



**SEPTEMBER 10, 2025**

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## **WELCOME MESSAGE FROM THE PROGRAM DIRECTORS**

Dear School of Social Work Students,

Welcome to a new semester at the University of Texas at Arlington! To our new students—welcome to the Maverick Social Work family. To our returning students—welcome back! We are excited to see how your passion, dedication, and commitment to social work evolves in the classroom.

This semester, we encourage you to work hard, stay focused, and take advantage of every opportunity to grow. Remember—**we are here to support you, and we want to see you succeed**. Please don't hesitate to reach out and communicate your needs with your faculty, academic advisors, or with your program director. We also encourage you to take advantage of the professional development events to engage with our school and wider social work community. Your success is our priority, and we look forward to watching you thrive.

### **□ Career Development Series**

We're launching a new professional development series designed to prepare you for your career in social work. Our first workshops will focus on **résumé building** and **interviewing skills**—essential tools for your future success.

### **□ Suicide Prevention Panel – September 25**

Please join us for an important panel discussion on suicide prevention. Together, we'll hear from experts and community leaders as we raise awareness and strengthen our commitment to supporting others in need.

We look forward to sharing this semester with you—full of learning, connection, and growth.

Dr. Sophia Fantus  
Director, MSW Program

Dr. Darlene Hunter  
Director, BSW Program

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# IMPORTANT UPDATES

## Meet your Undergraduate and Graduate Student Leaders (USL/GSL)!

Your USL/GSLs serve as advocates and communication facilitators for School of Social Work (SSW) students, fielding questions about all of aspects of the undergraduate and graduate experience, including advising, practicum, registration, orientation, scholarships, deadlines, program policies, and more.

They are able to provide quick and accurate answers to your questions. All social work students have been invited to join a Teams Channel (SSW Undergrad Student Channel OR SSW MSW Student Channel). These channels will serve as the communication hub for your SSW needs.

If you don't see the Teams Channel, please reach out to [sswengage@uta.edu](mailto:sswengage@uta.edu).

## ADVISING UPDATES

**Spring 2026 Registration starts on November 3, 2025! Get a head start by meeting with your advisor now!**

Who is my Advisor?

Undergraduate Advisors	MSW Advisors
Rachel Hoelke: Last Name A - F	George Jauss: Last Name A - D
Daisy Jones: Last Name G - M	Matthew Williams: Last Name E - K
Kyleigh Easter: Last Name N - Z	Cleondria Marable: Last Name L - P
	Maria Torres: Last Name Q - Z

Have questions? Email [ssw-oass@uta.edu](mailto:ssw-oass@uta.edu)

Visit the Advising [website](#) for more information!

## PRACTICUM UPDATES

**Spring 2026 practicum applications are open until October 10, 2025.**

Have a practicum question? Connect with your Practicum Specialist!

Undergraduate Students
Armany Pogues
MSW Students

Last Names A: Cindy Bassey

Last Names B: Sharon Martin

Last Names C: Monica Brown

Last Names D: Armanya Pagues

Last Names E - K: Monica Brown

Last Names L - P: Cindy Bassey

Last Names Q - Z: Sharon Martin

Visit the Practicum Education [website](#) for more information!

## OPPORTUNITIES & EVENTS

### FALL 2025 CAREER DEVELOPMENT SERIES

#### UPCOMING EVENTS

JOIN US FOR OUR FALL CAREER  
DEVELOPMENT SERIES

9/10  
6PM

##### BSW RESUME WORKSHOP

(TEAMS) LEARN HOW TO BUILD A STRONG BSW  
RESUME THAT STANDS OUT!



9/11  
6PM

##### MSW RESUME WORKSHOP

(TEAMS) UTILIZE FACULTY AND ALUMNI TO  
POLISH YOUR MSW RESUME!



9/16  
6PM

##### INTERVIEW STRATEGIES

(TEAMS) LEARN TIPS ON HOW TO INTERVIEW  
STRONGLY AND APPROPRIATELY!



Join us next month!

