



FACULTY AWARDS

SPRING MEETING OF THE FACULTY AND ASSOCIATES

April 25, 2017

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:

Yue Deng
Associate Professor
Department of Physics

Kytai Nguyen
Professor
Department of Bioengineering

UTA Presidential Research Fellows

This new award recognizes faculty that promote collaborative and cross-disciplinary research as a means of enhancing the goals of the UTA Strategic Plan. A cohort of five faculty is selected every two years through a competitive process, and receive \$10,000 per year to support research endeavors that enhance collaboration.

This year's award recipients are:

Kathryn Daniel
Associate Professor
Department of Nursing

Noelle Fields
Assistant Professor
School of Social Work

Shima Hamidi
Assistant Professor
Department of Planning and Landscape Architecture

Heng Huang
Professor
Department of Computer Science and Engineering

Samir Iqbal
Associate Professor
Department of Electrical Engineering

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 winner receives a Research Enhancement Program grant.

This year's award recipient is:

Andrew Brandt
Professor
Department of Physics

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:

Zeynep Celik-Butler
Professor
Department of Electrical Engineering

Heng Huang
Professor
Department of Computer Science and Engineering

Christopher Kribs
Professor
Department of Mathematics
Department of Curriculum and Instruction

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:

Jaya Davis
Associate Professor
Department of Criminology and Criminal Justice

Penelope Ingram
Associate Professor
Department of English

Christopher Kribs
Professor
Department of Mathematics

Stephanie Rasmussen
Associate Professor
Department of Accounting

Jeffrey Witzel
Associate Professor
Department of Linguistics & TESOL

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:

David Hullender
Professor
Department of Mechanical and Aerospace 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
Frank Foss
Associate Professor
Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry

Christopher Kribs
Professor
Department of Curriculum and Instruction

Untenured
Gail Adorno
Assistant Professor
School of Social Work

Junha Jeon
Assistant Professor
Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry

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:

Raúl Fernández
Professor in Practice
Department of Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering

Regina Urban
Clinical Assistant Professor
Department of Nursing

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:

Pauline Hudel-Smith

Senior Lecturer
Department of Art + Art History

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:

Ramon Lopez

Professor
Department of Physics

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

Associate Professor
Department of Public Affairs

Outstanding Academic Advisor

PROFESSIONAL ADVISOR AWARD

Lauren Jones

Professional Advisor
Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry

ACADEMIC FACULTY ADVISOR AWARD

Bahram Khalili

Senior Lecturer and Faculty Advisor
Department of Computer Science and Engineering

HONORABLE MENTIONS

Kathy Gutierrez

Professional Advisor
Department of Accounting

Cherie Henderson

Clinical Assistant Professor and Faculty Advisor
Department of Accounting

Megan Juel

Professional Advisor
Department of Psychology

Betsy Parchem

Professional Advisor
Department of Nursing

Megan Vargas

Professional Advisor
Department of Kinesiology

McNair Scholars Program Faculty Mentors

The following faculty served as mentors for undergraduate students in the McNair Scholars Program during summer 2016.

Jeffrey Gagne

Assistant Professor
Department of Psychology

Graham Hunt

Associate Professor
Department of Music

Junha Jeon

Assistant Professor
Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry

Ashanti Johnson

Associate Professor
Department of Earth and Environmental Sciences

Kayunta Johnson-Winters

Assistant Professor
Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry

Sonia Kania

Associate Professor
Department of Modern Languages

Andrew Makeev

Professor
Department of Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering

Jeffrey McGee

Associate Professor
Department of Management

Kytai Nguyen

Professor
Department of Bioengineering

Michael Roner

Associate Professor
Department of Biology

Panos Shiakolas

Associate Professor
Department of Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering

Herschel Thomas

Assistant Professor
Department of Political Science

Kenneth Williford

Associate Professor
Department of Philosophy and Humanities

John Zastoupil

Assistant Professor
Department of Music

Faculty Development Leaves for 2017-18

Patryk Babiracki
Associate Professor
Department of History

Naomi Cleghorn
Associate Professor
Department of Sociology and Anthropology

John Garrigus
Professor
Department of History

Desiree Henderson
Associate Professor
Department of English

Junzhou Huang
Associate Professor
Department of Computer Science and Engineering

Jared Kenworthy
Associate Professor
Department of Psychology

Yu Lei
Professor
Department of Computer Science and Engineering

Sangwook Park
Associate Professor
Department of Physics

Shan Sun-Mitchell
Professor
Department of Mathematics

Michael Ward
Professor
Department of Economics

Research Enhancement Program Grants for 2017-18

Yaowu Hao
Associate Professor
Department of Material Science | “Synthesis of Radioactive Isotope Labeled Renal Clearable Nanoparticles for Internal Radiation Therapy of Glioblastoma”

Jason Kubinak
Assistant Professor
Department of Biology | “Germfree Daphnia as a System to Identify Therapeutically Relevant Environmental Microbes”

David LaFevor
Assistant Professor
Department of History | “The Slave Ship Cicerón: Lincoln, Cuba, the United States and the Final Days of the Slave Trade”

Radha Mahapatra
Professor
Department of Information Systems | “Reducing Health Disparities Among Minority Patients - Using Mobile Technologies to Improve Diabetes Care Management”

Katherine Sanchez
Assistant Professor
School of Social Work

Mohsen Shahandashti
Assistant Professor
Department of Civil Engineering | “An Integrated Seismic Vulnerability Assessment and Risk-Based Decision-Making Framework for Water Distribution Networks”

Shelley Smith
Professor
Department of Sociology and Anthropology | “Museum Displays of Human Evolution”

David Sparks
Assistant Professor
Department of Science Education
Department of Curriculum and Instruction | “Where the Pipeline Ends: Analyzing the Post-Graduation Outcomes of Two Urban STEM Teacher Preparation Programs”

Yi (Leaf) Zhang
Assistant Professor
Department of Educational Leadership and Policy Studies | “Why Transfer Students Fail to Graduate with a STEM Degree: A Latent Class Analysis of STEM Dropouts”

Yuan Zhou
Assistant Professor
Department of Industrial Engineering | “Developing Effective Policies to Prevent and Control Infectious Diseases on UTA's Campus”

