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College of Arts and Sciences Staff Excellence Award

This award recognizes staff members who have excelled in their position and demonstrate a strong commitment to the performance of their unit. These award winners produce high quality work, show ingenuity, innovation, initiative, and independence in their position. They also communicate and collaborate well with others and contribute to a positive and thriving work environment.



Sandra Horton | Program Coordinator II | Department of Chemistry

Sandra Horton is the program coordinator for the graduate program in the Department of Chemistry. She has been with the department for over 22 years and served over a thousand graduate students who have come through the graduate program. As the Program Coordinator, Ms. Horton offers academic advising, professional and career guidance, and administrative support to current students pursuing graduate degrees in chemistry. She has previously been recognized for her excellence with a 2021 President's Meritorious Service Award and a 2019 Chemistry Departmental Outstanding Staff Award.



Bruce Hyman | Senior Research Associate | Cyclotron Institute

Bruce Hyman is a Senior Research Associate at the Cyclotron Institute. Mr. Hyman has been with the Cyclotron Institute for over 24 years. As a part of his role, he is responsible for tuning the beams for the Radiation Effects Facility (REF), the annual maintenance of the REF beam lines, the REF website, and keeping a supply of backup equipment for the REF which includes computers, various electronics, vacuum system equipment, medical equipment, and raw materials. Mr. Hyman works the nightshift for the REF project, which includes university holidays and weekends, since the cyclotrons operate 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. He works closely with Accelerator Technicians to keep the cyclotron facility running smoothly.

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Lieu Jean | Senior Administrative Coordinator I | Department Of Biology

Lieu Jean is a Senior Administrative Coordinator for the Department of Biology. In the 24 years that Ms. Jean has been in the Department of Biology, her knowledge and skills have adapted and evolved with the changing needs of the department, college, and the university. She works closely with many departmental leaders and programs and is instrumental in maintaining smooth operations for items related to faculty affairs, academic affairs, undergraduate and graduate programs, human resources, and business services. Ms. Jean is respected by faculty, staff, and students for her efficiency and quick response to requests.



Suzanne Rosser | Manager of Undergraduate Academic Advising Services
| Departments of Geology and Geophysics, Atmospheric Sciences, and Oceanography

Suzanne Rosser has been the academic advisor to the undergraduate and graduate students of the Department of Geology and Geophysics for 14 years. With the formation of the College of Arts and Sciences, Ms. Rosser also became Manager of Undergraduate Academic Advising Services – supporting advisors in the Departments of Atmospheric Sciences and Oceanography. In this role, she shares her tremendous breadth of knowledge about students, Texas A&M, and navigating the requirements of the graduate and undergraduate academic systems. Ms. Rosser is passionate about helping her students succeed as evidenced by the seminar she created to help support students better understand their learning style and study techniques. She also participates in field trips to better get to know her students and their field of study.

College of Arts and Sciences Outstanding Leadership Award

This award recognizes staff members in leadership positions who positively impact those they supervise and other colleagues with whom they interact. These award winners show exceptional commitment and dedication that allows their unit to thrive and operate efficiently and effectively. They exhibit strong leadership skills that allow those they work closely with to grow and excel in their positions.



Ashley Corn | Undergraduate Advising Manager | Department of Economics

Ashley Corn has served as the Undergraduate Advising Manager in the Department of Economics since 2022. Ms. Corn manages a team of three advisors, and together they advise over 1100 undergraduate economics students, including those in the department's combination bachelors and masters (3+2) program. In collaboration with one of her economics academic advisors, she helped create a process for economics students to receive on-time, valuable information, and resources instead of relying on email blasts to their population. This initiative earned Ms. Corn and another colleague the University Advisors and Counselor's 2023 Innovative Advising 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 practices.



Jason Crider | Assistant Professor | Department of English

Jason Crider joined the Department of English in 2021 after completing his Ph.D. at the University of Florida. His work focuses on the rhetorics of mixed-reality, mobile, and prosthetic media. His research interests include digital rhetoric, disability studies, ecocriticism and ecomposition, technical and professional writing, posthumanism, and media literacy. Dr. Crider teaches a wide range of courses in rhetoric, technology, disability studies, and the environmental humanities. Dr. Crider is currently helping to develop a new special topics section of ENGL 210 and a graduate course, ENGL 656: Research in Writing Studies, which will focus on writing with AI. Also, Dr. Crider co-wrote the department's statement on generative AI and writing and has written invited contributions on AI pedagogy.



