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COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES AWARD FOR OUTSTANDING GRADUATING SENIORS

This award honors the outstanding graduating seniors whose strong record of academic excellence and leadership exemplifies the core values of Texas A&M University.



Kerry Abernethy-Cannella | B.S. in Environmental Studies

Kerry Abernethy-Cannella will graduate in May 2023 with a B.S. in Environmental Studies. He excels academically and has been recognized with merit-based scholarships and with the Gathright Outstanding Junior award from Phi Kappa Phi. He has written an undergraduate thesis on the West African Monsoon, has completed three internships, and has assumed leadership and tutoring roles on campus.



L Rolando Calderon-Oliver | B.S. in Chemistry

Rolando Calderon-Oliver is a Chemistry major and member of the Texas A&M graduating class of 2023. He has served his community through various student organizations, including the Hispanic Presidents' Council, Latino Males United, and the Council for Minority Student Affairs. Rolando has also served as a peer-led team learning leader in the Department of Chemistry, offering additional instruction for first-year students for three years. During his time at Texas A&M, Rolando has received the Regent's, Century, and Department of Chemistry Scholarship Awards. He has recently become a recipient of the Buck Weirus Spirit Award.



Andrew Davis | B.S. in Meteorology

What's tomorrow's weather like? Outstanding Graduating Senior Drew Davis can tell you! As an on-air meteorologist at the local TV station, KBTX, he may be one of best-known faces in the Aggie Class of 2023. Drew has elevated the undergraduate program in meteorology in numerous ways: as president of the student chapter of the American Meteorological Society, as a recruiter of future Aggies, and as a leader in providing broadcast weather segments to the campus TV station, KAMU. Amazingly, he has managed accomplish all this while finding time to chase storms and maintaining a near perfect GPA!



Norely Faz | B.S. in Oceanography

Norely Faz will graduate with her B.S. in Oceanography in May 2023. She is currently the President of TAMU-Ocean, an undergraduate student organization. She exemplifies the Aggie Core values by going above and beyond her president duties to schedule study sessions for members, as well as volunteers to tutor freshman on traditionally hard foundational classes. Norely has participated in numerous high impact activities though oceanographic research cruises and undergraduate research.



William Frendreiss | B.S. in Applied Mathematics

William Frendreiss has been at TAMU since 2019. He was awarded a National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship to start the multidisciplinary PhD program at Georgia Tech in Algorithms, Combinatorics and Optimization. He has participated in many research projects, including research supervised by TAMU faculty Wencai Liu and Matthew Young. He was President of the TAMU Math Club and has led outreach activities and more.

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AWARD FOR OUTSTANDING GRADUATING SENIORS (CONT.)

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Jacob Pagel | B.S. in Statistics

Jacob Pagel is a student in the Department of Statistics and will be graduating with a Bachelor of Science in Statistics in May 2023. Throughout his undergraduate career, Jacob has maintained high scholastic achievement, continued involvement in leadership and student organizations, while also actively engaging in multiple research opportunities. In addition to many volunteer roles, Jacob has served as a Department of Statistics Student Ambassador, attended summer research experiences for undergraduate students in biostatistics (SIBs), and participated in research supervised by Dr. Sharmistha Guha in the Department of Statistics.



Nikhil Punithan | B.S. in Geophysics

Nikhil Punithan is graduating with a B.S. in Geophysics and minors in Mathematics and Geology. He served as a Peer Mentor and as the President of the Student Geosciences Council. His undergraduate research on electrical resistance tomography incorporated field data and computational models to study the subsurface foundations of bridges and roads. Having accomplished all this in just three years, Nikhil will now pursue a Masters degree in Geophysics at the Colorado School of Mines.



Riley Thomason | B.A. in Sociology

Riley Thomason will graduate in May 2023 with a Bachelor of Arts in Sociology and a Minor in Latino and Mexican American Studies. She will be attending graduate school at the Bush School of Government and Public Service. She is committed to serving others having served as a student representative on the Department of Sociology Undergraduate Curriculum and Programs Committee and the Recruitment Committee, worked as Vice President of the Council on Arts, Social Sciences and Humanities, and provided community service by volunteering at Habit for Humanity and teaching weekly English and U.S. citizenship classes in Bryan.



Victoria Tseng | B.S. in Biology

Victoria Tseng began her bachelor's degree in biology at Texas A&M University in 2019. She has been a highly meritorious student in the Honors Biology Program, receiving the Distinguished Student Award in 2020 and 2022. Victoria has been a dedicated undergraduate student researcher since 2021 and recently received the 1st place undergraduate poster prize award at the Society for Neuroscience Texas A&M University Chapter Winter Symposium. She exemplifies the Aggie Spirit and has been dedicated to helping others including the development of a dance program for patients with neurological movement disorders and mentoring new undergraduate student researchers in the lab.



Kayla Wilhoit | B.S. in Biomedical Sciences

Kayla Wilhoit joined the Blackmon lab in the biology department as a freshman in August 2019. Kayla has developed and led her own project on the fate of fusions between sex chromosomes and autosomes. We submitted the results from this work for her first publication. She has received many awards for research, including best oral presentation at the Texas Genetic Society Meeting. Last summer, the Japanese Institute of Genetics awarded Kayla a research fellowship. Kayla will start a Ph.D. program in September and has received offers from Berkeley, Duke, and the University of Chicago.

COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES AWARD FOR OUTSTANDING GRADUATING SENIORS (CONT.)

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Carlee Garrett | B.S. in Physics

Carlee's passion and mission is to serve people by educating them. A stellar physics major, she is also getting aggieTEACH certification to become science teacher. Carlee excels as a physics education researcher, developing innovative ways to improve student learning and help in-service teachers. She serves as President of the Society of Physics Students which was recognized three times as Outstanding Chapter by the National Council. Carlee spent hundreds of hours organizing students and volunteering at numerous outreach events. She helped fellow students in many other ways: as University Teaching Fellow, instructor of freshman seminars, and notetaker for Disability Services.



Kate Girvin | B.A. in Philosophy

Kate Girvin is a distinguished Spring 2023 graduate of the Texas A&M University Department of Philosophy. Kate is recognized on campus for her leadership in philanthropic student organizations and editorial contributions for the undergraduate philosophy journal, Aletheia. She produced a remarkable honors thesis during her junior year as a participant in the Glasscock Undergraduate Summer Scholars and LAUNCH Undergraduate Research Scholars Programs. Furthermore, Kate served as the Student Coordinator at the Glasscock Center, where she worked to create a more robust research experience for undergraduate students. Kate's future aspiration is to pursue a dual degree in law and philosophy.



Katherine Guidry | B.A. in Modern Languages (German)/B.A. in International Studies (Politics and Diplomacy)

Katherine Guidry is a double major and honors student working in three languages: English, Spanish, and German. Katherine has presented her original research on the impact of German migration on Chilean politics, culture, and economy, as part of the TAMU Undergraduate Research Program, and at the annual conference of the German Studies Association. She has served as an undergraduate teaching assistant in the German and International Studies programs, and as a student assistant for the TAMU French Institute. Katherine was awarded a Teaching Assistantship through Fulbright Austria, and will be in Krems an der Donau, Austria, in the Fall.



Lauren Head | B.A. in English

Lauren Head is an English major, and a Science Fiction and Fantasy minor. She is in the English Department's Honors Program, and an Undergraduate Research Scholar. Lauren has served on the English Department's Undergraduate Studies Committee (UGSC) where she has contributed to the improvement of the English undergraduate program. Lauren is a writer of creative fiction, and she is currently finishing a comic book that is going to be published in 2023. Lauren is a founding member of the Starfire Theater Company in Dallas, where she has produced and directed contemporary plays.



Catherine Meisenheimer | B.A. in History

Catherine Tran Meisenheimer is a senior history major and film studies minor from Nacogdoches, Texas. Along with pursuing a certificate in legal history, she is writing an undergraduate thesis about the U.S. internment of Japanese Peruvians. Outside of academics, Catherine serves as a Clerk and Associate Justice on the Judicial Court of Texas A&M. She also sits on the Undergraduate Academic Appeals Panel as a student representative. Following graduation, she plans to attend law school. Grateful for the support from faculty and classmates alike, Catherine looks forward to representing the department as a recipient of this award.

COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES AWARD FOR OUTSTANDING GRADUATING SENIORS (CONT.)

This award honors the outstanding graduating seniors whose strong record of academic excellence and leadership exemplifies the core values of Texas A&M University.



