

# *Faculty Awards*

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SPRING MEETING OF THE FACULTY AND ASSOCIATES

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THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT ARLINGTON

## Provost's Award for Excellence in Teaching

The Provost's Award honors non-tenure track instructors who have demonstrated a record of excellence in teaching, strong personal commitment to students, and the ability to motivate, challenge, and inspire. Each winner receives a plaque and an honorarium. This year's winners are:

**Lee Ann Frederick**, Lecturer in Biology (2008). B.S., Penn State University, 1999; Ph.D., Clemson University, 2004.

**Laura Kopchick**, Senior Lecturer in English (2004). B.A., Austin College, 1991; M.A., University of North Texas, 1994; M.F.A., University of Michigan, 1999.

**Yvette P. Weatherton**, Senior Lecturer in Civil Engineering (2007). B.S., Southern University of Baton Rouge, 1993; M.S., 1995; Ph.D., University of New Orleans, 2000. Professional Engineer.

## President's Award for Excellence in Teaching

This award is given to a member of the faculty for outstanding teaching at the undergraduate level. Each recipient receives a plaque and an honorarium. This year's recipients are:

**Graham G. Hunt**, Associate Professor of Music (2001). B.A., Amherst College, 1994; M.A., Duke University, 1996; Ph.D., 2001.

**Mark D. Ricard**, Associate Professor of Kinesiology (2005). B.S., University of Vermont, 1978; M.A.T., Southeast Missouri State University, 1982; Ph.D., Southern Illinois University, 1986.

## President's Award for Excellence in Distance Education Teaching

This award recognizes an individual who is an outstanding instructor in the area of web-based distance education. The recipient receives a plaque and an honorarium. This year's award winner is:

**Peggy Semingson**, Assistant Professor of Curriculum and Instruction (2008). B.A., University of California, Santa Barbara, 1996; M.Ed., Texas State University, San Marcos, 2004; Ph.D., The University of Texas at Austin, 2008.

## Award for Educational Innovation

This award recognizes faculty who have demonstrated a special commitment to improvement and innovation in the classroom. The recipient receives a plaque and an honorarium. This year's award winner is:

**Christopher T. Ray**, Assistant Professor of Kinesiology (2007). B.S., University of Tennessee, 1997; M.S., 1998; Ph.D., University of Georgia, 2004.

## Piper Professor Nominee

The Minnie G. Stevens Piper Foundation awards 15 Texas Piper Professorships for outstanding scholarly and academic achievement, and exemplary service to the University and the community. This recognition is given to tenured or tenure track members of the faculty. First-time nominees for the Piper Professorship receive a plaque and an honorarium. Those selected at the state level as Piper Professors receive an additional honorarium and a gold pin. UT Arlington's nominee for this award is:

**Kenneth M. Roemer**, Professor of English (1971). B.A., Harvard University, 1967; M.A., University of Pennsylvania, 1968; Ph.D., 1971.

## Academy of Distinguished Teachers

This award recognizes tenured faculty for a sustained record of outstanding teaching, personal commitment to students and the learning process, and the ability to motivate and inspire students. Academy members receive a permanent salary increase, a plaque, and a medallion. This year's inductees are:

**Stacy Alaimo**, Associate Professor of English (1994). B.A., Gustavus Adolphus College, 1985; M.A., University of Wisconsin, 1986; Ph.D., University of Illinois, 1994.

**Charles C. Chiasson**, Associate Professor and Director of the Classical Studies Program (1983). B.A., Yale University, 1974; Ph.D., 1979.

**Bill Corley**, Professor of Industrial Engineering (1971). B.S., Georgia Institute of Technology, 1966; M.S., 1968; Ph.D., University of Florida, 1971; Ph.D., The University of Texas at Arlington, 1997. Professional Engineer.

**Donald K. Granvold**, Professor of Social Work (1974). B.A., Graceland College, 1965; M.S.W., University of Iowa, 1970; Ph.D., 1975.

**Carl J. Lovely**, Associate Professor of Chemistry (1996). B.Sc., University of Birmingham, 1987; Ph.D., 1990.

## Graduate Dean's Award for Excellence in Doctoral Student Mentoring

This award, sponsored by the Office of Graduate Studies, is given to tenured or tenure-track faculty for outstanding mentoring of doctoral students. The recipient receives a plaque and an honorarium. This year's recipient is:

**Frank L. Lewis**, Professor of Electrical Engineering and Moncrief-O'Donnell Chair for Automation and Robotics (1990). B.S., Rice University, 1971; M.S., University of West Florida, 1977; Ph.D., Georgia Institute of Technology, 1981.

