Faculty Awards

SPRING MEETING OF THE FACULTY AND ASSOCIATES

April 25, 2023
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:

Paul Conrad  
Associate Professor, History

Michael Nelson  
Associate Professor, Kinesiology

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 winners each receive a Research Enhancement Program grant. This year’s award recipients are:

Vijayan Pillai  
Professor, Social Work

Weidong Zhou  
Professor, Electrical Engineering

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:

Ashfaq Adnan  
Professor, Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering

Wei Chen  
Professor, Physics

Paul Fadel  
Professor, Kinesiology

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:

Ashley Lemke  
Associate Professor, Sociology and Anthropology

Regina Praetorius  
Professor, Social Work

Mohsen Shahandashti  
Associate Professor, Civil Engineering

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
Noelle Fields  
Associate Professor, Social Work

Sonia Kania  
Professor, Modern Languages

UNTENURED
Catherine LaBrenz  
Assistant Professor, Social Work
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:

Karen Magruder
Assistant Professor of Practice, Social Work

Nicholas Pollock
Assistant Professor of Instruction, Biology

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:

Melanie Sattler
Professor, Civil 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:

Barbara Berthold
Senior Lecturer, Modern Languages

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:

Laura Mydlarz
Professor, Biology

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 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:

Jeremy Glass
Senior Lecturer, Mathematics

Outstanding Academic Advisor

UNDERGRADUATE FACULTY ADVISOR AWARD

Nancy Michael
Professor of Instruction, Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering

Runner Up
Sarah Rose
Associate Professor, History

GRADUATE FACULTY ADVISOR AWARD

Tom Graca
Clinical Professor, Management

Runner Up
Ericka Roland
Assistant Professor, Educational Leadership and Policy Studies
McNair Scholars Program
Faculty Mentors
The following faculty served as mentors for undergraduate students in the McNair Scholars Program during spring and summer 2022.

Rebekah Chojnacki
Adjunct Assistant Professor, Interdisciplinary Studies

Changhee Chun
Professor, Art and Art History

Allan Clay Clark
Professor, Biology

Sahadat Hossain
Professor, Civil Engineering

Justyn Jaworski
Assistant Professor, Bioengineering

Peter Kroll
Professor, Chemistry and Biochemistry

Carl Lovely
Professor, Chemistry and Biochemistry

Ariadna Reyes-Sanchez
Assistant Professor, Landscape Architecture

Priscila Tamplain
Associate Professor, Kinesiology

Mary Vaccaro
Professor, Art and Art History

Micki Washburn
Assistant Professor, Social Work

Gabriela Wilson
Co-Director, Multi-Interprofessional Center for Health Informatics

Liao Yue
Assistant Professor, Kinesiology

Faculty Affairs and the Office of Talent, Culture, and Inclusion
The following faculty served as mentors for junior faculty during the 2022-23 academic year.

David Arditi
Associate Professor, Sociology and Anthropology

Amy Austin
Associate Professor, Modern Languages

Raad Azzawi
Assistant Professor of Instruction, Civil Engineering

Philip Baiden
Assistant Professor, Social Work

Esther Betran
Professor, Biology

Lashaunn Bold
Associate Professor of Practice, Social Work

Erin Carlson
Clinical Professor, Kinesiology

Ann Cavallo
Curriculum and Instruction, Professor

Woo-Suk Chang
Associate Professor, Biology

Faye Cocchiara
Clinical Associate Professor, Management

Ron Cross
Associate Professor of Practice, Computer Science and Engineering

Jandel Crutchfield
Assistant Professor, Social Work

Christoph Csallner
Professor, Computer Science and Engineering

Alex Dillhof
Senior Lecturer, Computer Science and Engineering
Thomas Dombrowsky  
Clinical Associate Professor, Nursing – Undergraduate

Sarah El Sayed  
Associate Professor, Criminology and Criminal Justice

Noelle Fields  
Associate Professor, Social Work

Donna French  
Senior Lecturer, Computer Science and Engineering

Jeremy Glass  
Senior Lecturer, Mathematics

Zerita Hall  
Senior Lecturer, Social Work

(Grace) Qing Hao  
Associate Professor, Finance and Real Estate

Nicolette Hass  
Professor in Practice, Psychology

Anne Healy  
Associate Professor, Theatre Arts and Dance

Tim Henry  
Professor of Instruction, Biology

Steve Isabell  
Senior Lecturer, Finance and Real Estate

Jared Kenworthy  
Professor, Psychology

Cynthia Kilpatrick  
Assistant Professor of Instruction, Linguistics and TESOL

David LaFevor  
Associate Professor, History

Jared Land  
Associate Professor of Practice, Theatre Arts and Dance

Joo Hi Lee  
Professor, Curriculum and Instruction

Ashley Lemke  
Associate Professor, Sociology and Anthropology

Robin Macaluso  
Associate Professor, Chemistry

Jackie Michael  
Clinical Associate Professor, Nursing – Graduate

Joyce Myers  
Clinical Assistant Professor, Curriculum and Instruction

Nandu Nagarajan  
Professor, Accounting

Randy Napier  
Clinical Associate Professor, Information Systems and Operations Management