Julissa Zamora | B.S. in Economics

Julissa Zamora is a senior in the Department of Economics. A first-generation college student, Julissa is also the President of the Women in Economics student organization. This past summer she interned with Blue Cross Blue Shield where she was able to use analytical skills from her degree program to research healthcare inequalities in America. After a summer at home in Houston, Julissa will start her position at American Airlines as a Revenue/Yield Management Analyst.



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COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES AWARD FOR OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT IN GRADUATE RESEARCH

This award recognizes outstanding achievement by graduate students in the field of research.



Valerie Dietz | Ph.D. student | Department of Biology

Valerie Dietz ('18) entered the Ph.D. program in Biology at Texas A&M in 2018, where she joined the lab of Dr. Jennifer Dulin. Valerie's foundational research on spinal cord injury pain and systematic analysis of spinal cord injury clinical trials has led to honors and awards including the Roozbeh Arianpour Endowed Memorial Scholarship, Best Overall Presentation Award at the Mission Connect Scientific Symposium, and invited speaker at the 2022 Unite2Fight Paralysis Science and Advocacy Symposium. She has published six peer-reviewed articles in scientific journals including first-author papers in *Experimental Neurology* and *Frontiers in Cellular Neuroscience*.



Ethan Iverson | Ph.D. student | Department of Chemistry

Ethan Iverson joined the Department of Chemistry as a PhD student at Texas A&M under the Texas A&M University Merit Fellowship. He now is a member of the Polymer Nanocomposites Laboratory under the guidance of Professor Jaime Grunlan, where he focuses on protective nanocomposites that can be used for gas barrier, high voltage insulation, and thermal shielding purposes. Ethan has coauthored twelve papers (three first author) in peer reviewed journals.



Joseph Maffly-Kipp | Ph.D. student | Department of Psychological and Brain Sciences

Joseph Maffly-Kipp entered the Clinical Psychology PhD program with the Department of Psychological and Brain Sciences at Texas A&M in 2018. Joseph's research lies at the intersection of social and clinical psychology and examines how existential concerns about meaning and identity connect to certain aspects of psychopathology. His work is consistently published in top-tier psychology journals and is integrating disparate empirical and conceptual frameworks to generate new ways of understanding mental illness.

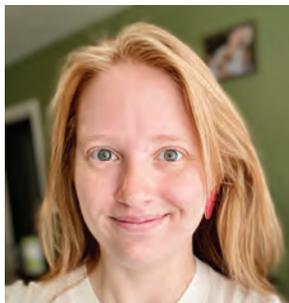


Wenxue Zou | Ph.D. student | Department of Communication and Journalism

Wenxue Zou has been pursuing her doctoral degree in the Department of Communication and Journalism at Texas A&M University since 2019. Her outstanding academic achievements in the field of health communication have earned her the prestigious Bonnie R. '10 and James A. Creel '69 Fellowship granted by the university. With 13 research articles to her credit, Wenxue's research interests lie at the intersection of health and culture. Her research has made significant contributions to women's health-related stigma, social media, and public health crises.

COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES AWARD FOR OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT IN GRADUATE TEACHING

This award recognizes outstanding and innovative undergraduate teaching by graduate students.



Shelby Blair | Ph.D. student | Department of Psychological and Brain Sciences

Shelby Blair entered the Behavioral and Cellular Neuroscience PhD program with the Department of Psychological and Brain Sciences at Texas A&M in 2018. She has been a leading instructor, having taught introductory-level and upper-level psychology courses over the past few years. Her focus is on creating interactive lesson plans which provide a forum for enhancing students' learning experiences.



Gayle Bornovski | Ph.D. student | Department of Chemistry

Gayle Bornovski joined the Texas A&M Chemistry Department in August 2018, where she works in the lab of Dr. Michael Nippe studying electrocatalytic systems for carbon dioxide reduction. In her time at A&M, she is currently president of Women in Science and Engineering and served as a part of the Graduate Student Association of Chemistry. She currently teaches Chemistry 119 for Majors and Honors students. She has also worked on course development for CHEM 119 and 120 to improve upon and implement green chemistry concepts to introductory level laboratory courses.



Nathan Lanning | Ph.D. student | Department of Oceanography

Nathan Lanning joined the Department of Oceanography at Texas A&M in 2018. Teaching and mentoring are a passion for Lanning. He obtained two different teaching certificates: the Texas A&M University, Center for Teaching Excellence, Academy of Future Faculty Certificate and the Center for the Integration of Research, Teaching & Learning, Research as Teaching Associate Certificate. He uses these skills teaching a variety of Oceanography labs, mentoring in the REU program and mentoring at the bench in the lab. In addition to teaching as a TA and mentoring undergraduates, he participated in many outreach teaching opportunities.



Christianna Snyder | Ph.D. student | Department of English

C. Anneke Snyder is a PhD candidate in her fourth year of the doctoral program in the Department of English at Texas A&M. She has been an Avilés Johnson Diversity Fellow and a Fellow through the Southern Regional Education Board Doctoral Scholars Program. From 2017-19, she taught in Taiwan through a Fulbright fellowship. Her publications on inclusive pedagogy are published or forthcoming in *Open Words* and *Race in the Multiethnic Classroom*.

COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES OUTSTANDING STAFF ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

This award was established to recognize, encourage, and reward staff members for their dedication, enthusiasm, accomplishments, and contributions.



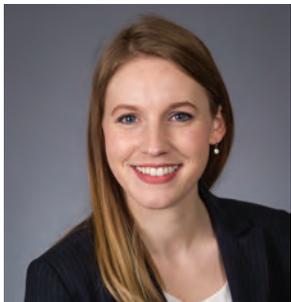
Rebekah Luza | Business Administrator I | Department of Anthropology – Finance – College of Arts and Sciences

Rebekah Luza joined the Department of Anthropology at Texas A&M in 2003. She is a previous recipient of multiple staff awards, including the President's Meritorious Service Staff Award (2019, 2013), the College of Liberal Arts Superior Service Award (2018, 2011, 2007), and the Committee of Senior Administrator's Best in Business Award (2014). Rebekah is responsible for all aspects of the business operations in the department. She continually fosters an atmosphere of respectful and professional integrity that pervades every aspect of our office life, and she has long since established herself as the glue that holds our department together.



Daniella Stratta | Academic Advisor IV | College of Arts & Sciences – Advising

Daniella Stratta joined Texas A&M in 2015 and began advising for the department in 2018. She advises all majors and minors in Global Languages & Cultures. In addition, Daniella works with all students taking foreign language classes in College Station or during study abroad, leads recruiting efforts, and advises faculty on curricular matters. Daniella was instrumental to the successful transition of the International Studies program to the Bush School, facilitating this complex piece of the Path Forward plan.



Amanda Dusek | Assistant Director | Glasscock Center for Humanities Research

Amanda Dusek joined the Glasscock Center in 2015, having graduated magna cum laude from Texas A&M earlier that year. During her seven years at the Glasscock Center, she has worked with four different directors, consistently ensuring the smooth administration of the Center's myriad of programs, grants, and events. She has also been a mentor to the steady flow of undergraduate students who have worked at the Center. This has made her invaluable to the humanities community that the Glasscock Center serves.



Lauren McIntosh | Assistant Research Scientist | Cyclotron Institute

Lauren McIntosh has been part of TAMU Cyclotron Institute since 2010. She successfully manages CENTAUR, a DOE/NNSA Center of Excellence, with a \$2M/year budget. She is invaluable to the isotope production program developing revolutionary treatments for cancer through research with M.D. Anderson. This research is supported by a \$375K/Year DOE grant which Lauren helped write. In addition, she was instrumental in writing two DOE grants, TREND and HIPPO, to support new workforce development programs, both grants were funded and initiated in 2022. Her efforts have resulted in dozens of undergraduates and graduates being introduced to research and being financially supported.



