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IRB Mini Conference

All students, faculty, and staff are invited to the Spring 2019 IRB Mini-Conference on **Friday, February 15th, 9am – 4:15pm at the Central Library's 6th floor Atrium.**

Institutional Research staff will share the NEWLY REVISED federal regulations for Human Subjects Research that took effect on January 21, 2019.

Attendees will learn about the IRB protocol preparation process, human subjects research ethics, and federal regulations and UTA policies pertaining to human subjects research in a fun and interactive format.

Please RSVP as lunch will be provided. For questions, please contact RegulatoryServices@uta.edu.

Canvas Orientations

Faculty teaching Fall courses are invited to attend an orientation session to learn about the migration of their courses from Blackboard into Canvas. All sessions will be held in Nedderman Hall 100 and available on Echo 360.

Friday, Feb. 8th   3:30-4:30

Wednesday, Mar. 27th   9-10 am

All faculty teaching in Blackboard are encouraged to enroll in the "Growing with Canvas" online training course by contacting their college champion. Faculty that complete the pre-migration checklist are eligible for White Glove service in which Canvas migrates the Blackboard course content into Canvas. Please check canvas.uta,.edu for more information.

Open Education Grant Program RFP

UTA Libraries are now accepting proposals for the UTA CARES Grant Program. The program supports use and creation of **open educational resources** (OER), which are free teaching and learning materials that are licensed to allow for revision and reuse.

OER adoption stipends of $1,000 each will be distributed on a first-come, first-served basis beginning immediately. Additional grant funding of up to $10,000 per project is available to support innovative open education projects. Grant applications are due by March 31.

The Libraries also provide free access to a web-based publishing platform to support the development and dissemination of UTA-authored textbooks, as well as other educational resources. The tool allows for embedded video, images, and audio files; supports integration of interactive quizzes and demonstrations; and enables public or private web annotations. Learn more online or contact pressbooks@uta.edu with questions.

Faculty Input Needed – Educause Survey (ETRAC)

The Office of Information Technology (OIT) is partnering with EDUCAUSE (a higher education IT organization) to assess faculty educational technology experiences on their campuses. Your response to the technology survey will allow us to study the needs of UTA faculty and compare those needs to what was discovered in the student technology survey administered last year. The survey link is HERE. The web-based survey is estimated to take about 15 minutes to complete.

The survey link is accessible from February 7 to March 22. If you have any questions, please contact UTAsurvey@uta.edu.

The Myth of Work/Life Balance (and free lunch!)

February 20, 12-1:30 pm. University Hall 110

Please join our panelists as they discuss strategies for managing work, family, elderly parents, teens and medical challenges while maintaining your sanity.

- Michael Zaretsky, Director of Architectural Engineering Program - Civil Engineering
- Ignacio Ruiz-Perez, Assistant Director CMAs, Associate Professor Modern Languages and Award winning poet
- Karen Bittner, Assistant to the Provost
- Taryn Ozuna Allen, Assistant Professor, Curriculum & Instruction, College of Education

Please RSVP and include any dietary restrictions.

….Did You Know?

….UTA has an employee tuition assistance program?
Eligible employees may receive tuition assistance for job related degree programs and classes. The Plan provides for reimbursement of resident tuition (with the exception of statutory tuition at then current rate) following successful completion of graduate or undergraduate coursework and submission of required forms and supporting documents.

Upcoming Events

View Upcoming events on Faculty Affairs website.

Writing Coffee Hour

Join UTA faculty every Tuesday from 1-4 pm at Urban Alchemy Coffee House for an hour of writing. Questions, please contact **Dr. Peggy Seminson** at peggys@exchange.uta.edu

Workshop Series

HR and Faculty Affairs are partnering to offer a series of discussions- all are from 12-1:30 pm. Mark you calendars.

March 27: FMLA Questions (Family Medical Leave Act)

April 24: Phased Retirement

Please RSVP here

DM Switch on August 1

As of August 1, 2019, all faculty profile data will no longer be entered in Mentis. Although the public facing page will retain the Mentis "look," all faculty data will be entered through Digital Measures, including syllabi. Faculty are also reminded that in Fall 2019 all tenured faculty will submit annual reviews, and post tenure reviews through Digital Measures. For training or questions please contact dmhelp@uta.edu.

Peer Observation of Teaching

February 12, 2:30 - 4:00

Nedderman Hall 249

Faculty charged with observing peers that may go up for promotion and/or tenure are invited to a training to ensure they are in compliance with UT System policies.

Please RSVP here.

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