

## Faculty Affairs Monthly

4/24/2024



Each year in the second week of April, we celebrate faculty for the great work you do for students, staff, and other faculty members. Throughout the week you had the opportunity to get free coffee, discounts at the bookstore, a daily drawing for various prizes, and attend a Razorback baseball game. In this issue we highlight the faculty and departments who were recognized at the Annual Provost Faculty Recognition Reception.

Congratulations to all!

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### **2024 Daniel Ferritor Award for Departmental Excellence in Teaching**



The Curriculum and Instruction Department in the College of Education and Health Professions received the 2024 Daniel E. Ferritor Award for Departmental Excellence in Teaching sponsored by the Chancellor's Office.

## 2024 Provost Award for Departmental Excellence in Mentoring



The Department of Entomology and Plant Pathology in the Dale Bumpers College of Agricultural, Food and Life Sciences received the

## Additional Award Winners



### SEC UA Faculty Achievement Award

The SEC UA Faculty Achievement Award honors those with excellent records in both teaching and scholarship. This year's recipient is Dr. Mary Lacity.

Dr. Brent Williams, Dean of Walton College of Business and Dr. Shaila Miranda, Department Chair of Information Systems, accepted the award on her behalf.



### ACUE Certification in Effective College Teaching

Faculty who satisfy course requirements earn certificates in effective college instruction, awarded in collaboration with the American Council on Education. These credentials distinguish faculty and institutions for their commitment to educational excellence.

\*EmmaLe Davis, Accounting  
\*Catherine Heath, English  
Margaret Hershenberger, Chemistry  
\*Kathryn Koziol, Anthropology  
\*Angela Mensah, Communication  
\*Heath Schluterman, Freshman Engineering  
\*Christy Smith, Curriculum & Instruction  
\*Charini Urteaga, Instructional Designer

\*In photo





## 2024 Outstanding Mentors

The Outstanding Faculty Mentor Award is sponsored by the Provost's Office and given to faculty who were nominated by their peers and colleagues for serving as an outstanding mentor to other U of A faculty. The following faculty received a 2024 Outstanding Faculty Mentor Award:

Lynda Coon, Department of History

\*Jason Endacott, Curriculum & Instruction Department

\*Kristen Gibson, Department of Food Science

\*Fionna Goggin, Department of Entomology and Plant Pathology

\*Marcia Shobe, School of Social Work

\*In photo



## 2024 Faculty Applause Winners

The Faculty Applause Award is co-sponsored by the Associated Student Government and the Office for Faculty Affairs. This award gives students the opportunity to recognize a professor who has made a lasting impact on them during their time at the U of A.

Faculty who received this award include:

Mechelle Bailey, Human and Environmental Sciences

Natalie Edwards, Curriculum & Instruction Department

Jana Gastineau, Department of Information Systems

Sara Gosman, School of Law

Rebekah Samsonraj, Department of Biomedical Engineering

Alexandra Vasile, Curriculum & Instruction Department

Daniel Villanova, Department of Marketing

Heather Young, Curriculum & Instruction Department

All present

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## Faculty Mentoring Graduate Students Workshop Series Graduates

This workshop provides faculty with the opportunity to learn best practices in mentoring to inspire, direct and professionally develop graduate mentees and post-docs. The workshop also helps faculty develop a mentoring philosophy, experiment with various mentoring methods and discuss mentoring challenges and successes with peers.



## 2023 Fall Cohort

\*Jenn Campbell, Department of Mechanical Engineering  
 \*Jiahui Chen, Department of Mathematical Sciences  
 Jingyi Chen, Department of Chemistry & Biochemistry  
 Terrell Jake Dionne, Department of Communications  
 \*Martin Edwards, Department of Chemistry & Biochemistry  
 \*Lei Guo, Department of Civil Engineering  
 \*Renee Hearon, Department of Physics  
 \*Julie Hill, Department of Counseling, Leadership, and Research Methods  
 Nick Johnston, School of Human Environmental Sciences  
 Jessica Kowalski, Department of Anthropology  
 Jacob Monroe, Department of Chemical Engineering  
 Jennifer Muriithi, Department of Occupational Therapy  
 \*Anne O'Leary Kelly, Department of Management  
 \*Kathleen Paul, Department of Anthropology  
 David Reed, Department of Theatre  
 Shannon Speir, Department of Crop, Soil, and Environmental Sciences  
 \*Jody Thompson, School of Art

