

Faculty Awards

SPRING MEETING OF THE FACULTY AND ASSOCIATES

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THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT ARLINGTON

Outstanding Research Achievement or Creative Accomplishment

This award recognizes faculty members for particularly noteworthy research or creative accomplishment during the past three years.

This year's award recipients are:

Qilian Liang, Assistant Professor in Electrical Engineering (2002). B.S. Wuhan University, 1993; M.S., Beijing University of Posts and Telecommunications, 1996; Ph.D., University of Southern California, 2000.

Ya'Ke (Dwain) Smith, Assistant Professor in Art and Art History. B.A. The University of the Incarnate Word, 2003; M.F.A., The University of Texas at Austin, 2006.

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 Research Enhancement Program grant.

This year's award recipient is:

Anand J. Puppala, Professor of Civil Engineering (1996). B.S., Andhra University, Visakhapatnam, India, 1985; M.S., Indian Institute of Technology, Madras, India, 1987; Ph.D., Louisiana State University, 1993. Professional Engineer.

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. Each recipient receives a permanent salary increase.

This year's inductees are:

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

Hanli Liu, Associate Professor in Biomedical Engineering (1996). B.S., Beijing Normal University, 1983; M.S., Wake Forest University, 1990; Ph.D., 1992.

Mary Vaccaro, Associate Professor of Art (1994). B.A., Williams College, 1986; M.A., Columbia University, 1988; Ph.D., 1994.

James C. Quick, Professor of Management (1977). A.B., Colgate University, 1968; M.B.A., University of Houston, 1975; Ph.D., 1977.

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.

This year's award recipient is:

To be announced

UT Arlington Service Learning Award

This award has been established to honor an outstanding faculty member for innovations in engaged scholarship that integrate service learning into the curriculum.

This year's award recipient is:

Jeffrey Witzel, Assistant Professor of Linguistics (2010). B.A., University of Massachusetts at Amherst, 1997; M.A., University of Hawaii, 2002; M.A., University of Arizona, 2007; Ph.D., 2010.

UT Arlington Faculty Service Award

This award has been established to honor an outstanding faculty member who has given time and expertise to the UT Arlington and greater world community in such a manner as to improve the lives of less fortunate community groups.

This year's award recipient is:

James Warren, Assistant Professor of English (2008). B.A., University of Oklahoma, 1997; M.A., University of Virginia, 1999; Ph.D., The University of Texas at Austin, 2006.

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. This recognized UT Arlington teacher has demonstrated excellence in distance education teaching, creating quality interaction with and showing exemplary responsiveness to UT Arlington's digital learners.

This year's award recipient is:

Peggy Kulesz, Director of First-Year English, and Senior Lecturer in English (2002). B.S., Howard Payne University, 1977; Graduate Courses in Education, University of North Texas; M.A. The University of Texas at Arlington, 1994; Ph.D., 2000.

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.

This year's award recipients are:

Timothy A. Wunder, Clinical Assistant Professor in Economics. B.A., Western Washington University, 1993; M.A., Colorado State University, 1998; Ph.D., 2003.

Darlene B. Campbell, Lecturer in Mathematics (1996). B.S., The University of Texas at Tyler, 1988; M.S., The University of Texas at Arlington, 1996.

William S. Ward Endowment Award

Established to honor the life and contributions of UT Arlington faculty member Bill Ward, this prize recognizes a non-tenure track faculty member "with an exemplary work ethic, who loves working with students, and who makes a significant impact on enhancing the goals of the University."

This year's award recipient is:

Mindia H. Whittier, Senior Lecturer in Communication. B.S., Texas Christian University, 1996; Certification, Fairchild/Oppel, 2000; M.A., Seton Hall University, 2004.

President's Award for Excellence in Teaching

The President's Award for Excellence in Teaching recognizes teaching that is inspiring, effective, and innovative by professors in two categories: untenured tenure-track faculty and tenured faculty.

This year's recipients in the untenured faculty category are:

Darryl J. Lauster, Assistant Professor in Art and Art History. B.F.A., San Diego State University 1995; M.F.A., University of Houston, 1998.

Bradley S. Pierce, Assistant Professor in Chemistry and Biochemistry. B.S., California State University, Chico, 1996; Ph.D., Carnegie Mellon University, 2003.

This year's recipients in the tenured faculty category are:

Siamak A. Ardekani, Professor of Civil Engineering (1989). B.S., The University of Texas at Austin, 1980; M.S., 1981; Ph.D., 1984. Professional Engineer.

Jennifer Gray, Associate Professor, Associate Dean, and Chair in the College of Nursing (1989). B.S.N., University of Central Oklahoma, 1977; M.S.N., The University of Texas at Arlington, 1989; Ph.D., Texas Woman's University, 1997. Registered Nurse.

Piper Professor Nominee

Each year, the Minnie G. Stevens Piper Foundation awards 10 Texas Piper Professorships for outstanding scholarly and academic achievement, and exemplary service to the University and the community. UT Arlington's nominee will be recognized today, and will represent the University in the statewide competition in the fall of this year.

This year's UT Arlington nominee is:

K.J. (Jamie) Rogers, Associate Professor of Industrial Engineering (1994). B.S., University of Missouri, 1979; M.S., The University of Texas at Arlington, 1981; Ph.D., 1985. Professional Engineer.

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.

This year's inductees are:

Rebecca L. Hegar, Professor of Social Work (1997). B.A., The University of Texas at Austin, 1972; M.S.S.W., 1975; D.S.W., Tulane University, 1986.

Manfred Huber, Assistant Professor in Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering (2006). B.S., Beijing University of Aeronautics, 1991; M.S., Georgia Institute of Technology, 1997; Ph.D., 1998.

