

# SOCIAL JUSTICE Spotlight

## Pondering Powerlessness

On Thursday evening, June 8th, over 222,000 homes and businesses in the Houston, TX region experienced power outages after a strong storm knocked over trees and power lines (deGroot, 2023). As someone who lived without power for approximately 28 hours, I could not help but worry about individuals who may be more vulnerable to the heat. I also felt compelled to consider the underlying causes for such a large and long-lasting power outage. Is this an infrastructure issue; is there anything we can do to upgrade our power grid in Texas? Is it a global warming issue; is there something we can do today to mitigate future storms? Are there other aspects to consider?

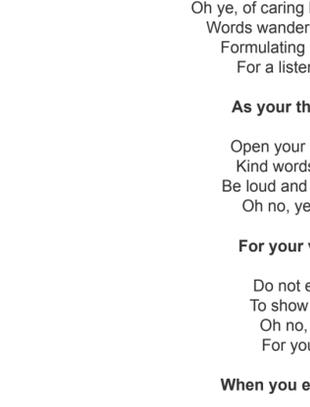
Regardless of any preventative measures we may take, it is best to be prepared in the case you may be subject to a power outage due to severe weather. Some helpful tips include using a generator (outside at least 20 feet away from windows), stocking up on nonperishable foods and water and throwing away any food which may have spoiled during the outage. You can click the link below to read more helpful tips on how to take care of yourself and loved ones during a power outage.

If you have any comments you would like to make regarding this issue, please feel free to email the author at [jxw9372@mavs.uta.edu](mailto:jxw9372@mavs.uta.edu).

[Click here for more helpful tips](#)

# Student Spotlight

## Meet our new volunteer!



My name is Destiny Simington. I received my bachelor's degree in Human Development and Family Sciences with a minor in Psychology from the University of North Texas in May 2021. Since graduating I've been working in higher education as a Student Affairs professional. I'm currently a first semester foundation student planning to pursue a concentration in Community and Administrative Practice (CAP). This is my first semester in the GSL program too! I decided to pursue social work because I've always had a passion for serving the community and helping individuals achieve

the best version of themselves. Social Work provides me with the opportunity to carry out my passion and work in various settings (hospitals, schools, non-profits, prisons, rehabilitation centers, and more). I would love to gain experience as a NICU/Medical Social Worker and Program Director to later open a pregnancy resource center. I also would like to teach at the college/university level. During my free time I enjoy doing calligraphy, shopping, traveling, and finding new restaurants. I'm looking forward to being a part of the GSL program and helping constituents navigate successfully throughout their graduate journey.

# YOU MATTER!

## Express Yourself

Oh ye, of caring heart and gentle soul  
Words wander through your mind  
Formulating sentences whole  
For a listening ear to find

## As your thoughts matter

Open your mouth to speak  
Kind words for all to hear  
Be loud and proud, not weak  
Oh no, ye shall not fear

## For your voice matters

Do not ever hesitate  
To show who you are  
Oh no, do not wait  
For you will go far

## When you express yourself

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

## Important Dates

- July 03:** Deadline to apply for summer graduation ([learn more here](#))
- July 04:** Independence Day Holiday
- July 10:** Last day to drop classes; submit your request in MyMav by 4pm
- August 09:** Last day of classes
- August 10/11:** Final Exams



NATIONAL PTSD AWARENESS DAY

TUESDAY | JUNE 27, 2023



National HIV Testing Day

Tuesday | June 27, 2023

# Opportunities

## SOCIAL WORK LICENSING 101

SERVICE TO THE ARMED FORCES (SAF) NORTH TEXAS REGION IS OFFERING A WORKSHOP ON SOCIAL WORK LICENSING. COME AND LEARN MORE!

[CLICK ON LINK BELOW TO SIGN UP ON EVENTBRITE!](#)



[Social Work Licensing 101](#)

- Remote trainings for extra hours:**
- Field students may complete the Free Online Course for Case Managers through the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) website and will provide documentation of their completion to their field liaison. The online course is organized into seven modules and takes up to 20 hours to complete as students are highly encouraged to begin the course as soon as possible.
    - Course link: <https://www.samhsa.gov/2k19/case-managers>
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  - Also, one of the GSAs has put together a list of links to online trainings and resources that you can also complete from your remote hours. Please look this over with your FI and Liaison. The list is updated regularly.
    - Social Work Webinars: <https://www.aswb.org/continuing-education/courses-and-webinars>
    - LCDC Train Webinars has a list of free and Certified and self-paced trainings. You have to create an account to gain access the account is free. Be sure that your students like by their email and confirm to download any paid trainings. <https://www.lcdc.org/courses>
    - Texas Health Steps training course: <https://www.texashealthsteps.com/>
    - Specialty: <https://www.aswb.org/continuing-education/courses-and-webinars>
    - https://www.aswb.org/continuing-education/courses-and-webinars
  - 2023 Competency Assessments, Community Mapping, Research & Public Policy, SWIIT (Self-Insured Retention), Professionalism & Ethics, and Social Work Practice
  - Practical Line PPE: <https://www.aswb.org/continuing-education/courses-and-webinars>
  - SWIIT: <https://www.aswb.org/continuing-education/courses-and-webinars>
  - Independent Study: <https://www.aswb.org/continuing-education/courses-and-webinars>
  - 2023-2024 Fieldwork: <https://www.aswb.org/continuing-education/courses-and-webinars>
- \*employment as field work - Must be approved with POE, speak to your advisor

## IPE Distinction Certificate

Interprofessional education (IPE) is "when students from two or more professions learn about, from and with each other" (WHO, 2010).