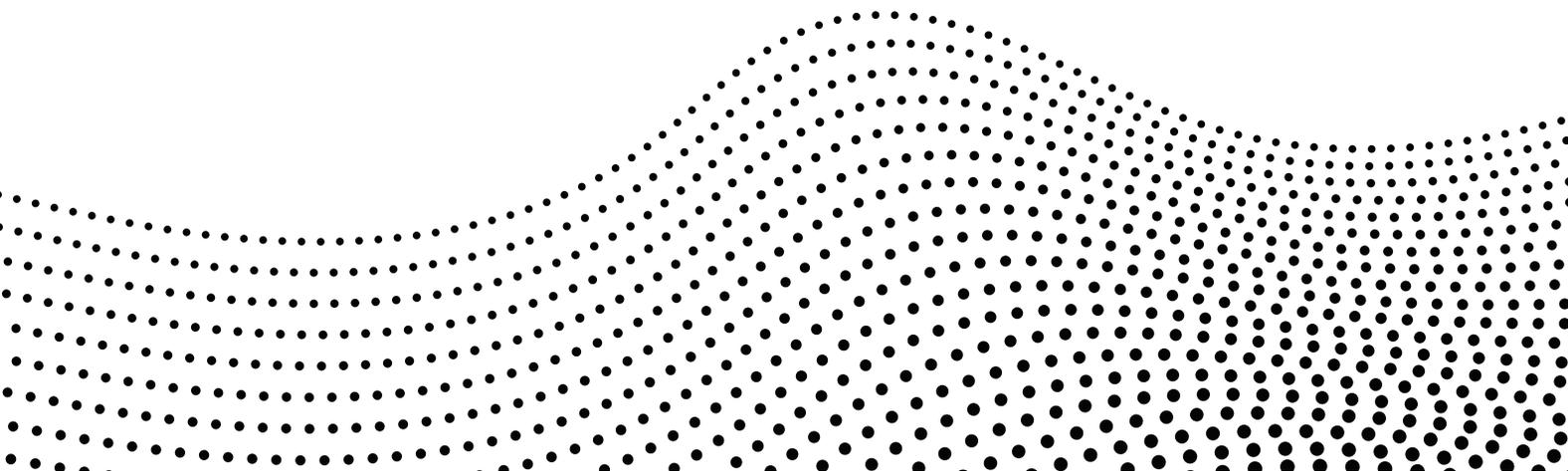
COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES STAFF LEADERSHIP AWARD

This award was established to recognize, encourage, and reward staff members for their dedication, enthusiasm, accomplishments, and contributions. The leadership award is limited to staff who are employed in leadership or management positions.



Kurt Fepel | Assistant Department Head | Department of Economics

Kurt Fepel '92 joined the Department of Economics in 2015 after a long career in the U.S. Army. In addition to his regular duties, Kurt started the Economics High School Counselor Day which brings in high school counselors from across Texas to learn about the benefits of the Economics program at Texas A&M. Kurt was awarded the College of Liberal Arts Superior Service Award in 2019 and is a 2023 recipient of the Association of Former Students Distinguished Achievement Award.



COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES EARLY CAREER TEACHING AWARD

This award recognizes early career faculty members who have a strong record of effective and excellent classroom instruction and demonstrate an exceptional commitment to student learning and engagement, successful implementation of effective pedagogical techniques, and a commitment to improving their teaching.



Quentin Michaudel | Assistant Professor | Department of Chemistry

Quentin Michaudel joined the Department of Chemistry at Texas A&M in 2018. He teaches a diverse range of organic chemistry lecture and laboratory courses at both the undergraduate and graduate level. His teaching philosophy is centered on student engagement and connecting classroom content to real-world applications. He is committed to the inclusion of all students. With that goal in mind, he is designing laboratory accommodations for students living with autism spectrum disorder with the support of TAMU disability services and an NSF CAREER grant. He is the recipient of a 2021 Montague-Center for Teaching Excellence Scholars Program award.



Sarah McNamara | Assistant Professor | Department of History

Sarah McNamara joined the Department of History at Texas A&M in 2016. She teaches upper level and senior capstone courses in Latinx, immigration, and women and gender histories and the introductory U.S. History survey. These courses teach students to think critically about the past as they build writing and communication skills. McNamara teaches students how scholars use tools such as social media, print media, and podcasting to inform the public. She teaches students these skills which they can apply to their future careers. Her approach to the classroom is that history is personal, and lessons of the past inform the present.



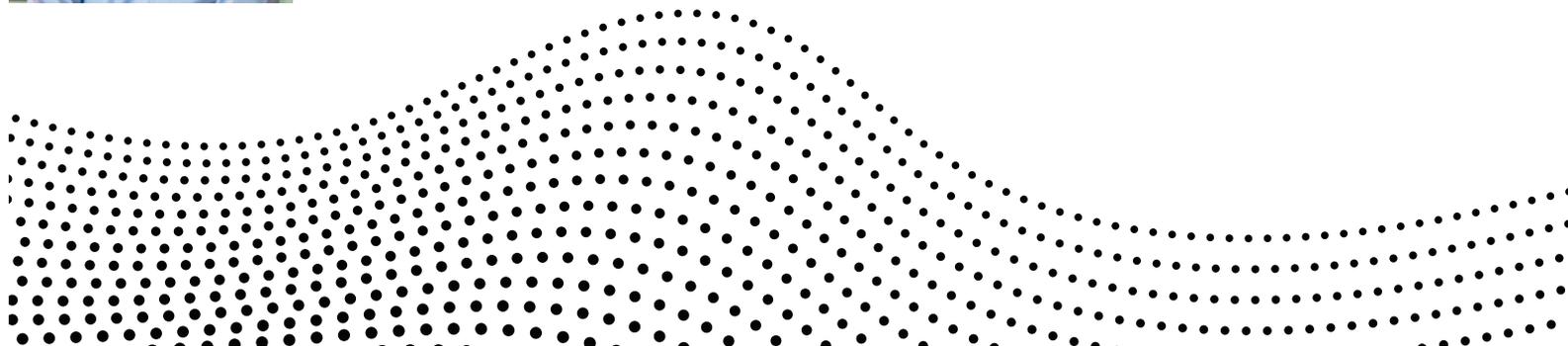
Jessica Herzogenrath | Instructional Assistant Professor | Department of History

Jessica Ray Herzogenrath (or Dr. H, as students know her) joined the Department of History at Texas A&M in 2020. She teaches both introductory and upper-level history courses, incorporating active learning and Universal Design for Learning principles. Herzogenrath has served as a course designer and instructor for the department's Enhancing the Design of Gateway Experiences (EDGE) grant awarded from the Provost's Office of Student Success and acted as a faculty lead on Digital Design for Student Success (D2S2), a consortium led by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board (THECB) and funded by the governor's office.



Dawson Nodurft | Instructional Assistant Professor | Department of Physics and Astronomy

Dawson Nodurft joined the Department of Physics and Astronomy as an instructional assistant professor in 2020. Quickly, he has become one of the most beloved Texas A&M professors reflected by being awarded as a 2021 Fish Camp Namesake. Dawson teaches introductory-level physics courses. Certified as an ACUE Effective College Instructor, he continuously evolves his instructional techniques. Dawson has mentored dozens of graduate student teaching assistants by sharing the techniques he has learned to improve student outcomes in introductory physics courses. Dawson worked with colleagues to redesign a calculus-based mechanics course as part of the Texas state D2S2 initiative.



COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES UNDERGRADUATE MENTORING AWARD

This award recognizes faculty who demonstrate exceptional dedication and effectiveness in inclusive mentoring undergraduate students outside of the classroom, including high impact learning experiences and whose professional relationships with students are particularly helpful and inspiring, and who ensure that students strive to meet their potential.



Jennifer Dulin | Assistant Professor | Department of Biology

Dr. Dulin joined the Department of Biology at Texas A&M University in 2017. She received the Betty M. Unterberger Award for Outstanding Service to Honors Education in May of 2022, highlighting her contributions to the growth and development of high-impact education. Dr. Dulin has mentored many undergraduate researchers, with 19 currently working in her lab. Since joining Texas A&M, 41 of her students have presented posters at local or domestic meetings, and 10 of those presentations have won awards. Dr. Dulin's successes are widely acknowledged amongst faculty and students alike, and she is sought after by students from many specialized programs.



