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WEEKLY UPDATE April 11, 2022

SOCIAL JUSTICE SPOTLIGHT

National Month of Hope

Mother in Crisis, Inc, founded National Month of Hope as an awareness campaign to help extent hope around the globe and it became recognized in 2018. The goal is to “think hope” and “make hope connections.” This began as an endeavor of hope to have substance-free lives, but evolved into giving hope in all ways, by contributing wisdom, kindness, time and many other avenues.

Hope is defined as “to cherish a desire with anticipation; to want something to happen or be true.” (Merriam-Webster Dictionary). Hope is the belief we hold during times that things will get better. With everything that has happened in the world the last few years and global events currently we are experiencing, putting hope out into the world can help any and all who need it.

Ways to Observe

- Spread hope and sunshine in into those lives you encounter.
•Volunteer by reading to children in schools.
•Giving of time, food, and money to help families in need.
•Minister to those incarcerated by writing letters and visiting.
•Sharing your story of overcoming with those who are going through hard times.
•Lending a helping hand to those in need.
•Cleaning up areas where there is trash such as parks and beaches.
•Spend a day with the homeless whether on the streets in shelters, etc.
•Use #NationalHopeMonth to share your hope on social media.

Source: https://nationaldaycalendar.com/national-month-of-hope-april/



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COURSE SPOTLIGHT

IMPORTANT DATES

SPRING 2022

- **April 4th** – Registration Begins for Summer and
- **April 23rd** – Summer Field Application Due
- **April 26th** – Last day to drop from 2nd-8 week sessions
- **May 2nd** – Fall Field Application Opens
- **May 3rd** – Last day of classes
- **May 12 – 14th** – Commencement Ceremonies

How do pollution & climate change impact vulnerable communities?
What can social workers do about it?

Environmental Justice & Green Social Work

Fall 2022

All readings
are free!
No textbook
to purchase!

Topics include:

- Environmental Racism
- Ecological issues for children, older adults, women, and low-income populations
- Climate-forced Migration
- Natural Disaster Response
- Health & The Environment
- Ecotherapy for Mental Health
- Environmental Policy
- Micro and Macro Level Advocacy Strategies

Course: **SOCW 3310** (Undergraduate) / **SOCW 5310** (Masters)
Environmental Justice & Green Social Work

Modality: Online- Asynchronous (with recorded lectures and optional live sessions)

Instructor: Karen Magruder, LCSW-S
Assistant Professor of Practice
karen.magruder@uta.edu



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April 19th - 6:00PM - Rio Grande



It's time to celebrate the UTA Graduates in Spring 2022 who identify as LGBTQ+! This is a celebration that family, friends, and supporters can come to recognize the students that have succeeded and overcome any barriers that have come their way.

Students can fill out this form to RSVP for the event:
<https://forms.office.com/r/5Vbh8Gcmqc>



If you need accommodations to participate, please contact the LGBTQ+ Program at 817-727-3947 or LGBTQA@uta.edu at least five days prior to the event date.

BSSUT SPOTLIGHT

The Bachelor of Science in Substance Use & Treatment (BSSUT) “The degree will use a multidisciplinary approach to understand the biological, psychological and social aspects of substance misuse,” said Scott Ryan, dean of the School of Social Work. “Its curriculum for assessment and treatment methods for substance misuse are based on evidence-informed and research-supported practices that will enable students and future professionals to understand and treat individuals, families, groups and communities while preparing graduates for careers in this field.”

Continue reading [here](#)

David Waters
david.waters@uta.edu

Dr. Allison Tomlinson, PhD, LCSW-S
allison.tomlinson@uta.edu

For more info and FAQ's [Click Here](#)

Degree Progress Worksheet [Click Here](#)



ADVISING

- Need to meet with your 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 [here](#). Be sure to select in-person or virtual and your advisor. Remember, drop-in sessions are on a first come basis.
- **If your advisor's appointment schedule is full, please consider emailing them for email-advising, or attend their weekly Power Hour.** Please check advising appointments every Monday when new availability opens up for the coming weeks.

BSW Academic Advisors:

- Valerie Adame – adamev@uta.edu
- Sabrina Earle – sabrina.earle@uta.edu

LICENSING

- If you're in your final semester and want to get started on applying to ASWB to take the LBSW 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](#).
- **Click [here](#) for a recording of our Social Work Licensing Information Session, held in April 2021.**
- 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.

