



FACULTY AWARDS

SPRING MEETING OF THE FACULTY AND ASSOCIATES

April 23, 2019

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:

Rhonda Prisby
Associate Professor
Department of Kinesiology

Sarah Rose
Associate Professor
Department of History

Michael Vasilyev
Professor
Department of Electrical Engineering

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 winner receives a Research Enhancement Program grant. This year's award recipients are:

Yuc Deng
Professor
Department of Physics

Efstathios Meletis
Professor
Department of Materials Science and Engineering

Ignacio Ruiz-Perez
Associate Professor
Department of Modern Languages

Academy of Distinguished Scholars

The Academy of Distinguished Scholars fosters and advocates for the importance of research and creative activity, promotes a sense of community among scholars, and advises on research practices and policies. Each inductee receives a permanent salary increase. This year's inductees are:

Dereje Agonafer
Jenkins Garrett Professor,
College of Engineering
Member of National Academy of Engineering

Florence Haseltine
Executive Director for Health Research and Presidential Distinguished Professor,
College of Nursing and Health Innovation
Member of National Academy of Medicine

Surendra Shah
Presidential Distinguished Professor of Advanced Construction Materials,
College of Engineering
Member of National Academy of Engineering

Beth Wright
Professor
Department of Art and Art History

Jachoon Yu
Professor
Department of Physics

Beohong Yuan
Professor
Department of Bioengineering

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:

Shih-Ho Chao
Professor
Department of Civil Engineering

Victoria Chen
Professor
Department of Industrial, Manufacturing, and Systems Engineering

Frank Foss
Associate Professor
Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry

Diane Lange
Professor
Department of Music

Peggy Semingson
Associate Professor
Department of Curriculum and Instruction

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. UTA's nominee will be recognized today with a plaque and an honorarium, and will represent the University in the statewide competition this fall. This year's UTA nominee is:

Carla Amaro-Jimenez
Associate Professor, Distinguished Teaching Professor
Department of Curriculum and Instruction

President's Award for Excellence in Teaching

The President's Award for Excellence in Teaching recognizes teaching that is inspiring, effective, and innovative. This year's recipients are:

Tenured
Matthew Fujita
Associate Professor
Department of Biology

Martha Walvoord
Associate Professor
Department of Music

Untenured
Michael Nelson
Assistant Professor
Department of Kinesiology

Herschel Thomas
Assistant Professor
Department of Political Science

Provost's Award for Excellence in Teaching

The Provost's Award for Excellence in Teaching 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:

Shanna Banda
Distinguished Senior Lecturer
Department of Mathematics

Robert Taylor
Professor in Practice
Department of Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering

William S. Ward Endowment Award

This prize was established to honor the life and contributions of UTA faculty member Bill Ward. It recognizes a non-tenure track faculty member who has an exemplary work ethic, loves working with students, and makes a significant impact on enhancing the goals of the University. This year's recipient is:

Rebecca Garner
Associate Clinical Professor
Department of Kinesiology

Excellence in Doctoral Student Mentoring Award

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:

Daniel W. Armstrong
Robert A. Welch Distinguished Professor
Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry

President's Award for Transformative Online Education

This award recognizes an individual who is an outstanding instructor in the area of web-based distance education. This teacher has demonstrated excellence in distance education teaching, creating quality interaction with and showing exemplary responsiveness to UTA's digital learners. This year's award recipient is:

Peggy Semingson
Associate Professor
Department of Curriculum and Instruction

UT System Academy of Distinguished Teachers

The UT System Academy of Distinguished Teachers is a System-level advisory and advocacy body committed to improving undergraduate education across the UT System. Each year the membership committee of the Academy selects three to five new members from the pool of more than 400 previous winners of the Regents' Outstanding Teachers Award winners.

Ramon Lopez

Professor, Distinguished Teaching Professor
Department of Physics

Outstanding Academic Advisor

PROFESSIONAL ADVISOR AWARD

Denise Wylie-Hayes

Academic Advisor
College of Business

Runners Up

Barrie Hill

Academic Advisor
Department of Communication

Pauline Mason

Academic Advisor
Department of Electrical Engineering

Honorable Mentions

Megan Juel

Academic Advisor
Department of Psychology

Melissa Rose

Academic Advisor
Department of Computer Science
and Engineering

ACADEMIC FACULTY ADVISOR AWARD

Srinivas Prabakar

Senior Lecturer
Department of Civil Engineering

Runner Up

Bonnie Boardman

Assistant Professor of Instruction
Department of Industrial Engineering

Title V, IDEAS Fellows

The following faculty served as Title V, IDEAS Fellows for the 2018-19 academic year.

Dennis Chiessa

Lecturer
School of Architecture

Christopher Conway

Professor, Distinguished Teaching Professor
Department of Modern Languages

Courtney Cronley

Associate Professor
School of Social Work

Jaya Davis

Associate Professor, Distinguished Teaching Professor
Department of Criminology
and Criminal Justice

Mary Faye Hanson-Evans

Adjunct Assistant Professor
Department of Sociology and Anthropology

Anne Healy

Associate Professor
Department of Theatre Arts

Holly Hungerford-Kresser

Associate Professor
Department of Curriculum and Instruction

Robin Macaluso

Associate Professor
Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry

Edmund Prater

Professor
Department of Information Systems
and Operations Management

Stephanie Rasmussen

Associate Professor, Distinguished Teaching Professor
Department of Accounting

Mary Beth Reid

Clinical Assistant Professor
College of Nursing and Health Innovation

Ericka Robinson-Freeman

Associate Professor in Practice
School of Social Work

Adrian Rodriguez*

Lecturer
Department of Mechanical and
Aerospace Engineering

Nilakshi Veerabathina

Associate Professor of Instruction
Department of Physics

Center for Research on Teaching and Learning Excellence, Faculty Mentors

The following faculty served as mentors for junior faculty in the University-wide Faculty Mentoring Program during the 2018-19 academic year.

