

Department of English Spotlight

DR KACI O'DONNELL

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Dr. Kaci O'Donnell won two major college and university awards this past Spring for her work as an Undergraduate Advisor in the Department of English. She received the Provost's UTA Outstanding Faculty Advisor: Undergraduate Award and the College of Liberal Arts' Faculty Undergraduate Advisor Award. Dr. O'Donnell was officially honored by Interim Dean Cavanaugh at CoLA's Faculty Reception and Awards Ceremony in September.

Since taking the role of Undergraduate Advisor in Fall 2020, Dr. O'Donnell has prioritized building a sense of community for Department of English undergraduates. She has developed a series of workshops and professional development opportunities titled *Table Talks*, created a student ambassador program, and implemented new outreach and engagement opportunities for current and future students. Receiving these two awards was an acknowledgement of these efforts, along with her student-centered pedagogical and advising philosophy.