



College of Liberal Arts ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS SUMMER 2021



CONGRATULATIONS

John Blair (ENG)

John Blair has been named the 2021 recipient of the Rash Award in Poetry by Broad River Review.

Danielle McEwen (PSY)

Danielle McEwen, Administrative Assistant III in Psychology, was awarded the Dr. Lawrence Estaville Employee Excellence Award, a Graduate College Scholarship (\$2000), and a Staff Council Scholarship (\$1000). She was also named a Long-Term trainee in the Autism Consortium of Texas LEND Program, which includes a \$9000 stipend.

Roque Mendez (PSY)

Dr. Roque Mendez became a namesake for a new student den-- Den Mendez. Dr. Mendez has been with TXST since 1989 and is now educating the newest generation of students.



Dr. Patricia Shields receives the Regents Professor Award

2021 FACULTY AWARDS & HONORS

Presidential Excellence Awards

Excellence in Scholarly/Creative Activities Professor/Associate Professor Rank
Cyrus Cassells III, English

Excellence in Teaching Senior Lecturer/Lecturer Rank
Brian Cooper, Geography

Presidential Distinction Awards

Teaching
Yasmine Beale-Rosano-Rivaya, World Languages & Literatures
Lynn Crossett, Political Science
Louie Dean Valencia, History

Scholarly/Creative
Amitai Abramovitch, Psychology
Emily Brunson, Anthropology
Jennifer Devine, Geography

Service
Gayle Bouzard, Sociology
Angela Murphy, History
Thomas Varacalli, Political Science
Nancy Wilson, English

NEH Distinguished Teaching Professor

Yasmine Beale-Rosano-Rivaya, World Languages & Literatures

Golden Apple Awards

Teaching
Brian Cooper, Geography
Yasmine Beale-Rosano-Rivaya, World Languages & Literatures
Louie Dean Valencia, History

Scholarly/Creative
Amitai Abramovitch, Psychology
Cyrus Cassells III, English

Service
Gayle Bouzard, Sociology
Nancy Wilson, English

Excellence in Research Funding & Sponsored Programs

Natalie Ceballos and Reiko Graham, Psychology
Jennifer Clegg, Psychology
Catherine Jaffe, World Languages & Literatures
Aimee Kendall Roundtree, English

Texas State University System Regents Teacher

Rachel Romero, Sociology

College Achievement Awards

Teaching
Beatriz Aldana Marquez, Sociology
Dwonna Goldstone, History
Sherri Mora, Political Science
Yihong Yuan, Geography

Scholarly/Creative
Deborah Cunningham, Anthropology
James Reeves, English
John Tiefenbacher, Geography
Toni Watt, Sociology

Service
Jennifer Clegg, Psychology
Michael Conner, World Languages & Literatures
Kimberly Meitzen, Geography
David Navarro, World Languages & Literatures

University Distinguished Professor

Susan Morrison, English

Texas State University System Regents Professor

Patricia Shields, Political Science



2020 FACULTY AWARDS & HONORS

Mariel Muir Mentoring Award

Aimee Kendall Roundtree,
English

Alumni Association Teaching Award

Jeffrey Helgeson, History

Distinguished Professor Emeriti

John Davis, Psychology
Richard Earl, Geography

University Professor Emeriti

Vicki Brittain, Political Science
Richard Earl, Geography
Dickie Heaberlin, English
Elvin Holt, English

University Associate Professor Emeriti

Pierre Cagniard, History

Part-Time Faculty Excellence in Teaching Award

Peter Siegenthaler, History

Jesse H. and Mary Gibbs Jones Professor of Southwest Studies

Jason Reed, School of Art &
Design

Faculty Retirements

Mark Carter, Geography
Allan Chavkin, English
Ana Juarez, Anthropology
Kathryn Ledbetter, English
Cynthia Opheim, Political Science

Tenure and Promotion

*Promoted to Associate Professor of
Practice*

Todd Ahlman, Anthropology

Tenure / Associate Professor

Amitai Abramovitch, Psychology
Matthew Clement, Sociology
Jennifer Devine, Geography
Jennifer duBois, English
Michelle Edwards, Sociology
Seoyoun Kim, Sociology