Have you participated in IPE activities while attending UTA? Want to be recognized for your hard work?

**Apply for an IPE Distinction Certificate!**

- Requirements:
- Must have completed at least two IPE activities while attending UTA
- Must be able to discuss the IPE activities in which you participated
- Submit a copy of your resume that includes the IPE activities

To fill out an application [CLICK HERE!](#)

Applications are due July 3rd, 2023

Questions? Contact: Professor Tracy Orwig [tracy.orwig@uta.edu](mailto:tracy.orwig@uta.edu)

# Events

## SUMMER Movie Series

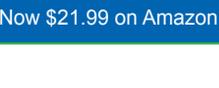
SAVE THE DATE!  
LAST THURSDAY OF EVERY MONTH STARTS JUNE 29TH AT 6 PM

THIS MONTH'S FILM: **THREE IDENTICAL STRANGERS**  
FOLLOW UP DISCUSSION ON ETHICS IN SOCIAL WORK: **HESSING A LEGACY OF HARM**

UTA School of Social Work

## WE INVITE YOU TO JOIN US FOR OUR GSL LED

### Self-Love Podcast Listening Session



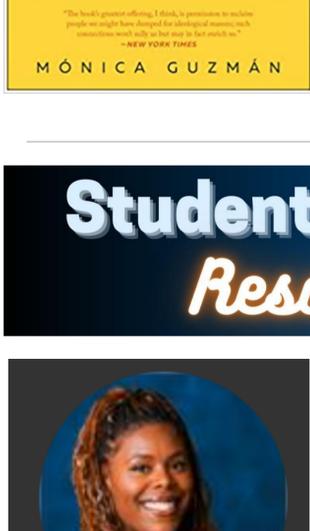
Scan Here to join

Date: Friday | June 30

Time: 4pm - 5pm (CT)

Meeting Link: <https://tinyurl.com/GSL-Self-Love-Meeting>

## Book of the Week



## I Never Thought of it That Way by Monica Guzman

In this book you will learn vital skills for having difficult conversations with individuals whose views differ from your own.

Guzman teaches you

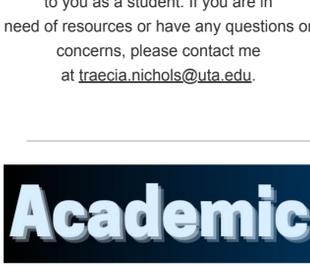
- "How to ask what you really want to know (even if you're afraid to)"

- "How to grow smarter from even the most tense interactions, online or off"

- "How to cross boundaries and find common ground - with anyone"

[Now \\$21.99 on Amazon](#)

# Student Success Resource



## Confidential Advocate

The RVSP Confidential Advocate, Tiffany Bland (she/her/hers), facilitates a victimcentered, social justice, and trauma-informed approach to facilitate support and advocacy services for victims and survivors of sexual and/or relationship violence.

When seeking support, the confidential advocate's priority is to ensure the student feels safe, is academically successful, and feels supported.

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](mailto:traecia.nichols@uta.edu).

### Website

<https://www.uta.edu/student-affairs/rvsp/contact>

### Questions about RVSP

Phone: 817-272-3947

Address: Ransom Hall Suite 301 Arlington, Tx 76019

[Student Affairs- RVSP](#)

# Academic Resources

## 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 the button below. Be sure to select in-person or virtual and your advisor. Remember, drop-in sessions are on a first come basis.

[Schedule your appointment here](#)

## Connections Lab

### Use the buddy system

A study of college students at 38 different US institutions revealed that of the 78% that participated in study groups, 70% reported that being in a study group increased their motivation to study. 60% also reported that their level of learning increased in the group setting. Reach out to your classmates today to form a study group & utilize this academic hack.

[Click here for tips on "Professional Writing in Field"](#)

[Schedule your tutoring session here](#)

## Field Placements

**InPlace has a new URL! All students, agencies, and Field Instructors will need to use the new URL. <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!

**Field forms are available here!**

**Field FAQ**

If you are having technical difficulties with InPlace please email [sswfield@uta.edu](mailto:sswfield@uta.edu) and include a screenshot of the issue.

## Field Power Hours

**This is an opportunity for you to ask questions, similar to Office Hours for faculty!**

**Advanced Children & Families, Advanced CAP, Advanced Aging & Advanced Health**

- Field Advisor: Monica Brown
- 1st & 3rd Wednesday | 4pm - 5pm

**Advanced Mental Health/Substance Misuse**

- Field Advisor: Sharon Martin
- 1st & 3rd Thursday | 3pm - 4pm

**Foundation**

- Field Advisor: Andrea Jameson

[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 ([mx8093@mavs.uta.edu](mailto:mx8093@mavs.uta.edu)), Chloe Glenn ([clg1385@mavs.uta.edu](mailto:clg1385@mavs.uta.edu)), Reagan Leslie ([reagan.leslie@uta.edu](mailto:reagan.leslie@uta.edu)), or Jordan Ward ([jxw9372@mavs.uta.edu](mailto: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

"Opportunity does not waste time with those who are unprepared."

- Idowu Koyenikan, *Wealth for All: Living a Life of Success at the Edge of Your Ability*

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