Faculty Awards

Spring Meeting of the Faculty and Associates

April 26, 2010

The University of Texas at Arlington
Provost’s Award for Excellence in Teaching
The Provost’s Award 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. Each winner receives a plaque and an honorarium. This year’s winners are:

Lee Ann Frederick, Lecturer in Biology (2008). B.S., Penn State University, 1999; Ph.D., Clemson University, 2004.


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. The recipient receives a plaque and an honorarium. This year’s award winner is:

Peggy Semingson, Assistant Professor of Curriculum and Instruction (2008). B.A., University of California, Santa Barbara, 1996; M.Ed., Texas State University, San Marcos, 2004; Ph.D., The University of Texas at Austin, 2008.

Award for Educational Innovation
This award recognizes faculty who have demonstrated a special commitment to improvement and innovation in the classroom. The recipient receives a plaque and an honorarium. This year’s award winner is:


Piper Professor Nominee
The Minnie G. Stevens Piper Foundation awards 15 Texas Piper Professorships for outstanding scholarly and academic achievement, and exemplary service to the University and the community. This recognition is given to tenured or tenure track members of the faculty. First-time nominees for the Piper Professorship receive a plaque and an honorarium. Those selected at the state level as Piper Professors receive an additional honorarium and a gold pin. UT Arlington’s nominee for this award is:

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, a plaque, and a medallion. This year’s inductees are:


Charles C. Chiasson, Associate Professor and Director of the Classical Studies Program (1983). B.A., Yale University, 1974; Ph.D., 1979.


Graduate Dean’s Award for Excellence in Doctoral Student Mentoring
This award, sponsored by the Office of Graduate Studies, is given to tenured or tenure-track faculty for outstanding mentoring of doctoral students. The recipient receives a plaque and an honorarium. This year’s recipient is:

Frank L. Lewis, Professor of Electrical Engineering and Moncrief-O’Donnell Chair for Automation and Robotics (1990). B.S., Rice University, 1971; M.S., University of West Florida, 1977; Ph.D., Georgia Institute of Technology, 1981.

UT Arlington Service Learning Award
This award of an honorarium and a plaque has been established to honor an outstanding faculty member for innovations in engaged scholarship that integrate service learning into the curriculum. This year’s winner is:


Outstanding Research Achievement or Creative Accomplishment
This award recognizes faculty members for particularly noteworthy research or creative accomplishment during the past three years. Award winners receive a plaque and an honorarium. This year's award is presented to:


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 award winner receives a plaque, an honorarium and a Research Enhancement Program grant. This year’s award is presented to:

Academy of Distinguished Scholars
The Academy of Distinguished Scholars exemplifies the University’s commitment to quality research and creative activity. Academy members advocate the importance of research and creative activity, promote a sense of community among scholars, foster research and creative activity and advise the institution on research practices and polices. The recipient receives a permanent salary increase, a plaque, and a medallion. This year’s inductee is:


Outstanding Academic Advisor
Undergraduate

Graduate
Mary Schira, Associate Professor of Nursing (1992). B.S.N., Ohio State University, 1974; M.S.N., Duke University, 1980; Ph.D., Medical College of Georgia, 1997. Registered Nurse, Certified Acute Care Nurse Practitioner.

Faculty Development Leaves for Academic Year 2010-11
Tuncay Aktosun
Department of Mathematics
Gaik Ambartsoumian
Department of Mathematics
Heather Jacobson
Department of Sociology and Anthropology
Ritu Khanduri
Department of Sociology and Anthropology
Diane Lange
Department of Music

Joohi Lee
Department of Curriculum and Instruction
Yue Liu
Department of Mathematics
Yonghe Liu
Department of Computer Science and Engineering
Stephen Maizlish
Department of History
James Campbell Quick
Department of Management
Brent Sasley
Department of Political Science
Laurel Svan
Department of Linguistics and TESOL

Research Enhancement Program Grants for Academic Year 2010-11
Maxine Adegbola
College of Nursing
“Polymorphisms in GTP Cyclohydrolase (GCH1) Gene Associated with Sickle Cell Disease Pain Ratings”

Karabi Bezbourah and Darla Paulson
School of Urban and Public Affairs
“The Implementation of Health Information Technology by Nursing Homes in Texas: An Exploration and Examination”

Shih-Ho Chao
Department of Civil Engineering
“Sustainable Cementitious Materials for Mitigation of Alkali-Silica Reaction and Corrosion through the Use of High-Performance Fiber Reinforced Concrete”