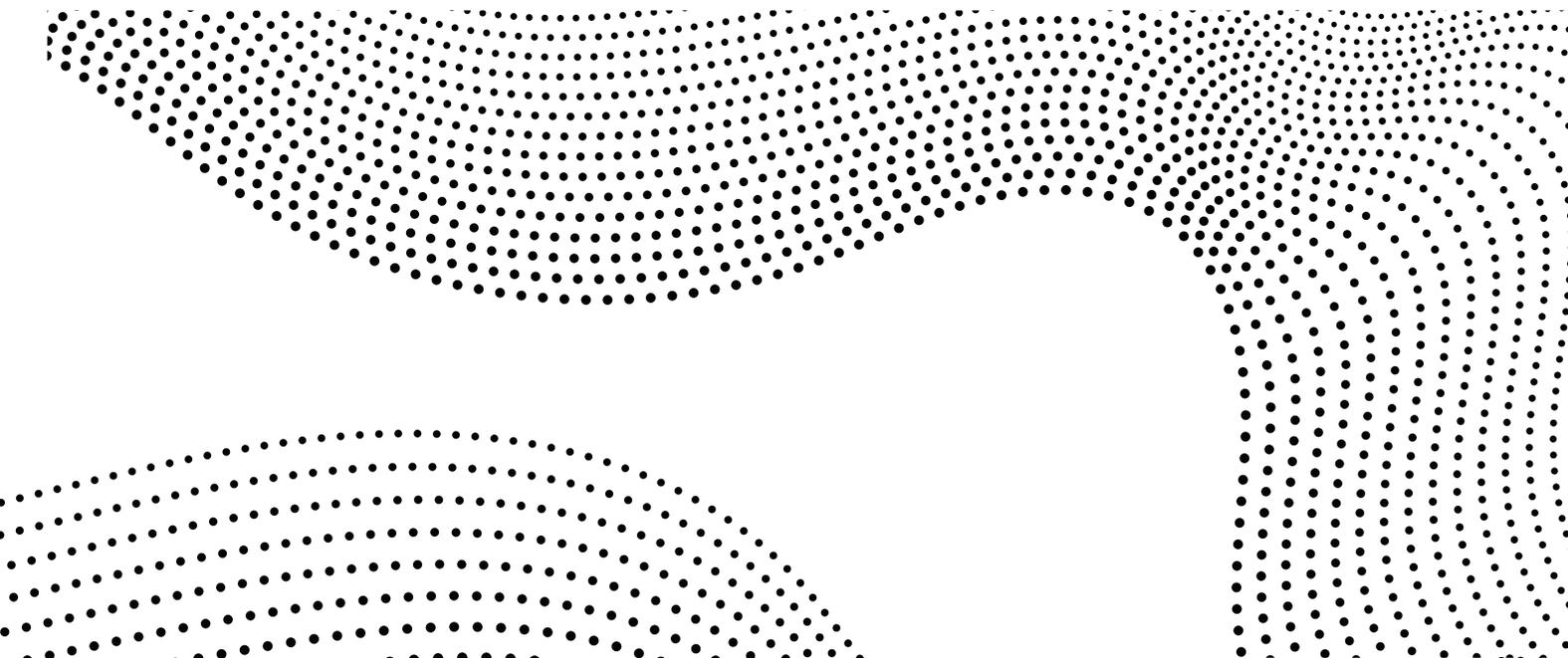
Christopher Nowotarski | Associate Professor | Department of Atmospheric Sciences

Chris Nowotarski joined the Department of Atmospheric Sciences in 2014, after receiving his PhD from Penn State. His exceptional teaching has been recognized with the Montague-CTE Scholar and the college-level 2018 AFS Distinguished Achievement in Teaching awards. Nowotarski is also an outstanding researcher who studies severe weather using field measurements and computer models. He has brought cutting-edge research into the classroom by creating a new High-Impact Learning Experience course on field studies of severe storms. Nowotarski has significantly enriched the undergraduate experience in the department through his tireless mentoring efforts and innovative curriculum development.



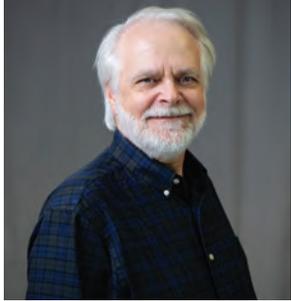
Nicholas Perez | Associate Professor | Department of Geology and Geophysics

Dr. Nicholas Perez joined the Department of Geology and Geophysics at Texas A&M University in 2015. He mentors undergraduate students with diverse learning needs and life experiences, and he includes students from underrepresented groups in his research teams. Undergraduate students are given research opportunities to do geological field work, perform laboratory analyses, interpret experimental results, and co-author presentations at national meetings. Dr. Perez received a NSF CAREER Award and he has been recognized as a Student Success Faculty Fellow by Texas A&M's Center for Teaching Excellence.



COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES GRADUATE MENTORING AWARD

This award recognizes faculty who have a strong record of excellence in inclusive graduate mentoring and an exceptional record of mentoring graduate students, including students from groups that are underrepresented in their discipline.



Kevin Crisman | Professor and Nautical Archaeology Faculty Fellow | Department of Anthropology
Kevin Crisman joined the Department of Anthropology at Texas A&M in 1990. In the category of providing graduate student mentorship, Dr. Crisman is in a league of his own, having chaired to completion 23 Doctoral and 50 Master's students in the past 33 years (an average of one graduation per semester). His former students have gone on to positions in academia, industry, or with government agencies. He has worked very closely with them, encouraging them to develop independent research, and mentoring them in analyzing, interpreting, and drawing conclusions about archaeological data, and presenting those data for publication.



M. Suhail Zubairy | University Distinguished Professor | Department of Physics and Astronomy
Dr. Zubairy, at Texas A&M since 2000, is a University Distinguished Professor and the holder of the Munnerlyn-Heep Chair in Quantum Optics. He is a master teacher at all levels from graduate school to college freshman and high school level. Quantum Optics (Scully&Zubairy) is world-famous and has over 11,000 citations. His Ph.D. students have gone on to become highly successful professionals in academic and research institutions and in industry. Dr. Zubairy's work is recognized by prestigious awards including: the Humboldt Prize, the Lamb Award for Laser Science and Quantum Optics, and the Bush Excellence Award for International Research.

A large photograph of a dense green tree against a clear blue sky. Overlaid on the image is the text 'TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES' in a white, serif font with a glowing effect.

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COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES INCLUSIVE EXCELLENCE AWARD

This award recognizes faculty who have made substantial contributions to the University and College's diversity, equity, and inclusion efforts and are invested in research, teaching, and/or service activities that highlight and advance diversity, equity, and inclusion.



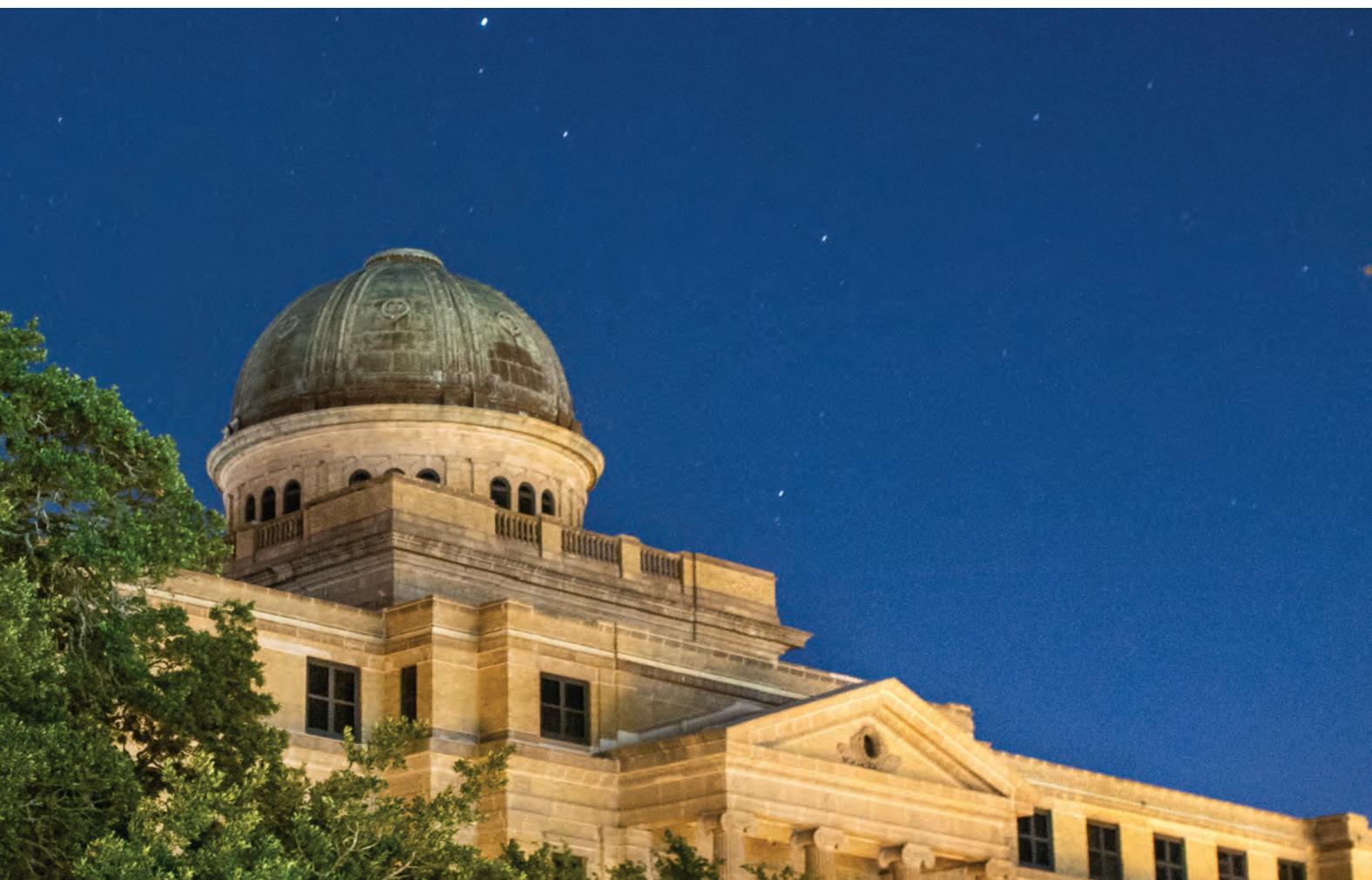
Angela Pulley Hudson | Professor | Department of History

