



Celebration of Excellence

Staff and Faculty Awards and Recognition
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The University of Texas at Austin
College of Natural Sciences

PROGRAM

Welcome & Introductions

Dr. Linda Hicke, Dean
College of Natural Sciences

Moment of Silence

*In memory of faculty and staff
lost in the last year*

Dr. Linda Hicke

Recognitions and Awards

Staff and Faculty Recognition

President's Outstanding Staff Awards
Staff Service
Retiring Staff and Faculty
2015-2016 Research Awards
2015-2016 Teaching Awards

Dr. Linda Hicke

Staff and Faculty Award Presentation

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
Steven G. Szyszko | College of Natural Sciences
Paula E. Thomas | Department of Mathematics
Sandra K. Vasquez | Waggoner Center for Alcohol and Addiction Research
Eric C. Wigdahl | Department of Chemistry

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



We thank the following committees for the selection of the CNS Excellence Awards:

Outreach Excellence: Roxanne Bogucka, Jon Pierce-Shimomura, Christine Sinatra

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Teaching Excellence: David Vanden Bout, Ruth Buskirk, Kathy Davis, Erin Dolan, Arturo De Lozanne, Shelly Payne, Stan Roux, Mike Scott, Greg Sitz, Don Winget



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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