Anne Nordberg  
Associate Professor, Social Work

Mark Pellegrino  
Associate Professor, Biology

Linda Perrotti  
Professor, Psychology

Cheryl Prachyl  
Clinical Associate Professor, Accounting

Edmund Prater  
Professor, Information Systems and Operations Management

David Rakowski  
Associate Professor, Finance and Real Estate

Daniel Robinson  
Professor, Curriculum and Instruction

Meagan Rogers  
Clinical Associate Professor, Nursing – Undergraduate

Michael Roner  
Associate Professor, Biology

De’An Roper  
Assistant Professor of Practice, Social Work
Alicia Rueda-Acedo  
Associate Professor, Modern Languages

Riyaz Sikora  
Associate Professor, Information Systems and Operations Management

Amy Speier  
Associate Professor, Sociology and Anthropology

Kamesh Subbarao  
Professor, Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering

Thomas Thompson  
Clinical Associate Professor, Finance and Real Estate

Kathleen Tice  
Clinical Assistant Professor, Curriculum and Instruction

Nilakshi Veerabathina  
Professor of Instruction, Physics

Mary Whiteside  
Professor, Information Systems and Operations Management

Mindia Whittier  
Specialist, Communication

Shelley Wigley  
Associate Professor, Communication

Yi Zhang  
Associate Professor, ELPS

Professional Learning Community (2021-22)

FELLOWS

Grace Brannon  
Assistant Professor, Communication

Lauren Brewer  
Clinical Associate Professor, Marketing

Christopher Candreva  
Clinical Assistant Professor, Economics

Kevin Carr  
Clinical Assistant Professor, Marketing

Karishma Chatterjee  
Associate Professor of Instruction, Communication

Molly Cummins  
Assistant Professor, Communication

Lisa Egbert  
Assistant Professor, Modern Languages

Beth Fleener  
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Steve Gellman  
Associate Professor of Practice, Philosophy and Humanities

Antonia Gkergki  
Clinical Assistant Professor, Economics

Brian Horton  
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Diane Waryas Hughey  
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Ann Hunt-Rogers  
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Cynthia Kilpatrick  
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Jiyoon Yoon  
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Professor, Communication

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Christy Spivey  
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Nilakshi Veerabathina  
Professor of Instruction, Physics

Maverick Advantage Faculty Engagement (2022-23)

FELLOWS

Xavier Aranda  
Lecturer, Biology

Amy Austin  
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Michael Brittain  
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Fletcher Coleman  
Assistant Professor, Art and Art History

Annie Daly  
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Sonia Kania  
Professor, Modern Languages

Lauren Krznarich  
Lecturer, Student Success

Atefe Makhmalbaf  
Assistant Professor, Architecture

Rachael Mariboho  
Lecturer, English

Nicholas Pollock  
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Luis Rosado  
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Liao Yue  
Assistant Professor, Public Health

FACILITATORS

Karishma Chatterjee  
Associate Professor of Instruction, Communication

Danielle Klein  
Director, Student Success

Joyce Myers  
Clinical Assistant Professor, Curriculum and Instruction

Joshua Nason  
Associate Professor, Architecture

Sarah Shelton  
Senior Lecturer, English

Center for Service Learning (2022-23)

FELLOWS

Maxine Adegbola  
Clinical Associate Professor, Nursing

Cassie Argenbright  
GTA 1, Psychology

Yubraj Aryal  
Adjunct Assistant Professor, English

Geoff Campbell  
Adjunct Assistant Professor, Communication

Kimberly Caraway  
Adjunct Assistant Professor, Political Science
Sonja Ezell  
Clinical Assistant Professor, Education

Sophia Fantus  
Assistant Professor, Social Work

Jason Hogue  
Lecturer, English

Erick Jones  
Professor of Research, Industrial Engineering

Vinayak Kaushal  
Assistant Professor of Instruction, Civil Engineering

Bryan Maldonado Meza  
Assistant Director, New Student Courses

Cheryl Mitchell  
Assistant Professor in Practice, Art and Art History

Emily Nwakpuda  
Assistant Professor, Public Affairs and Planning

Correy Retzlof  
Adjunct Assistant Professor, Management

Kelli Rogers  
Assistant Professor of Practice, Social Work

Benjamin Wagley  
Senior Lecturer, Art and Art History

Center for Research on Teaching and Learning Excellence (2022-23)

FACILITATORS

Carla Amaro-Jimenez  
Associate Professor, Curriculum and Instruction

Bonnie Boardman  
Professor of Instruction, Industrial, Manufacturing and Systems Engineering

Frank Foss  
Associate Professor, Chemistry and Biochemistry

Jerry Hubbard  
Adjunct Assistant Professor, Goolsby Leadership Center

Cynthia Kilpatrick  
Assistant Professor of Instruction, Linguistics and TESOL

FACILITATOR

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Assistant Professor of Instruction, Mathematics
Faculty Development Leave (2022-23)

Brad Bell
Associate Professor and Director,
School of Architecture

Woo-Suk Chang
Associate Professor, Biology

Naomi Cleghorn
Associate Professor, Sociology and Anthropology

Paul Conrad
Associate Professor, History

Guojun Liao
Professor, Mathematics

Fred MacDonnell
Professor, Chemistry and Biochemistry

Christopher Morris
Professor, History

Kytai Nguyen
Professor, Bioengineering

Catherine Robert
Assistant Professor, Educational Leadership and Policy Studies

Shouyi Wang
Associate Professor, Industrial, Manufacturing, and Systems Engineering

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