Angela Pulley Hudson has been a faculty member in the Department of History at Texas A&M since 2007. Her teaching and award-winning research focus on American Indian history, with a particular emphasis on issues of race, gender, and representation. At A&M, she has convened the Indigenous Studies Working Group since 2008 and served as the faculty advisor for the Native American and Indigenous Student Organization since 2014. She is a committed advocate for Native students and Native studies both within and beyond the university.



Derya G. Akleman | Instructional Professor | Department of Statistics

Dr. Derya Akleman joined the Statistics department at TAMU in 1998. Dr. Akleman's administrative appointments include the Associate Director for undergraduate program, Director of MS programs in statistics, and Associate/Assistant Dean for diversity and college climate. She is passionate and proactive, always looking for future endeavors creating inclusive practices for the betterment of all (students, faculty, staff). Her work in creating dean's care internship guidelines in science and guiding the intern projects were impactful and showed the importance of community creation quantitatively and qualitatively. The results are used to increase the student success especially for underrepresented minority students.



COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES SERVICE AWARD

This award recognizes faculty members who are excellent in service, leadership, and/or outreach and exemplify the Aggie core value of selfless service and exhibit exceptional engagement and significant impact in service to the Department, College, University, the profession, and/or society.



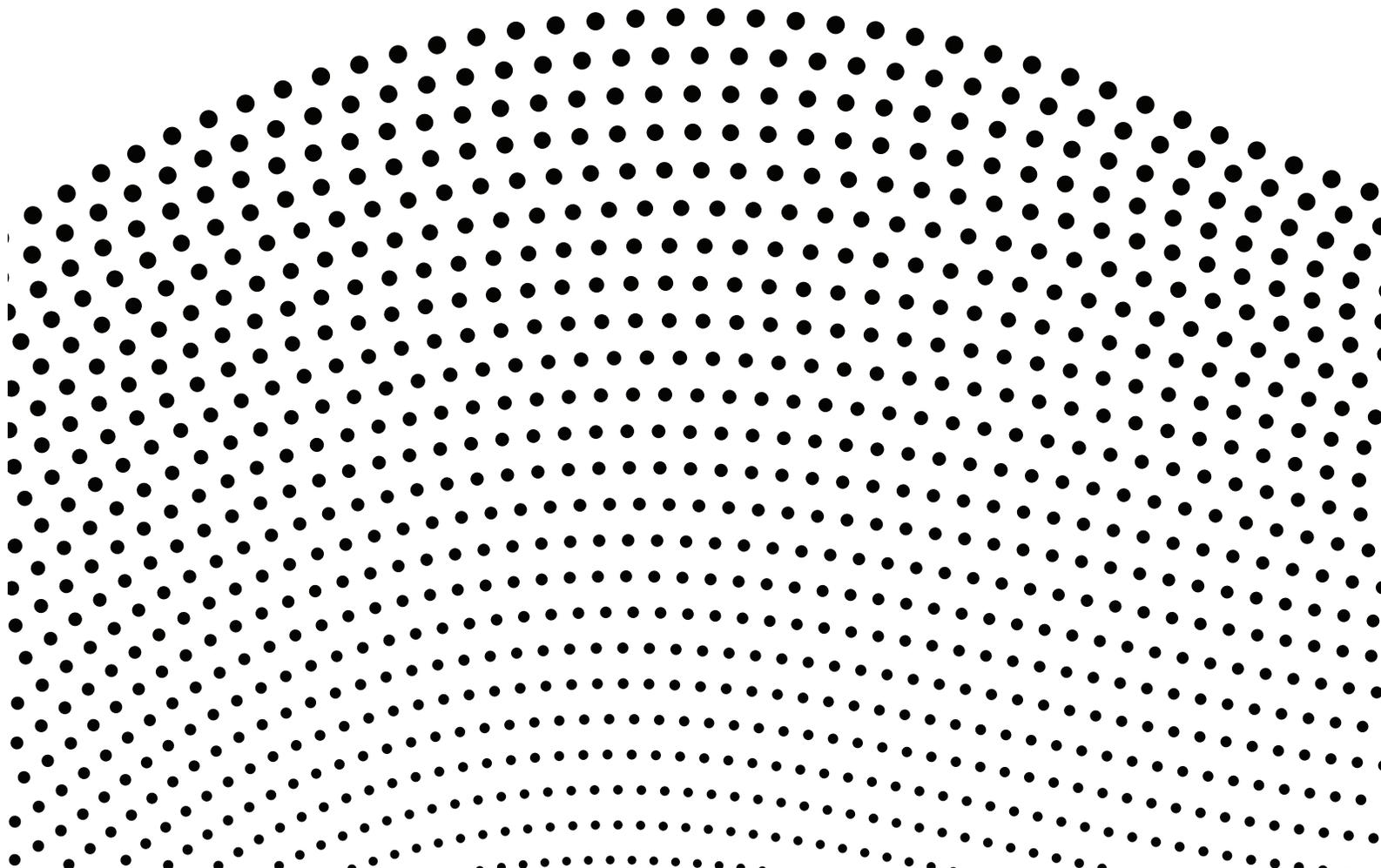
Catharina Laporte | Instructional Professor | Department of Anthropology

Catharina Laporte joined the Department of Anthropology at Texas A&M in 2014. She is a previous recipient of multiple awards, including the Hullabaloo U Instructor of the Year award (2021), an AFS College level teaching award (2020), a Provost APT Faculty Teaching Excellence Award (2020), and the Richard Stadelmann Faculty Senate Service Award (2018). Dr. Laporte engages and contributes a remarkable level of service relating to student success and transformative learning experiences, both on and off campus. And, having completed all seven parts of the CTE/CIMIR TAMU Faculty Mentoring Academy, Dr. Laporte currently mentors early career faculty across the university.



Edward Lee | Senior Lecturer | Department of Chemistry

Edward Lee joined the Department of Chemistry at Texas A&M in 2015. He leads the massive operation of laboratory instruction in ILSQ. He directs the instruction of the general and organic chemistry laboratory courses that are taken by over 10,000 students from all over the university. He has prepared ILSQ so that students have more opportunities to engage in teamwork, experience modern facilities and equipment, and to find a welcoming environment to learn and teach chemistry.