Justine deGruyter | Instructional Assistant Professor | Department of Chemistry

Justine deGruyter received her Ph.D. at Scripps Research as a National Science Foundation Fellow. She completed her postdoctoral work at Texas A&M University before joining the Department of Chemistry in 2021. Her research interests center on Chemical Education, with a focus on classroom innovation and the role of psychological safety in student success. Dr. deGruyter is a strong advocate for underrepresented minority students and is staunchly committed to the notion that chemistry should be accessible to—and enjoyable for—all students. She uses evidence-based teaching methods, such as specifications grading, and has presented her assessment methods at the departmental and college level. In addition to lecturing, Dr. DeGruyter has served as the coordinator for five laboratory courses, totaling nearly 4,000 seats per academic year, and has prepared curricular materials for many undergraduate chemistry courses.

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Christopher Dostal | Assistant Professor | Department of Anthropology

Christopher Dostal, a former submarine sailor in the United States Navy, received his BA in Anthropology from the University of Colorado in 2011, and his MA (2015) and PhD (2017) in Anthropology with a specialization in nautical archaeology from Texas A&M University. Dr. Dostal has participated in projects in the United States, Croatia, and Portugal, and his research focuses on the documentation and conservation of waterlogged cultural heritage materials. At the Conservation Research Laboratory, his focus has been on the 18th-century ship found below the World Trade Center in Manhattan, the 18th-century ship discovered under the modern waterfront in Alexandria, Virginia, and the conservation of the cannon from the Castillo de San Marco National Park in St. Augustine, Florida.



Alexandra Foran | Instructional Assistant Professor | Department of Mathematics

Alexandra Foran joined the Department of Mathematics after receiving her Ph.D. in 2018 and completing her postdoctoral work at Texas A&M University. She teaches precalculus and calculus courses for engineering and math majors. She also has contributed to the mathematical preparation for future Aggie teachers. Dr. Foran is the department's Director of Teaching Assistant (TA) Training and in this role, she trains and mentors mathematics doctoral students to help them succeed in their teaching assignments. She is an expert on mathematical curriculum development and has used her expertise to create OER materials that better align precalculus to calculus, served on course review committees, and helped to develop a new course for future elementary and middle-grades teachers.

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.



James Francis | Senior Lecturer | Department of English

James Francis received his Ph.D. in English from Middle Tennessee State University in 2010 and joined the Department of English in 2016. The wide variety of English courses he has taught include composition, technical writing, professional writing, creative writing, science fiction, and film. He is the founder and current faculty mentor of Aggie S.W.A.M.P (Screenwriting, Acting, and Movie Production) and is well-known for his efforts to mentor students through one-on-one research opportunities in the department's Undergraduate Professional and Research Program (UPREP). He is also contributing author and editor for the department's open education resource textbook for English 203 so educational resources more universally available to the student population without financial burden. Dr. Francis is currently researching and co-authoring a genre studies text.



Alex Hernandez | Instructional Associate Professor | Department of Sociology

Alex Hernandez joined the Department of Sociology at Texas A&M in 2015 after receiving his Ph.D. in Sociology from Boston College. He teaches courses on sociology of technology and science, social problems, and death and dying. He is the Principal Investigator (PI) for an NSF-funded Research Experiences for Undergraduates (REU) program in the department, and Dr. Hernandez oversees the selection, training, and supervision of 8-10 undergraduate students who participate in an 8-week summer research institute on social inequality and social problems each summer. Dr. Hernandez has also been a Posse mentor since 2020 and works closely with a group of ten students who were selected by the nationwide Posse Foundation for their academic and leadership potential. His research interests include the sociology of work, sociological pedagogy, aging and the life course, and science, technology, and knowledge.

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David Tarvin | Instructional Associate Professor | Department of Communication and Journalism

Dave Tarvin is the Director of the Undergraduate Honors Program for the Department of Communication and Journalism. He earned his Ph.D. in Communication from Louisiana State University in 2013, and after spending time teaching abroad in Costa Rica, Dr. Tarvin joined the Department of Communication and Journalism in 2014. He teaches courses in public speaking, intercultural communication, and rhetorical theory. Dr. Tarvin serves as the department coordinator for education abroad and has led fieldtrips to Costa Rica and Italy. Dr. Tarvin won the Director's Award for Outstanding Service to Honors Programs in 2023, Aggies Celebrate Teaching Award in 2020, was named a namesake for Transfer Camp in 2020, and a namesake for Fish Camp in 2019.



