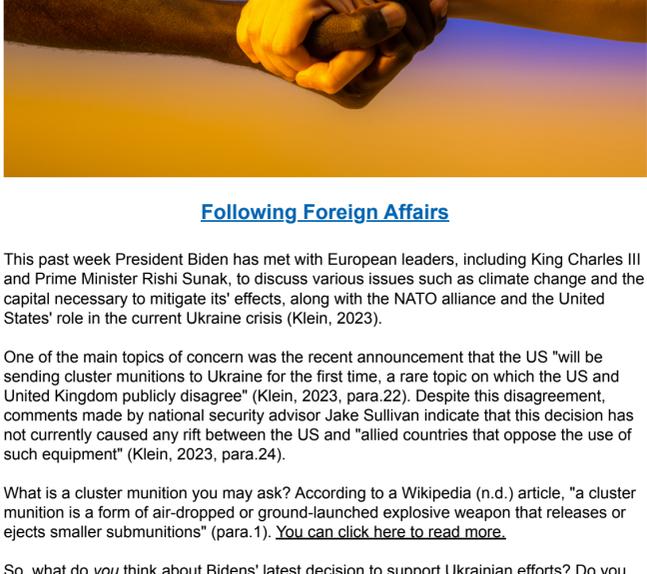


SOCIAL JUSTICE Spotlight



Following Foreign Affairs

This past week President Biden has met with European leaders, including King Charles III and Prime Minister Rishi Sunak, to discuss various issues such as climate change and the capital necessary to mitigate its' effects, along with the NATO alliance and the United States' role in the current Ukraine crisis (Klein, 2023).

One of the main topics of concern was the recent announcement that the US "will be sending cluster munitions to Ukraine for the first time, a rare topic on which the US and United Kingdom publicly disagree" (Klein, 2023, para.22). Despite this disagreement, comments made by national security advisor Jake Sullivan indicate that this decision has not currently caused any rift between the US and "allied countries that oppose the use of such equipment" (Klein, 2023, para.24).

What is a cluster munition you may ask? According to a Wikipedia (n.d.) article, "a cluster munition is a form of air-dropped or ground-launched explosive weapon that releases or ejects smaller submunitions" (para.1). [You can click here to read more.](#)

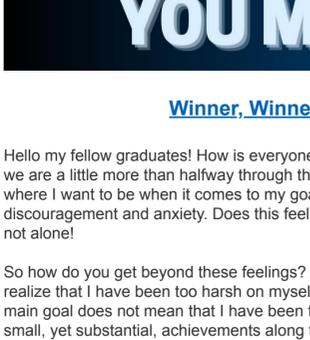
So, what do you think about Bidens' latest decision to support Ukrainian efforts? Do you think the Biden administration is justified in their intent to provide this weaponry to Ukraine, or do you think they should have taken the opposition of allied countries into greater consideration? Although it has been indicated our relationship with allied nations has not been greatly impacted by this decision, do you think that will remain to be true? How do you think this decision will impact the role of the United States in the Ukrainian crisis, and the world at large, moving forward? Furthermore, what do you think this entails for the field of social work?

Feel free to share your thoughts on the matter! You can email or Teams chat with the author at jxw9372@mavs.uta.edu.

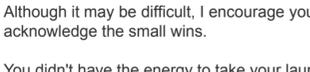
[Click here to read the Klein article](#)

Student Spotlight

Meet our Program Leads!



Hello, hello fellow graduates! I would like to introduce you to Mary Bell (top) and Chloe Glenn (bottom) - our GSL Program Leads! These two lovely ladies are the backbone, eyes AND ears of this program. They have the opportunity to oversee their fellow GSLs, monitor chats, assign constituents, recruit & train new GSLs, maintain & organize program documents (i.e., attendance logs, agreements & applications), assist with biweekly meetings and conduct an annual program evaluation. Basically, they conduct all of the high-level administrative duties necessary to ensure this program is a well-oiled machine.



If you are hoping to gain an administrative-level job post-graduation and you would like to gain the skills now to highlight your resume in future employers' eyes, then you my friend should apply to be a GSL for the upcoming semester!