Professor

Krista Howard, Psychology
Jennifer Jensen, Geography
David Kilby, Anthropology

Faculty Service Awards

Ten Years

Sarah Angulo, Psychology
Alejandro Barcenas Pardo, Philosophy
Sarah Blue, Geography
Jason Coates, English
David Dietrich, Sociology
Doug Dorst, English
Joseph Falocco, English
Billy Fields, Political Science
Robert Fischer, Philosophy
William Kelemen, Psychology
Christopher Margrave, English
Ivan Marquez, Philosophy
Sophia Mavroudas, Anthropology
Laura Sims, English
Ellen Tillman, History
Daniel Wescott, Anthropology
Carmen Westerberg, Psychology

Fifteen Years

Yasmine Beale-Rosano-Rivaya, World
Languages & Literatures
Natalie Ceballos, Psychology
Kyong Chee, Sociology
Joseph Etherton, Psychology
Trace Etienne, History

Faculty Service Awards

Fifteen Years

Neill Hadder, Anthropology
Ronald Hagelman, Geography
Osvaldo Muniz Solari, Geography
Angela Murphy, History
Nathan Pino, Sociology
Nandhini Rangarajan, Political
Science
Rebekah Ross, Philosophy
Gloria Velasquez, World Languages &
Literatures
Paul Wilson, Philosophy

Twenty Years

Lynn Crossett, Political Science
Maria Diocares, World Languages &
Literatures
Craig Hanks, Philosophy
Yongmei Lu, Geography
Debarun Majumdar, Sociology
Kelly Mosel-Talavera, Sociology
Randall Osborne, Psychology
Toni Watt, Sociology

Twenty-Five Years

Lucy Harney, World Languages &
Literatures
Rebecca Jackson, English
Teya Rosenberg, English
Thirty Years
Cecilia Castillo, Political Science

Thirty-Five Years

Catherine Jaffe, World Languages &
Literatures

Forty Years

Rebecca Bell-Metereau, English

Forty-Five Years

Vincent Luizzi, Philosophy

IN THE NEWS



Emliy Brunson

Naomi Shihab Nye (ENG)

Naomi Shihab Nye was recently elected to the American Academy of Arts & Sciences, which featured a video honoring her nomination.

Jennifer duBois (ENG)

Jennifer duBois was featured on the Big Ideas TXST podcast (July) to discuss her career, creative process, and joys of teaching in the MFA program.

James Reeves (ENG)

James Reeves was interviewed by New Books Network's "Secularism" about his new book, *Godless Fictions in the Eighteenth Century*.

Cyrus Cassells (ENG)

The work of Cyrus Cassells was highlighted in the latest issue of *The Fight and the Fiddle!* The issue includes an interview, an essay on Cyrus's work by the poet Roger Reeves, and three new poems.

Susan Morrison (ENG)

Susan Morrison's story, "The Stylite," appears in the latest issue of *Feminist Spaces*.

Colleen Myles-Baltzly (GEO)

Colleen Myles-Baltzly wrote an article about craft beer published by *The Conversation* and the *Houston Chronicle*.

Emily K. Brunson (HIST)

Emily K. Brunson and Baruch Fischhoff (Carnegie Mellon University) explores strategies for overcoming vaccine hesitancy and encouraging widespread vaccination in an article appearing on *National Academies of Sciences Engineering Medicine*.

John Mckiernan-Gonzalez (HIST)

The Dallas Morning News interviewed John Mckiernan-Gonzalez for the article, "Are migrants fueling the COVID-19 surge? 'No, this is the pandemic of the unvaccinated.'"

Sarah Coleman (HIST)

Sarah Coleman had her piece, "Biden will allow undocumented students to access pandemic relief," published in *The Washington Post*.

Jessica Pliley (HIST)

Jessica Pliley was featured in an article published in *Inside Higher Education* about high school dropouts who became university professors.

Franziska Boehme (POSI)

Franziska Boehme recently published an article in *The Washington Post* about "The Monkey Cage," which connects political scientists to America's public conversation.



