

# IN THE LOOP

## SSW STUDENT NEWSLETTER

**SEPTEMBER 16, 2025**

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## Welcome Message from the Associate Dean for Student & Academic Affairs



Welcome to another semester at the UTA School of Social Work!

I'm Dr. Regina T. Praetorius, Associate Dean for Student & Academic Affairs, and I invite you to call me Regina if you feel comfortable—we are colleagues in partnership on this journey. You have chosen a meaningful and rewarding profession rooted in service and the value of human relationships, and while the path may be demanding, your sacrifices are seen and appreciated. I encourage you to connect with faculty, staff, and peers, lean on the support available, and remember the wisdom of St. Francis of Assisi: "Start by doing what's necessary; then do what's possible; and suddenly you are doing the impossible." We are here to support you every step of the way, and I warmly welcome you to our community.

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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)

## 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: Armany Pogues
Last Names E - K: Monica Brown
Last Names L - P: Cindy Bassey

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!

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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: Interview Strategies

##### Happening today (9/16)!

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!

The Career Development Center will go over strategies and tips to prepare you for a successful interview.

##### **JOIN HERE**

Stay tuned for the October workshops!

### SSW Virtual Clinic Peer Support Meetings



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!](#)**

## 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!

# NASW Social Work Student Event



## Social Work & Political Resistance: The Role of Social Work in Mutual Aid

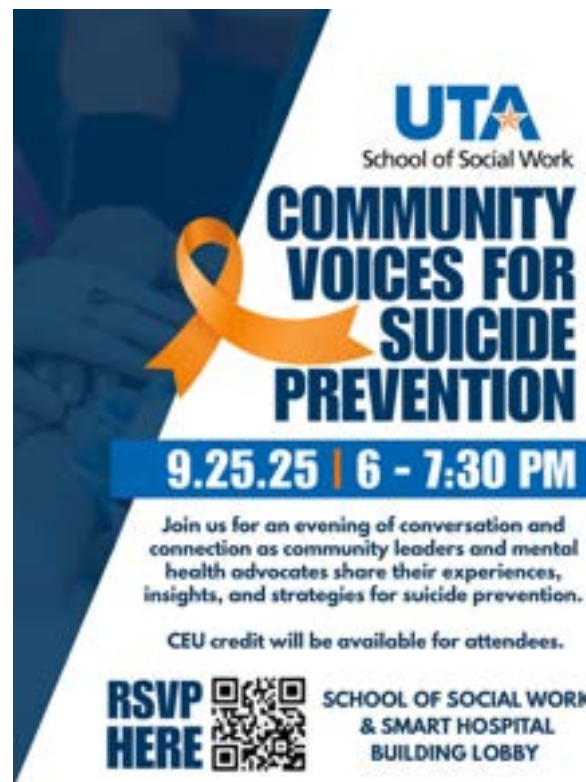
Thursday, September 18 | 5pm - 6:30pm (CST) | Zoom

This webinar invites you to explore how mutual aid, abolition, and transformative justice connect to social work values and practice. We'll unpack the question: Can the profession evolve to truly support radical change, or will it stay tied to systems that maintain the status quo? Learn how you can be part of shaping a more just and liberated future through your work and advocacy.

Register [HERE!](#)

Check out past event recordings on the NASW [website!](#)

## Community Voices for Suicide Prevention



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

The School of Social Work will host Community Voices for Suicide Prevention, a panel discussion highlighting personal stories, professional expertise, and practical tools for suicide prevention. This event is free and open to the public and CEU credit will be available for all social work professionals. **Our event will be available as a virtual option for all students but please note CEUs will not be available for virtual participation.**

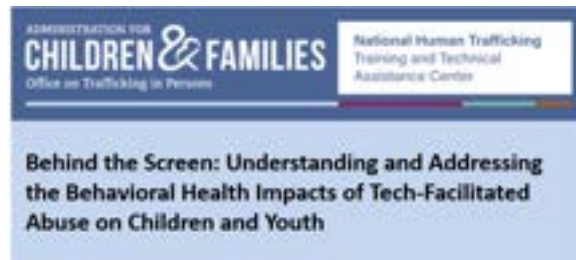
Held during Suicide Prevention Awareness Month, the event will bring together community leaders and advocates to raise awareness, reduce stigma, and share strategies for suicide prevention. Together, we'll hear from inspiring voices who share both professional expertise and deeply personal experiences:

- Brad Hunstable – Founder of Hayden's Corner & CEO of Linear Labs
- Esmeralda Nava, LMSW – UTA Alumna, Grant Halliburton Foundation
- Kristi Wiley – Vice President of Programs, Jordan Elizabeth Harris Foundation

The conversation will be guided by Donna Schuman, UTA Social Work associate professor and expert in trauma and mental health interventions.

**RSVP** [here!](#)

## **Webinar! Behind the Screen: Understanding and Addressing the Behavioral Health Impacts of Tech-Facilitated Abuse on Children and Youth**



**Monday, September 29 | 12:30pm - 2:00pm (CST) | Zoom**

This webinar from the federal Office on Trafficking in Persons will discuss emerging trends, assessment recommendations, and clinical best practices for technology-facilitated abuse experienced by youth. UTA School of Social Work faculty, Dr. Morgan PettyJohn, will be speaking as one of the panelists.

To register, **[CLICK HERE!](#)**

## **Child Welfare Research Center Scholar Program**





Interested in  
Child Welfare  
Practice,  
Policy, or  
Research?

**Apply for the CWRC Child Welfare Scholars Program**

Application Due September 30<sup>th</sup>. To apply, please scan the QR code or click on this [link](#) to submit the following information:

- Name/Program Currently Enrolled In
- Recent CV that highlights any work that overlaps with child welfare
- Brief statement (500 words max) that details your interest in becoming a child welfare scholar with the CWRC



Questions? Dr. Huang ([hui.huang@uta.edu](mailto:hui.huang@uta.edu))  
or the CWRC ([cwrc@uta.edu](mailto:cwrc@uta.edu))

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The Child Welfare Research Center (CWRC) is opening a call for child welfare scholars. Any currently enrolled student UTA (undergraduate or graduate) is eligible to apply. We will select up to three child welfare scholars per year, and scholars can re-apply in subsequent years. Affiliates will have opportunities to network with child welfare faculty, researchers, and providers, collaborate on projects related to child welfare, have their profiles featured on the CWRC website, and to present at the annual Child Welfare Symposium hosted by the center.

In addition, affiliates are eligible to apply for a professional development award (one awarded per year) that will fund up to \$2,500 of costs to present their work at a conference as an CWRC affiliate.

**Application Deadline: September 30, 2025**

To apply, **[CLICK HERE!](#)**

## **Undergraduate Research Day**



## Undergraduate Research Day

**Wednesday, October 8, 2025 | 1:00pm - 3:00pm | SWSH 123**

Please join us with our friends at CoLA to learn more about undergraduate research opportunities.

To register, **[CLICK 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/Acd8m25v2m>

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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/Acd8m25v2m)**



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/Acd8m25v2m>

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](#)
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- [UTA Counseling & Psychology Services \(CAPS\)](#)
  - [Suicide Prevention Lifeline](#)
  - [Emergency Assistance Fund](#)
  - [Health Services](#)
  - [UTA/Tri-C Food Pantry Distribution](#)

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