Faculty Awards

SPRING MEETING OF THE FACULTY AND ASSOCIATES

April 26, 2022
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:

Ashfaq Adnan  
Professor, Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering

Ashley Lemke  
Assistant Professor, Sociology and Anthropology

Sen Xu  
Assistant Professor, Biology

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:

Karabi Bezboruah  
Associate Professor, Public Affairs and Planning

Hyejin Moon  
Associate Professor, Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering

Samuel “Pete” Smith  
Professor, Modern Languages

Shan Sun-Mitchell  
Professor, Mathematics

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:

Woo Suk Chang  
Associate Professor, Biology

Ankur Jain  
Associate Professor, Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering

Himan Hojat Jalali  
Assistant Professor, Civil Engineering

Rebecca Mauldin  
Assistant Professor, School of 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:

Donna French  
Senior Lecturer, Computer Science and Engineering

Melissa Walsh  
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:

Ramon Lopez  
Professor, Physics

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:

Iya Price  
Assistant Professor of Instruction, Linguistics and TESOL

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 UTAs digital learners. This year’s award recipient is:

Christy Spivey  
Clinical Professor, Economics

Outstanding Academic Advisor

Undergraduate Faculty Advisor Award
Kaci O’Donnell  
Lecturer, English

Runner Up  
Linda Barasch  
Professor of Instruction, Computer Science and Engineering

Graduate Faculty Advisor Award
Gautam Eapi  
Associate Professor of Instruction, Civil Engineering

Runner Up  
Santoso Budiman  
Clinical Associate Professor, Business Analytics

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:

James “Jim” Warren  
Associate Professor, English

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:

Lawrence “Larry” Chonko  
Professor, Marketing

Yi Hong  
Associate Professor, Bioengineering

Qinhong “Max” Hu  
Professor, Earth and Environmental Sciences

Rhonda Prisby  
Professor, Kinesiology

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McNair Scholars Program
Faculty Mentors
The following faculty served as mentors for undergraduate students in the McNair Scholars Program during summer 2020.

Rebecca Chojnacki
Adjunct Assistant Professor, Interdisciplinary Studies

Nancy England
Adjunct Assistant Professor, English

Amy Farbin
Associate Professor, Physics

Julienne Greer
Assistant Professor, Theatre Arts and Dance

Young-Tae Kim
Associate Professor, Bioengineering

Hanli Liu
Professor, Bioengineering

Jennifer Miller
Adjunct Assistant Professor, English

Zdzislaw Musielak
Professor, Physics

Nicole Spoor
Faculty Associate, Library

Jianzhong Su
Professor, Mathematics

Matthew Walsh
Associate Professor, Biology

Jim Warren
Associate Professor, English

Nevin Weinberg
Associate Professor, Physics

Nur Yazdani
Professor, Civil Engineering

Faculty Affairs and The Office of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion
The following faculty served as mentors for junior faculty during the 2021-22 academic year.

David Arditi
Associate Professor, Sociology and Anthropology

Donna Bacchus
Clinical Assistant Professor, Graduate Nursing

Karabi Bezboruah
Associate Professor, Public Affairs and Planning

Ann Cavallo
Professor, Center for Research on Teaching and Learning Excellence

Andrew Clark
Associate Professor, Communication

Christopher Conway
Professor, Modern Languages

Christoph Csallner
Professor, Computer Science and Engineering

Matthew Fujita
Associate Professor, Biology

Mohammad Hajafi
Associate Professor, Civil Engineering

Grace Hao
Associate Professor, Finance

Dustin Harp
Associate Professor, Communication and Women and Gender Studies

Jerry Hubbard
Director and Lecturer, Goodbody Leadership Academy

Holly Hungerford-Kresser
Associate Professor, Curriculum and Instruction

Anne Healy
Associate Professor, Theatre Arts and Dance

Vinayak Kaushal
Assistant Professor of Instruction, Civil Engineering

Cynthia Kilpatrick
Assistant Professor of Instruction, Linguistics and TESOL

Ashley Lemke
Assistant Professor, Sociology and Anthropology

Qing Lin
Associate Professor, Psychology

Robin Macaluso
Associate Professor, Chemistry and Biochemistry

Liliana Norddvedt
Associate Professor, Management

David Rakowski
Associate Professor, Finance and Real Estate

Alicia Ruedo-Garcia
Associate Professor, Modern Languages

Salil Sarkar
Professor, Finance and Real Estate

Peggy Semingson
Associate Professor, Linguistics and TESOL

Kathleen Smits
Professor, Civil Engineering

Amy Speier
Associate Professor, Sociology and Anthropology

Laurel Stvan
Associate Professor, Linguistics and TESOL

Kamesh Subbarao
Professor, Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering

Nilakshi Veerabathina
Associate Professor of Instruction, Physics

Ling Xu
Associate Professor, School of Social Work

Professional Learning Community (2021-22)

Kiva Harper
Associate Professor of Practice, School of Social Work

Amy Hodges
Assistant Professor, English

Fajer Jaafari
Adjunct Assistant Professor, Physics

Ritu Khanduri
Associate Professor, Sociology and Anthropology

Cynthia Kilpatrick
Assistant Professor of Instruction, Linguistics and TESOL

Nali Kim
Teaching Innovation Research Associate, CRTLE
Heather Phillip  
Clinical Assistant Professor, Marketing