Casey Nichols

Toni Watt (SOCL)

Toni Watt's research is featured in article, "Effects of childhood adversity linger during college years," in *The Conversation US*.

Christopher Johnson (SOCL)

Christopher Johnson discusses his research in the article, "World religions share more in common than not, if only one looks closely," featured in the TXST Newsroom.

Patti Giuffre (SOCL)

Patti Giuffre and MA Sociology alum, Courtney Caviness, discuss their research about workplace policies and practices impacting LGBTQ communities in the article, "LGBTQ Employment and Discrimination," in *Human Inquiry*.

Yasmine Beale-Rivaya (WLL)

Yasmine Beale-Rivaya, Professor of Spanish Linguistics, has been featured on *Zippia's* Future of the Job Market Report.

STUDENTS & ALUMNI



Tomas Morin

Tomas Q Morin (ENG)

Tomas Q Morin appeared on the cover of the latest issue of *The American Poetry Review*.

Molly Yingling (ENG)

Molly Yingling's flash fiction piece, "Expiry," recently appeared in *Hobart*.



Neha Shrestha

Brendan Nash (ANTH)

Brendan Nash (anthropology alum and current doctoral student at the University of Michigan) is featured in a video about the discovery of the Clovis trail in Michigan.

Nour A Ghraawi (ENG)

"Khalini Ahkilak (Let Me Tell You)" --a poem by Nour Al Ghraawi-- appear in *World Literature Today*.

Neha Shrestha (PSY)

Neha Shrestha was selected to receive a 2021-2022 Psi Chi Graduate Scholarship in the amount of \$3,000.

Meghalee Das (ENG)

Meghalee Das published her article--"UX and the Online Classroom: Creating an Inclusive Experience for International and Non-Native, English Speaking Students," in *Intercom*, published by the Society for Technical Communication.

Katie Gutierrez (ENG)

An article by MFA alum Katie Gutierrez appeared in *Texas Highways Magazine*.

Abigail Heng, Jocelyn Tran, Tyler Gould (WLL)

Issac Caswell and Olivia Duffy, the first "SPARK for German" instructor team from Texas State University, completed a semester-long internship teaching German language and culture to a group of middle school students from San Marcos, Austin, and Round Rock.

Alethea Maldonado (ENG)

English Alumna Alethea Maldonado was honored with a National Council of Teachers of English Early Career Teacher of Color Leadership Award.

Molly Miranker & Chayanika Singh (GEO)

Geography doctoral students Molly Miranker (advisor: Giordano) and Chayanika Singh (advisor: Lu) were awarded Texas State University Fall 2021 Doctoral Research Support Fellowship.

Abigail Heng, Jocelyn Tran, Tyler Gould (WLL)

Abigail Heng, Jocelyn Tran, and Tyler Gould received the Taiwanese government's prestigious Huayu language scholarship.

Rozell Monroe (ENG)

Rozell Monroe had her article appear in the May/June issue of *Intercom*, published by the Society for Technical Communication.



Abigail Heng, Jocelyn Tran, Tyler Gould

FUNDING

Aimee Roundtree (ENG)

Aimee Roundtree was awarded a research contract from the Department of State Health Services (DSHS) to examine usability and user experience for DSHS digital products.

Ken Grasso (POSI)

Ken Grasso was awarded a grant from the Jack Miller Center to support the 2021-2022 Discourse in Democracy series.



Eric Sarmiento

Eric Sarmiento (GEO)

Eric Sarmiento was awarded a fellowship from the National Academy of Sciences to support his project "Co-producing knowledge of chronic flooding for community resiliences.

Bob Fischer (PHIL)

Bob Fischer was awarded a contract with Rethink Priorities to support his Moral Weight Project.



Aimee Roundtree

Juan Angulo (PSY)

Juan Angulo was awarded a grant from the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board to support the implementation of Open Educational Resources (OER) in PSY 1300.

Ty Shepis (PSY)

Ty Shepis was awarded a subcontract from Trinity College to support the NIH R34 project entitled "Prevent Prescription Stimulant Diversion via a Web-Based Simulation Intervention."



Bob Fischer

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