## UT Arlington Service Learning Award

This award of an honorarium and a plaque has been established to honor an outstanding faculty member for innovations in engaged scholarship that integrate service learning into the curriculum. This year's winner is:

**Kathleen C. Tice**, Assistant Professor of Curriculum and Instruction (2005). B.S., University of Houston, 1971; M.Ed., 1977; Ph.D., The University of Texas at Austin, 1984.

## Outstanding Research Achievement or Creative Accomplishment

This award recognizes faculty members for particularly noteworthy research or creative accomplishment during the past three years. Award winners receive a plaque and an honorarium. This year's award is presented to:

**Pranesh B. Aswath**, Professor of Mechanical Engineering and of Materials Science and Engineering (1990). B.S., St. Joseph's College, Bangalore University, 1982; B.E., Indian Institute of Science, Bangalore, India, 1985; M.S., Brown University, 1987; Ph.D., 1990.

## Distinguished Record of Research or Creative Activity

This award recognizes faculty members for achieving a distinguished record of research and scholarship or creative activity over an extended period of time. The award winner receives a plaque, an honorarium and a Research Enhancement Program grant. This year's award is presented to:

**Purnendu Dasgupta**, Professor and Chair of the Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry (2007). B.Sc., University of Burdwan, India, 1968; M.Sc., 1970; Ph.D., Louisiana State University, 1977.

## Academy of Distinguished Scholars

The Academy of Distinguished Scholars exemplifies the University's commitment to quality research and creative activity. Academy members advocate the importance of research and creative activity, promote a sense of community among scholars, foster research and creative activity and advise the institution on research practices and policies. The recipient receives a permanent salary increase, a plaque, and a medallion. This year's inductee is:

**Paul Paulus**, Professor of Psychology (1970). B.A., Otterbein College, 1966; M.A., University of Iowa, 1970; Ph.D., 1971.

## Outstanding Academic Advisor

### UNDERGRADUATE

**J. Blake Carpenter**, Lecturer in Modern Languages (1997). B.A., Davidson College, 1995; M.Div., Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, 2001.

### GRADUATE

**Mary Schira**, Associate Professor of Nursing (1992). B.S.N., Ohio State University, 1974; M.S.N., Duke University, 1980; Ph.D., Medical College of Georgia, 1997. Registered Nurse, Certified Acute Care Nurse Practitioner.

## Faculty Development Leaves for Academic Year 2010-11

**Tuncay Aktosun**

*Department of Mathematics*

**Gaik Ambartsoumian**

*Department of Mathematics*

**Heather Jacobson**

*Department of Sociology and Anthropology*

**Ritu Khanduri**

*Department of Sociology and Anthropology*

**Diane Lange**

*Department of Music*

**Joohi Lee**

*Department of Curriculum and Instruction*

**Yue Liu**

*Department of Mathematics*

**Yonghe Liu**

*Department of Computer Science and Engineering*

**Stephen Maizlish**

*Department of History*

**James Campbell Quick**

*Department of Management*

**Brent Sasley**

*Department of Political Science*

**Laurel Stvan**

*Department of Linguistics and TESOL*

## Research Enhancement Program Grants for Academic Year 2010-11

**Maxine Adegbola**

*College of Nursing*

"Polymorphisms in GTP Cyclohydrolase (GCH1) Gene Associated with Sickle Cell Disease Pain Ratings"

**Karabi Bezbourah and Darla Paulson**

*School of Urban and Public Affairs*

"The Implementation of Health Information Technology by Nursing Homes in Texas: An Exploration and Examination"

**Shih-Ho Chao**

*Department of Civil Engineering*

"Sustainable Cementitious Materials for Mitigation of Alkali-Silica Reaction and Corrosion through the Use of High-Performance Fiber Reinforced Concrete"

**Hyeok Choi**

*Department of Civil Engineering*

"Transport Characteristics of Engineered Titanium Oxide Nanoparticles in the Environment"

**A. Raymond Elliott**

*Department of Modern Languages*

“Documentation of Chichahuaxtla Triqui: A Minority Indigenous Language of Mexico”

**Cynthia Kilpatrick**

*Department of Linguistics and TESOL*

“Bilingual and Heritage Speech Production in Maya K’iche’”

**Darryl Lauster**

*Department of Art and Art History*

“Iah Teske Iahre”

**Yan Li**

*Department of Mathematics*

“Statistical Analyses of Gene-Environment Interactions on Human Disease for Population-Based Case-Control Study with Complex Sampling”

**Fuqiang Liu**

*Department of Materials Science and Engineering*

“Ultrasound-Assisted Synthesis of Polymer-Encapsulated Nanoparticles as Lithium-Ion Battery Cathode Materials”

**Samrendra Mohanty**

*Department of Physics*

“Optogenetic Fiber Probe for Treatment of Pain”

**Hyejin Moon**

*Department of Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering*

“Digital Microfluidic High Throughput Multiplexing System for Tissue-Specific Optimization”

**Heekyeong Park**

*Department of Psychology*

“Neural Correlates of Associative Memory”

**Roshan Perera**

*Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry*

“Protein Biochip Technology for Medicinal Drug Discovery”

**Rhonda Prisby**

*Department of Kinesiology*

“Bone Vascular Function with Parathyroid Hormone Administration”

**Arne Winguth**

*Department of Earth and Environmental Sciences*

“Urban Climate and Climate Change: A New Initiative at UTA”

## Faculty Mentoring Program

The following faculty served as mentors for junior faculty in the University-wide Faculty Mentoring Program during the 2009-10 academic year.

