Faculty Awards

Spring Meeting of the Faculty and Associates

April 28, 2016

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 recipient is:
Heng Huang
Professor
Department of Computer Science and 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:
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:
Theresa Jorgensen
Associate Professor
Department of Mathematics
Kent Lawrence
Professor
Department of Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering

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. UTAs 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:
Robert Woods
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 recipient is:
Laura Mydlarz
Associate Professor
Department of Biology

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 recipient is:
Kathryn Warren
Senior Lecturer
Department of English

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:
Seiichiro Tanizaki
Assistant Professor of Practice
Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry

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:
Stacy Alaimo
Professor
Department of English

President’s Award for Excellence in Distance Education Teaching
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:
LaShaunn Bold
Assistant Professor of Practice
School of Social Work

Maria Scannapieco
Professor
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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:
Ann Cavallo
Associate Dean for Research and Graduate Studies and Professor
Department of Curriculum and Instruction
J.-C. Chiao
Janet and Mike Greene Professor, Jenkins Garrett Professor
Department of Electrical Engineering

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. This year only three new members were selected. Two were from UTA.

Kevin Schug
Professor
Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry

Barbara Shipman
Associate Professor
Department of Mathematics

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Outstanding Academic Advisor

Professional Advisor Award
LaDonna Croffe
Professional Advisor
Department of Marketing

Academic Faculty Advisor Award
Bethany Shaffer
Faculty Advisor
Department of English

Honorable Mentions
Barrie Hill
Professional Advisor
Department of Communication

Megan Juel
Professional Advisor
Department of Psychology

Nancy Michael
Faculty Advisor
Department of Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering

Julie Nieves
Professional Advisor
Department of Economics, Finance, and Real Estate

Anastasia Whitaker
Professional Advisor
Department of Biology

Faculty Mentoring Program
The following faculty served as mentors for junior faculty in the University-wide Faculty Mentoring Program during the 2015-16 academic year.

Randall Basham
Associate Professor
School of Social Work

Holly Hungerford-Kresser
Associate Professor
Department of Curriculum and Instruction

Jim Grover
Professor
Department of Biology

Heather Jacobsen
Associate Professor
Department of Sociology and Anthropology

Carl Lovely
Professor, Distinguished Teaching Professor
Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry

Robin Macaluso
Associate Professor
Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry

Tom Marshall
Professor
Department of Political Science

Andy Milson
Professor
Department of History

Lynn Peterson
Senior Associate Dean, Professor
Department of Computer Science and Engineering

Barbara Raudonis
Associate Professor
Department of Nursing

Brent Sasley
Associate Professor
Department of Political Science

Peggy Semingson
Associate Professor
Department of Curriculum and Instruction

Barbara Tobolowsky
Associate Professor
Department of Educational Leadership and Policy Studies

Maria Trache
Associate Professor
Department of Educational Leadership and Policy Studies

Matthew Wright
Associate Professor
Department of Computer Science and Engineering

McNair Scholars Program Faculty Mentors
The following faculty served as mentors for undergraduate students in the McNair Scholars Program during summer 2015.

Priscila Caçola
Assistant Professor
Department of Nursing

Karishma Chatterjee
Assistant Professor
Department of Communication Studies

Benito Chen-Charpentier
Professor
Department of Mathematics

Barbara Chiarello
Senior Lecturer
Department of English

Naomi Cleghorn
Assistant Professor
Department of Sociology and Anthropology

Crystal Ekerson
Senior Lecturer
Department of English

Schnavia Hatcher
Professor, Director for the Center for African American Studies
School of Social Work

Graham Hunt
Associate Professor
Department of Music

Jared Kenworthy
Associate Professor
Department of Psychology

Young-tae Kim
Associate Professor
Department of Bioengineering

Qing Lin
Associate Professor
Department of Psychology

Nicolette Hass (Lopez)
Professor in Practice
Department of Psychology

Samarendra Mohanty
Assistant Professor
Department of Physics

Gerald Saxon
Associate Professor
Department of History

John Smith
Professor
Department of Curriculum and Instruction

James Warren
Associate Professor
Department of English
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