERS

**WHAT:** MSW STUDENTS SHARE THEIR OPINIONS ON THE NEW BUILDING  
VIA MICROSOFT TEAMS. INTERVIEWS WILL LAST UP TO 1 HOUR &  
YOU'LL RECEIVE A \$10 PIE 5 GIFT CARD

**HOW:** TO SIGN UP, EMAIL MEGAN AT [MEGANROSE.WESTMORE@UTA.EDU](mailto:MEGANROSE.WESTMORE@UTA.EDU)

# Identify and Respond to Victims and/or Survivors of Human Trafficking Course

This is a **FREE** training module, specifically designed for social workers, to learn how to identify and respond to victims and/or survivors in a clinical setting



# DEAF STUDENT MENTOR

## STUDENT ACCESS & RESOURCE CENTER

### WHAT WE ARE...

Do you identify as D(d)eaf/Hard-of-Hearing? Do you utilize ASL Interpreter, CART, captioning, or Note-Taker services through the SAR Center? Do you want additional support to be able to access everything that UTA has to offer?

The Student Access & Resource Center is proud to announce that we have started a new Deaf Student Mentor Program.

### PURPOSE

The Deaf Student Mentor Program is an additional resource to the already established advocacy that is available through the Deaf and Hard-of-Hearing Coordinator and SAR Center. The purpose of the Deaf Student Mentor is to provide the Deaf perspective of resources and accessibility within the UTA campus and community.

### HOW TO REQUEST SERVICE.

Any student that utilizes any combination of the resources for accessibility; ASL Interpreter, CART, captioning, or Note-Taker, is eligible to utilize the services of the Deaf Student Mentor. The student will request services via this [intake form](#) or by contacting either Tiffani Riddick at [tiffani.riddick@uta.edu](mailto:tiffani.riddick@uta.edu) or Lei-Sea Sky at [leisea.sky@uta.edu](mailto:leisea.sky@uta.edu) for more information.

# Undergraduate Research Assistant Program (UGRAP).

This program enables learning through research by engaging students with innovative faculty, professional communities, professional development, and their developing identities as leaders.

## Qualifications:

- Open to all undergraduate majors.
- Full-time UTA undergraduate student.
- Apply as early as your second semester at UTA.
- Scholarly and creative projects in all majors and fields of study.
- 2.75 GPA.
- U.S. Citizenship/Permanent Resident required.
- Awarded or eligible for work-study (FASFA).
- Fall/Spring Semester : Must be able to commit to at least 10 hours for research and co-academic/curricular activities.
- Summer: Must be able to commit to at least 25 hours for research and co-academic/circular activities.
- Additional UTA Student Employment must be disclosed when interviewed.
- 3 semester max participation, continuation is not guaranteed.

The deadline to apply is November 20th.

## Benefits:

- On-campus research support.
- Ability to research at [UTARI](#), pending availability.
- Earn funding while conducting research.
- Gain valuable experiential learning experience.
- Research Mentorship.
- Professional Development and Learning Communities.
- Add to your career experience on your professional resume.
- Networks with UTA faculty, staff, and students.
- Participate in a formal research poster/presentation.

# Undergraduate Research Opportunity Program (UROP)

This program at UTA offers transformative learning through research by engaging students with innovative faculty, professional communities, and development, and their developing identities as leaders.

## Qualifications:

- Open to all undergraduate students
- Must be a full-time student.
- 2.75 GPA.
- Must be a U.S. citizen or a permanent residents & international students are welcome to apply.
- For the Fall/Spring Semester you must be able to commit at least 10 hours for research and co-academic/curricular activities.
- In the summer you must be able to commit to at least 25 hours.
- There is a 3 semester maximum for participation.

## Benefits:

- On-campus research support.
- Ability to research at UTARI, pending availability.
- Earn Funding while conducting research.
- Gain valuable experiential learning experience.
- Research Mentorship.
- Add to your career experience on your professional resume.
- Network with UTA faculty, staff, and students.
- Participate in formal research poster/presentation.

**Deadline to apply is November 20th.**



Dr. Judith Carrier  
Scholarship Program

APPLICATIONS DUE  
SUNDAY | NOV | AT 11:59 PM  
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AWARDS OF \$2,000  
For more information, [click here](#)





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# IPE Distinction Certificate

Interprofessional education (IPE) is “when students from two or more professions learn about, from and with each other” (WHO, 2010).