Dan Cavanagh

Professor
Department of Music

Christoph Csallner

Associate Professor
Department of Computer Science
and Engineering

Jaya Davis

Associate Professor, Distinguished Teaching Professor
Department of Criminology
and Criminal Justice

Elizabeth Diaz

Senior Lecturer
Department of Computer
Science and Engineering

Thomas Dombrowsky

Clinical Assistant Professor
College of Nursing and Health Innovation

Beverly George

Clinical Assistant Professor
Department of Management

Jim Grover

Associate Dean, Distinguished University Professor
College of Science

Kiva Harper

Assistant Professor in Practice
School of Social Work

Holly Hungerford-Kresser

Associate Professor
Department of Curriculum and Instruction

Heather Jacobson

Professor
Department of Sociology and Anthropology

Subhrangsu Mandal

Associate Professor
Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry

David Rakowski

Associate Professor
Department of Finance and Real Estate

Peggy Semington

Associate Professor
Department of Curriculum and Instruction

Nilakshi Veerabathina

Associate Professor of Instruction
Department of Physics

Jachoon Yu

Professor
Department of Physics

Weidong Zhou

Distinguished University Professor
Department of Electrical Engineering

McNair Scholars Program Faculty Mentors

The following faculty served as mentors for undergraduate students in the McNair Scholars Program during summer 2018.

Cheryl Anderson

Associate Professor Emeritus
College of Nursing and Health Innovation

Cara Boutte

Assistant Professor
Department of Biology

Alan Bowling

Associate Professor
Department of Mechanical and
Aerospace Engineering

*Fall only

Alejandro Bugarin
Assistant Professor
Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry

Manfred Cuntz
Professor
Department of Physics

Robert Gatchel
*Distinguished Professor, Nancy P. and
John G. Penson Endowed Professor*
Department of Psychology

Haiying Huang
Professor
Department of Mechanical and
Aerospace Engineering

Graham Hunt
Professor
Department of Music

David Jorgensen
Professor
Department of Mathematics

Frank Lu
Professor
Department of Mechanical and
Aerospace Engineering

Jiang Ming
Professor
Department of Computer Science
and Engineering

Jcotikanta Mohapatra
Professor
Department of Physics

Jianzhong Su
Professor
Department of Mathematics

Daniel Warren
Lecturer
Department of Mathematics

Faculty Development Leaves for 2019-20

Amanda Alexander
Associate Professor
Department of Art and Art History

James Alvarez
Professor
Department of Mathematics

Dimitar Grantcharov
Professor
Department of Mathematics

Sam Haynes
Professor
Department of History

Holly Hungerford-Kresser
Associate Professor
Department of Curriculum and Instruction

Tim Ishii
Professor
Department of Music

Mingwu Jin
Associate Professor
Department of Physics

David LaFevor
Assistant Professor
Department of History

Yue Liu
Professor
Department of Mathematics

Linda Perrotti
Associate Professor
Department of Psychology

Shelley Wigley
Associate Professor
Department of Communication

Mahmut Yasar
Associate Professor
Department of Economics

Kenyon Zimmer
Associate Professor
Department of History

Research Enhancement Program Grants for 2019-20

Hunter Ball
Assistant Professor
Department of Psychology | “The Effects of Cognitive Training on
Prospective Memory Ability in Individuals
at Risk for Alzheimer’s Disease”

Kyrah Brown
Assistant Professor
Department of Kinesiology | “Perceived Quality of Maternal Care
and Severe Maternal Morbidity: A
Sequential Mixed-Methods Study”

Maxine Davis
Assistant Professor
School of Social Work | “A Longitudinal Investigation of a Novel
Trauma and Substance Use Treatment
for Influencing the Mental Health and
Violence Outcomes of Probationers”

Rachel Voth Schrag
Assistant Professor
School of Social Work

Ambra L. Green
Assistant Professor
Department of Curriculum and Instruction | “Evaluation of Visual Performance
Feedback and Self- Evaluation to
Promote Effective and Equitable Teacher
Classroom Management Practices”

Xiangli Gu
Assistant Professor
Department of Kinesiology | “Effects of Technology-Infused Recess
and Classroom Environments (TRACE)
on Movement and Academic Behaviors
Among Minority Young Children”

Larry Paul Nelson
Associate Professor
Department of Kinesiology

Won Hwa Kim
Assistant Professor
Department of Computer Science and Engineering | “Convolution Neural Network
for Graph Structured Data”

Seungmug Lee
Associate Professor
Department of Criminology and Criminal Justice | “Mass Homicides in American K-12
Schools and College Campuses”

John Romig
Assistant Professor
Department of Curriculum and Instruction | “Improving Writing Instruction for
Students with Disabilities Through
Data-Based Decision-Making”

Naoko O. Witzel
Assistant Professor
Department of Linguistics and TESOL | “Does L2 Visual Word Recognition
Involve Competition? Evidence
from Different-Script Bilinguals”