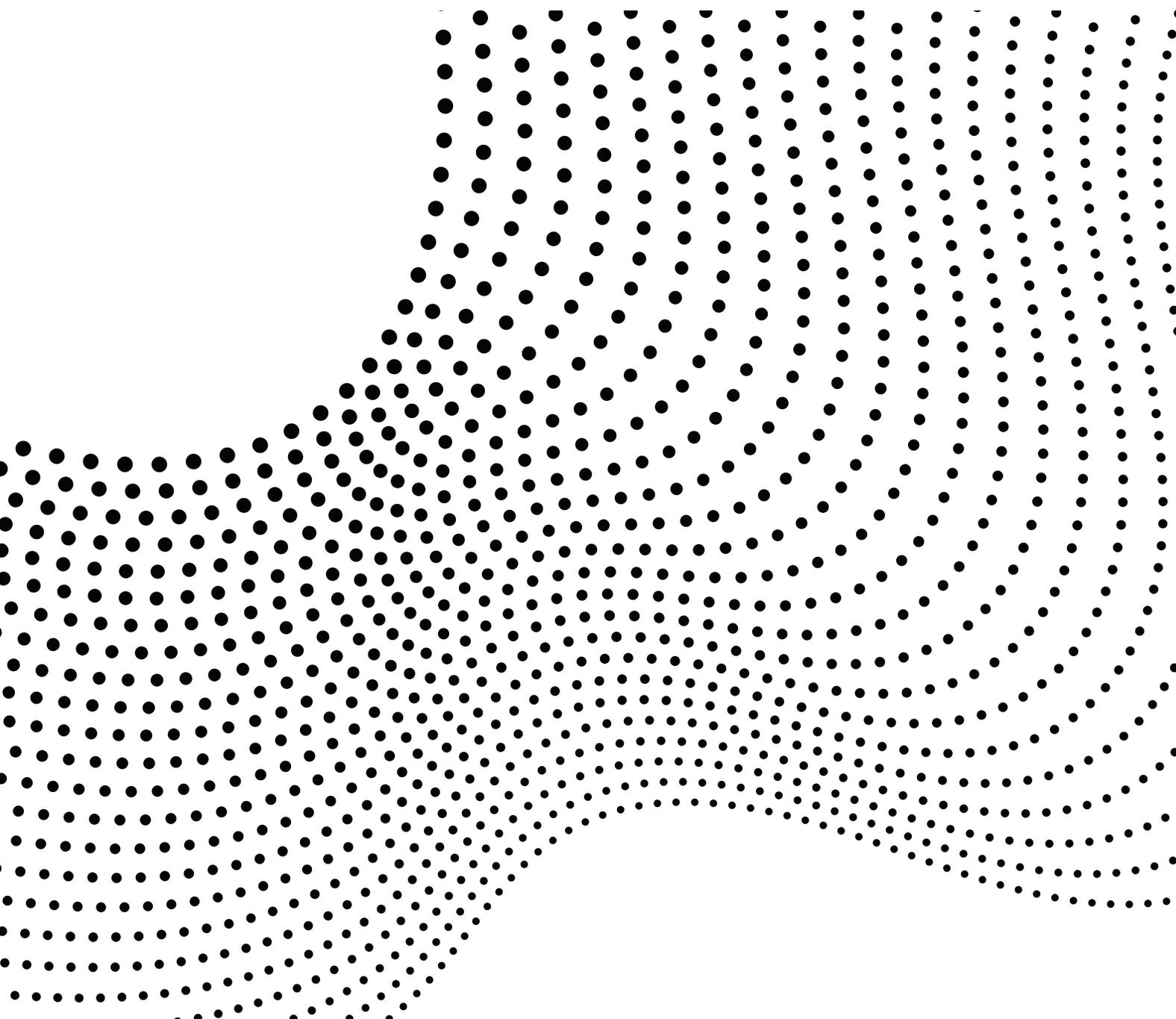
COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT AND OUTREACH AWARD

This award recognizes a faculty member who is excellent in public engagement and outreach that connects the college with broader communities in a significant and sustained way and engage in scholarly activities that involve community-based research, foster reciprocal community partnerships, and/or enhance higher education's contributions to the public good.



Oksana Shatalov | Instructional Professor | Department of Mathematics

Oksana Shatalov joined the Department of Mathematics at TAMU in 2008. She is Assistant Head for APT Affairs and Director of the Distance Master's Program. She won a Provost APT Faculty Teaching Excellence Award in 2022 and an AFS College Level Teaching Award in 2013. She chairs the department's outreach committee, overseeing many outreach and public engagement activities. She has led some of these activities, including the High School Math Contest that brings hundreds of students to campus from all over, and a residential summer mathematics camp.



COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES ADMINISTRATION AWARD

This award recognizes a faculty member who is excellent in administration at the college or university level and has a record of contributing to the welfare of Texas A&M University and the College of Arts and Sciences through outstanding administrative experience.



Simon North | John W. Bevan Professor in Chemistry and Department Head | Department of Chemistry
Simon W. North joined the Department of Chemistry at Texas A&M in 1997 where he teaches courses in physical chemistry and performs research in the area of chemical kinetics and dynamics. He has received several awards for his teaching including the AFS University level Award for Teaching Excellence. He has served as Graduate Advisor and Associate Head and has served as the Head of the Department of Chemistry since 2016.

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COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES RESEARCH IMPACT AWARD

This award recognizes faculty who have outstanding records of research that is transforming their discipline (and/or society) and are recognized as a leader who is advancing the field in new directions. Nominations were reviewed in three separate categories: assistant professor, associate professor, and professor.



Christina L. Belanger | Assistant Professor | Department of Geology and Geophysics

Dr. Christina Belanger received her PhD in 2011, taking a position at the South Dakota School of Mining and Technology until 2017, when she joined the Department of Geology and Geophysics at Texas A&M University. Dr. Belanger leads in the field of conservation paleobiology, using geochemical indicators to track changes in past ocean temperature, pH and nutrients and documenting how these changes affected benthic foraminifera and productivity of marine ecosystems. Dr. Belanger received a NSF CAREER Award and her teaching has been recognized by the Texas A&M Association of Former Students and Montague Center.



Jonathan Brunstedt | Assistant Professor | Department of History

Jonathan Brunstedt joined the History Department at Texas A&M in 2019. His research focuses on nationalism and historical memory during WWII and the Cold War, with a particular emphasis on the representation and commemoration of past military conflicts. His recent book on Soviet WWII memory, which Foreign Affairs selected as one of its Best Books of the Year, provided a crucial historical context for the patriotic revival of the war's memory in the post-Soviet space and amid the ongoing Russian-Ukrainian war. Brunstedt's research has been supported by the NEH, the Wilson Center, the Aleksanteri Institute, and IREX, among other bodies.



Heather Thakar | Assistant Professor | Department of Anthropology

Heather Thakar joined the Department of Anthropology at Texas A&M in 2016. She is an anthropological archaeologist whose research unites the humanities and sciences in the pursuit of knowledge about the human past. Her research advances the integration of archaeological sciences, utilizing her methodological expertise in radiocarbon dating, stable isotope analysis, and the identification of archaeological plant and animal remains. As a recognized expert on human ecology and the domestication of cereal and tree crops in the Americas, her work is yielding significant insights into the complex evolutionary history of people and plants in both North and South America.



Jessica Fitzsimmons | Associate Professor | Department of Oceanography

Jessica Fitzsimmons joined the faculty in the Department of Oceanography at Texas A&M in 2015. Fitzsimmons is a leader in the field of marine trace metal cycling. She studies the forms that metals take in the marine environment and their biological and chemical impacts to better describe the ocean's biological pump. Fitzsimmons's research excellence has been recognized by multiple awards including the International Association for the Physical Sciences of the Ocean (IAPSO) Early Career Scientists Medal in Chemical Oceanography.



Shennette Garrett-Scott | Associate Professor | Department of History

Shennette Garrett-Scott joined the History faculty at A&M in 2021. A scholar of capitalism, race, and gender, her first book *Banking on Freedom: Black Women and US Finance Before the New Deal* earned multiple awards for best book in Southern economic and Black women's history. She has shared stories of Black women's enterprise and activism before academic and public audiences, including being featured in two PBS documentaries. Considered one of the country's foremost experts of Black business history, Dr. Garrett-Scott's mission is to empower Black communities in their quest for economic and social justice.

COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES RESEARCH IMPACT AWARD (CONT.)

This award recognizes faculty who have outstanding records of research that is transforming their discipline (and/or society) and are recognized as a leader who is advancing the field in new directions. Nominations were reviewed in three separate categories: assistant professor, associate professor, and professor.



David Powers | Associate Professor | Department of Chemistry

David Powers joined the Department of Chemistry at Texas A&M in 2015. He runs a research group at the interface of organic and inorganic chemistry that seeks to develop new tools in sustainable chemical synthesis and new platforms to directly observe the reactive intermediates at the heart of important chemical reactions. His research program has garnered significant external recognition from the NSF CAREER, DOE Early Career, NIH MIRA, and 2020 Sloan Awards. In addition, he has been recognized by the Association of Former Students College-Level Awards in Teaching and Undergraduate Research Mentorship.