Have you participated in IPE activities while attending UTA? Want to be recognized for your hard work?

## Apply for an IPE Distinction Certificate!

### Requirements:

- 1) Completed at least two IPE activities at UTA
- 2) Discuss the IPE activities in which you participated
- 3) Submit a copy of your resume that includes the IPE activities

To fill out an application

[CLICK HERE](#) or  
scan the QR code:



Applications are due  
November 13th , 2023

Questions?

Contact: Professor Tracy Orwig

[tracy.orwig@uta.edu](mailto:tracy.orwig@uta.edu)



# CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS

**Winter Conference**

**January 13, 2024**

**7:30AM-2:30PM**

**313 N Center St. Arlington, TX 76011**

Assist with set-up, helping self-advocates, lunch set-up, and clean-up.

[Info@dspnt.org](mailto:Info@dspnt.org)



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**Book of the Week**



# MASTER YOUR EMOTIONS

A PRACTICAL GUIDE TO OVERCOME NEGATIVITY  
AND BETTER MANAGE YOUR FEELINGS

THIBAUT MEURISSE

## “Master Your Emotions: A Practical Guide to Overcome Negativity and Better Manage Your Feelings”

In a field that demands empathy, understanding, and emotional intelligence, this book equips people with practical tools to navigate the complexities of human emotions. Its insights into emotional management, self-awareness, and techniques for overcoming negativity are directly applicable to the challenges students will encounter in their social work practice. By fostering emotional resilience and self-awareness, this book empowers people to provide more effective, empathetic, and compassionate care to their clients, making it an essential read for aspiring social work students at UT Arlington.

[Find on Amazon](#)

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# 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 [traecia.nichols@uta.edu](mailto:traecia.nichols@uta.edu).

## Alumni Panel Event: Navigating the Path in Social Work

### 📅 Event Details: 📅

Date: Thursday November 9th

Time: 5:30pm-7pm

Location: SSW Room 231 or Join us

Virtually [here](#)

### 🌸 About the Event: 🌸

At the Alumni Panel Event, you can look forward to:

Distinguished Alumni Panelists: Hear from our accomplished alumni who have made a significant impact in the field of social work.

They will share their experiences, challenges, and successes, offering valuable insights for your own journey.

Career Stories: Learn about the diverse career paths our alumni have pursued, from clinical social work to community organizing, and how they have contributed to positive change in their communities.

Q&A Session: Have burning questions about the field of social work, job prospects, or the graduate experience at The University of Texas at Arlington ? Our panelists are here to provide you with expert advice and guidance.

This event promises to be an insightful and inspiring evening, providing you with a clearer picture of the opportunities and challenges that lie ahead.

 Save the Date: Mark your calendar and invite friends who share your passion for social work. It's an opportunity you won't want to miss!

**Please RSVP [here](#) to secure your in-person spot at this enlightening event. Space is limited, so make sure to reserve your seat early. Food will be provided.**

**Or RSVP to join us virtually [here](#)**

For inquiries or more information, please reach out to [Traecia.Nichols@uta.edu](mailto:Traecia.Nichols@uta.edu)

[RSVP In Person Here](#)

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# Academic Resources

# OFFICE OF ADVISING AND STUDENT RETENTION

## BSW/BSSUT



**Daisy Jones:**  
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## MSW



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## FIELD



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**Mental Health &  
Substance Misuse**

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**Vanessa Caraveo:**  
BSW/BSSUT Field &  
Out of Area Foundation

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## Graduate Director Office Hours

Meet Dr. Regina Praetorius, LMSW-AP-S, the Director of Graduate Programs at UTA's School of Social Work during her new open office hours.

Options are listed below:

- Wednesday, 2:15pm - 3:15pm On campus (Suite 203)
  - Wednesday, 6:30pm - 7:30pm Online ([Click here to join](#))
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## 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.

Peer Advisors are additional resources for students with a set goal to make your journey as smooth as possible. They are assigned to specific Academic Advisors within the Office of Academic Advising and Student Success and can provide help with answering advising questions, and connecting students to resources.