10/1 BSW Resume Workshop @ 12 PM

10/1 MSW Resume Workshop @ 12 PM

10/6 Interview Strategies @ 12 PM

#### Fall 2025 Career Development Series: Resume Workshop & Interview Strategies

Are you submitting your practicum application for spring or getting ready to graduate this fall? Maybe you're just ready to spruce up your resume. If any of these apply to you, we have you covered!

Our Career Development Series starts this week! We'll have resume workshops available for our undergrad and MSW students, and the Career Development Center will go over strategies and tips to prepare you for an interview.

BSW Resume Workshop: [JOIN HERE](#)

MSW Resume Workshop: [JOIN HERE](#)

Interview Strategies: [JOIN HERE](#)

## SSW VIRTUAL CLINIC PEER SUPPORT MEETINGS

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VIRTUAL CLINIC

PEER SUPPORT MEETINGS

4-Week Series:  
Mindfulness & Resiliency  
+  
Grief, Loss, & Trauma

Peer-Led Groups!

VIRTUAL SESSIONS  
START SEPT 9TH!

How could this help you?

- Emotional Awareness
- Grounding Techniques
- Ability To Reflect Without Judgment

Attend 1 Session Each Week

Time Slots Offered:

- Tues @ 12pm or 6pm CST
- Wed @ 12pm or 6pm CST
- Thurs @ 12pm or 6pm CST

Sign Up Here!!!

A 4-week series on mindfulness and resiliency and grief, loss, and trauma will start on September 9th.

**Timeslots offered:**  
**Tues at 12pm or 6pm CST**  
**Wed at 12pm or 6pm CST**  
**Thurs at 12pm or 6pm CST**

**Sign-up [HERE!](#)**

## SERVE AS A STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE ON SSW COMMITTEES



Students in the School of Social Work have the opportunity to serve as a student representative on specified committees with faculty and staff. As a student representative, you will get to advocate for your peers, gain leadership skills, contribute to the program curriculum, and receive mentorship from faculty and staff.

To learn more about this opportunity, [\*\*CLICK HERE!\*\*](#)

## **HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH CELEBRATION**

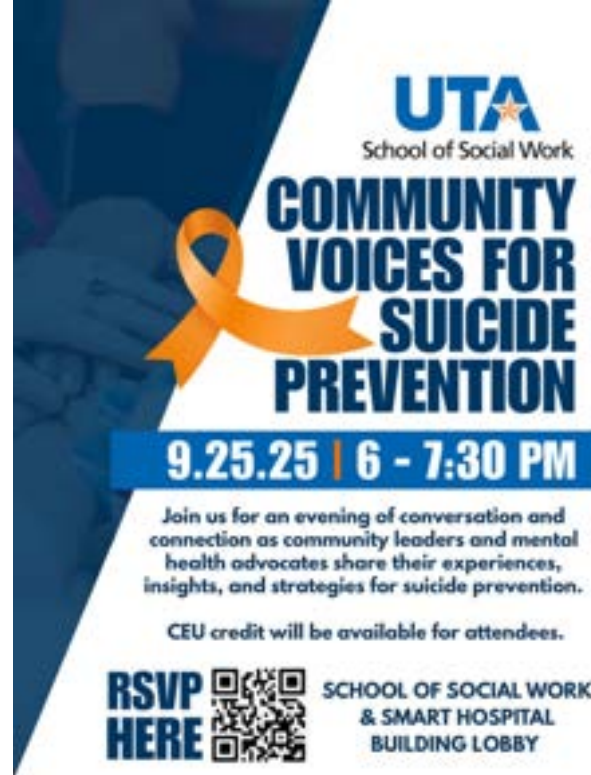


**Wednesday, September 17 | 12 p.m. - 2 p.m. | SWSH First Floor Community Commons**

Join us as we celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month with Free Elotes, Paletas, and more!

## **COMMUNITY VOICES FOR SUICIDE PREVENTION**





**Thursday, September 25 | 6 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. SWSH First Floor Community Commons**

Take part in Community Voices for Suicide Prevention, a meaningful panel discussion bringing together students, faculty, staff, and community partners. Together, we will share perspectives, strengthen connections, and foster a culture of hope and healing. **RSVP** here!