MSW ADMISSIONS

Did you know that if you pursue your MSW at UTA within 6 years of graduating with your BSW, you can finish your Masters in as fast as 1 year? We accept MSW admissions on a rolling basis. The admissions calendar can be found [here](#). If you have any questions about the process of applying to the MSW, please contact leslie.reyna@uta.edu



FIELD PLACEMENTS

General

- **All students, agencies, and Field Instructors should use this URL for InPlace:** <https://inplace.uta.edu/>
- The InPlace fee is \$67 per year or \$130 for a lifetime. Each student will need to plan to pay the InPlace fee on the first day of class for that semester they are starting field.
- [InPlace Training](#) and [Logbook Training](#) can be found here!
- If you are having technical difficulties with InPlace please email sswfield@uta.edu and include a screenshot of the issue.
- [Field forms are available here!](#)
- [Field FAQ](#)
- **Contact [Sharon Martin](#), LMSW, Field Advisor, with any questions!** You can also connect with her during her Field Power Hours every 1st & 3rd Thursday of the month from 3:00-3:30. [Click here to join the meeting](#)

Spring 2022

- See the Spring 2022 Field Education Calendar [here](#).

Summer 2022

- The Summer 2022 Field Application is now open.
- Application Deadline is **April 23, 2022**.
- See the Summer 2022 Field Education Calendar for Block [here](#) and for Split [here](#).
InPlace fee is due on the first day of class



GET INVOLVED

The School of Social Work Virtual Clinic

Need additional support? The School of Social Work Virtual Clinic offers FREE services. Support groups are offered virtually, weekly to BSW students. Please email SSWVirtualClinic@uta.edu for more information.

Weekly Virtual Support Group Schedule

Tuesday	Thursday	Saturday
Parenting During a Pandemic 6pm – 7pm	COVID and Caregiver 6pm – 7pm	First Generation and International Students' Success 9:00am – 10:00am
Promoting Healthy Habits 7:15pm – 8:15pm	Women's Virtual Room of Recovery 7:15pm – 8:15pm	Accommodating for Success 10:15am – 11:15am
TBD		
Military Women Empowerment Group		
Men's Virtual Room of Recovery		
Active Duty, Deployed Guard and Reserve Group		



STUDENTS FOR GLOBAL CHANGE (SGC)

Interested in making an impact regarding social injustices? Advocate for social issues? Join Students for Global Change (SGC) to start making an impact!

MEETS EVERY 3RD WEDNESDAY POF EACH MONTH | 5-6 PM | TEAMS VIRTUAL MEETINGS EVERYBODY'S WELCOME!

To participate, please register:
<https://forms.gle/8nHefgf53iB1EXqa9>

Follow us @SGCUTA- Students for Global Change
Email us at sgc.uta@gmail.com

INTERESTED IN MACRO SOCIAL WORK?



STUDENT ASSOCIATION FOR MACRO SOCIAL WORK

JOIN SAMSOW FOR OUR PEER SUPPORT MEETINGS ON THE FIRST MONDAY OF THE MONTH!
CLICK HERE OR SCAN THE QR CODE TO JOIN.

FEBRUARY 7 | MARCH 7 | APRIL 4
5:30 - 6:30 PM
MICROSOFT TEAMS




VOLUNTEERS

Make it happen!

Be a part of our special team of Encompass Hospice Volunteers. We care for our patients in the place they call home – a private residence, skilled nursing facility, or assisted living facility. Just a few hours a week can make a lasting impact on the lives of others.

Volunteer Opportunity:
Direct Patient Care - Sitting with patients, reading, working puzzles, watching tv/movies and sharing life stories. Your time may also include Caregiver Respite where you will visit with the patient while the caregiver runs errands, takes time for themselves, or goes to appointments.

REQUIREMENTS:
Reliable Transportation
Must be at least 17 years old
Orientation with Volunteer Coordinator
Volunteer a minimum of 2 hours per week
Covid Vaccine
Background Check, Drug Test, TB skin Test
(All provided at no charge to you)

"Volunteers comfort with their presence. One does not need to know all the right words to say but the ability to just be present."
- MICKI DAVIS

If you are interested in this wonderful volunteer opportunity, please email Susan Tomlin at susan.tomlin@encompasshealth.com



MAVERICK PANTRY

Please help stock up the new Maverick Pantry!
Donating any of the items below would be greatly appreciated.

