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WEEKLY UPDATE

November 8, 2022



SOCIAL JUSTICE SPOTLIGHT

November is National Native American Heritage Month

In November, we celebrate Native American Heritage Month!

Within this Month, we National Native American Heritage Month. Did you know in 1990, Former President George H. W. Bush designated November as “National Native American Heritage Month?” Years prior in 1915, a man named Red Fox James rode horseback from state to state wanting approval for recognition of Native Americans.

Throughout American history, Native Americans were treated poorly. Their land was taken, and many families were striped from their culture and children. It is encouraged to learn more about what is Native American Heritage month, and why is it important?

For more information, [CLICK HERE!](#)

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Course Spotlight

Aging in American Society SOCW 4335

Prepare for a fast-growing, in-demand,
rewarding career with older adults!



ONLINE ASYNCHRONOUS

Professor Karen Magruder

Spring 2023

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

Environmental Justice & Green Social Work

Spring 2023

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
Environmental Justice & Green Social Work

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

Instructor: Karen Magruder, LCSW-S
Assistant Professor of Practice
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YOU MATTER

Who am I?

Am I the hero of my story?

I want to be...and perhaps most importantly I can be. For in truth, everything I see is of my own creation. When I look at you, I will see a friend or foe based upon what story I am telling myself. And because my thoughts create my reality, I have a responsibility to myself. To ask myself important questions such as...is this helping me? Does it give me joy? Am I detached from this outcome? And what beliefs am I walking around with?

All these questions focus on one thing; and it is freedom. I can achieve personal freedom when I am mindful of my thoughts. For presence enables connection...whether it is with another or the bliss within.

I can achieve personal freedom when I am mindful of my thoughts when I am present in this moment. When I reflect on times I have suffered, two concepts seem to be present: a disconnection from Source; and a forgetting that we are all connected. So, what is the story that I am telling myself? Am I celebrating my resilience and courage when challenged or frightened? Am I acknowledging my internal wisdom and strength? Am I seeing through the illusions that attempt to trap and bind me? Or am I rising above the meaningless clamor and embracing my true self? Am I remembering that thoughts are not idle? All thinking produces form.

How do I create the life I want? How do I ensure that I am the hero of my story? For me it is acknowledging the synchronicity and rhythm of this journey we call life. It is beginning each morning with my practice. For only when I truly see me can I truly see you; for you are but a mirror of what is going on within me. The next step is recognizing there are no throw-away moments. Every moment matters...for each now is where the miracle happens. Each now offers love...peace...joy...whatever I want to experience because each moment is new...each moment is my creation for in each moment my thoughts are creating my reality.

Warm Regards,
Dayton Ann Williams, MBA, PMP®

MSW Student, Direct Practice in Mental Health &
Substance Misuse, University of Texas at Arlington



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 [here](#). Be sure to select in-person or virtual and your advisor. Remember, drop-in sessions are on a first come basis.

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](#).
- 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 2023

- **The Spring 2023 Field Application opens October 3rd. Apply ASAP once Inplace accepts Applications.**
- **All students have been placed.** Students should contact their [field advisor](#) if they are still awaiting placement.
- The Spring 2023 Field Application will be open Oct. 03 – Nov. 25, 2022. These dates are subject to change. See the full Spring 2023 Field Education Calendar [here](#).

USL Opportunity!!!

USLS NEEDED!

ATTENTION BSW STUDENTS !

The School of Social Work is recruiting Undergraduate Student Leaders (USLs)



Spring 23 Applications are open now!



NEED MORE INFORMATION CONTACT US:

Precious Bell or Laina Scivally
precious.bell@mavs.uta.edu
lms1135@mavs.uta.edu

Interested in Becoming a USL?

[Click here!](#) You can also contact [Precious Bell](#) or [Laina Scivally](#)
[Click here for the USL Application](#)

Scholarship Opportunities

Get Scholarships [TODAY!!!](#)

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SCHOLARSHIP



According to the website, the Hogg foundation is offering two \$5,000 scholarships in honoring the late Stephany Bryan. To learn more, click on the link above!

IMPORTANT DATES

FALL 2022

- Oct. 3– Field Applications OPEN
- Oct. 28-- Last day to drop classes; submit requests to advisor prior to 4:00pm
- Nov. 23- No classes scheduled
- Nov. 24- Thanksgiving Holiday
- Nov. 25- Thanksgiving Holiday – Field Applications Close
- Dec. 6- Last day of classes
- Dec. 7- Student Study Day (no classes)

[SSW Lending Closet](#)

CALLING SOCIAL WORK ALUMNI!