Heidi A. Campbell | Professor | Department of Communication and Journalism

Heidi A Campbell joined the Department of Communication in 2005 and teaches in Media Studies. Her research explores the intersection between technology, religion, and digital cultures., and she is founder of Digital Religion Studies. Campbell has written over 100 articles and books in this area and awarded visiting fellowships at the University of Haifa (Israel), Durham University (UK), Ruhr University (Germany) and Villanova University. Campbell has been named Outstanding Young Scholar-Southwest Association of the American Academy of Religion, Scholar of the Year-Religious Communication Association, a Transformational Teaching & Learning award winner and Presidential Impact Fellow by TAMU.



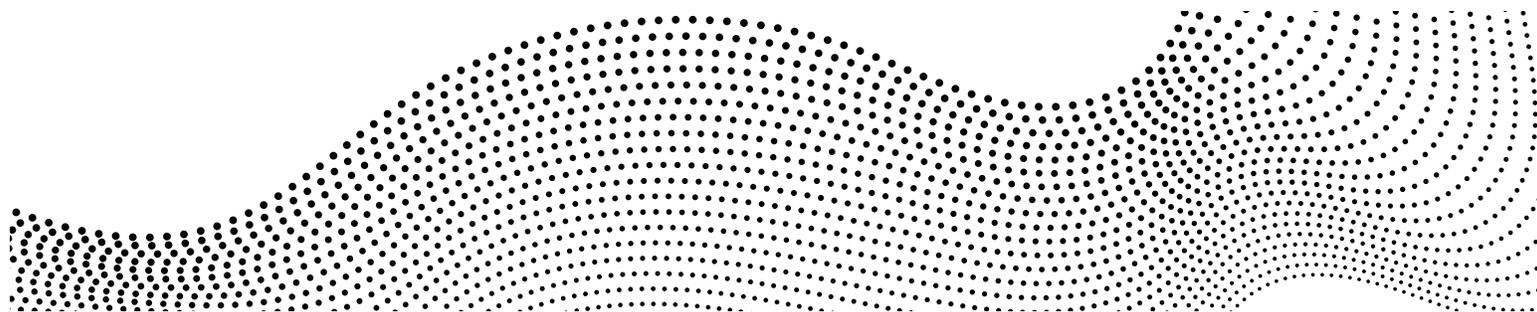
Ping Chang | Professor and Louis & Elizabeth Scherck Chair in Oceanography | Department of Oceanography

Ping Chang joined the Department of Oceanography at Texas A&M in 1990. He holds the Louis and Elizabeth Scherck Chair in Oceanography and is a Fellow of the American Meteorological Society. Chang is an internationally renowned researcher in ocean-atmosphere interaction making breakthrough discoveries in understanding El Niño-Southern Oscillation (ENSO) in the tropical Pacific and climate variability in the tropical Atlantic. He helped generate some of the highest resolution global model simulations ever run, and these simulations are being used to further understand climate variability on scales not possible before.



Frank Raushel | Distinguished Professor and Thomas W. Powell '62 Chair in Science | Department of Chemistry

Frank Raushel initiated his independent teaching and research career as an Assistant Professor in the Department of Chemistry in 1980. His current research program is focused on the elucidation of the chemical mechanisms of enzyme-catalyzed reactions and the discovery of new metabolic pathways and enzymes. He was the recipient of the Repligen Award for the Chemistry of Biological Processes in 2009 and the Alexander von Humboldt Research Award in 2022.



COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES FACULTY EXCELLENCE AWARDS

This award recognizes faculty who have a multifaceted career trajectory with significant impacts from multiple areas of responsibility. Nominations were reviewed in five separate categories: assistant professor, associate professor, professor, academic professional track (with two areas of responsibility) and academic professional track faculty (with one area of responsibility).



Yang Ni | Assistant Professor | Department of Statistics

Dr. Yang Ni joined the Statistics department at TAMU in 2018. He is the Co-Director of the Single Cell Data Science Core and the Center for Statistical Bioinformatics, and a Research Affiliate at TAMIDS. He has received two international research awards and four single-PI grants from NSF and NIH totaling ~\$1.5 million. Additionally, he developed two new successful graduate courses, and was selected by TAMU as a member of the elite group of five junior cancer investigators to participate in the ongoing cross-college effort to establish a new cancer research center in College Station.



Kristi Sweet | Associate Professor | Department of Philosophy

Kristi Sweet is an Associate Professor of Philosophy whose research focuses on 18th Century German philosopher Immanuel Kant. She has been at TAMU for 16 years. Her research principally engages his practical philosophy and aesthetics, culminating in two books: *Kant on Practical Life: From Duty to History* (Cambridge, 2013) and *Kant on Freedom, Nature, and Judgment: The Territory of the third Critique* (Cambridge, 2023). Her teaching and service reflect her interest in and commitment to the history of philosophy more broadly, spanning Ancient to 19th Century Philosophy. She has founded, directed, and hosted numerous philosophical organizations and conferences.



François Gabbai | University Distinguished Professor and Arthur E. Martell Chair of Chemistry | Department of Chemistry

François Gabbai has been a faculty member in the Department of Chemistry since 1998, where he teaches inorganic chemistry and conducts research in the same field. He and his students have developed the chemistry of main group Lewis acids for applications in anion sensing, anion transport, and catalysis. Their research has received numerous recognitions, including the 2009 North American Dalton Lectureship, the 2016 American Chemical Society (ACS) Cotton Award in Synthetic Inorganic Chemistry, the 2019 Distinguished Achievement Research Award from the Association of Former Students, the 2022 Boron in the Americas Award, and the 2022 Southwest Regional ACS Award.



Christina Wiederwohl | Instructional Associate Professor | Department of Oceanography

Chrissy Wiederwohl joined the faculty in the Department of Oceanography at Texas A&M in 2013 and is the Associate Department Head. Wiederwohl is a leader and exemplifies excellence in teaching and in service. She was the recipient of the Provost Academic Professional Track Teaching Excellence Award in 2022. She employs innovative pedagogy, high impact activities and cutting-edge technology to enable students to engage, connect and build their skills. Her impact goes beyond Texas A&M through her leadership in federally funded programs.



Glen Miller | Instructional Associate Professor | Department of Philosophy

Glen Miller joined the Department of Philosophy at Texas A&M University in 2013. His teaching and research help people to understand and navigate their social, technological, and ecological environments. His current research focuses on engineering ethics, cyberethics, and the ethics of AI. His work has been supported by grants from the National Humanities Center and the National Science Foundation. Miller is an associate editor for two journals related to his teaching interests, and lead editor on *Thinking through Science and Technology: Philosophy, Religion and Politics in an Engineered World*, which was published in April. He also enjoys directing undergraduate research.

COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES FACULTY EXCELLENCE AWARDS (CONT.)

This award recognizes faculty who have a multifaceted career trajectory with significant impacts from multiple areas of responsibility. Nominations were reviewed in five separate categories: assistant professor, associate professor, professor, academic professional track (with two areas of responsibility) and academic professional track faculty (with one area of responsibility).



Rachel Hull | Senior Lecturer | Department of Psychological and Brain Sciences

Rachel Hull has been affiliated with the Department of Psychological and Brain Sciences at Texas A&M for over 20 years. She teaches introductory-level, introductory-honors, and developmental psychology courses, and through continuous service excellence, implemented strategies for mentoring students that enrich their lives and professionally prepare them for success in both academia and in the workforce. Hull's strategic advancements led to the TAMU Grant for technology-enhanced core curriculum redesign of psychology courses, for which she received a merit award for teaching excellence. Her outstanding contributions are a credit Texas A&M.



COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES OUTSTANDING CAREER AWARD

This award recognizes an eminent senior faculty member who has brought distinction to the College of Arts and Sciences through their research, teaching, service, and/or leadership. Award winners demonstrate long-term, sustained contributions to the university and to their discipline through a variety of activities.



Michael Waters | University Distinguished Professor and Center for the Study of the First Americans Endowed Chair | Department of Anthropology

Michael Waters joined the Department of Anthropology at Texas A&M in 1986. Among his many previous awards, he was named as a Fellow of the Geological Society in 2004, he received an AFS Distinguished Achievement Award for Research in 2012, he was appointed as a University Distinguished Professor at Texas A&M in 2017, and most recently he was named as a Fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science in 2022. Dr. Waters serves as the Director of the Center for the Study of the First Americans, and his discovery of a 16,000-year-old archaeological site in Texas was officially recognized by the Legislature of the State of Texas for its importance to the prehistory of the state. His numerous, seminal research contributions into the first indigenous peoples to explore and settle the Americas at the end of the last Ice Age have precipitated a paradigm shift in our understanding of the timing and the process of the earliest occupation of the continent. He is an internationally recognized and preeminent geoarchaeologist with an exemplary record of academic and professional service, and an outstanding teaching record at both the graduate and undergraduate levels.