- Pasta
- Pasta sauce
- Peanut butter & jelly
- Rice
- Beans
- Instant oatmeal
- Granola bars
- Dried fruit
- Canned vegetables
- Canned fruits
- Canned proteins
- Shelf stable milk
- Feminine / period products
- Toiletries

Drop off donations to the Dean of Students Office, Lower Level of the UC, B150.

To schedule donation drop off by vehicle, email EAF@uta.edu. We will gladly meet you in front of the UC to receive donations from your car.

UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT ARLINGTON DIVISION OF STUDENT AFFAIRS #CommunityThatCares



get your team INVOLVED

WE HAVE A **PLAN** FOR YOUR CALENDAR

BRING A GROUP UPCOMING EVENTS:

- Fall Carnival: October 30, 2021
- Thanksgiving Grocery Giveaway: November 20, 2021
- Christmas Giveaway: December 18, 2021
- Spring Carnival: March 12, 2022
- Easter Basket Giveaway: April 16, 2022

Which event can you see yourself at?

HOST A DRIVE WE HAVE A NEED FOR:

- Candy
- Groceries
- Coats
- Christmas Toys
- Small Toys and Trinkets
- Easter Eggs and Candy
- Easter Baskets

This covers all the materials needed for the rest of our events! Which need can you fill?

JOIN A CAMP SUMMER AND SPRING BREAK:

- Spring Break Camp: March 13 to March 16, 2022
- Summer Camp: June and July of 2022

Join camp for a day or a week, which works best for you? Either way, book your dates today, they fill up quick!

Mentorship Opportunity

Arlington ISD is looking to set up some of their students with mentors. Help support our community schools!

If interesting, please reach out to Stephanie Tucker at stephanie.tucker@mavs.uta.edu

LEARN A NEW ADVOCACY SKILL WITH SPEAK & SKILLSHARE!

IT'S FREE!



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CLICK HERE TO LEARN MORE

[Click Here for more info](#)



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APRIL 2022 (VIRTUAL)

THURSDAY TALKS & TREATS

Discuss the **state of affairs for a different cultural/heritage/religious group each month** and how **social workers can support them.**

April's celebration is for **Arab American Heritage Month!**
Thursday, April 21st from 12:00pm-1:30pm

The April celebration will be held via Teams. Please drop in!

<https://bit.ly/3JaKUKG>



Naser Abusaad, P.E., AICP



President of CMI Associates—a Texas-based transportation planning and design consulting firm. Naser offers over 30 years of experience in transportation planning in Texas. His experience includes major investment studies, complex alternatives analyses, route feasibility studies, preliminary design, environmental analyses, and public engagement. He has completed numerous projects for the Texas Department of Transportation, Dallas Area Rapid Transit, North Texas Tollway Authority, and local governments.

Featured Facilitator

UT ARLINGTON - ACADEMIC SUCCESS CENTER

+ Hiring Peer Educators TRIO Student Support Services



Start date flexible
Summer or Fall!

Tutor SSS students one-on-one and in small groups to provide course support and improve study skills

-GPA of 3.0 or higher
-A or B in courses to be tutored

Apply on Handshake
Job #6151917
UTA Student Assistant
TRIO SSS Peer Educator (Tutor)

Hiring in ALL subject areas!



YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE!



APPLY FOR A **PAID** INTERNSHIP!

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REQUIREMENTS

- Be enrolled in college or recent college graduate.
- Be able to commit 10 weeks full-time. (5-81 thru 8-8)
- Have a positive attitude!



MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

BE A ROLE MODEL FOR YOUTH IN YOUR COMMUNITY!

APPLY HERE!

\$1,200 SCHOLARSHIP

<https://my.americorps.gov/mp/login.do>
Or email FS@ABCHRIST.ORG
817-457-0027
www.abchrist.org

Statewide Adult Protective Services In Home Worker Virtual Career Fair

Same Day Interviews

April 14th, 2022

For more information on how to RSVP, visit: www.dfps.state.tx.us/jobs/job_fairs.asp



Join Our Team

Working in Your Community to Build and Strengthen Families

Who we are

- We are passionate
- We are flexible
- We are driven
- We have a strong work ethic
- We love the work we do

What we do

- Protect the elderly and adults with disabilities who are unable to protect themselves
- Work closely with community partners
- Promote safety and well-being of our clients

WHAT WE OFFER

- 100% employer-paid healthcare
- Health and wellness programs
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- Tuition reimbursement
- Promotional opportunities
- Holiday / annual / sick leave
- Paid classroom and field training

Be Essential. Make a Difference.



