



# FACULTY AWARDS

SPRING MEETING OF THE FACULTY AND ASSOCIATES

April 26, 2018

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:

**Baohong Yuan**

*Associate Professor*  
Department of Bioengineering

**Yi (Leaf) Zhang**

*Assistant Professor*  
Department of Educational Leadership and Policy Studies

## 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 recipients are:

**Kytai Nguyen**

*Professor*  
Department of Bioengineering

**Nancy Palmeri**

*Professor*  
Department of Art and Art History

## 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:

**James Grover**

*Professor*  
Department of Biology

**Kytai Nguyen**

*Professor*  
Department of Bioengineering

**David Nygren**

*Presidential Distinguished Professor of Physics*  
Department of Physics

**Kenneth Reifsnider**

*Presidential Distinguished Professor of Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering*  
Department of Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering and UTARI

**Robert Schafrik**

*Presidential Distinguished Professor of Manufacturing and Systems Engineering*  
Department of Industrial, Manufacturing, and Systems Engineering

## 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:

**Carla Amaro-Jimenez**

*Associate Professor*  
Department of Curriculum and Instruction

**Naomi Cleghorn**

*Associate Professor*  
Department of Sociology and Anthropology

**Ramon Lopez**

*Professor*  
Department of Physics

**Laura Mydlarz**

*Associate Professor*  
Department of Biology

**Kevin Schug**

*Professor*  
Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry

### 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:

**Stephanie Rasmussen**

*Associate Professor*

Department of Accounting

### 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**

**Simon Chao**

*Professor*

Department of Civil Engineering

**Mahmut Yasar**

*Associate Professor*

Department of Economics

**Untenured**

**Alejandro Bugarin**

*Assistant Professor*

Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry

**Anne Nordberg**

*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:

**Amy Austin**

*Assistant Professor in Practice*

Department of Modern Languages

**Nilakshi Veerabathina**

*Associate Professor of Instruction*

Department of 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:

**Erin Carlson**

*Associate Clinical Professor*

Department of Kinesiology

### 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:

**Beverly Black**

*Professor*

School of Social Work

## 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:

### **Farhad A. Kamangar**

*Professor*  
Department of Computer Science and Engineering

## Outstanding Academic Advisor

### PROFESSIONAL ADVISOR AWARD

#### **Nancy Gandre**

*Professional Advisor*  
Department of History

#### **Honorable Mentions**

##### **Rebekah Chojnacki**

*Professional Advisor*  
Interdisciplinary Studies Program

##### **Stacia Elders**

*Professional Advisor*  
School of Social Work

##### **Alex Ferracuti**

*Professional Advisor*  
Department of Biology

##### **Ramon Iturbe**

*Professional Advisor*  
College of Business

### ACADEMIC FACULTY ADVISOR AWARD

#### **Miguel Amaya**

*Senior Lecturer*  
Department of Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering

#### **Honorable Mention**

##### **Charles Hermes**

*Lecturer*  
Department of Philosophy and Humanities

## Title V, IDEAS Fellows

The following faculty served as Title V, IDEAS Fellows for the 2017-18 academic year.

### **Jaya Davis**

*Associate Professor*  
Department of Criminology and Criminal Justice

### **Robin Macaluso**

*Associate Professor*  
Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry

### **Stephanic Rasmussen**

*Associate Professor*  
Department of Accounting

### **Nilakshi Veerabathina**

*Associate Professor of Instruction*  
Department of Physics

## Faculty Mentoring Program

The following faculty served as mentors for junior faculty in the University-wide Faculty Mentoring Program during the 2017-18 academic year.

### **Thomas Adam**

*Professor*  
Department of History

### **Stacy Alaimo**

*Professor*  
Department of English

### **James Alvarez**

*Distinguished Teaching Professor*  
Department of Math

### **Myrtle Bell**

*Professor*  
Department of Management

### **John Burton**

*Professor*  
Department of Music

### **Ann Cavallo**

*Distinguished University Professor of Science Education*  
College of Education

**Simon Chao**

*Professor*

Structural Engineering and Applied Mechanics

**C.Y. Choi**

*Professor*

Department of Economics

**Stephanie Cole**

*Associate Professor*

Department of History

**Chris Conway**

*Professor*

Department of Modern Languages

**Courtney Cronley**

*Associate Professor*

School of Social Work

**Christoph Csallner**

*Professor*

Department of Computer Science and Engineering

**Yue Deng**

*Professor*

Department of Physics

**Marvin Dulaney**

*Professor Emeritus*

Department of Political Science

**Greg Frazier**

*Professor*

Department of Information Systems and Operations Management

**James Grover**

*Professor*

Department of Biology

**Mark Haykoswki**

*Professor*

College of Nursing and Health Innovation

**David Keller**

*Professor*

Department of Kinesiology

**Christopher Kribs**

*Professor*

Departments of Mathematics and Curriculum and Instruction

**Bob Kunovich**

*Professor*

Department of Sociology and Anthropology

**Jianling Li**

*Professor*

Planning and Landscape Architecture

**Liliana Nordtvedt**

*Associate Professor*

Department of Management

**Edmund Prater**

*Professor*

Department of Information Systems and Operations Management

**Jason Shelton**

*Associate Professor*

Department of Sociology and Anthropology

**Jim Quick**

*Distinguished Teaching Professor*

Department of Management

**Beth Wright**

*Professor*

Department of Art and Art History

**Jachoon Yu**

*Professor*

Department of Physics

## McNair Scholars Program Faculty Mentors

The following faculty served as mentors for undergraduate students in the McNair Scholars Program during summer 2017.