[Click here to apply](#)

YOU MATTER!

Winner, Winner, Chicken Dinner

Hello my fellow graduates! How is everyone doing? Now I am not going to lie to you all, as we are a little more than halfway through this semester, I have found that I am not exactly where I want to be when it comes to my goals, which has led to huge feelings of discouragement and anxiety. Does this feeling sound familiar to you? Know that you are not alone!

So how do you get beyond these feelings? After doing some reading and reflecting, I realize that I have been too harsh on myself! Just because I have not yet reached my main goal does not mean that I have been failing this whole time. I have been making small, yet substantial, achievements along the way.

Although it may be difficult, I encourage you to stop, shift your perspective and acknowledge the small wins.

You didn't have the energy to take your laundry out of the dryer and fold it? Hey, at least you dried it and prevented that oh so lovely mildew smell. You weren't able to treat yo'self this pay period? That's fine, at least your bills are paid. You didn't do quite as well on that assignment as you hoped? Be proud in knowing that you put in the honest effort to get it done!

When you refocus your thoughts and energy toward acknowledging the small wins, you gain more confidence and energy to accomplish those bigger and better goals. Don't stop believing in yourself. You got this!

With love,
Jordan Ward
Graduate Student Leader | Newsletter Lead
The University of Texas at Arlington

Important Dates

- **July 24:** Last day to drop classes for the 11-week summer session; submit your request in MyMav by 4pm
- **August 09:** Last day of classes
- **August 10/11:** Final Exams
- **August 20:** Last day to register for Fall courses



Opportunities



Texas DFPS is hosting a statewide virtual job fair on **July 25th, 2023**. We will have an informational session at 9:00am where applicants can schedule their SAME day interview. During the informational session applicants will hear from Program Management about the role of a CPS Conservatorship specialist.

[Click here to learn about the job qualifications!](#)

Events



We invite you to join us for our GSL led

Breath Work Session

Date: Tuesday | July 18

Time: 7:30pm – 8:30pm

Scan here to join!



Meeting link: <https://tinyurl.com/GSL-Breath-Work>

Book of the Week



The Book of Boundaries by Melissa Urban

Do you have difficulty saying "no" to others?

Do you feel guilty if you are unable to live up to others' expectations?

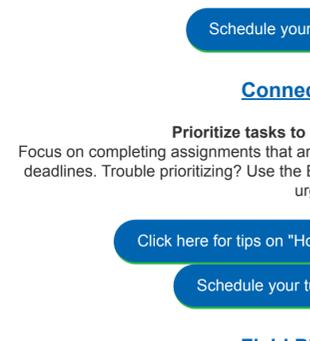
Do you overextend yourself to please others at the expense of your own physical and/or mental health?

Then this may be the book for you!

Urban guides the reader on how to set boundaries, communicate needs, navigate overwhelming feelings and develop healthy habits in this helpful guidebook.

[Now \\$13.22 on Amazon](#)

Student Success Resource



Student Employment

The Division employs over 500 students in various capacities. We use Handshake as our application platform, and we'd love for you to learn more about the variety of opportunities across the division by looking at our Student Employment page. To find the current listing of job opportunities follow the link below.

Website:

<https://www.uta.edu/student-success/about/employment>

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.

[Join your advisors' Power Hour here](#)

Graduate Student Leader (GSL)

GSLs serve as advocates and communication facilitators for MSW students, fielding questions about all aspects of the graduate experience, including advising, field, registration, orientation, scholarships, deadlines, program policies, and more. You may reach out to your GSL by email or Teams.

If you do not know who your assigned GSL is, you may email Mary Bell (mxb8093@mavs.uta.edu), Chloe Glenn (clg1385@mavs.uta.edu), Reagan Leslie (reagan.leslie@uta.edu), or Jordon Ward (jxw9372@mavs.uta.edu).

[Click here to meet our GSL's](#)

Licensing

- If you're in your final semester and want to get started on applying to ASWB to take the 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

"A nation that continues year after year to spend more money on military defense than on programs of social uplift is approaching spiritual doom."
- Martin Luther King Jr.

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