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 receives 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

Honorable Mentions

Ryan Davis
Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering Staff

Nancy Michael
Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering Senior Lecturer
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 Analytics 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-Itoita
*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 Semingson
*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*
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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 Zlolniski
Sociology and Anthropology Associate Professor