Christina Wiederwohl | Instructional Associate Professor and Associate Department Head | Department of Oceanography

Christina Wiederwohl has been a member in the Department of Oceanography since 2013 and teaches undergraduate and graduate courses in oceanography, field and laboratory methods, programming for ocean sciences, and polar regions. In recognition of her teaching excellence, she received the Provost Academic Professional Track Teaching Excellence Award in 2022 and the Association of Former Students College-Level Distinguished Achievement Award for Teaching in 2019. Dr. Wiederwohl has led numerous at-sea field trips for underserved and underrepresented high school and middle school students and oceanography camps for elementary students. She was recently funded by the National Academy of Sciences Gulf Research Program to create and lead a Gulf Scholars Program for undergraduates at Texas A&M, with colleagues from the Departments of Geography and Philosophy.

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.



Jessica Fitzsimmons | Associate Professor | Department of Oceanography

Jessica Fitzsimmons joined the Department of Oceanography in 2015. Dr. Fitzsimmons is a chemical oceanographer interested in the biogeochemical cycling of trace metals in the ocean. Her research group studies the distribution, physicochemical speciation, and isotope ratios of trace metals in seawater to better understand the cycles and biological usage of metals in the water column. Dr. Fitzsimmons' research excellence has been recognized through many awards, including the International Association of the Physical Sciences of the Oceans (IAPSO) Early Career Award in the Chemical Ocean Sciences and the National Academy of Sciences, Gulf Research Program, Early-Career Fellowship.



Li Gan | Professor | Department of Economics

Li Gan received his Ph.D. in Economics from University of California at Berkeley, and he served on the faculty at University of Texas at Austin prior to joining the faculty at Texas A&M in 2005. He currently serves as the Director of the Master's Program in Economics at Texas A&M. He is a Private Enterprise Research Center Research Fellow and a Faculty Research Fellow at the National Bureau of Economic Research (NBER). He is also the Director of the Survey and Research Center for China Household Finance at Southwestern University of Finance and Economics in Chengdu, China.

College of Arts and Sciences Service Award

This award recognizes faculty members who are excellent in service, leadership, and/or outreach, 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.



Alexey Belyanin | Professor and Associate Department Head | Department of Physics and Astronomy

Alexey Belyanin joined the Department of Physics and Astronomy in 2003 and is well-known for his work in semiconductor physics, quantum optics, photonic devices and high-energy astrophysics. In addition to serving as the Associate Head for Undergraduate Programs, he is faculty advisor for the Texas A&M chapter of the Society of Physics Students. Dr. Belyanin received his Ph.D. from the Russian Academy of Sciences in 1995 and held research positions at the Institute of Applied Physics of the Russian Academy of Sciences and at Texas A&M prior to joining the Texas A&M Physics and Astronomy faculty. He is a fellow of the American Physical Society (2012), the International Society for Optics and Photonics (2015) and the Optical Society (2019). His current research interests include nonlinear, ultrafast, and quantum optics of semiconductor nanostructures, two-dimensional materials, topological insulators and metals, and physics of the optoelectronic devices.

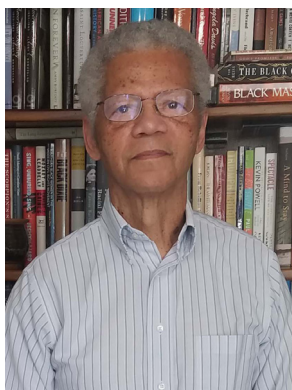


Judith Chester | Professor | Department of Geology and Geophysics

Judith Chester joined the Department of Geology and Geophysics in 1997. She received her M.S. and Ph.D. in Geology from Texas A&M University. Her research focuses on the deformation and alteration reactions during faulting, the importance to earthquake nucleation and rupture propagation in the continental crust, mechanisms of creep compaction of reservoir rock, and the mechanics of fold-fault interaction in anisotropic rock. Dr. Chester has been Vice Chair of the Science Planning Committee (SPC) of the Southern California Earthquake Center (SCEC) since 2014. In 2019, she received the Paul G. Silver Award for Outstanding Scientific Service from the American Geophysical Union.

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.



Albert Broussard | Professor | Department of History

Albert Broussard joined the Department of History in 1985. He received his Ph.D. from Duke University in 1977 and his B.A. from Stanford University in 1973. He came to Texas A&M to design and teach the first Black History courses and he has consistently taught these and other classes with distinction. Dr. Broussard's service to the Bryan and College Station community extends to local schools, the Brazos Valley African American Museum, the Brazos Valley Museum of Natural History, and more. He has been invited to deliver hundreds of lectures and workshops on Black history to communities throughout the state of Texas and the nation, and to audiences in locales as distant as Madrid, Spain, Doha, Qatar, Honolulu, Hawaii, and Anchorage, Alaska. Dr. Broussard's was selected as the 1999 University Distinguished lecturer, and he chaired the committee which founded the Africana Studies Program at Texas A&M University and served on its board.

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 Teas A&M University and the College of Arts and Sciences through outstanding administrative experience.



J. Kevin Barge | Professor and Interim Department Head of Sociology | Department of Communication and Journalism

Kevin Barge joined the Department of Communication and Journalism in 2007. Dr. Barge served as the head of the Department of Communication and Journalism from 2013 to 2020 and mentored new department heads as a Dean's Faculty Fellow from 2019-2022. In 2023, Dr. Barge became the interim head of the Department of Sociology. Dr. Barge's major research interests center on developing a social constructionist approach to leadership, articulating the connections between appreciative practice and organizational change, as well as exploring the relationship between discourse and public deliberation, specifically practices that facilitate communities working through polarized and polarizing issues.

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.



Jessica Bernard | Associate Professor | Department of Psychological and Brain Sciences

Jessica Bernard received her Ph.D. in psychology from the University of Michigan in 2012 and joined the Department of Psychological and Brain Sciences in 2015. She is an expert on the cognitive neuroscience of aging and the human cerebellum and researches brain networks in psychiatric illness. She secured funding from both the National Institute on Aging (NIA) and the National Institute of Mental Health (NIMH) and was named a 2022 fellow of the Association for Psychological Science. Dr. Bernard teaches Introduction to Psychology and an upper-level course in the psychology of aging. She has taught graduate seminars on motor control and the cognitive neuroscience of aging. In 2019, she received the Dr. Robert M. Gates Inspiration Award for her teaching.



Emily Brady | Professor | Department of Philosophy

Emily Brady came to Texas A&M in 2018. Her research draws on theoretical frameworks and methodologies from the humanities to contribute to our understanding of how to address the current environmental crisis. Specifically, she turns to philosophical aesthetics to examine how ethical attitudes toward the natural environment can be cultivated through aesthetic experiences of nature that evoke attentiveness, humility, wonder, a sense of beauty, and a sense of the sublime. Dr. Brady's stature in the field of environmental philosophy has been recognized through elected appointments as President and Vice-President of the International Society for Environmental Ethics. As a collaborative, interdisciplinary philosopher, her research has made impactful contributions to major environmental policy initiatives, and her expertise has been featured in a variety of public-facing media, such as film, radio, podcasts, blogs, and newspapers.

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Kira Delmore | Assistant Professor | Department of Biology

Kira Delmore received her Ph.D. in Zoology from the University of British Columbia in 2015 and joined the Department of Biology in 2018. Dr. Delmore has an internationally recognized research program in evolutionary biology, with an emphasis on speciation, behavior, genetics, and conservation. Her research focuses on elucidating how new species arise and the molecular underpinnings of this process. To explore this, Dr. Delmore uses the Swainson's Thrush migratory bird. She has published nearly 40 manuscripts, given numerous invited presentations, and obtained over \$2.4 million in external funding from the National Science Foundation (NSF). The work on her grants integrate activities of major societal relevance including collaborations with international governmental and non-governmental organizations.



Alexandru Hening | Assistant Professor | Department of Mathematics

Alexandru Hening joined the Department of Mathematics in 2021. Dr. Hening's research is at the intersection of stochastic processes and mathematical biology as he focuses on stochastic population dynamics and stochastic harvesting. He has made significant contributions to stochastic coexistence theory by providing rigorous results for the extinction and persistence of interacting species that are influenced by random environmental fluctuations. Together with collaborators, he was able to give a proof of a variant of Palis' conjecture from dynamical systems. For stochastic harvesting, Dr. Hening has tackled both single and multi-species harvesting problems and is now working on comparing the theoretical results with fishery data.