**Dereje Agonafer**

*Department of Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering*

**Tuncay Aktosun**

*Department of Mathematics*

**Myrtle Bell**

*Department of Management*

**Robert Bing**

*Department of Criminology and Criminal Justice*

**Beverly Black**

*School of Social Work*

**Mary Lou Bond**

*College of Nursing*

**John Buckwalter**

*Department of Kinesiology*

**Carolyn L. Cason**

*College of Nursing*

**Wendy Casper**

*Department of Management*

**Elisabeth Cawthon**

*Department of History*

**Benito Chen**

*Department of Mathematics*

**Norman H. Cobb**  
*School of Social Work*

**Philip Cohen**  
*Department of English*

**Sajal Das**  
*Department of Computer Science and  
Engineering*

**W. Marvin Dulaney**  
*Department of History*

**Doreen Elliott**  
*School of Social Work*

**Ramez Elmasri**  
*Department of Computer Science and  
Engineering*

**Sergio Espinosa**  
*Department of Music*

**Perry Fuchs**  
*Department of Psychology*

**Laura Gough**  
*Department of Biology*

**David A. Gray**  
*Department of Management*

**Jennifer Gray**  
*College of Nursing*

**John Holbrook**  
*Department of Earth and Environmental  
Sciences*

**Adrienne E. Hyle**  
*Department of Educational Leadership and  
Policy Studies*

**Sheik N. Imrhan**  
*Department of Industrial and Manufacturing  
Systems Engineering*

**Bob Kunovich**  
*Department of Sociology and Anthropology*

**Jon Leffingwell**  
*Department of Curriculum and Instruction*

**Jianling Li**  
*School of Urban and Public Affairs*

**Chaoqun Liu**  
*Department of Mathematics*

**Yue Liu**  
*Department of Mathematics*

**Martha Mann**  
*Department of Psychology*

**Stephen Mattingly**  
*Department of Civil Engineering*

**Sung Moon**  
*School of Social Work*

**Sridhar Nerur**  
*Department of Information Systems and  
Operations Management*

**Soontorn Oraintara**  
*Department of Electrical Engineering*

**Yuan B. Peng**  
*Department of Psychology*

**Karl Petruso**  
*Department of Sociology and Anthropology*

**Vijayan K. Pillai**  
*School of Social Work*

**James Campbell Quick**  
*Department of Management*

**Barbara Raudonis**  
*College of Nursing*

**Bill Reeves**

*Athletics*

**Lana Rings**

*Department of Modern Languages*

**Jamie Rogers**

*Department of Industrial and Manufacturing  
Systems Engineering*

**Beth Anne Shelton**

*Department of Sociology and Anthropology*

**David J. Silva**

*Department of Linguistics and TESOL*

**Antoinette Sol**

*Department of Modern Languages*

**Dale Story**

*Department of Political Science*

**Laurel Stvan**

*Department of Linguistics and TESOL*

**Judy Wilson**

*Department of Kinesiology*

**Weidong Zhou**

*Department of Electrical Engineering*

**Jianping Zhu**

*Department of Mathematics*

## **McNair Scholars Program Faculty Mentors**

The following faculty served as mentors for undergraduate students in the McNair Scholars Program during summer 2009.

**Thomas Adam**

*Department of History*

**Dereje Agonafer**

*Department of Mechanical and Aerospace  
Engineering*

**Tuncay Aktosun**

*Department of Mathematics*

**William Arce**

*Department of English*

**Deborah Behan**

*College of Nursing*

**Manfred Cuntz**

*Department of Physics*

**Cedric Feschotte**

*Department of Biology*

**Perry Fuchs**

*Department of Psychology*

**James Grover**

*Department of Biology*

**Andrew Hunt**

*Department of Earth and Environmental Sciences*

**Peggy Kulesz**

*Department of English*

**Maria Martinez-Cosio**

*School of Urban and Public Affairs*

**Zdzislaw Musielak**

*Department of Physics*

**Laura Mydlarz**

*Department of Biology*

**Linda Rouse**

*Department of Sociology and Anthropology*

**Bart Weiss**

*Department of Art and Art History*



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