



# FACULTY AWARDS

SPRING MEETING OF THE FACULTY AND ASSOCIATES

April 25, 2023

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:

**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 receives 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 Dillhoff**

*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*

**Lisalee Egbert**

*Assistant Professor, Modern Languages*

**Beth Fleener**

*Clinical Assistant Professor, Curriculum  
and Instruction*

**Steve Gellman**

*Associate Professor of Practice,  
Philosophy and Humanities*

**Antonia Gkergki**

*Clinical Assistant Professor, Economics*

**Brian Horton**

*Associate Professor of Instruction, Communication*

**Diane Waryas Hughey**

*Adjunct Assistant Professor, Communication*

**Melissa Hulings**

*Assistant Professor, Curriculum and Instruction*

**Ann Hunt-Rogers**

*Adjunct Assistant Professor, Social Work*

**Fajer Jaafari**

*Adjunct Assistant Professor, Physics*

**Cynthia Kilpatrick**

*Assistant Professor of Instruction,  
Linguistics and TESOL*

**Vinayak Kaushal**

*Assistant Professor of Instruction, Civil Engineering*

**Cynthia Laborde**

*Assistant Professor, Modern Languages*

**Heather Phillip**

*Clinical Assistant Professor, Marketing*

**Sherece Shavel**

*Assistant Professor of Practice, Social Work*

**Trang Thai**

*Clinical Assistant Professor, Finance and Real Estate*

**Kendra Wallis**

*Associate Professor of Instruction, Materials  
Science and Engineering*

**Jiyeon Yoon**

*Associate Professor, Curriculum and Instruction*

## **FACILITATORS**

**Kim Breuer**

*Associate Professor of Instruction, History*

**Andrew Clark**

*Professor, Communication*

**Melanie Mason**

*Adjunct Assistant Professor, Communication*

**Jessica McClean**

*Research Associate, Library*

**Peggy Semington**

*Associate Professor, Linguistics and TESOL*

**Christy Spivey**

*Clinical Professor, Economics*

**Nilakshi Veerabathina**

*Professor of Instruction, Physics*

## **Maverick Advantage Faculty Engagement (2022-23)**

### **FELLOWS**

**Xavier Aranda**

*Lecturer, Biology*

**Amy Austin**

*Associate Professor of Instruction,  
Modern Languages*

**Michael Brittain**

*Adjunct Assistant Professor, English*

**Fletcher Coleman**

*Assistant Professor, Art and Art History*

**Annie Daly**

*Assistant Professor, Curriculum and Instruction*

**Sonia Kania**

*Professor, Modern Languages*

**Lauren Krznarich**

*Lecturer, Student Success*

**Atefe Makhmalbaf**

*Assistant Professor, Architecture*

**Rachael Mariboho**

*Lecturer, English*

**Nicholas Pollock**

*Assistant Professor of Instruction, Biology*

**Luis Rosado**

*Professor, Curriculum and Instruction*

**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 Retzloff**

*Adjunct Assistant Professor, Management*

**Kelli Rogers**

*Assistant Professor of Practice, Social Work*

**Benjamin Wagley**

*Senior Lecturer, Art and Art History*

**FACILITATOR**

**Shanna Banda**

*Assistant Professor of Instruction, Mathematics*

## 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*



**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*

**FULBRIGHT**

**Kevin Schug**

*Professor, Chemistry and Biochemistry*

**Ling Xu**

*Associate Professor, Social Work*

## Research Enhancement Program Grants for 2022-2023

**Dave Arena** | An Experience Sampling Study of the  
*Assistant Professor, Management* Workplace Experiences of Working Mothers

**Yujie Chi** | Study the Ionizing Radiation-Induced  
*Assistant Professor, Physics* Immune Response at the Cell and  
Cellular Microenvironment Levels

**Zui Pan**  
*Professor, Nursing – Graduate*

**Danielle Harrell** | Early Emergence of Suicidal Behavior:  
*Assistant Professor, Social Work* Understanding Emotion Regulation  
Difficulties and Perceptions of School  
Connectedness Among Black Children

**Lonny Harrison** | Personas of Revolutionary Terror in  
*Associate Professor, Modern Languages* Russian Fiction and Memoirs

**Un-Jung Kim** | Occurrence and Fate of Microplastics  
*Assistant Professor, Earth and* in Urban Environmental  
*Environmental Science* Systems and Associated Human  
Exposure Risk Assessment

**Byung Ran So**  
*Assistant Professor, Chemistry and Biochemistry*

**Young-Tae Kim** | Novel Blood-Brain-Barrier-Crossing  
*Associate Professor, Bioengineering* Synthetic Metal-Free Drugs with  
Anti-GBM Infiltration and Pro-

**Subhrangsu Mandal** | Neuroprotection: Analyzing Their  
*Professor, Chemistry and Biochemistry* In-Vitro and In-Vivo Efficacy

**Joshua Nason** | Fort Davis National Historic Site: Scanning  
*Associate Professor, Architecture* an Outpost at the Edge of Conflict

**Ericka Roland** | Student-Faculty Research Mentorship for  
*Assistant Professor, Educational* Learning Anti-Racist Methodologies  
*Leadership and Policy Studies*

**Mengqi Zhan**  
*Assistant Professor, Communication*

**Chunke Su**  
*Associate Professor, Communication*

**Yichen Zhang**  
*Assistant Professor, Electrical Engineering*

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