BSW & MSW students would like you to donate your cap, gown, and hood to the Lending Closet at UTA! If you would like to donate, please reach out to the contacts below.

CONTACT US:

Precious.Bell@mavs.uta.edu
lms1135@mavs.uta.edu
Shermell.Osborne@uta.edu

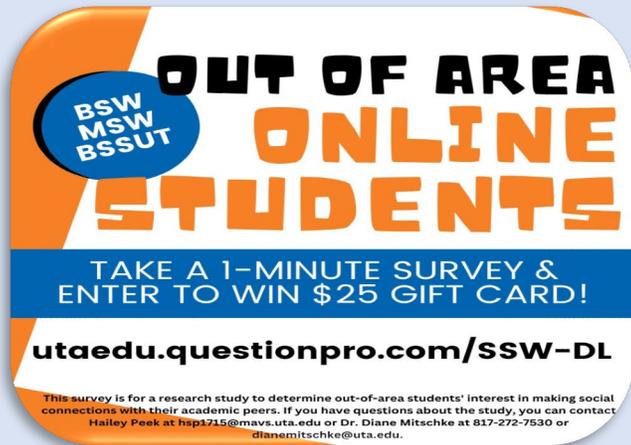
SCAN HERE



Thank You

SSW Lending Closet

1-Minute Survey for a \$25 Gift Card for out of Area Students!



**BSW
MSW
BSSUT**

OUT OF AREA ONLINE STUDENTS

TAKE A 1-MINUTE SURVEY &
ENTER TO WIN \$25 GIFT CARD!

utaedu.questionpro.com/SSW-DL

This survey is for a research study to determine out-of-area students' interest in making social connections with their academic peers. If you have questions about the study, you can contact Hailey Peek at hsp1715@mavs.uta.edu or Dr. Diane Mitschke at 817-272-7530 or dianemitschke@uta.edu.

If you are an out of area student within the BSW, MSW, or BSSUT program, take the 1-minute survey to win a gift card! If you are interested in wanting to win the \$25 gift card, [Click Here](#) to start the survey!

Good Luck!

Job Opportunities

Bhojani for Texas Job Opportunity

WE'RE HIRING!

HOURLY DEMOCRATIC ORGANIZERS

Join us in making history as we work to elect the first Muslim and South Asian member of the Texas Legislature!

We are looking to hire passionate and talented Organizers. Each team member will work up to 40 hours per week and will be paid \$20 an hour.

BHOJANI
DEMOCRAT FOR HD-92

WOMEN, PEOPLE OF COLOR, AND LGBTQIA+
APPLICANTS ARE STRONGLY ENCOURAGED TO APPLY.

To apply: Please send your resume and cover letter to Team@bhojanifortexas.com

Click [HERE](#) for more Information!

The MSW Program



November 16!
12pm-1:30pm



JOIN FOR A
CHANCE TO WIN A
GIFT CARD!

PURSUE YOUR MSW?

Not sure which specialty is
the best fit for you?

Hear from faculty and
students about the

benefits of selecting each specialty:

- Aging
- Children & Families
- CAP (Community & Administrative Practice)
- Health
- Mental Health & Substance Misuse



Attend in-person or online
**Blue Bonnet Room in the
University Center**
300 W. First St., Arlington, TX

scan to join or [click here!](#)



Are you interested in attaining your Masters of Social Work after graduating with a BSW? Would you like to have more fields to become a social worker?

On November 5th at 11:00am, there will be an MSW session for BSW students who want to pursue a higher education.

If you would like to know how to apply for the program, the MSW Information Session is a good place to stop by.

If you would like to learn more information about this event,

[CLICK HERE.](#)



Upcoming Events within UTA



School of Social Work



Career Prep Networking Expo

November 16th, 2022
9am-4pm

- Prep for licensure
- Meet SSW Professors
- Build your Resume
- "Power Hour" with Field and Academic Advisors

Location :

Blue Bonnet Room
University Center
300 W First Street
Arlington, TX 76019

Giveaways!!