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Alex Keene | Professor and Department Head | Department of Biology

Alex Keene joined the Department of Biology in 2021 where he currently serves as the department head. He received his Ph.D. in 2006 from UMass Chan Medical School and did his postdoctoral research at New York University where he examined how sleep and metabolic cues are integrated in fruit flies. Before coming to Texas A&M, he was faculty in the Department of Biology at University of Nevada and the Department of Biological Sciences at Florida Atlantic University. Dr. Keene's research focuses on understanding how genes and neurons in the brain function to control complex behavior. For the past two decades, Dr. Keene's work has used fruit flies and fish models to study the genetic and neural basis of behaviors that include sleep, memory, and taste.



Arthur Laganowsky | Associate Professor | Department of Chemistry

Arthur Laganowsky obtained his Ph.D. in Chemistry and Molecular Biology from the University of California, Los Angeles in 2011 and did his postdoctoral studies at the University of Oxford. Before joining the Department of Chemistry as a fulltime faculty member in 2017, he was an assistant professor at the Institute of Biosciences and Technology within Houston's Texas Medical Center. Dr. Laganowsky's research focuses on protein-ligand interactions and how these interactions modulate protein structure and function. In addition to his nearly 80 publications, he has filed several patents at UCLA, University of Oxford, and Texas A&M University. He has maintained a well-funded research program and is the lead Principal Investigator on a National Institutes of Health (NIH) Collaborative Program Grant for Multidisciplinary Teams (RM1) proposal. He is also a recipient of the NIH New Innovator Award in 2016.

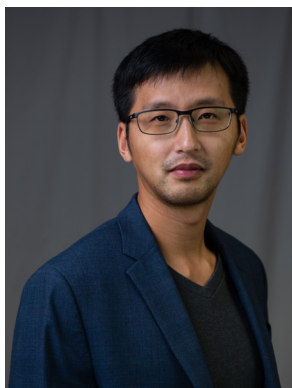
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Quentin Michaudel | Assistant Professor | Department of Chemistry

Quentin Michaudel joined the Department of Chemistry in 2018 after receiving his Ph.D. in 2015 from The Scripps Research Institute. Dr. Michaudel's research centers on the invention of chemical processes that allow for the precise synthesis of polymers for real-life applications. His long-term vision leverages modern organic reactions including stereoselective olefin metathesis and click chemistry to accelerate the discovery of polymeric materials with tailored properties and functions. His program has ambitious long-term goals: the development of inexpensive and sustainable processes to recycle current and new plastics, the identification of conjugated polymers to efficiently harness solar energy, and the design of therapeutics targeting antibiotic-resistant bacteria. In 2022, he received the National Science Foundation (NSF) CAREER Award as well as the American Chemical Society (ACS) Polymeric Materials: Science and Engineering (PMSE) Young Investigator Award.



Yang Ni | Associate Professor | Department of Statistics

Yang Ni joined the Department of Statistics in 2018. He is the Co-Director of the Single Cell Data Science Core, a Research Affiliate at the Texas A&M Institute of Data Science (TAMIDS), and the Co-Director of the Center for Statistical Bioinformatics. Dr. Ni's research works on problems that are at the intersection of statistics, artificial intelligence, philosophy, biology, and health. His current methodological interests include causal discovery, graphical models, flexible Bayesian semi/nonparametric models, and machine learning. His research is primarily motivated by microbiome multi-omic data, single-cell multi-omic data, and large electronic health records.

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Courtney Schumacher | Professor | Department of Atmospheric Sciences

Courtney Schumacher joined the Department of Atmospheric Sciences in 2003. She currently holds the E.D. Brockett Professorship in Geosciences and is a Fellow of the American Meteorological Society. Dr. Schumacher is an internationally renowned expert on convective storms and tropical weather and climate. Her recent work spans studies of storms occurring 30,000 years ago as represented by cave isotope records to using climate models and advanced statistical and machine learning techniques to predict extreme rain and lightning occurrence into the next 100 years. Her research also focuses on fundamental physical processes within storms, especially the heat they release, and how storms interact with larger scale flows that vary on time scales that range from daily to interannual. Dr. Schumacher has been heavily involved in field campaigns throughout the tropics and is an active contributor to NASA's satellite radar missions, both the implementation of current missions and the planning of next missions. She has also held scientific leadership positions in the Department of Energy and other national and international organizations.



