



FACULTY AWARDS

SPRING MEETING OF THE FACULTY AND ASSOCIATES

April 27, 2021

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:

Yi Hong

Bioengineering Associate Professor

Qinhong (Max) Hu

Earth and Environmental Sciences Professor

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:

Larry Chonko

Marketing Professor

Ramon Lopez

Physics Professor

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:

Andrew Brandt

Physics Professor

Wendy Casper

Marketing Professor

Fred MacDonnell

Chemistry and Biochemistry Professor

Yan Wan

Electrical Engineering Professor

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:

Bill Carroll

Computer Science and Engineering Professor

Doug Grisaffe

Marketing Associate Professor

Holly Hungerford-Kresser

Curriculum and Instruction Associate Professor

Diane Mitschke

School of Social Work Associate Professor

James Warren

English Associate Professor

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

Sanjiv Sabherwal

Finance and Real Estate Academic Staff

Kamesh Subbarao

Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering Professor

Matthew Walsh

Biology Associate Professor

Untenured

Amber Schroeder

Psychology Assistant Professor

Rachel Voth Schrag

School of Social Work Assistant Professor

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:

Alice Lubbe

Mathematics Other Faculty

Christy Spivey

Economics Other Faculty

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:

Alicia Rueda-Acedo

Modern Languages Associate Professor

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:

LaDonna Aiken

Communication Other Faculty

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:

Todd Castoe

Biology Associate Professor

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:

Karabi Bezboruah

Public Affairs and Planning Associate Professor

Outstanding Academic Advisor

ACADEMIC FACULTY ADVISOR AWARD

Bijan Shapoorian

Civil Engineering Academic Staff

Runner Up

Graham Hunt

Music Professor

PROFESSIONAL ADVISOR AWARD

Thelma Cabrera

Modern Languages Staff

Runner Up

Elizabeth Webb

Undergraduate Nursing Staff

Honorable Mentions

Ryan Davis

Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering Staff

Nancy Michael

Mechanical and Aerospace

Engineering Senior Lecturer

McNair Scholars Program Faculty Mentors

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

Jonathan Asaadi

Physics Assistant Professor

Joseph Boll

Biology Assistant Professor

Alan Bowling
Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering
Associate Professor

Cara Boutte
Biology Assistant Professor

Karishma Chatterjee
Communication Other Faculty

Matthew Fujita
Biology Associate Professor

Kayunta Johnson-Winters
Chemistry and Biochemistry Associate Professor

Benjamin Jones
Physics Assistant Professor

Young-Tae Kim
Bioengineering Associate Professor

Peter Kroll
Chemistry and Biochemistry Professor

Daniel Levine
Psychology Professor

Ramon Lopez
Physics Professor

Shelley Smith
Sociology and Anthropology Professor

James Warren
English Associate Professor

Jaehoon Yu
Physics Professor

Center for Research on Teaching and Learning Excellence

The following faculty served as mentors for junior faculty during the 2020-21 academic year.

FACULTY FELLOWS 2021

Amy Austin
Modern Languages Assistant Professor

Thomas Dombrowsky
Undergraduate Nursing Clinical
Assistant Professor

Robin Macaluso
Chemistry and Biochemistry Associate Professor

Kendra Walli
Materials Science and Engineering
Associate Professor

FACULTY MENTORS, NON-TENURE/-TENURE TRACK

Amy Austin
Modern Languages Assistant Professor

Donna Bacchus
Graduate Nursing Clinical Assistant Professor

Shanna Banda
Mathematics Assistant Chair and
Associate Professor of Instruction

Karabi C. Bezboruah
Public Affairs and Planning Associate Professor

Robert Bing
Criminology and Criminal Justice Professor

Rick Bogard
Music Professor

Ann Cavallo
Curriculum and Instruction Professor;
Assistant Vice Provost; CRTLE Director

Andrew Clark
Communication Associate Professor

Dan Cavanagh
Interim Associate Dean and Music Professor

Christoph Csallner
Computer Science and Engineering Professor

Jaya Davis
Criminology and Criminal Justice
Associate Professor

Thomas Dombrowsky
Undergraduate Nursing Clinical
Assistant Professor

Noelle Fields
School of Social Work Associate Professor

Traci Freling
Marketing Associate Professor

Dustin Harp
Communication Associate Professor

Kiva Harper
Social Work Assistant Professor of Practice

Kathryn Holliday
Architecture Professor

Muhammad Huda
Physics Associate Professor

Diana Huffaker
Electrical Engineering Chair and Professor

Heather Jacobson
Sociology and Anthropology Professor

Carla Amaro-Jimenez
Curriculum and Instruction Associate Professor

Holly Hungerford-Kresser
Curriculum and Instruction Associate Professor

Cynthia Kilpatrick
Linguistics and TESOL Assistant Professor

Nali Kim
CRTLE Teaching Innovation Research Associate

Robin Macaluso
Chemistry and Biochemistry Associate Professor

Subhrangsu Mandal
Chemistry and Biochemistry Professor

Anne Nordberg
School of Social Work Associate Professor

Liliana Perez Nordtvedt
Management Associate Professor

Kathryn Pole
Curriculum and Instruction Associate Professor

David Rakowski
Finance and Real Estate Associate Professor

Stephanie Rasmussen
Accounting Associate Professor

Daniel Robinson
Curriculum and Instruction Associate Professor

George Siemens
Psychology Professor

Kamesh Subbarao
Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering Professor

