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Faculty Affairs Monthly

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**Congratulations to our Imhoff Finalists &
Inductees**



Li Yang
2023 Imhoff Award recipient



Carole Shook
2023 Imhoff Award finalist



Richard Cassady
2023 Imhoff Award finalist

SEC Academic Leadership Development Program (ALDP) visits the University of Missouri



The U of A's 2023-24 SEC ALDP Fellows were announced in the fall and include Judith Anne Garretson Folse, chair of the Department of Marketing in the Sam M. Walton College of

Business; Adriana Gonzalez, associate dean for research and learning for the University Libraries; Michael Hevel, associate dean for research, strategy and outreach in the College of Education and Health Professions; and Romona West, assistant dean of inclusive excellence and strategic initiatives for Fulbright College of Arts and Sciences.

These fellows, along with Vice Provost for Faculty Affairs Anna Zajicek, visited the University of Missouri February 21 - 23 for a two-day workshop aimed at providing growth and leadership opportunities to individuals identified as academic leaders within their institutions and the SEC.

“The SEC ALDP provides an invaluable opportunity for individuals who serve in administrative roles within their universities to interact, network and learn from their peers across the SEC,” said Zajicek. “The University of Missouri did a fantastic job putting together an engaging and insightful program for our fellows. Each session was informative and covered a variety of topics that helped enhance our leadership skills.”

The University of Arkansas will host the SEC ALDP workshop Spring 2025.

U of A ENGAGE Annual Keynote



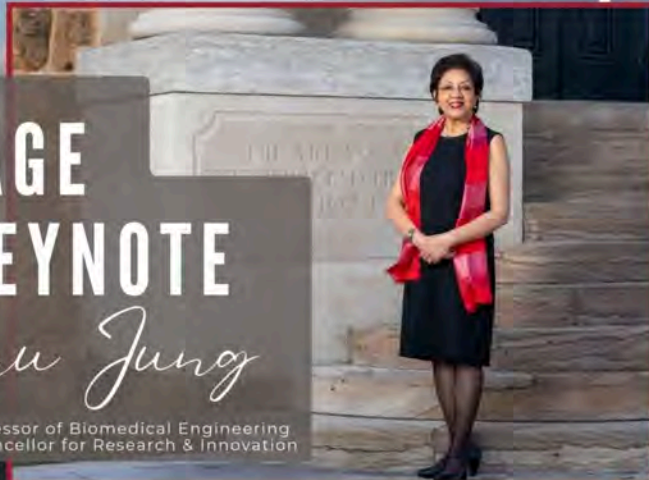
UofA ENGAGE ANNUAL KEYNOTE

by Dr. Ranu Jung

Distinguished Professor of Biomedical Engineering
Associate Vice Chancellor for Research & Innovation



UA ENGAGE



Thursday, April 4, 2024 3pm to 4:30pm

(WJWH) Willard J. Walker Hall, Hembree Room, 2nd Floor

• RECEPTION TO FOLLOW •



About Dr. Ranu Jung

Dr. Ranu Jung is the founding executive director and endowed Chair for the University of Arkansas Institute for Integrative and Innovative Research. Dr. Jung is one of the world's foremost researchers in biomedical and neural engineering, has led multiple transdisciplinary research teams and grants, has more than 100 refereed publications, and 14 U.S. patents. A champion for innovation and entrepreneurship, she develops devices that lead to scientific advances with clear pathways to clinical application.

About this Event

"Who-Am-I? What should I do?"

Dr. Jung will reflect on her career as a woman scientist in academia, using civil engineer Richard Blanco's poem "Once Upon a Time Surfside Miami" as a guide. The presentation is open to all, with a reception for faculty and staff to follow.

About the Sponsor

U of A ENGAGE is funded by a \$1 million NSF ADVANCE grant from the National Science Foundation to better recruit and retain faculty within STEM departments. The three major aims of the grant are to empower, connect, and attract multifaceted faculty to sustain excellence across disciplines, training and experiences.



RSVP by March 22nd preferred, but not required.
<https://forms.office.com/r/tiarMEM4K> or use QR code.

Distinguished Professor Ranu Jung will give the spring 2024 address for the UA ENGAGE National Science Foundation' Advance Program at the U of A. The keynote will be held from 3-4:30 p.m. Thursday, April 4, in the Hembree Room, second floor of Willard J. Walker Hall.

Jung is the founding executive director and endowed chair for the U of A's Institute for Integrative and Innovative Research, associate vice chancellor and Distinguished Professor of biomedical engineering. Titled "Who-Am-I? What should I do?," Jung's address will reflect

on civil engineer Richard Blanco's poem "Once Upon a Time Surfside Miami." The presentation is open to all, with a reception for faculty and staff to follow. An [RSVP](#) by March 22 is preferred, but not required.

Congratulations Dr. Paul D. Adams



Paul D. Adams, professor in the Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry in the U of A's Fulbright College of Arts and Sciences and the Cell and Molecular Biology Program in the Graduate School and International Education, was selected to be the 10th Charles Darwin Diversity in Science Lecture at Indiana State University.

For 10 years now, the Department of Biology at Indiana State University has been cultivating partnerships and building a science community that exemplifies the spirit of experiential learning and community engagement. Through partnerships on and off campus, the Charles

Darwin Diversity in Science Lecture speaker series was developed to spark interest and broaden the scope of scholarship opportunities between students, faculty and the public in the Wabash Valley.

"I am very honored by this invitation to represent the University of Arkansas while speaking about the work we have been doing in my laboratory centered around protein biochemistry and biophysics," Adams said. "I am also happy to represent why diversity in chemistry and biology is vital as we cultivate the next generation of scientists."

Adams' lecture will highlight findings from his research at the U of A and is titled "Biophysical and Biochemical Approaches to Characterize Novel Molecular Details That Influence Ras-Related Protein Cell Signaling Function." Adams delivered the 10th Charles Darwin Diversity in Science Lecture on March 19th.

SAVE THE DATE

Faculty Appreciation Week

April 8-12, 2024

During Faculty Appreciation Week, faculty can receive free coffee and get discounts at Hog Heaven and the U of A bookstore. Faculty will also be able to purchase \$10 Razorback Baseball tickets for games on April 9 and 10 (use promo code UAFACULTY). In addition, faculty can enter drawings to receive prizes including:

- Razorback merchandise
- A canvas photograph print of a U of A landmark
- Two suite tickets to attend the first home football game of the 2024 football season as Chancellor Robinson's guests.

Winners of the drawings will be notified on Friday, April 12. The Teaching Faculty and Support Center and TIPS will be hosting events for faculty early in the week, including a Blackboard Ultra Monday training session and new faculty lunch discussions with university leadership. University Recreation (UREC) will be providing discounts and giveaways to faculty during the week including a 30% discount on all gear rentals (camping, climbing and paddling), student pricing on hybrid and mountain bike rentals and personal training, 10% off of an annual membership, and giveaways for gear rental and fitness InBody Screening. UREC also offers a free week-long pass for faculty who would like to try UREC's facilities before getting a membership.

For a complete list of events and giveaways each day visit [here](#).

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

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

Thursday April 11th - Mastering Academic Time Management
Tuesday April 23rd - Panel Discussion: What I wished I would have known: Transitioning to Department Chair

Faculty Collaborative

Don't forget to visit the Faculty Collaborative if you want a space to write, meet, just have a quiet place to think. To make a reservation for use of the classroom or conference room, you send a outlook calendar invitation to HAPG 703-B (conference room) or HAPG 703-C (Classroom) .



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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