College of Arts and Sciences Faculty Excellence Awards

This award recognizes faculty who have a multifaceted career trajectory with significant impacts from multiple activities. For the tenured/tenure-track faculty category, this award recognizes faculty who excel in all three major pillars of academic life: research, teaching, and service/leadership. For the academic professional track faculty category, this award recognizes faculty who are excellent in their assigned areas of responsibility (i.e., teaching and service for instructional track, teaching for lecturer track).



Angela Allen | Instructional Associate Professor | Department of Mathematics

Angela Allen joined the Department of Mathematics in 2005. She is well-known for teaching large lecture sections of Business Calculus and Business Mathematics. With over 18 years of teaching experience, she is dedicated to her students' learning and overall success in college. The weekly mathematical review sessions she has conducted over the years has had a major impact on students, including students not enrolled in her classes. In her role as course coordinator, Ms. Allen has mentored numerous graduate students, teaching assistants and new faculty. To further support student success, she was a part of the Enhancing the Design of Gateway Experiences (EDGE) grant where she co-authored an open education resource textbook Calculus for Business and Social Sciences and the course lecture notes for students and instructors.



Mary Campbell | Professor and Associate Department Head | Department of Sociology

Mary Campbell started her career as an assistant professor at the University of Iowa and joined the Department of Sociology as an associate professor in 2013. Her research focuses on racial and ethnic inequality and the measurement of racial and ethnic categories on surveys. More specifically, she focuses on inequality within and between categories, with a special focus on individuals and families who cross racial boundaries. She is also the Director of the Texas Federal Statistical Research Data Center (TXRDC) and in this capacity she has led a consortium of 35 institutions to submit a National Science Foundation (NSF) proposal to expand federal statistical data. Dr. Campbell contributed significantly to undergraduate research through her involvement in Research Experiences for Undergraduates (REU) and continues to serve extensively as chair of doctoral students. Dr. Campbell's work has been recognized with the 2020 Association of Former Students distinguished Achievement Award for Teaching and is also a 2010 recipient of a Collegiate Teaching Award from the University of Iowa.

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Alain Lawo-Sukam | Associate Professor | Department of Global Languages and Cultures

Alain Lawo-Sukam is an Associate Professor of Hispanic and Africana Studies and coordinator of the Africana Studies program. He holds a Ph.D. in Spanish from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign and joined the Department of Hispanic Studies and Africana Studies Program in 2008. His area of concentration is Hispanic Studies and Africana Studies with a specialty in Afro-Hispanic literature and culture. He is a noteworthy scholar in Afro-Hispanic literary and cultural productions, and has authored three academic monographs, two creative writing books, and more than 25 peer-reviewed publications. He is the recipient of the Humanities and Arts Fellows Program Grant Award, Glasscock Research Publication Grant Award, and the Program to Enhance Scholarly and Creative Activities (PESCA) Grant Award. Dr. Lawo-Sukam was elected for five years to the Executive Committee of the Modern Languages Association and served as Secretary and Chair of the African Division.



Soon Mi Lim | Instructional Associate Professor | Department of Chemistry

Soon Mi Lim is an instructional associate professor in the Department of Chemistry. She joined the department in 2013 and has served in many roles: instructor for lecture courses, coordinator for laboratory courses, Associate Graduate Advisor and Co-Director of Outreach. She is dedicated to enhancing student learning, mentoring and supporting students with professional development programs, selfless service for the community, and impactful research. Her teaching has been recognized by the Provost Academic Professional Track (APT) Faculty Teaching Excellence Award in 2021 and the Association of Former Students (AFS) College-Level Teaching Award in 2017. Her scholarship has been published in peer-reviewed journals including *Nature*, *Chemical Reviews*, and *Journal of Chemical Education*.

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Sarah McNamara | Assistant Professor | Department of History

Sarah McNamara is an assistant professor and core faculty in the Latina/o/x and Mexican American Studies Program. Dr. McNamara's research centers on Latinx, women and gender, immigration, and labor histories in Florida, the U.S. South, and the modern U.S. Dr. McNamara's work has received support from the National Endowment for the Humanities, the American Association for University Women, the Institute for Citizens and Scholars, the American Historical Association, and the Tulane Center for the Gulf South. In recognition of Dr. McNamara's commitment to teaching and student mentorship at Texas A&M University, she has received the Montague-Center for Teaching Excellence Award, the Early Career Teaching Award from the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, and Association of Former Students Distinguished Achievement Award for Teaching.



