Faculty Awards

Spring Meeting of the Faculty and Associates

April 23, 2019

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:
- Rhonda Prisby
  Associate Professor
  Department of Kinesiology
- Sarah Rose
  Associate Professor
  Department of History
- Michael Vasilyev
  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 recipients are:
- Yue Deng
  Professor
  Department of Physics
- Efstathios Meletis
  Professor
  Department of Materials Science and Engineering
- Ignacio Ruiz-Perez
  Associate Professor
  Department of Modern Languages

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:
- Dereje Agenafer
  Jenkins Garrett Professor,
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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. This year's Piper Professor Nominees are:
- Carla Amaro-Jimenez
  Associate Professor, Distinguished Teaching Professor
  Department of Curriculum and Instruction
- Diane Lange
  Professor
  Department of Music
- Peggy Semingson
  Associate Professor
  Department of Curriculum and Instruction

William S. Ward Endowment Award
This prize was established to honor the life and contributions of UTA faculty member Bill Ward. This year's UTA nominee is:
- Shanna Banda
  Distinguished Senior Lecturer
  Department of Mathematics

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:
- Rebecca Garner
  Associate Clinical Professor
  Department of Kinesiology

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
  Matthew Fujita
  Associate Professor
  Department of Biology
- Martha Walvoord
  Associate Professor
  Department of Music

Untenured
- Michael Nelson
  Assistant Professor
  Department of Kinesiology
- Herschel Thomas
  Assistant Professor
  Department of Political Science

Provost's Award for Excellence in Teaching
This award recognizes tenured faculty 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 recipient is:
- Diane Lange
  Professor
  Department of Music
- Peggy Semingson
  Associate Professor
  Department of Curriculum and Instruction

The Provost's Award for Excellence in Teaching honors non-tenure track instructors who have demonstrated excellence in distance education teaching, creating quality interaction with and showing exemplary responsiveness to UTA digital learners. This year's award recipient is:
- Rebecca Garner
  Associate Clinical Professor
  Department of Kinesiology

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 year's award recipient is:
- Daniel W. Armstrong
  Robert A. Welch Distinguished Professor
  Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry

The Academy of Distinguished Scholars fosters 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:
- Derek Garrett
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UT System Academy of Distinguished Teachers
The UT System Academy of Distinguished Teachers is a System-level advisory and advocacy body committed to improving undergraduate education across the UT System. Each year the membership committee of the Academy selects three to five new members from the pool of more than 400 previous winners of the Regents' Outstanding Teachers Award winners.

Ramon Lopez
Professor, Distinguished Teaching Professor
Department of Physics

Outstanding Academic Advisor

Professional Advisor Award
Denise Wylie-Hayes
Academic Advisor
College of Business

Runners Up
Barrie Hill
Academic Advisor
Department of Communication

Pauline Mason
Academic Advisor
Department of Electrical Engineering

Honorable Mentions
Megan Juel
Academic Advisor
Department of Psychology

Melissa Rose
Academic Advisor
Department of Computer Science and Engineering

Academic Faculty Advisor Award
Srinivas Prabakar
Senior Lecturer
Department of Civil Engineering

Runner Up
Bonnie Boardman
Assistant Professor of Instruction
Department of Industrial Engineering

Title V, IDEAS Fellows
The following faculty served as Title V, IDEAS Fellows for the 2018-19 academic year:

Dennis Chiessa
Lecturer
School of Architecture

Christopher Conway
Professor, Distinguished Teaching Professor
Department of Modern Languages

Courtney Cronley
Associate Professor
School of Social Work

Jaya Davis
Associate Professor, Distinguished Teaching Professor
Department of Criminology and Criminal Justice

Mary Faye Hanson-Evans
Adjunct Assistant Professor
Department of Sociology and Anthropology

Anne Healy
Associate Professor
Department of Theatre Arts

Holly Hungerford-Kresser
Associate Professor
Department of Curriculum and Instruction

Robin Macaluco
Associate Professor
Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry

Edmund Prater
Professor
Department of Information Systems and Operations Management

Stephanie Rasmussen
Associate Professor, Distinguished Teaching Professor
Department of Accounting

Mary Beth Reid
Clinical Assistant Professor
College of Nursing and Health Innovation

Ericka Robinson-Freeman
Associate Professor in Practice
School of Social Work

Adrian Rodriguez*
Lecturer
Department of Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering

Nilakshi Veerabathina
Associate Professor of Instruction
Department of Physics

Center for Research on Teaching and Learning Excellence, Faculty Mentors
The following faculty served as mentors for junior faculty in the University-wide Faculty Mentoring Program during the 2018-19 academic year.

Dan Cavanagh
Professor
Department of Music

Christoph Csallner
Associate Professor
Department of Computer Science and Engineering

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Elizabeth Diaz
Senior Lecturer
Department of Computer Science and Engineering

Thomas Dombrowsky
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College of Nursing and Health Innovation

Beverly George
Clinical Assistant Professor
Department of Management

Jim Grover
Associate Dean, Distinguished University Professor
College of Science

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Assistant Professor in Practice
School of Social Work

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Department of Curriculum and Instruction

Heather Jacobson
Professor
Department of Sociology and Anthropology

Subhransu Mandal
Associate Professor
Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry

David Rakowski
Associate Professor
Department of Finance and Real Estate

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Department of Curriculum and Instruction

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Associate Professor of Instruction
Department of Physics

Jaehoon Yu
Professor
Department of Physics

Weidong Zhou
Distinguished University Professor
Department of Electrical Engineering

McNair Scholars Program Faculty Mentors
The following faculty served as mentors for undergraduate students in the McNair Scholars Program during summer 2018.

Cheryl Anderson
Associate Professor Emeritus
College of Nursing and Health Innovation

Cara Boutte
Assistant Professor
Department of Biology

Alan Bowling
Associate Professor
Department of Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering

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Faculty Development Leaves for 2019-20

Amanda Alexander  
Assistant Professor  
Department of Art and Art History

James Alvarez  
Professor  
Department of Mathematics

Sam Haynes  
Professor  
Department of History

Holly Hungerford-Kresser  
Associate Professor  
Department of Curriculum and Instruction

Tim Ishii  
Professor  
Department of Music

Mingwu Jin  
Associate Professor  
Department of Physics

David LaFevor  
Assistant Professor  
Department of History

Yue Liu  
Professor  
Department of Mathematics

Linda Perrotti  
Associate Professor  
Department of Psychology

Shelley Wigley  
Associate Professor  
Department of Communication

Mahmut Yasar  
Associate Professor  
Department of Economics

Kenyon Zimmer  
Associate Professor  
Department of History

Research Enhancement Program Grants for 2019-20

Hunter Ball  
Assistant Professor  
Department of Psychology

"The Effects of Cognitive Training on Prospective Memory Ability in Individuals at Risk for Alzheimer's Disease"

"Perceived Quality of Maternal Care and Severe Maternal Morbidity: A Sequential Mixed-Methods Study"

Maxine Davis  
Assistant Professor  
School of Social Work

"A Longitudinal Investigation of a Novel Trauma and Substance Use Treatment for Influencing the Mental Health and Violence Outcomes of Probationers"

Amhra L. Green  
Assistant Professor  
Department of Curriculum and Instruction

"Evaluation of Visual Performance Feedback and Self-Evaluation to Promote Effective and Equitable Teacher Classroom Management Practices"

Xiangli Gu  
Assistant Professor  
Department of Kinesiology

"Convolutional Neural Network for Graph Structured Data"

"Mass Homicides in American K-12 Schools and College Campuses"

"Improving Writing Instruction for Students with Disabilities Through Data-Based Decision-Making"

Naoko O. Witzel  
Assistant Professor  
Department of Linguistics and TESOL

"Does L2 Visual Word Recognition Involve Competition? Evidence from Different-Script Bilinguals"