### Peer Advisors:

#### **Sekina Gray**

[slg3139@mavs.uta.edu](mailto:slg3139@mavs.uta.edu)

Peer Advisor for: Mental Health and Substance Misuse

#### **Maddie Hisaw**

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Peer Advisor for: George Jauss

#### **Elise Woodliff**

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Peer Advisor for: Daisy Jones & Kyleigh Easter

#### **Lauren Johnson**

[laj3195@mavs.uta.edu](mailto:laj3195@mavs.uta.edu)

Schedule your appointment here

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## Connections Lab

### How to Write a Case Study

To access the Case Study Tutorial, you have to be enrolled in the connections course.

Enroll here: <https://uta.instructure.com/enroll/D6JLBB>

Learn How to Write a Case Study

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## Field Placements & Tevera

Spring 2024 Field Application CLOSES Nov 10th:

### Field Applications:

Field applications opened on **September 12th** and is open until **November 10th**.

Don't delay! You must apply by the deadline, no exceptions, to start field in Spring 2024. If you are not starting field in Spring 2024, please ignore the notification about field applications opening and closing this semester.

If you have submitted an application already and receive reminders, you can ignore these emails, they do not apply to you. If you are currently in Split I of your placement this Fall, you **do not** need to re-apply to enter Split II in the Spring.

NOTE: If you are out of area send an email with your zipcode and your student ID and you will receive a list of affiliated agencies. Send an email to Amanda Land ([amanda.land@uta.edu](mailto:amanda.land@uta.edu)).

### Tevera Fees:

You will have to pay the Tevera fee to access the Spring application. Tevera asks students from every school that uses their system to pay during the application phase instead of at

the start of field.

You have options! You can pay Tevera directly out of pocket or you can purchase Tevera through the UTA bookstore and utilize financial aid. If needed, you can contact the financial aid office for additional aid to cover the cost of Tevera. (*Note: Tevera is more expensive through the bookstore than a direct payment.*)

**\*\*MSW Students Only**

If you paid the lifetime InPlace fee for the first placement, you will still have to pay for Tevera for the second placement. We will no longer be accessing InPlace for field at UTA, only Tevera. Think of the Tevera fee as similar to paying for textbooks at the start of a course. Tevera is like your field textbook. We understand this still may be frustrating, but if you paid the lifetime InPlace fee, you will have that access forever and can provide proof of detailed Field hours completed for a license, certificate, or job if ever asked.

**Field Orientation:**

We are currently updating the Field orientation course in Canvas. But do not fret! You only need to complete this before your Spring Placement start date in mid January.

**Other important links:**

- [Field forms are available here!](#)
- [Field FAQ](#)
- If you are having technical difficulties with Tevera please email [sswfield@uta.edu](mailto:sswfield@uta.edu) and include a screenshot of the issue.

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**Field Advising**

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

**BSW and BSSUT Students**

- Field Specialist: Vanessa Caraveo
- 1st & 3rd Thursday | 3pm - 4pm

- [Join your field advisors' power hour here](#)

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

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

### **Advanced Mental Health/Substance Misuse**

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

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

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## **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.

If you do not know who your assigned USL is, you may email Anadja Tamofu (axm3404@mavs.uta.edu) or Mayte Ledezma (mvl1458@mavs.uta.edu).

If you do not know who your assigned GSL is, you may email Makita Johnson (mxj1622@mavs.uta.edu) or Andrea Moreno (axm7516@mavs.uta.edu).

[Click here to meet our USLs](#)

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[Click here to meet our GSLs](#)

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## 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 Licensure, 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!**
- Interested in the LCDC? Scroll to the end of this [Licensure](#) webpage and click on 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](#)

[Evidence-Based Research Guide](#)

[Webinar Library](#)

[UTA Counseling & Psychology Services](#)

[SAR Center](#)

[Free Windows Apps with Student ID](#)

[SSW Writing Resources](#)

[Suicide Prevention Lifeline](#)

[Emergency Assistance Fund](#)

[Rental Assistance Program](#)

[Survivor Support Group](#)

[Free & Confidential HIV Testing](#)

[UTA/Tri-C Food Pantry Distribution](#)

[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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