Amber Raley  
Adjunct Assistant Professor, Planning and Public Affairs

De’An Roper  
Assistant Professor of Practice, School of Social Work

Donna Schuman  
Assistant Professor, School of Social Work

Sherre Shavel  
Assistant Professor of Practice, School of Social Work

Christy Spivey  
Clinical Professor, Economics

Martin Wallace  
Senior Experiential Learning Librarian, UTA Libraries

Diane Waryas-Hughey  
Director of Assessment and Accreditation, Office of Institutional Effectiveness and Reporting

Cynthia Woody  
Director of Field Experiences and Online Programs, College of Education

Jiyoung Yoon  
Associate Professor, Curriculum and Instruction

Maverick Advantage Faculty Engagement (2021-22)

Fellows

James S. Andrews  
Assistant Professor of Instruction, History

Erin Bowen  
Professor, Psychology

Kimberly Breuer  
Associate Professor of Instruction, History

Stephanie Cole  
Associate Professor, History

Agnes Deleawe  
Clinical Assistant Professor, Undergraduate Nursing

Thomas Dombrowsky  
Clinical Associate Professor, Undergraduate Nursing

Hyunsoo Jeong  
Assistant Professor, Architecture

Amanda Jordan  
Lecturer, Communication

Carie Kapellusch  
Lecturer, Communication

Jennifer Roye  
Clinical Assistant Professor, Undergraduate Nursing

Sarah Shelton  
Senior Lecturer, English

Whitney Tholen  
Assistant Professor of Instruction, Biology

Matthew Walsh  
Associate Professor, Biology

Melissa Walsh  
Assistant Professor of Instruction, Biology

Danielle Klein  
Director of New Student Courses, Division of Student Success

Andrew Milson  
Professor, History

Joyce Myers  
Clinical Assistant Professor, Curriculum and Instruction

Center for Service Learning (2021-22)

Fellows

Lauren Brewer  
Clinical Assistant Professor, Marketing

Monica De La Fuente Iglesias  
Assistant Professor, Modern Languages

Andrew Milson  
Professor, History

Nicole Nguyen  
Academic Advisor, Division of Student Success

Rosa Tellez  
Senior Lecturer, Modern Languages

Mari Tietze  
Professor, Graduate Nursing

Joshua Wilson  
Assistant Professor, Art and Art History

Cynthia Woody  
Clinical Assistant Professor, Educational Leadership and Policy Studies

Facilitator

Amanda Alexander  
Professor, Art and Art History Associate

Center for Research on Teaching and Learning Excellence (2021-22)

Facilitators

Carla Amaro-Jimenez  
Associate Professor, Curriculum and Instruction

Jerry Hubbard  
Director and Lecturer, Goolsby Leadership Academy

Cynthia Kilpatrick  
Assistant Professor of Instruction, Linguistics and TESOL

Robin Macaluso  
Associate Professor, Chemistry and Biochemistry

Kendra Wallis  
Associate Professor of Instruction, Materials Science and Engineering

Faculty Development Leave (2020-21)

Georgios Alexandrakis  
Associate Professor, Bioengineering

C.Y. Choi  
Professor, Economics

Junha Jeon  
Associate Professor, Chemistry and Biochemistry

Karen Kenaston-French  
Professor, Music

Ashley Lemke  
Assistant Professor, Sociology and Anthropology

Erin Murrah-Mandril  
Associate Professor, English

Hyeong-Moo Shin  
Assistant Professor, Earth and Environmental Sciences

Jack Unzicker  
Associate Professor, Music

Jeffrey Witzel  
Associate Professor, Linguistics and TESOL
Research Enhancement Program Grants for 2022-2023

Brittanie Ash
Assistant Professor
School of Social Work
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Amanda Aykanian
Assistant Professor
School of Social Work
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Ziyad Ben Taleb
Assistant Professor
Department of Kinesiology
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Annie Daly
Assistant Professor
Department of Curriculum and Instruction
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Wideline Seraphin
Assistant Professor
Department of Curriculum and Instruction
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Roger Gans
Assistant Professor
Department of Communication
Can We Change the Story About Vaccination Hesitancy? Use the Narrative Persuasion to Overcome Partisan and Non-Partisan Resistance

Ivy Hauser
Assistant Professor
Department of Linguistics and TESOL
Imitation of Phonetic Variability in Native and Non-Native Speech

Oswald Jenewein
Assistant Professor
School of Architecture
Coastal Vulnerability Atlas: Identifying Climate Change Drivers, Hazards, & Impacts in Texas’ Coastal Bend Region

Karabi Bezboruah
Associate Professor
Department of Public Affairs and Planning

Michelle Hummel
Assistant Professor
Department of Civil Engineering

Bree Jimenez
Associate Professor
Department of Curriculum and Instruction
Learning Communities Engaged in Evidence-Based Decision-Making (LEED)

Chen Kan
Assistant Professor
Department of Industrial, Manufacturing, and Systems Engineering
Robot-Enabled Monitoring for Active & Cost-Effective Process Authentication of Cyber-Physical Additive Manufacturing

Yijing Xie
Assistant Professor
Department of Electrical Engineering
Inclusive & Equitable Occupant-Driven Building Energy Management System

Atefe Makhmalbaf
Assistant Professor
School of Architecture
Inclusive & Equitable Occupant-Driven Building Energy Management System

Souvik Roy
Assistant Professor
Department of Mathematics
A U-Net Based Game-Theoretic Framework for Superior Reconstructions in Quantitative Photoacoustic Tomography

Donna Schuman
Assistant Professor
School of Social Work
Exploring Virtual Reality Adventure Training Exergaming (V-RATE) on Women Veteran’s Health Outcomes

Xiangli Gu
Assistant Professor
Department of Kinesiology
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Jiwon Suh
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Department of Public Affairs and Planning
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