We can change everything together.





RESEARCH

[Social Work Course Guides](#)

[Student Research Opportunity Center](#)



Summer Scholarship Applications are now open until April 22nd. Click [Here](#)

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TITLE IV-E STIPEND FOR BSW/MSW STUDENTS

FOR STUDENTS WHO ARE INTERESTED IN:

- CHALLENGING AND REWARDING WORK**
Students will be working with children, parents and families impacted by child abuse and neglect, and who are in foster and adoptive placement.
- FINANCIAL AID**
Stipend amount offered through Title IV-E Child Welfare Programs are:
BSW Students: \$
MSW Students: \$
- INTERNSHIP TRAINING AND SOCIAL WORK EXPERIENCE**
No other field and work setting offers such wide range of opportunities to learn, network, and grow.
- POST GRADUATION OPPORTUNITIES**
Students sign a contract with the Department of Family and Protective Services (DFPS) to complete a minimum of 8 months of employment with full salary and benefits.

IMPORTANT INFO:

- GRADUATION TIME IS CRITICAL:**
Students must have completed all course requirements and be eligible to graduate from their program in the same semester in which they receive the Child Welfare Stipend.
- SELECTION PROCESS IS COMPETITIVE:**
Stipend applications are processed 1-2 semesters prior to students' final acceptance into the program. Contact kimberly.evans@uta.edu for the best time to begin the application process.
- BACKGROUND CHECK IS REQUIRED:**
A final screening including driving record, criminal background check, online assessment and employment interview is conducted by DFPS.
- APPLICATION DEADLINE:**
FALL - APRIL 15TH
SPRING - SEPTEMBER 1ST
SUMMER - JANUARY 15TH

HOW TO APPLY

- GET IN TOUCH**
Start the process by contacting Stipend Coordinator Kimberly Evans at kimberly.evans@uta.edu or an appointment to discuss the application process and obtain an application form.
- STIPEND APPLICATION & WRITING SAMPLE**
Complete the stipend application and writing sample online, and return to kimberly.evans@uta.edu by stipend deadline.
- LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION**
Submit letter of recommendation from a UTA professor to kimberly.evans@uta.edu by stipend deadline.
- PRELIMINARY INTERVIEW**
Participate in a preliminary interview with UTA Title IV-E Stipend Program Coordinators.
- FINAL INTERVIEW AND SELECTION**
Eligible candidates will be invited to a final interview with Child Protective Services staff.

CONTACT US:
KIMBERLY EVANS, LCSW
TITLE IV-E COORDINATOR
KIMBERLY.EVANS@UTA.EDU

VISIT US ONLINE:
UTA.EDU/SSW

The Child Welfare Stipend is provided through the Title IV-E Training Contract, a federally funded initiative to enhance child welfare practice by infusing the work force with more BSW and MSW educated practitioners



STAY SAFE



Covid-19 Vaccine

Contact covidvaccine@uta.edu with any questions. If the dates and times of these clinics don't work for you, the COVID-19 vaccine is free and widely available in Arlington and surrounding communities. To find a vaccine or booster near you, enter your zip code into the [CDC's COVID-19 vaccine finder](#).

[Click Here for more information.](#)

[Required COVID-19 testing and new protective measures for Spring 2022 \(English and Español\) \(uta.edu\)](#)
Classroom density, updated info from university on testing and return to campus

KNOW YOUR STATUS

No cost & confidential HIV testing

CALL OR TEXT TO SETUP AN APPOINTMENT!

PHONE: 882-478-6965
EMAIL: TYLER@MHMRTC.ORG

Dean Ryan's Statement on COVID-19 Health Disparities



Research Study on the Impact of COVID-19 on Latina Dreamers

- Are you a female DACA participant (Dreamer)?
- Are you currently enrolled in a 4-year college or university in Texas?
- Are you interested in discussing how COVID-19 has impacted different areas of your life?

If you answered "yes" to these questions, then you may be eligible to participate in a confidential research study exploring the experiences of Latina Dreamers during COVID-19.