\*In photo



## 2024 Spring Cohort

\*Shristi Bhochhibhoya, Department of Health, Human Performance and Recreation  
 Sun Ferreira, Department of Food Science  
 Difei Geng, Department of Economics  
 Kat Gray, Department of English  
 Maggie He, Department of Chemistry & Biochemistry  
 Manuel Olmedo Gobante, Department of World Languages, Literatures & Cultures  
 \*Samantha Robinson, Data Science Program  
 Iana Shaheen, Department of Supply Chain Management

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## Bridge & BIRDS Workshop Series Graduates

The Bridge Program is sponsored by the Office for Faculty Affairs and the U of A ADVANCE ENGAGE grant. This program provides mentorship and onboarding resources to new faculty through an innovative and comprehensive teams-based approach. The Bridge Program also allows new faculty to network with other faculty across departments and schools.

The Bridge Program is offered in the fall semester and transitions into the Beginning Investigator Research Development Support Program (BIRDS) in the spring semester. The BIRDS Program, offered by the Division of Research and Innovation, focuses on peer networking, finding funding and general grantsmanship training. Participants learn about the services that Research Development offers investigators on campus and work with the Research Development team to create personalized research and funding plans.



## 2023 Bridge Program Cohort

\*Christianne Corbett, Department of Sociology & Criminology

Kathryn Norton-Smith, Department of Sociology & Criminology

Ashley Purdy, Department of Philosophy

\*Mahfuzur Rahman, Department of Food Science

\*Teresa Tackett, School of Journalism & Strategic Media

\*In photo



## Bridge & BIRDS Program Cohort

Jenn Campbell, Department of Mechanical Engineering

Danqui Cai, School of Art

Jenna Donahue, Department of Philosophy

Neelakshi Majumdar, Department of Mechanical Engineering

Erin Nolen, School of Social Work

Charles Paillard, Department of Physics

Rowena Pedrena, School of Journalism & Strategic Media

Lin Tan, Department of Psychological Science

All present

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# 2024 Faculty Appreciation Week Drawing Winners

During Faculty Appreciation Week, faculty received free coffee and discounts at Hog Heaven and the U of A bookstore. In addition, over 100 faculty entered our daily drawing to receive one of our door prizes. The winners are listed below.

## **Razorback T-Shirt**

Lauren Quetsch, Psychology

Marshall Jones, Music Theory

W. Marshall Prettyman, Law

Wendy McBride, English Language & Cultural Studies

John Pijanowski, Curriculum & Instruction

## **Razorback Backpack**

Emily Offenbacker, Nursing

## **Razorback tickets first home football game**

David Huitink, Mechanical Engineering

Thank you to Athletics and Office of the Chancellor for your generous donations!

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## **REMINDER!**

## **Courses Transition to Blackboard Ultra**

**Starting Fall 2024, all courses will utilize the Blackboard Ultra interface.**

What does this mean for you?

The shift to Blackboard Ultra signifies a significant upgrade, necessitating familiarity with new features and navigation. The university strongly recommends faculty upgrade courses to Blackboard Ultra by **May 12, 2024** to avoid delays in getting courses set up correctly for fall 2024.

Where can you gain insight into Blackboard Ultra and seek assistance?

Visit [here](#) for comprehensive information. Consider attending an introductory workshop during Ultra Mondays or delve deeper into specific topics during Follow-Up Friday training sessions. The Ultra Video Series offers quick training on various Ultra tools. Additionally, schedule a departmental or one-on-one consultation with a member of the TIPS team.



## **Professional Development Opportunities at your own pace**

The University of Arkansas is a member of the **National Center for Faculty Development and Diversity (NCFDD)**. You can log on with your uark email, create your password and enjoy the curriculum! Go to [www.ncfdd.org](http://www.ncfdd.org)

Upcoming Events Scheduled 1:00pm-2:30 pm CST

Wednesday May 1 - Live on Zoom: Owning and Honing Your Voice: A Public Writing Webinar for Academics

Thursday May 9 - Every Summer Needs a Plan

Thursday June 13 - Skill #5: Moving from Resistance to Writing

Tuesday June 25 - The 3 Ps to Plan Your Professional Pivot

Thursday July 11 - Skill #6: The Art of Saying No

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# UA ENGAGE -- Empower. Lead. Transform.

## Women in STEM at the U of A

The University of Arkansas is proud to be a NSF ADVANCE campus and Faculty Affairs plays a key role in the programming and initiation of UA ENGAGE activities. We are honored to recognize the excellent women researchers in our STEM departments. For more information on UA ENGAGE, visit the [website](#).

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