

2019



*Faculty
Awards*

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Tuesday, April 16, 2019

2:30 p.m.

TDECU Tour Room

Welcome

Senate President Elect – Dr. Michael Duncan

Remarks from UHD President

Dr. Juan Sánchez Muñoz

Senate Report

Faculty Senate President – Dr. Hsiao-Ming Wang

Faculty Awards

Dr. Elizabeth Hatfield, Chair

Faculty Awards Committee

Faculty Development Leave Awards

Dr. Stacie Craft DeFreitas, Chair

Funded Faculty Leave Awards Committee

Distinguished Faculty Award

Dr. Ohaness Paskelian, Chair

Distinguished Faculty Awards Committee

Recognition of Faculty Years of Service

Provost & SVP Academic and Student Affairs

Dr. Eric Carl Link

Outstanding Adjunct

Professor Sam Sen

Natural Sciences

Professor Dalia Sherif

College of Business

Outstanding Lecturer

Professor Elizabeth Gilmore

Criminal Justice

Professor Simon Jakubowski

Natural Sciences

Professor Laila Sorurbakhsh

Political Science

Excellence in Scholarly/Creative Activity

Dr. Krista Gehring

Criminal Justice

Dr. Omprakash Gupta

Management

Dr. Benjamin Soibam

Computer Science and Engineering Technology

Excellence in Service

Dr. Michael Cavanaugh

Criminal Justice

Dr. Windy Lawrence

Communication Studies

Dr. Creshema Murray

Communication Studies

Dr. Bernardo Pohl

Urban Education

Excellence in Teaching

Dr. Ashley Archiopoli

Communication Studies

Dr. Heather Goltz

Social Work

Dr. Judith Harris

Criminal Justice

Distinguished Faculty Award

Dr. Michael Connell

Urban Education

Dr. Edmund Cueva

History, Humanities & Languages

Dr. Lisa Morano

Natural Sciences

Faculty Development Leave Awards

Dr. Godwin Agboka, Associate Professor of English

Department of English:

The funded leave will allow Dr. Agboka to develop and complete a 6-chapter book project that offers a coherent set of social justice methodological approaches for conducting and reporting research in underresourced, developing, and unenfranchised contexts. Drawing from development studies, anthropology, sociology, and theories of social justice, this project intends to introduce new methodological perspectives with a social justice frame of reference, in terms of what they are and how they look. The goal is to provide useful resources for scholars, teachers, and practitioners who want to conduct research, particularly in international contexts. This book will be an important contribution to the continuous cultural studies and social justice efforts of the College of Humanities and Social Sciences and UHD as a whole.

Dr. Kevin Buckler, Associate Professor of Criminal Justice

Department of Criminal Justice and Social Work:

The funded leave will allow Dr. Buckler to collect data on processes, procedures, and outcomes of criminal appeals that originate from cases decided by criminal courts in Harris County. The data collection will utilize historical records and an ethnographical approach. Archival records of all criminal cases appealed over a three-year period will be collected and studied. In addition, oral arguments in current, ongoing appellate cases (in the spring of 2020) will be observed. The historical cases will be tracked through two layers of state appellate courts (Texas courts of appeal and the Texas court of criminal appeals). The focus of the study is on understanding of the success rate of appeals, the legal questions appealed, a profile of a successful appeal, and what is gained from a successful criminal appeal.

Dr. Anita Chadha, Associate Professor of Sociology

Department of Social Sciences:

Dr. Chadha's leave will allow her to write over half of her book on electoral reform. The first part of the book will discuss the various historical attempts at electoral reform in the U.S. and then the second part will discuss a current electoral reform effort called rank choice vote (RCV). Rank choice vote allows voters to rank candidates in order of preference (first and second choice and so forth). This is different from our typical plurality rules in which voters simply select their top choice. RCV offers voters greater choices in representation, and makes candidates more likely to listen to and represent voters as they could win by being the voters' second or third choice, increasing the likelihood of representation by third parties and women or ethnic/racial minorities to run and win. To date, RCV has been used in eleven U.S. cities (Basalt, Colorado; Berkeley, California; Oakland, California; San Francisco, California; San Leandro, California; Minneapolis, Minnesota; St. Paul, Minnesota; Portland, Maine; Santa Fe, New Mexico; Takoma Park, Maryland, and Telluride, Colorado. While these cities plan to adopt it next year, those of Amherst, Massachusetts; Benton County, Oregon; Las Cruces, New Mexico; St. Louis Park and Memphis, Tennessee) and one state (Maine) where the outcomes show use of RCV, there is greater voter turnout, civility in campaigns, and people of color and women run for office winning at a higher rate than under prior systems.

**Dr. Aaron Gillette, Associate Professor of History,
Humanities & Languages**

Department of History, Humanities and Languages:

This award will provide Dr. Gillette with the time necessary to complete his analysis of German and U.S. archival sources related to American college students in Nazi Germany. The resultant book will provide a unique, detailed insight into life in the Third Reich, as perceived by “outsiders” from a liberal democracy. In this regard, American students’ reports back to the U.S. describe a much wider opposition to Nazism than historians have assumed. This is surely tied to the greater freedom Germans felt in discussing their views on the Third Reich with foreigners from the United States. In contrast, perhaps a majority of American students returned from Germany with an overall positive impression of Nazi Germany, at least before 1938. About fifteen percent of the students even became “missionaries” for Nazism. One who remained in Germany was trained as a saboteur, but failed in his mission. Several others worked for Dr. Goebbels’s Ministry of Propaganda--one of whom eventually returned to the U.S. to become the president of a California college. Gillette’s book will explain how and why Americans were attracted to such a hideous regime. This book follows his earlier work, on Nazi German students in the U.S. The book *Escape from the Reich* is currently under review for publication.

Dr. Heather Goltz, Associate Professor of Social Work

Department of Criminal Justice and Social Work:

The funded leave will allow Dr. Goltz to participate in supervised clinical social work practice and mentored clinical research activities necessary to complete her transformation into a clinician-scientist. Oncology social workers (OSW) have well-defined clinical and non-clinical competencies. Future OSW workforce projections are promising for meeting supportive care needs of an increasingly older and minority U.S. population. However, the pool of OSW clinician-scientists is both aging and declining due to retirements and complex challenges in the training “pipeline.” Beyond individual clinical/scholarly activities, Dr. Goltz will develop graduate-level courses for the UHD BSW Program and co-author research and training grants with a multi-institutional OSW research team..

RECOGNITION OF FACULTY YEARS OF SERVICE

20 Years

Dr. Anthony Chiaviello, Associate Professor- English

Dr. Weining Feng, Associate Professor - Computer Science & Engineering
Technology

Mr. Richard Hill, Lecturer - Criminal Justice

Dr. Randy K. Serrett, Professor- Accounting & International Business

Dr. Plamen Simeonov, Professor - Mathematics and Statistics

Dr. Jeong-Mi Yoon, Professor - Mathematics and Statistics

Dr. Vasilis Zafiris, Associate Professor – Mathematics and Statistics

25 Years

Dr. Tyra Hessel, Associate Professor - Chemistry

Ms. Bonnie Nadler-Blumberg, Lecturer - Mathematics and Statistics

Dr. Charles R. Strain, Professor - General Business,
Marketing & Supply Chain Management

35 Years

Dr. Samuel H. Penkar, Professor - Finance & Management Information Systems

Dr. Darshan L. Wadhwa, Professor - Accounting & International Business



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