If you are interested, please go to the link below or scan the QR code to complete the online screening.

https://hsocialwork.com/qualtrics.com/ifo/form/5V_N7wC5vrb5VYK1m



If you are eligible you will be contacted within 48 hours by a member of the study team about scheduling an interview that will be conducted by Zoom. Your total time of participation will be about 90 minutes and you will receive a \$50 Amazon gift card for your time. Please feel free to share this link with friends/colleagues who may be interested in participating. Funding for this study was provided by the University of Texas at Arlington Center for Mexican American Studies (CMAS) Faculty Fellowship Program.

If you have any questions about this study, please contact the PI of our research team, Dr. Michi Washburn at michi.washburn@uta.edu or at 817-998-6405. This project has been approved by the UTA Internal Review Board (IRB). For questions about your rights or to report a complaint, contact the UTA Research Office at 817-272-3723 or regulatoryservices@uta.edu



Are you a social work student interested in advocacy? Want to learn more?

Research Participants wanted.



This research study is about whether a short training in digital advocacy can help social work students learn more about and feel more confident engaging in digital advocacy. It will take approximately 1 hour to complete.

- We are looking at whether a short training in digital advocacy can help social work students learn more about and feel more confident engaging in digital advocacy.
- This study is online, self-paced, and will take 60 minutes to complete.
- Participants will receive a free digital advocacy certificate and be entered into a \$20 gift card raffle.
- To participate, go to <https://utaedu.questionpro.com/digitaladvocacy>

Christian Mason, a Master of Social Work student, is conducting this study. If you are interested in participating or have more questions, please contact them at christian.mason@mavs.uta.edu

This study has been approved by The University of Texas at Arlington Institutional Review Board, UTA IRB Protocol #2022-0342

Connections Tutoring Lab
UTA School of Social Work

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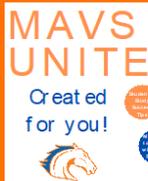
Schedule a 30 minute session with a writing tutor!

[Book your session HERE!](#)

https://moodle.office@365.com/owa/calendar/UTA_SSW_Connections_Lab@mavs.uta.edu/bookings/

UTA Academic Calendar

Evidence-Based Practice Research Guide



Check Canvas for the MavsUnite Page!
To add please e-mail:
[Emily Clark](mailto:Emily.Clark@uta.edu)

SAR Center

(Formerly Office of Students with Disabilities)

MANAGING STRESS AND ANXIETY DURING COVID-19

UTA COUNSELING AND PSYCHOLOGICAL SERVICES (CAPS)

THERAPIST ASSISTED ONLINE (TAO)

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THRIVE APP



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Call (817)272-8255



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- Supplemental Instruction (SI)**
- TRIO Student Support Services**
- Academic Coaching**

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24 HOUR CRISIS LINE

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WWW.UTA.EDU/CAPS
303 RANSOM HALL

UTA Library Accessibility

On-Demand & Live Fitness Classes

Rental Assistance Program

The [Tarrant County Rental Assistance Program](https://www.tarrantcounty.com/en/land-use-and-development/rental-assistance) assists residents who have been impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. For more details, email renthelp@tarrantcounty.com or call [817-850-7940](tel:817-850-7940).

The Lifeline is **FREE**, confidential, and always available.

HELP a loved one, a friend, or yourself.

Community crisis centers answer Lifeline calls.

NATIONAL SUICIDE PREVENTION LIFELINE
1-800-273-TALK (8255)
suicidpreventionlifeline.org

Learn the Warning Signs.

Emergency Assistance Fund

UTA students with a temporary financial hardship resulting from a sudden emergency [may apply for financial help.](#)

Get Microsoft 365, The Wall Street Journal and Other Apps FREE with your student email!

How to gain access to SSW writing resources: [Advising & Student Success Canvas](#)

UTA/Tri-C Food Pantry Distributions

Currently distributing groceries on Thursdays only, from 9-11:45 a.m. and 2-4:45 p.m. To receive these grocery bags you must send an email to utafoodpantry@gmail.com to request a pickup time. Include student name, last four digits of UTA ID, requested grocery pickup time, choice of vegetarian, chicken, or any meat groceries.

If you have any questions or content suggestion for the newsletter, please contact Tuesday Darling: tbd2290@mavs.uta.edu

