Celebration of Excellence

Staff and Faculty Awards and Recognition

APRIL 5, 2016
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College of Natural Sciences

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Outreach
Ms. Christine Sinatra
Director of Communications

Staff Excellence
Mr. Ricardo Medina
Assistant Dean for
Business Affairs

Teaching Excellence
Dr. David Vanden Bout
Associate Dean
Undergraduate Education

Closing Remarks
Dr. Linda Hicke

IN MEMORIAM
Honoring staff and faculty whom we lost in the past year

Peter Anoniewicz | Department of Physics
Frank Arakel Bozyan | Department of Astronomy
Clanton Branch | Department of Computer Sciences
Gerald W. Hoffmann | Department of Physics
Tom Mabry | Department of Molecular Biosciences
Harriet Parker | Charles A. Dana Center
William Simpson | Department of Chemistry
H. Adam Stevens | Center for Particle Physics
Dorothy Stevens | Department of Chemistry
Donna Lee Reber | Department of Chemistry
Austen Fox Riggs II | Department of Neuroscience
Staff and Faculty Award Recognition

President’s Outstanding Staff Awards

Laurie Alvarez | Executive Assistant, Center for Computational Biology and Bioinformatics
Cynthia Faulk | Research Scientist Associate, Marine Science Institute
Steven Moore | Assistant Director for Facilities and Safety, Department of Chemistry
Jason Ramsey | Engineering Scientist, McDonald Observatory
Katherine Steele | Research Engineering Scientist Associate, Biology Instructional Office

Staff Service Awards Acknowledging Staff with 10, 15, 20, 25, 30+ Years of Service

10 Years of Service

Lisa Brown | Charles A. Dana Center for Science and Mathematics Education
Raymond A. Chitwood | Center for Learning and Memory
Adam E. Cohen | Department of Integrative Biology
Jana D. Cormack | Waggoner Center for Alcohol and Addiction Research
Jeffrey D. Daily | College of Natural Sciences
Josh Garcia | Marine Science Institute
Julianne Garrard | Department of Chemistry
Teresa A. Garza | Institute for Fusion Studies
Tim A. Hooper | Department of Chemistry
Kimberly Klaas Hughes | UTeach Science Program
John W. Kuehne | McDonald Observatory
Michele M. Landfield | The Center for Complex Quantum Systems, Physics Department
Marcus L. Marler | Department of Computer Science
Thomas R. Middendorf | Center for Learning and Memory
Erica M. Moreno | Charles A. Dana Center for Science and Mathematics Education
David R. Nobles, Jr. | Culture Collection of Algae
Gordon P. Orris | Department of Astronomy
Nicolas G. Perdomo | College of Natural Sciences
Rob Plowes | Brackenridge Field Laboratory
Deborah E. Swart | McDonald Observatory

15 Years of Service

Maria E. Aguirre | Center for High Energy Density Science
Molly J. Black | College of Natural Sciences
Daniel H. Finger | College of Natural Sciences
Jason S. Goltz | Center for Learning and Memory
Richard G. Goodwin | Department of Physics
Judit Gyorgyey | Department of Astronomy
Annette Hairston | UTeach Science Program
Susan C. Harkins | College of Natural Sciences
Samuel Harris III | College of Natural Sciences
Annette M. Hedemann | Marine Science Institute
Rebecca A. Johnson | McDonald Observatory
Daniel J. Machold | Department of Computer Science
Margaret K. McCook | Charles A. Dana Center for Science and Mathematics Education
Stephen C. Odewahn | McDonald Observatory
Maria D. Person | Institute for Cellular and Molecular Biology
Kelly C. Quinney | Department of Astronomy
Lesley E. Riley | College of Natural Sciences
Tan T. Thai | Department of Mathematics
Katalin V. Waldman | UTeach Science Program
Sarah E. Wenzel | Charles A. Dana Center for Science and Mathematics Education
Terry B. Wilemon | McDonald Observatory
Linjin Zheng | Institute for Fusion Studies

20 Years of Service
Max E. Austin, Jr. | Institute for Fusion Studies
Joel W. Barna | McDonald Observatory
Michelle V. Gadush | Institute for Cellular and Molecular Biology
Lisa A. Gentry | Department of Physics
Patrick G. Goetz | College of Natural Sciences
Rachel A. Jenkins | Charles A. Dana Center for Science and Mathematics Education
Patricia A. Lamas | Marine Science Institute
Patrick D. Lopez | Charles A. Dana Center for Science and Mathematics Education
Suzette E. Nava | College of Natural Sciences
Juanita Phillips | Charles A. Dana Center for Science and Mathematics Education
Deborah K. Smith | College of Natural Sciences
Melissa Truitt-Green | Texas Materials Institute
Gary S. Wene | UTeach Science Program

25 Years of Service
Delia M. Brownson | Biology Instructional Office
Marvin J. Halligan | Institute for Fusion Studies
Catherine Rapinett | Institute for Fusion Studies
Donn M. Searle | College of Natural Sciences
Estela Sosa | McDonald Observatory
Francisco A. Valladares | Department of Molecular Biosciences

30 Years of Service
Sharee A. Aery | Institute for Fusion Studies
Veril D. Barr | Marine Science Institute
Frederic A. Bonin | Biology Instructional Office
Vincent M. Lynch | Department of Chemistry
Arthur F. Monzingo | Institute for Cellular and Molecular Biology
Judith M. Quinney | College of Natural Sciences
Lillian J. Soto | Charles A. Dana Center for Science and Mathematics Education

35 Years of Service
Leonard J. Shedd, Jr. | Marine Science Institute

40 Years of Service
Robert L. Ray | Center for Particles and Fields

45 Years of Service
David R. Doss | McDonald Observatory

Complete recipient list can be found at: utexas.edu/hr/awards/service/sa_recipient.php
Retiring Staff

Sharee A. Aery | Institute for Fusion Studies
Frederic A. Bonin | Biology Instructional Office
Patti Bridwell | Charles A. Dana Center for Mathematics and Science Education
Terry W. Cole | Department of Physics
Utpal K. Das | Department of Molecular Biosciences
Lydia Griffith | Department of Computer Science
Carolyn L. Hargrave | Center for Systems and Synthetic Biology
Samuel M. Harris III | Information Technology
Monika E. Hill | Department of Chemistry
Steven M. Lanoux | Marine Science Institute
Lloyd L. Lavendar | McDonald Observatory
Susan M. Lawson | Marine Science Institute
Laura K.B. Mayberry | Center for Systems and Synthetic Biology
Louise Meeks | Texas Memorial Museum
Lizanne L. McClenon | Department of Mathematics
Sanjuana V. Medina | Department of Statistics and Data Science
Natalie T. Potts | Biology Instructional Office
Catherine Rapinett | Institute for Fusion Studies
Valli L. Salvo | Department of Computer Science
Thomas Wendt | Plant Resources Center
Elizabeth E. Wyckoff | Department of Molecular Biosciences

Retiring Faculty

John Lacy | Department of Astronomy
Beryl Simpson | Department of Integrative Biology
Derek Willis | Department of Astronomy
Klaus Bichteler | Department of Mathematics
Arno Bohm | Department of Physics
Alan H. Cowley | Department of Chemistry
Robert M. Krug | Department of Molecular Biosciences
Jayadev Misra | Department of Computer Science
Jon D. Robertus | Department of Molecular Biosciences
Beryl B. Simpson | Department of Integrative Biology
Bob G. Sanders | Department of Molecular Biosciences
Ennackal Chandy George Sudarshan | Department of Physics
Jeffrey D. Vaaler | Department of Mathematics
Derek Wills | Department of Astronomy
2015-2016 Research Award Recipients

**Fellows of the American Academy of Arts & Sciences**
- **Björn Engquist** | Department of Mathematics
- **George Georgiou** | Department of Molecular Biosciences

**Fellows of the American Mathematical Society**
- **Natasa Pavlovic** | Department of Mathematics
- **Alexis Vasseur** | Department of Mathematics

**Fellows of the National Academy of Inventors**
- **George Georgiou** | Department of Molecular Biosciences
- **Jonathan Sessler** | Department of Chemistry

**IEEE Fellows**
- **Lorenzo Alvisi** | Department of Computer Science
- **Risto Miikkulainen** | Department of Computer Science

**Education Commission of the States Distinguished Senior Fellow**
- **Uri Treisman** | Charles A. Dana Center and Department of Mathematics

**Presidential Early Career Award for Scientists and Engineers**
- **Keji Lai** | Department of Physics

**Alfred P. Sloan Foundation Fellows**
- **Brett Baker** | Department of Marine Science
- **Jeff Danciger** | Department of Mathematics

**New Horizons in Physics Breakthrough Award Prize**
- **Raphael Flauger** | Department of Physics

**NSF CAREER Awards**
- **Tim Perutz** | Department of Mathematics
- **Laura Colgin** | Department of Neuroscience

**Cottrell Scholar, Research Corporation for Science Advancement**
- **Michael Rose** | Department of Chemistry

**Carl Friedrich Siemens Research Award**
- **Harold Zakon** | Department of Integrative Biology
- **Philip J. Morrison** | Department of Physics

**Stampacchia Gold Medal 2015**
- **Alessio Figalli** | Department of Mathematics

**Eminent Ecologist Award of the Ecological Society of America and Auffenberg Medal**
- **Eric Pianka** | Department of Integrative Biology

**NASA Group Achievement Award**
- **Taft Armandroff** | Department of Astronomy

**American Chemical Society 2016 Award in Theoretical Chemistry**
- **Dave Thirumalai** | Department of Chemistry

**Semiconductor Industry Association University Research Award**
- **Grant Willson** | Department of Chemistry

**Pioneer Prize of the International Council for Industrial and Applied Mathematics**
- **Björn Engquist** | Department of Mathematics

**Thomson Reuters’ 2015 Highly Cited Researcher**
- **Allan MacDonald** | Department of Physics

**2015 Pedler Award from the Royal Society of Chemistry**
- **Mike Krische** | Department of Chemistry
The Susie Bayarri Award
James Scott | Department of Statistics and Data Sciences

2016 D. O. Hebb Distinguished Scientific Contributions Award, American Psychological Association
David Crews | Department of Integrative Biology

Distinguished Fellow, the Botanical Society of America
Don Levin | Department of Integrative Biology

2015 Wilhelmine Key Distinguished Lecturer Award
Mark Kirkpatrick | Department of Integrative Biology

Distinguished Engineer of the Association for Computing Machinery
Warren Hunt | Department of Computer Science

Autonomous Agents Research Award
Peter Stone | Department of Computer Science

2015-2016 Teaching Awards Recipients

President’s Associates Teaching Excellence
Amanda Hager | Department of Mathematics
Anita Latham | Biology Instructional Office
Calvin Lin | Department of Computer Science
David Vanden Bout | Department of Chemistry

Regents Outstanding Teaching Awards
Jennifer Moon | Biology Instructional Office
Anita Latham | Biology Instructional Office

Dads' Association Centennial Teaching Fellowships
Amanda Hager | Department of Mathematics

Academy of Distinguished Teachers Honors
John Markert | Department of Physics

Texas Exes' “Texas 10” Teaching Award
Ockhee Bego | School of Human Ecology, Textiles and Apparel Division
Inderjit Dhillon | Departments of Computer Science and Mathematics

Excellence in Education Award from the American Society of Plant Biologists
Stan Roux | Department of Molecular Biosciences
CNS Staff and Faculty Award Presentation

Outreach Award
Katherine A. Biberdorf | Department of Chemistry

Staff Excellence Awards
Amy C. Bush | Department of Computer Science
Christopher P. Costello | UTeach Science Program
Lara E. Eakins | Department of Astronomy
Lisa A. Gentry | Department of Physics
Kathryn L. McWilliams | Department of Nutritional Science

Teaching Awards
Natalie Ammon | Human Development and Family Sciences
Steve Finkelstein | Department of Astronomy
Kristin Harvey | Department of Statistics and Data Sciences
John Meth | Department of Mathematics
Roy Schwitters | Department of Physics
Jason Upton | Department of Molecular Biosciences

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In order to guide future events like this one, we created a short 4-question survey. Please take a minute and complete it—your feedback is important to us!

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