Hyeok Choi
Department of Civil Engineering
“Transport Characteristics of Engineered Titanium Oxide Nanoparticles in the Environment”
A. Raymond Elliott
Department of Modern Languages
“Documentation of Chicahuaxtla Triqui: A Minority Indigenous Language of Mexico”

Cynthia Kilpatrick
Department of Linguistics and TESOL
“Bilingual and Heritage Speech Production in Maya K’iche’”

Darryl Lauster
Department of Art and Art History
“Iah Teske Iahre”

Yan Li
Department of Mathematics
“Statistical Analyses of Gene-Environment Interactions on Human Disease for Population-Based Case-Control Study with Complex Sampling”

Fuqiang Liu
Department of Materials Science and Engineering
“Ultrasound-Assisted Synthesis of Polymer-Encapsulated Nanoparticles as Lithium-Ion Battery Cathode Materials”

Samrendra Mohanty
Department of Physics
“Optogenetic Fiber Probe for Treatment of Pain”

Hyejin Moon
Department of Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering
“Digital Microfluidic High Throughput Multiplexing System for Tissue-Specific Optimization”

Heekyeong Park
Department of Psychology
“Neural Correlates of Associative Memory”

Roshan Perera
Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry
“Protein Biochip Technology for Medicinal Drug Discovery”

Rhonda Prisby
Department of Kinesiology
“Bone Vascular Function with Parathyroid Hormone Administration”

Arne Winguth
Department of Earth and Environmental Sciences
“Urban Climate and Climate Change: A New Initiative at UTA”

Faculty Mentoring Program
The following faculty served as mentors for junior faculty in the University-wide Faculty Mentoring Program during the 2009-10 academic year.

Dereje Agonafer
Department of Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering

Tuncay Aktosun
Department of Mathematics

Myrtle Bell
Department of Management

Robert Bing
Department of Criminology and Criminal Justice

Beverly Black
School of Social Work

Mary Lou Bond
College of Nursing

John Buckwalter
Department of Kinesiology

Carolyn L. Cason
College of Nursing

Wendy Casper
Department of Management

Elisabeth Cawthon
Department of History

Benito Chen
Department of Mathematics
Norman H. Cobb  
School of Social Work  

Philip Cohen  
Department of English  

Sajal Das  
Department of Computer Science and Engineering  

W. Marvin Dulaney  
Department of History  

Doreen Elliott  
School of Social Work  

Ramez Elmasri  
Department of Computer Science and Engineering  

Sergio Espinosa  
Department of Music  

Perry Fuchs  
Department of Psychology  

Laura Gough  
Department of Biology  

David A. Gray  
Department of Management  

Jennifer Gray  
College of Nursing  

John Holbrook  
Department of Earth and Environmental Sciences  

Adrienne E. Hyle  
Department of Educational Leadership and Policy Studies  

Sheik N. Imrhan  
Department of Industrial and Manufacturing Systems Engineering  

Bob Kunovich  
Department of Sociology and Anthropology  

Jon Leffingwell  
Department of Curriculum and Instruction  

Jianling Li  
School of Urban and Public Affairs  

Chaoquun Liu  
Department of Mathematics  

Yue Liu  
Department of Mathematics  

Martha Mann  
Department of Psychology  

Stephen Mattingly  
Department of Civil Engineering  

Sung Moon  
School of Social Work  

Sridhar Nerur  
Department of Information Systems and Operations Management  

Soontorn Oraintara  
Department of Electrical Engineering  

Yuan B. Peng  
Department of Psychology  

Karl Petruso  
Department of Sociology and Anthropology  

Vijayan K. Pillai  
School of Social Work  

James Campbell Quick  
Department of Management  

Barbara Raudonis  
College of Nursing
The following faculty served as mentors for undergraduate students in the McNair Scholars Program during summer 2009.

**McNair Scholars Program Faculty Mentors**

Thomas Adam  
*Department of History*

Dereje Agonafer  
*Department of Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering*

Tuncay Aktosun  
*Department of Mathematics*

William Arce  
*Department of English*

Deborah Behan  
*College of Nursing*

Manfred Cuntz  
*Department of Physics*

Cedric Feschotte  
*Department of Biology*

Perry Fuchs  
*Department of Psychology*

James Grover  
*Department of Biology*

Andrew Hunt  
*Department of Earth and Environmental Sciences*

Peggy Kulesz  
*Department of English*

Maria Martinez-Cosio  
*School of Urban and Public Affairs*

Zdzislaw Musielak  
*Department of Physics*

Laura Mydlarz  
*Department of Biology*

Linda Rouse  
*Department of Sociology and Anthropology*

Bart Weiss  
*Department of Art and Art History*