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:

Kytaí 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

Kytaí 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

Provost’s Award for Excellence in Teaching
The Provost’s Award for Excellence in Teaching recognizes teaching that is inspiring, effective, and innovative.

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

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

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

Stephanie 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

Jaehoon 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

Diane Allen  
*Associate Professor*  
Department of Planning and Landscape Architecture  
“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”

Joowon Im  
*Assistant Professor*  
Department of Planning and Landscape Architecture  
“Rapid Development of Antimicrobial Peptides to Combat Mycobacteria SPCs”

Taryn Ozuna Allen  
*Assistant Professor*  
Department of Educational Leadership and Policy Studies  
“How Do Early College High Schools Influence Graduate’s College Transitions? A Multi-Site Case Study Investigation”

Philip Baiden  
*Assistant Professor*  
School of Social Work  
“How Understanding the Mechanisms and Pathways Linking Adverse Childhood Experiences to Non-Suicidal Self-Injury Among Adolescents in Mental Health Settings in Ontario, Canada”

Joseph Boll  
*Assistant Professor*  
Department of Biology  
“Rapid Development of Antimicrobial Peptides to Combat Mycobacteria SPCs”

Jaime Cantu  
*Assistant Professor*  
Department of Industrial, Manufacturing, and Systems Engineering  
“Modeling Regional Food Logistics for North Texas Urban Communities”

Caroline Krejci  
*Assistant Professor*  
Department of Industrial, Manufacturing, and Systems Engineering  
“Examining Career Pathways Into and Out of Leadership Preparation Programs”

Bradley W. Davis  
*Assistant Professor*  
Department of Educational Leadership and Policy Studies  
“Examining Career Pathways Into and Out of Leadership Preparation Programs”

Ashley Lemke  
*Assistant Professor*  
Department of Sociology and Anthropology  
“Underwater Archaeology: Evidence for Prehistoric Peoples on the Atlantic Continental Shelf”

Suva Pal  
*Assistant Professor*  
Department of Mathematics  
“Use of Generalized Families of Distributions to Determine Cure and Treatment Efficacy”

Amy Speier  
*Assistant Professor*  
Department of Sociology and Anthropology  
“Fertility Doctors from the United States Travel to China for New Patients”

Jing Wang  
*Associate Professor*  
College of Nursing and Health Innovation  
“Retrospective Evaluation of Epidemiology and Outcomes Following In-Hospital Neonatal Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation”