

August 2015 Acknowledgements
College of Liberal Arts

Congratulations:

Congratulations to the following faculty members who received awards and special accolades presented at this year's Liberal Arts Fall Faculty Meeting on August 21:

Kathryn Ledbetter (ENG) and **Ronald Johnson** (HIST) Golden Apple Award and Presidential Distinction Award for Excellence in Teaching

Robert Tally (ENG) and **Joseph Laycock** (PHIL) Golden Apple Award and Presidential Distinction Award for Excellence in Scholarly/Creative Activities

Shannon Duffy (HIST) and **Catherine Jaffe** (MODL) Golden Apple Award and Presidential Distinction Award for Excellence in Service

Jennifer Jensen (GEO) and **Natalie Ceballos** (PSY) Presidential Distinction Award for Excellence in Teaching

Sharon Ugalde (MODL) and **Carmen Westerberg** (PSY) Presidential Distinction Award for Excellence in Scholarly/Creative Activities

Steve Wilson (ENG) and **Robyn Rogers** (PSY) Presidential Distinction Award for Excellence in Service

Antonio Alfau (MODL), Award for Excellence in Teaching (Part-Time)

Neill Hadder (ANTH), **Kathleen McClancy** (ENG), **David Butler** (GEO), **Ana Romo** (HIST), **Sergio Martinez** (MODL), **Nieves Pujalte** (POSI) and **Krista Howard** (PSY) College Achievement Award in Teaching

Kent Reily (ANTH), **Elizabeth Makowshi** (HIST), **Jason Julian** (GEO), **Jessica Pliley** (HIST), **Omar Sibony-Sanchez** (POSI) and **Joseph Kotarba** (SOC) Presidential Distinction Award in Scholarly/Creative Activities

Kate Spradley (ANTH), **Jo Ann Carson** (PHIL), **Cecilia Castillo** (POSI), **Lynn Crossett** (POSI), **Kyong Hee Chee** (SOC), and **Kelly Mosel-Talavera** (SOC) Presidential Distinction Award in Service.

Jason Julian (GEO) and **Todd Ahlman** (ANTH) Award for Grant/Contract Funding

Mark Busby (ENG) Award for Development Funding

Paul Hart (HIST) Excellence in Mentoring

Margaret Menninger (HIST) NEH Distinguished Teaching Professorship in the Humanities 2015-2018

Joaquin Rivaya-Martinez (HIST) Jesse H. and Mary Gibb Jones Professor of Southwestern Studies 2015-2018

Shirley Ogletree (PSY) Everette Swinney Teaching Excellence Award

Alba Melgar and **Gloria Velasquez** (MODL) Team Award and **Roque Mendez** (PSY) Individual Award Excellence in Diversity Award

Carmen Westerberg (PSY) Presidential Seminar

Priscilla Leder (ENG) Distinguished Professor Emerita

Susan Morrison (ENG), **Richard Dixon** (GEO), **Osvaldo Muniz-Solari** (GEO), **Lucy Harney** (MODL), **Catherine Jaffe** (MODL), **Carole Martin** (MODL), **Robert Gorman** (POSI) and **Nathan Pino** (SOCL) Honorary Professor of International Studies 2015-2018

Tenured and promoted to Associate Professor: **Stephen Black** (ANTH), **Sarah Blue** (GEO), **Jennifer Jensen** (GEO), **Luis Intersimone** (MODL), **Nieves Pujalte** (MODL), **Omar Sanchez-Sibony** (POSI), and **Ty Shepis** (PSY).

Promoted to Professor: **Joseph Etheron** (PSY).

Faculty Years of Service: **Pinfan Zhu** (10 ENG), **Deborah Balzhiser** (10 ENG), **Octavio Pimentel** (10 ENG), **Robert Tally** (10 ENG), **Daniel Price** (10 ENG), **Nathan Currit** (10 GEO), **Philip Suckling** (10 GEO), **Rebecca Montgomery** (10 HIST), **Jorge Porras** (10 MODL), **Sergio Martinez** (10 MODL), **Matthew Conner** (10 MODL), **Nieves Pujalte** (10 MODL), **Ben Arnold** (10 POSI), **John Huber** (10 PSY), **Amy Meeks** (10 PSY), **Crystal Oberle** (10 PSY), **Reiko Graham** (10 PSY), **Robert Price** (10 SOCI), **Gloria Martinez** (10 SOCI), **Tina Villarreal** (10 SOCI), **Kathryn Ledbetter** (15 ENG), **Paul Hart** (15 HIST), **Margaret Menniger** (15 HIST), **James McWilliams** (15 HIST), **Blake Locklin** (15 MODL), **Antonio Gragera** (15 MODL), **Nancy Wilson** (20 ENG), **Benjamin Zhan** (20 GEO), **Richard Dixon** (20 GEO), **Gary Hartman** (20 HIST), **Richard Henderson** (20 POSI), **Jaime Mejia** (25 ENG), **Gene Bourgeois** (25 HIST), **Mary Brennan** (25 HIST), **William DeSoto** (25 POSI), **Kenneth Grasso** (25 POSI), **Edward Mihalkanin** (25 POSI), **Jon McGee** (30 ANTH), **Miles Wilson** (35 ENG), **James Petersen** (35 GEO), **Ronald Brown** (40 HIST), **Howard Balanoff** (40 POSI), and **Dennis Dunn** (45 HIST)

Faculty Retirement: **Priscilla Leder** (ENG), **Miles Wilson** (ENG), **Brock Brown** (GEO), **Philip Suckling** (GEO), **Gilbert Fulmer** (PHIL), **Jeffrey Gordon** (PHIL), **Stan Friedman** (PSY), and **Paul Raffeld** (PSY).

In the News:

External Venue

An op-ed piece of **Jimmy McWilliams** (HIST) and **Robert Fischer** (PHIL) ran in the *New York Times*: http://opinionator.blogs.nytimes.com/2015/08/16/when-vegans-wont-compromise/?_r=0.

John Mckiernan-Gonzalez (HIST) moderated two conversations with live stream at the National Museum of American History on the impact of the Americans with Disabilities Act on Latino communities: <http://americanhistory.si.edu/topics/disability-history/pages/ada-25-years-disability-civil-rights-july-22-26>

The Department of Political Science was mentioned in a piece in the *Austin American Statesman* about their event celebrating the 50th anniversary of the signing of the Voting Rights Act. (8/4)

University Star

Bob Fischer (PHIL) is featured in an article discussing an essay he wrote about racism. (8/20)

Melissa Derrick, Administrative Assistant for International Studies, was interviewed for an article about her run for city council. (8/24)