Nilakshi Veerabathina
Physics Associate Professor of Practice

Shelley Wigley
Communication Associate Professor

Gabriela Wilson
Kinesiology Professor

Jeffrey Witzel
Linguistics and TESOL Associate Professor

Weidong Zhou
Electrical Engineering Professor

Professional Learning Community Faculty Fellows

Amy Anderson

*Educational Leadership and Policy
Studies Clinical Assistant Professor*

Grace Brannon

Communication Assistant Professor

Kimberly Breuer

History Associate Professor of Practice

Mary Curtis

Curriculum and Instruction Assistant Professor

Kenyatta Dawson

*Office of Vice President for Research
Assistant Director*

Justin Dellinger

*Psychology Learning Analytic
Program Coordinator*

Beth Fleener

*CRTLE Senior Teaching Innovation
Research Associate*

Roger Gans

Communication Assistant Professor

Becky Garner

Kinesiology Clinical Associate Professor

Kiva Harper

*School of Social Work Associate
Professor of Practice*

Brian Horton

Communication Assistant Professor of Instruction

Karla Arenas-Itotia

*School of Social Work Assistant
Professor of Practice*

Fajer Jaafari

Physics Adjunct Assistant Professor

Nali Kim

CRTLE Teaching Innovation Research Associate

Ritu Khanduri

Sociology and Anthropology Associate Professor

Dennis Maher

Theater Associate Professor

Melanie Mason

Communication Adjunct Assistant Professor

Andrew Milson

History Professor

De'An Roper

*School of Social Work Assistant
Professor of Practice*

Soyla Santos

Division of Student Success Associate Director

Peggy Semington

Linguistics Associate Professor

Nilakshi Veerabathina

Physics Associate Professor of Instruction

Kendra Wallis

*Materials Science and Engineering
Associate Professor of Instruction*

Cynthia Woody

*Educational Leadership and Policy
Studies Clinical Assistant Professor*

Monica Zhan

Communication Assistant Professor

Maverick Advantage Faculty Engagement

FACULTY FELLOWS 2020-21

Estee Beck

English Assistant Professor

Grace Brannon
Communication Assistant Professor

Rebekah Chojnacki
*Interdisciplinary Studies Adjunct
Assistant Professor*

Rebecca Garner
Kinesiology Clinical Associate Professor

Oswald Jenewein
Architecture Assistant Professor

Ritu Khanduri
Sociology and Anthropology Associate Professor

Tiffany Kindratt
Kinesiology Assistant Professor

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

Andrew Milson
History Professor

Colton Strawser
Communication Lecturer

Shelley Wigley
Communication Associate Professor

FACULTY MENTORS 2020-21

LaDonna Aiken
Communication Specialist

Kyrah Brown
Kinesiology Assistant Professor

Karishma Chatterjee
Communication Assistant Professor

Pamela Johnson
*School of Social Work Associate
Professor of Practice*

Cynthia Kilpatrick
*Linguistics and TESOL Assistant
Professor of Instruction*

Joyce Myers
*Curriculum and Instruction
Clinical Assistant Professor*

Joshua Nason
Architecture Associate Professor

Center for Service Learning Faculty Fellows

Aida Allen
Mathematics Senior Lecturer

Barbara Berthold
Modern Languages Senior Lecturer

Godfred Boateng
Kinesiology Assistant Professor

Fernando Melero-Garcia
Modern Languages Assistant Professor

Chyng-Yang Jang
Communication Associate Professor

Dianna Jones
School of Social Work Adjunct Assistant Professor

Jamar Jones
Music Assistant Professor

Mia Kirby
*School of Social Work Associate
Professor of Practice*

Lauren Krznarich
*Division of Student Success New Student
Courses Associate Director*

Julia Lindgren
Architecture Assistant Professor

Timothy Ponce
English Senior Lecturer

Eli Shupe
Philosophy and Humanities Assistant Professor

Melissa Walsh
Biology Assistant Professor of Instruction

Faculty Development Leave 2020-21

Diane Allen
Planning and Landscape Architecture Professor

Brent Boyea
Political Science Associate Professor

Yue Deng
Physics Professor

Yaowu Hao
Material Science and Engineering Professor

Angela Liegey-Dougall
Psychology Associate Professor

Rhonda Prisby
Kinesiology Professor

Aaron Smallwood
Economics Associate Professor

Shelley Smith
Sociology and Anthropology Professor

Jeffrey Witzel
Linguistics and TESOL Associate Professor

Baohong Yuan
Bioengineering Professor

Research Enhancement Program Grants for 2020-21

Nathan Brown
*Earth and Environmental Sciences Assistant
Professor*

Jeffery Demuth
Biology Associate Professor

Kristin Gigli
Graduate Nursing Assistant Professor

Mohammad Islam
*Computer Science and Engineering
Assistant Professor*

Yeonwoo Kim
Kinesiology Assistant Professor

Charles MacBride
Architecture Assistant Professor

Amanda Olsen
Curriculum and Instruction Assistant Professor

Luis Plascencia
Sociology and Anthropology Assistant Professor

Ariadna Reyes-Sanchez
Public Affairs and Planning Assistant Professor

Baohong Yuan
Bioengineering Professor

Christian Zlalniski
Sociology and Anthropology Associate Professor