## **SHARE YOUR INPUT!**



We invite you to take a few minutes to share your thoughts on the type of engagement opportunities you'd like to see from the School of Social Work by completing this **SURVEY**.

This survey will help us provide engagement opportunities that align with our students' needs.

# RESEARCH STUDY PARTICIPANT RECRUITMENT



IRB# 2025-0402 Compensation: \$30 e-gift card

## DISSERTATION RESEARCH STUDY

### TEXAS SOCIAL WORKER EXPERIENCES INTERACTING WITH POLICE AND/OR IMMIGRATION ENFORCEMENT WHILE WORKING WITH BLACK, INDIGENOUS, LATINE COMMUNITIES

A dissertation research study that explores the experiences of Texas social workers who have interacted or collaborated with police and/or immigration enforcement while working with Black, Indigenous, and/or Latine communities.

You must

- Be at least 18 years old
- Have an undergraduate social work degree and/or Master of Social Work degree from a CSWE-accredited social work program
- Have interacted or collaborated with police and/or immigration enforcement in your work with Black, Indigenous, Latine/Latinx communities while working in a capacity as a social worker in the state of Texas
- Be willing to participate in a focus group or individual interview

For Eligibility Screening Scan QR Code



<https://uiaedu.questionpro.com/t/Ac8tm25v6M>

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The first study explores the experiences of Texas social workers who have interacted or collaborated with police and/or immigration enforcement while working with Black, Indigenous, and/or Latine communities.

For eligibility screening for the first study, **[CLICK HERE!](https://uiaedu.questionpro.com/t/Ac8tm25v6M)**



IRB#2025-0398

## STUDY ALERT

### Student perceptions of their social work programs, police, and immigration enforcement for Dissertation Research

A dissertation research study survey that explores the perceptions of social work students about their social work programs, policing, and immigration enforcement.

You must be

- 18 years+
- Currently in the last academic year of your social work program or have graduated in the last 2 years from a Council on Social Work Education (CSWE) fully accredited undergraduate or Master of Social Work (MSW) program within the United States



<https://uiaedu.questionpro.com/t/Ac8tm25v2m>

Compensation: \$10 e-gift card  
Survey will take approximately 20-30 minutes

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The second study explores the perceptions of social work students about their social work programs, policing, and immigration enforcement. Please let me know if you have any questions I can answer for you.

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## STUDENT ORGANIZATION CORNER

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### Explore School of Social Work Student Organizations!

The School of Social Work houses several student organizations! Join a student organization to meet new people, build leadership skills, network with the social work community, and build community.

To learn more about the student organizations within the School of Social Work, [CLICK HERE!](#)

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### Deaf Awareness Month - ASL in Healthcare Event



The MavTHAT ASL Club is coordinating a learning experience for pre-health students and staff across multiple disciplines for Deaf Awareness Month.

**WHEN:** Wednesday, September 24, 2025

**WHERE:** University Center, Bluebonnet Ballroom

**TIME:** 4PM-8PM

To learn more and RSVP, visit the [EVENT](#) page.

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# STUDENT SUCCESS RESOURCE

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## SSW Connections Lab

The Connections Tutoring Lab offers BSW and MSW students assistance with all aspects of the writing process for writing assignments.

To learn more about the services and to book a session, visit our [website!](#)

## SCHOOL OF SOCIAL WORK RESOURCES

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**ACADEMIC ADVISING**

**PRACTICUM PLACEMENT**

**CONNECTIONS LAB**

**SW LIBRARIAN**

**LICENSURE**

**DEAN'S LETTER FOR LICENSURE**

CARE FUND

CARE REFERRAL

## UTA RESOURCES

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- [UTA Academic Calendar](#)
- [Library Resources](#)
- [Office of International Education](#)
- [Apply for Graduation](#)
- [Free Windows Apps with Student ID](#)
- [Student Access & Resource \(SAR\) Center](#)
  
- [UTA Counseling & Psychology Services \(CAPS\)](#)
- [Suicide Prevention Lifeline](#)
- [Emergency Assistance Fund](#)
- [Health Services](#)
- [UTA/Tri-C Food Pantry Distribution](#)

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