Robert M. Kunovich, Assistant Professor of Sociology (2004). B.A., Miami University, 1993; M.A., The Ohio State University, 1996; Ph.D., 2001.

Outstanding Academic Advisor

UNDERGRADUATE

Elise Elliott, Undergraduate Advisor in Department of English. B.A., Texas A&M University, 2006; M.A., 2009.

GRADUATE

Liping Tang, Associate Professor in Biomedical Engineering (2000). B.S., Tunghai University, 1986; M.S., National Taiwan University, 1988; Ph.D., University of Minnesota, 1992.

Faculty Mentoring Program

The following faculty served as mentors for junior faculty in the University-wide Faculty Mentoring Program during the 2012-13 academic year.

Tuncay Aktosun
Department of Mathematics

Cheryl Anderson
College of Nursing

Robert Bing
Department of Criminology and Criminal Justice

John Buckwalter
Department of Kinesiology

Bill Carroll
Department of Computer Science and Engineering

Wendy Casper
Department of Management

Elisabeth Cawthon
Department of History

Benito Chen
Department of Mathematics

C.Y. Choi
Department of Economics

Norman Cobb
School of Social Work

Philip Cohen
Department of English
Office of Graduate Studies

Sergio Espinosa
Department of Music

Victoria Farrar-Myers
Department of Political Science

Lou Fincher
Department of Kinesiology

John Garrigus
Department of History

Jennifer Gray
College of Nursing

Kevin Gustafson
Department of English

David Hopman
School of Architecture

Haiying Huang
Department of Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering

Adrienne Hyle
Department of Educational Leadership and Policy Studies

Fernando Jaramillo
Department of Marketing

Susanna Khavul
Department of Management

Jon Leffingwell
Department of Curriculum and Instruction

Judy LeFlore
College of Nursing

Chaoqun Liu
Department of Mathematics

Tom Marshall
Department of Political Science

Maria Martinez-Cosio
School of Urban and Public Affairs

Diane Mitschke
School of Social Work

Liliana Nordtvedt
Department of Management

Lynn Peterson
Department of Computer Science and Engineering

James Campbell Quick
Department of Management

Krishnan Rajeshwar
Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry

Barbara Raudonis
College of Nursing

Jamie Rogers
*Department of Industrial and
Manufacturing Systems Engineering*

Alicia Rueda-Acedo
Department of Modern Languages

David J. Silva
*Department of Linguistics and TESOL
Office of the Provost*

Laurel S. Stvan
Department of Linguistics and TESOL

Cindy Trowbridge
Department of Kinesiology

Matt Wright
Department of Management

Mahmut Yasar
Department of Economics

Faculty Development Leaves for 2013-14

Stacy Alaimo
Department of English

Andrew G. Brandt
Department of Physics

Dimitar Grantcharov
Department of Mathematics

Susan Hekman
Department of Political Science

David D. Hopman
School of Architecture

Aimee Israel-Pelletier
Department of Modern Languages

Susanna Khavul
Department of Management

Rencang Li
Department of Mathematics

Zdzislaw Musielak
Department of Physics

Laura D. Mydlarz
Department of Biology

Kytai Nguyen
Department of Bioengineering

Nancy Palmeri
Department of Art and Art History

Mary Vaccaro
Department of Art and Art History

Matthew Wright
*Department of Computer Science
and Engineering*

McNair Scholars Program Faculty Mentors

The following faculty served as mentors for undergraduate students in the McNair Scholars Program during summer 2012.

Tuncay Aktosun
Department of Mathematics

Krystal Beamon
Department of Sociology and Anthropology

Jeffery Demuth
Department of Biology

Rasika Dias
Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry

W. Marvin Dulaney
Department of History

Joanna Johnson
Department of English

Thomas Marshall
Department of Political Science

John McDermott
School of Architecture

Ronda Mintz-Binder
College of Nursing

Kytai Nguyen
Department of Bioengineering

Faith Nibbs
Department of Sociology and Anthropology

Jacob Resch
Department of Kinesiology

Michael Roner
Department of Biology

Josephine Ryan
Department of Sociology and Anthropology

Beth Anne Shelton
Department of Sociology and Anthropology

Jason Shelton
Department of Sociology and Anthropology

Research Enhancement Program Grants for 2013-14

Priscilla Caçola
Department of Kinesiology

Mohan Pant
Department of Curriculum and Instruction

“Developmental progression and individual differences as a function of motor skill ability in children’s tool use”

Amanda Alexander
Department of Art and Art History

“Preservation of Native Andean Cultural Heritage and Art forms”

Angela J. Liegey-Dougall
Department of Psychology

“Effects of Stress and Depression on Adherence to Cholesterol-lowering Treatments and Disease Outcomes”

Naomi Cleghorn
Department of Sociology and Anthropology

“The origin of modern human behavior and cognition in coastal Southern Africa” (Knysna, Western Cape Province)

Majie Fan
Department of Earth and Environmental Sciences

“Evaluate two tectonic models forming the high Rocky Mountains by paleoelevation reconstruction”

Yi Hong
Department of Bioengineering

“Degradation-switchable biomaterials for tissue engineering scaffolds”

Maria Trache and Adrienne Hyle
*Department of Educational Leadership
and Policy Studies*

“Arlington Youth At-Risk Project: A university-community research partnership”

Evguenia Malaia
Department of Curriculum and Instruction

“Neural processing of emotional cues in Children with Autism Spectrum Disorders”

Kevin Gustafson
Department of English

“Reformation Debates and a Medieval Book: Vatican Regius 320”

Xinbao Yu
Department of Civil Engineering

“Laboratory Study of Thermal Properties of Soil for Sustainable Geothermal Energy Applications”