Karen L. Wooley | University Distinguished Professor and W. T. Doherty-Welch Foundation Chair in Chemistry | Department of Chemistry

Karen Wooley joined the Department of Chemistry at Texas A&M in 2009. Her teaching contributions focus on the field of organic chemistry, and she has developed innovative courses on topics of polymer chemistry, industrial chemistry, and nanoscience. Scholarly research accomplishments include the fundamental advancement of synthetic methodologies that afford functional polymer materials designed to address societal needs. Over her thirty-year career, she has pioneered approaches to prepare complex nanoscopic materials and utilize them for nanomedicine and environmental clean-up, to transform sugars and other natural products into sustainable, digestible polymers that address health and environmental issues associated with plastics persistence or that serve as replacements to toxic and hazardous inorganic materials for electronic and battery applications, and to design anti-biofouling, superabsorbent hydrogel, and degradable hemostatic materials, among others. Recent awards include election as a Fellow of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences (2015), National Academy of Inventors (2019), American Association for the Advancement of Science (2020), American Institute for Medical and Biological Engineering (2020), and National Academy of Sciences (2020); she was also named as the 2021 Southeastern Conference (SEC) Professor of the Year.



Renyi Zhang | University Distinguished Professor and Harold J. Haynes Chair in Geosciences | Department of Atmospheric Sciences

Renyi Zhang joined the Department of Atmospheric Sciences as an Assistant Professor in 1997. He received his PhD from MIT under the supervision of Prof. Mario Molina, who later shared the Chemistry Nobel Prize for discovering the stratospheric ozone depletion mechanism. Rising up through the ranks while carrying out exemplary research in the area of atmospheric chemistry, Zhang was appointed University Distinguished Professor in 2014. Zhang, who also holds a joint appointment in the Department of Chemistry, has earned numerous other honors during his distinguished career. These include being elected a fellow of three major professional organizations: the American Geophysical Union, the American Meteorological Society, and the American Association for the Advancement of Science. Zhang's research focuses on microscopic particles called aerosols that float in the atmosphere. Despite their minuscule size, aerosols have an outsize impact on weather and climate: dust blowing off the Saharan desert affects how hurricanes form and grow; pollutants generated by industrial emissions reflect sunlight and cool the planet. Zhang uses laboratory experiments and computer modeling to study how these particles form and impact our lives. During the Covid-19 pandemic, Zhang's research shed light on the airborne transmission of the disease via respiratory aerosols.

SPECIAL RECOGNITION FOR RECENT RECIPIENTS OF UNIVERSITY-LEVEL AWARDS

UNIVERSITY DISTINGUISHED PROFESSORS (2023)

Deborah Bell-Pedersen

Professor
Department of Biology

Sherry J. Yennello

Professor and Bright Chair of Nuclear Science
Department of Chemistry

PRESIDENTIAL PROFESSOR FOR TEACHING EXCELLENCE AWARD (2023)

Catharina Laporte

Instructional Professor
Department of Anthropology

UNIVERSITY PROFESSOR FOR UNDERGRADUATE TEACHING EXCELLENCE (UPUTE) (2023)

James D. Pennington

Instructional Associate Professor
Department of Chemistry

PROVOST ACADEMIC PROFESSIONAL TRACK FACULTY TEACHING EXCELLENCE AWARD (2023)

Joanna Goodey-Pellois

Instructional Associate Professor
Department of Chemistry

Claire Carly-Miles

Instructional Assistant Professor
Department of English

ASSOCIATION OF FORMER STUDENTS (AFS) DISTINGUISHED ACHIEVEMENT AWARD IN THE CATEGORY OF GRADUATE MENTORING (2023)

Mark Hoekstra

Professor
Department of Economics

ASSOCIATION OF FORMER STUDENTS (AFS) DISTINGUISHED ACHIEVEMENT AWARD IN THE CATEGORY OF RESEARCH (2023)

Stephen Maren

Professor
Department of Psychological and Brain Sciences

ASSOCIATION OF FORMER STUDENTS (AFS) DISTINGUISHED ACHIEVEMENT AWARD IN THE CATEGORY OF GRADUATE MENTORING (2023)

Sarah McNamara

Assistant Professor
Department of History

ASSOCIATION OF FORMER STUDENTS (AFS) COLLEGE-LEVEL DISTINGUISHED ACHIEVEMENT AWARD IN THE CATEGORY OF TEACHING (2022)

Julie Loisel

Assistant Professor
Department of Geography

Emily Johansen

Associate Professor
Department of English

Fabiana Cecchini

Instructional Associate Professor
Department of International Studies

Heath Blackmon

Assistant Professor
Department of Biology

Jeremy Holt

Assistant Professor
Department of Physics and Astronomy

Catherine Serrano

Lecturer
Department of Chemistry

Jonelle Walsh

Assistant Professor
Department of Physics and Astronomy

OPEN EDUCATIONAL RESOURCES AWARD (2023)

Alain Lawo-Sukam

Associate Professor
Department: of Global Languages and Cultures

Nathan Bracher

Professor
Department of Global Languages and Cultures

Hwa Chi Liang

Instructional Assistant Professor
Department of Statistics

STAFF AWARDS

PRESIDENT'S MERITORIOUS SERVICE AWARD

Andy Gibson

Program Manager

Transition Academic Programs (TAPS)

The Undergraduate Advising and Operations Team,

College of Arts & Sciences

Jake Clough

Academic Advisor IV

Terri Ferguson

Administrative Associate IV

Christine Farris

Assistant Director

Amber Greer

Administrative Coordinator I

Julia Jakab

Assistant Director

Antonio Knox

Academic Advisor

Allison Rivera

Director of Advising

Roxanna Russell

Assistant Director

Kaileigh Carter

Academic Advisor IV

Sara Thigpin

Director of Academic Operations

ASSOCIATION OF FORMER STUDENTS (AFS) DISTINGUISHED ACHIEVEMENT AWARD IN THE CATEGORY OF INDIVIDUAL STUDENT ENGAGE- MENT (2023)

Sherree D. Kessler

Academic Advisor IV

Department of Physics and Astronomy

ASSOCIATION OF FORMER STUDENTS (AFS) DISTINGUISHED ACHIEVEMENT AWARD IN THE CATEGORY OF STAFF (2023)

Kurt P. Felpel

Assistant Department Head

Department of Economics

MARGARET ANNETTE PETERS ADVISING AWARD (2023)

Christine M. Farris

Assistant Director of Advising

College of Arts and Sciences

INNOVATIVE ADVISING AWARD

Ashley Corn

Manager of Undergraduate Advising Services

LASB Advising Center

Shelby Wallace

Academic Advisor III

College of Arts and Sciences

PRESIDENT'S AWARD FOR ACADEMIC ADVISING (2023)

Antonio Knox

Academic Advisor III

College of Arts and Sciences Deans Office

Vanessa Nordell

Academic Advisor III/Manager of Undergraduate

Advising Services

Department of Biology Advising Center

UNIVERSITY ADVISORS AND COUNSELORS (UAC) ADVISING TEAM AWARD (2023)

Transition Academic Programs (TAPS)

Executive Director - Dr. Arthur Watson

GRADUATE STUDENT AWARDS

ASSOCIATION OF FORMER STUDENTS (AFS) DISTINGUISHED GRADUATE STUDENT AWARDS

Shelby Blair

Ph.D. Candidate in Psychology
Department of Psychological and Brain Sciences
(Advisor: Dr. Naomi Nagaya)

Janet Cho

Ph.D. Candidate in English
Department of English
(Advisor: Dr. Shawna Ross)

Jeffrey Cragin

Ph.D. Candidate in Chemistry
Department of Chemistry
(Advisor: Dr. Daniel Singleton)

Michelle Jonika

Ph.D. Candidate in Genetics and Genomics
Department of Biology
(Advisor: Dr. Heath Blackmon)

Nathan Lanning

Ph.D. Candidate in Oceanography
Department of Oceanography
(Advisor: Dr. Jessica Fitzsimmons)

Kunya Wang

Ph.D. Candidate in Chemistry
Department of Chemistry
(Advisor: Dr. Hongcai Joe Zhou)

OTHER AWARDS:

2023 DISTINGUISHED DISSERTATION AWARD WINNER

Hunter Plummer, Ph.D., an August 2022 graduate in English, is the winner in the Humanities and Fine Arts category.



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