**Todd Castoe**

*Assistant Professor*

Department of Biology

**Shawn Christensen**

*Associate Professor*

Department of Biology

**Lauren Coursey**  
*Lecturer*  
Department of Psychology

**Manfred Huber**  
*Professor*  
Department of Computer Science and  
Engineering

**Graham Hunt**  
*Professor*  
Department of Music

**David Jorgensen**  
*Professor*  
Department of Mathematics

**Young-Tae Kim**  
*Associate Professor*  
Department of Bioengineering

**Isabel Montemayor**  
*Assistant Professor*  
Department of Sociology and Anthropology

**Dora Musielak**  
*Adjunct Professor*  
Department of Mechanical and Aerospace  
Engineering

**Jackline Opollo**  
*Clinical Assistant Professor*  
College of Nursing and Health Innovation

**Karl Petruso**  
*Professor*  
Department of Sociology and Anthropology

**Josephine Ryan**  
*Adjunct Assistant Professor*  
Department of Sociology and Anthropology

**Amber Schroeder**  
*Assistant Professor*  
Department of Psychology

**Jason Shelton**  
*Associate Professor*  
Department of Sociology and Anthropology

**Mary Vaccaro**  
*Professor*  
Department of Art and Art History

**Sen Xu**  
*Assistant Professor*  
Department of Biology

## Faculty Development Leaves for 2018-19

**Carla Amaro-Jimenez**  
*Associate Professor*  
Department of Curriculum and Instruction

**Chris Ding**  
*Professor*  
Department of Computer Science and  
Engineering

**Majie Fan**  
*Associate Professor*  
Department of Earth and Environmental  
Sciences

**Traci Freling**  
*Associate Professor*  
Department of Marketing

**Lonny Harrison**  
*Associate Professor*  
Department of Modern Languages

**Ritu Khanduri**  
*Associate Professor*  
Department of Sociology and Anthropology

**Peter Kroll**  
*Professor*  
Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry

**Cheng Luo**  
*Professor*  
Department of Mechanical and Aerospace  
Engineering

**Ann McFadyen**  
*Associate Professor*  
Department of Management

**David Narrett**  
*Professor*  
Department of History

**Liliana Nordtvedt**  
*Associate Professor*  
Department of Management

## Research Enhancement Program Grants for 2018-19

<p><b>Diane Allen</b> <i>Associate Professor</i> <b>Joowon Im</b> <i>Assistant Professor</i> Department of Planning and Landscape Architecture</p>	<p>“A Study of Community Engagement in the Collaborative Design Process of the Pilot Green Infrastructure Planning and Design to Promote Sustainable Development in Downtown Arlington, TX”</p>
<p><b>Taryn Ozuna Allen</b> <i>Assistant Professor</i> Department of Educational Leadership and Policy Studies</p>	<p>“How Do Early College High Schools Influence Graduate’s College Transitions? A Multi-Site Case Study Investigation”</p>
<p><b>Philip Baiden</b> <i>Assistant Professor</i> School of Social Work</p>	<p>“Understanding the Mechanisms and Pathways Linking Adverse Childhood Experiences to Non-Suicidal Self-Injury Among Adolescents in Mental Health Settings in Ontario, Canada”</p>
<p><b>Joseph Boll</b> <i>Assistant Professor</i> Department of Biology</p>	<p>“Rapid Development of Antimicrobial Peptides to Combat Mycobacteria SPCs”</p>
<p><b>Jaime Cantu</b> <i>Assistant Professor</i> <b>Caroline Krejci</b> <i>Assistant Professor</i> Department of Industrial, Manufacturing, and Systems Engineering</p>	<p>“Modeling Regional Food Logistics for North Texas Urban Communities”</p>
<p><b>Bradley W. Davis</b> <i>Assistant Professor</i> Department of Educational Leadership and Policy Studies</p>	<p>“Examining Career Pathways Into and Out of Leadership Preparation Programs”</p>
<p><b>Ashley Lemke</b> <i>Assistant Professor</i> Department of Sociology and Anthropology</p>	<p>“Underwater Archaeology: Evidence for Prehistoric Peoples on the Atlantic Continental Shelf”</p>
<p><b>Suvra Pal</b> <i>Assistant Professor</i> Department of Mathematics</p>	<p>“Use of Generalized Families of Distributions to Determine Cure and Treatment Efficacy”</p>
<p><b>Amy Speier</b> <i>Assistant Professor</i> Department of Sociology and Anthropology</p>	<p>“Fertility Doctors from the United States Travel to China for New Patients”</p>
<p><b>Jing Wang</b> <i>Associate Professor</i> College of Nursing and Health Innovation</p>	<p>“Retrospective Evaluation of Epidemiology and Outcomes Following In-Hospital Neonatal Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation”</p>