Terri Pantuso | Instructional Associate Professor and Associate Dean for Assessment and Curricular Matters | Department of English

Terri Pantuso is an instructional associate professor and serves as the Associate Dean for Assessment and Curricular Matters in the College of Arts and Sciences. She earned a Ph.D. in English Language and Literature from the University of Texas at San Antonio. Dr. Pantuso began her career as a high school teacher and has over 30 years of experience teaching secondary and post-secondary students. Since 2010, she has been involved in assessment in higher education including serving as a reviewer for the National Council of Teachers of English (NCTE) on behalf of the Council for the Accreditation of Educator Preparation (CAEP). She has also led a college wide open education resource (OER) initiative focused on open pedagogy and OER implementation. Dr. Pantuso's research interests focus on open and equitable pedagogy, writing instruction, and American women writers. In addition to composition, Dr. Pantuso teaches courses on women writers and writing about literature.

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.



Tatiana Erukhimova | Instructional Professor | Department of Physics and Astronomy

Tatiana Erukhimova received her Ph.D. in Physics from the Russian Academy of Sciences and joined the Department of Physics and Astronomy in 2001. She organizes the annual Physics and Engineering Festivals attended by thousands of visitors. She developed the Physics Show, an interactive presentation involving physics demonstrations and hands-on exhibits, attended by more than 30,000 people since 2007. In 2012, she started the innovative program Discover, Explorer, and Enjoy Physics and Engineering (DEEP), which engages students in hands-on teamwork and outreach activities. She is a co-organizer of the Mitchell Institute Physics Enhancement Program (MIPEP), which includes annual summer boarding schools for physics teachers from Texas high schools. Dr. Erukhimova was a 2016 TEDxTAMU speaker and 2019 Fish Camp namesake. She is a co-author, with Gerald North, of an undergraduate textbook on atmospheric thermodynamics published by Cambridge University Press in 2009. Currently Dr. Erukhimova teaches calculus-based introductory physics classes, Mechanics and Electricity and Magnetism. In 2022, she was awarded the Marsha L. '69 and Ralph F. Schilling '68 Chair for Physics Outreach.

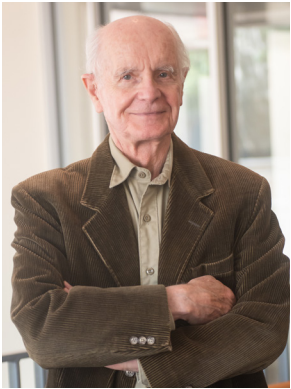


Melanie Hawthorne | Professor | Department of Global Languages and Cultures

Melanie Hawthorne joined the Department of Global Languages and Cultures in 1987. Dr. Hawthorne specializes in nineteenth- and twentieth-century French literature, with a special emphasis on prose fiction of the “Decadent” period and on women writers. In her work she emphasizes how narrative expectations shape the stories others find compelling, particularly the conventions of life-writing. She has taught the entire range of French courses but has concentrated on intermediate language skills and literature courses. She has also taught courses in women and gender studies, film studies, English, and international studies. Dr. Hawthorne is currently working on a series of projects, including multiple books, related to the work of the Anglo-French writer known as Renée Vivien (Pauline Tarn, 1877-1909) and two other women artists who were “transnational.” Her research explores the way social institutions (such as marriage) helped shape—and often limit—the understanding of how those women fit into the “imagined communities” of national belonging.

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Marlan Scully is a laser physics pioneer. His work includes the first quantum theory of the laser with Lamb, the first demonstrations of lasing without inversion, the first demonstration of ultraslow light in hot gases, and the use of quantum coherence to detect anthrax in real time. Dr. Scully has been elected to the National Academy of Sciences, American Academy of Arts and Sciences, Academia Europaea, and Max Planck Society. He has numerous awards including the American Physical Society (APS) Schawlow prize, OSA's Charles Hard Townes Award, IEEE Quantum Electronics Award, Franklin Institute's Elliott Cresson Medal, OSA Lomb Medal, and Humboldt Senior Faculty Prize. More recently he was named Harvard Loeb Lecturer, received an honorary doctorate from University of Ulm, and was awarded the OSA's DPG Hebert Walther Award.



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