"Learn Interviewing Skills Segment"
MSW Specialties
12pm-1:30pm



Study on the Current and Future School of Social Work Buildings

Seeking Participants – We Want You!

- We are seeking students to share their experiences with the current and future School of Social Work buildings.
- We want to know more about how you feel in the building, how accessible it is, and how trauma-informed it is.
- Each participant will be interviewed twice—once in the fall and once in the spring. Each confidential interview will last about one hour.
- You can choose whether you would like to be interviewed in-person in a private room, or online via Microsoft Teams.
- By participating in an interview, you will be entered into a raffle to win a \$10 Pie 5 gift card.

About the Researchers and the Project

- Megan Westmore, LMSW and Dr. Regina Praetorius, PhD are researchers from the School of Social Work at the UT-Arlington.

How Do I Become a Part of This Project?

- You are eligible to participate if you are at least 18 years old, a current UTA social work student, have taken at least one in-person class in the current School of Social Work Building A, planning to take in-person social work classes in spring 2023, not planning to graduate this December 2022, and can speak and understand English.
- Please contact us if you have any questions or would like to sign up:
Email: meganrose.westmore@uta.edu

Charity Goat Yoga

The Hope Place in Mansfield TX is hosting Goat Yoga for BSW students. The price for classes are \$45 and is held every 3rd Saturday of each month. Classes starts from 9:30am to 11:30am. The address is 7601 Gibson Cemetery Rd.

Mansfield, TX 76063

If you have any questions, please contact:

The Hope Place at:

(817) 941-0100

Or their website [HERE!](#)



SOCIAL WORK ADVOCACY DAY (SWAD) 2023

Save the date!

March 3, 2023

Texas State Capitol

@naswtx_advocacy

naswtex.naswtx@socialworkers.org

NASW
National Association of Social Workers
TEXAS CHAPTER

[UTA Academic Calendar](#)

[Evidence-Based Practice Research Guide](#)

MANAGING STRESS AND ANXIETY DURING COVID-19

UTA COUNSELING AND PSYCHOLOGICAL SERVICES (CAPS)

THERAPIST ASSISTED ONLINE (TAO)

Visit TAOconnect.org



THRIVE APP



Download "Thrive at UT" on App Store or Google Play

MAVS TALK 24HR CRISIS LINE

Call (817)272-8255



Visit uta.edu/caps for more information

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[SAR Center](#) (Formerly Office of Students with Disabilities)

Survivor Support Group

Hosted by Tiffany Bland, Confidential Advocate
EVERY TUESDAY 1:30 PM - 2:30 PM
301 Ransom Hall

FREE Dental, Vision, and Health Services

December 3-4, 2022
Kay Bailey Hutchison Convention Center



JOIN US IN MAKING TEXAS HEALTHIER

After a successful event in 2021, The University of North Texas Health Science Center (UNTHSC) and Remuda Area Medical (RAM) - a nonprofit that provides free, pop-up medical clinic services to those who are underserved and uninsured - are excited to partner again this year to provide **free dental, vision and medical services** to the Dallas/Fort Worth area.

All RAM services are free, and no ID is required.

HSC is proud to partner with RAM to provide these crucial medical services to our community.

To learn more about the event, visit unthsc.edu/ram or call 817-272-8255.

EVENT DETAILS	SERVICES OFFERED
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Services begin at 8 a.m. Free clinic, first-come, first-served. All RAM services are free of cost. No ID required. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Adult/ Pediatric Dental Services Adult/ Pediatric Medical Services Adult/ Pediatric Vision Services Non-emergency Health Services

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PHONE: 817-476-6965
EMAIL: TYLERB@MHMRTC.ORG

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MAVS talk 24 HOUR CRISIS LINE

817-272-TALK (8255)
WWW.UTA.EDU/CAPS
303 RANSOM HALL

Webinar Library

Isabella Hong, an MSW Alum, graciously compiled a list of webinar resources and a video going over the basic functioning of Teams to any who may need assistance. Special thanks to Jose B. Yerena, LCPAA, who has taken over updating the list on a weekly basis! **Please note that it is necessary to ask your supervisor permission for these to count towards any required field hours.**

[MSW Specialties](#)

[Social Work Webinars List](#)

[Basic Function of Teams](#)



Rental Assistance Program

The [Tarrant County Rental Assistance Program](#) 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).

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 Maria Cruz mxc5965@mavs.uta.edu



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