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Faculty Affairs Monthly

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

Tuesday October 24th - How to Engage Audiences at Conferences, in the Classroom, and Beyond!

Tuesday November 2nd - Knowing your worth: How to approach negotiations in Academia

Thursday November 9th - How to manage stress, rejection & the Haters in your midst

Tuesday December 12th - Supporting Academic Parents: Recommended Policies and Practices

University of Arkansas Hosts SEC Emerging Scholars Workshop



The U of A recently hosted the Southeastern Conference Emerging Scholars Career Preparation Workshop October 1 – 3, 2023, and welcomed more than 100 scholars and representatives from all 14 SEC universities. This year's workshop featured panel discussions on how to find, apply and interview for a faculty position in academia. In addition, the workshop sessions provided information on what scholars can expect after they receive a job offer and how to transition into a faculty role. Scholars and representatives from each institution also had the opportunity to network across disciplines.

During the first day of the workshop, College of Engineering Dean Kim Needy delivered a keynote address titled "Educate, Research, Inspire: The Appeal of an Academic Career Path." and concluded with dinner and a keynote address by Chancellor Charles Robinson. The second day of the workshop provided opportunities for scholars to meet and give each other feedback on written statements on teaching, research and inclusive excellence that they can use in the job application process. Workshop attendees also toured the U of A campus and Fayetteville.

According to one of the scholars in attendance, the SEC Emerging Scholar Workshop provided them with "insightful panel discussions, with all panel members sharing their life experiences as examples. The organizing committee has executed this event meticulously, and I am personally grateful to the University of Arkansas for hosting this excellent workshop and providing exceptional hospitality throughout the three days."

Another scholar in attendance noted that they enjoyed, "meeting other scholars at a similar stage in their careers" and that they "left the workshop knowing I have people rooting for me just as much as I am rooting for them, and that I can reach out to them at any time going forward."

SEC Emerging Scholars Keynote Address by Dr. Kim Needy

College of Engineering Dean Kim Needy delivered a keynote address titled "Educate, Research, Inspire: The Appeal of an Academic Career Path." Needy spoke about her experiences in the industry while working at PPG Industries and The Boeing

Company and highlighted her accomplished career in the academia, to encourage the scholars to pursue careers in higher education.



2024 Ferritor Award Application is Open

The Office of the Provost and the U of A Teaching Academy are pleased to issue the call for proposals for the 2024 Daniel E. Ferritor Award for Departmental Excellence in Teaching. The award is named in honor of Daniel E. Ferritor, who served as chancellor of the U of A from 1986 to 1997 and as interim chancellor in 2015. He also founded the Teaching Academy in 1988.

The annual award honors the academic unit that best exemplifies a sustained, department-wide commitment to teaching excellence for all students. The winning department will receive \$10,000 and a trophy, as well as having the unit's name placed on a traveling university plaque housed in that department for one year.

Applications will be submitted in two phases.

The first phase should include five-page responses to criteria 1 and 2 and supporting documentation. The deadline for this submission is October 30, 2023. Applications can be uploaded using the [online form](#). Please upload materials in one pdf document.

The second phase should include five-page responses to criteria 3 and 4, supporting documentation, and a one-page executive summary. The deadline for this submission is January 30, 2024. The total submission page allotment is ten pages, excluding the executive summary, references, and the cover page.

Past winners of the Ferritor Departmental Award are Department of History (2017), Department of Industrial Engineering (2018), School of Social Work (2019), Eleanor Mann School of Nursing (2020), the Department of Sociology and Criminology (2021) the Department of Health, Human Performance and Recreation (2022), and the School of Human Environmental Science (2023).

Please Nominate an Outstanding Faculty Mentor

To assist the Office for Faculty Affairs with promoting excellence in mentoring and recognizing outstanding faculty mentors, we encourage non-tenure track, pre-tenure, and mid-career faculty members on our campus to consider acknowledging their faculty mentors.

Outstanding mentors assist their mentees with building excellence in teaching, research, and/or service while encouraging a healthy balance of work and home life. They cultivate faculty career advancement and belonging. Outstanding mentors assist mentees in building

their professional networks, advocate for their mentees, and create avenues for mentee recognition. They demonstrate commitment to fostering mentees' professional development and promote mutually beneficial mentoring relationships. For more information on the nomination process or to nominate please visit our [website](#).

Faculty Writing Circles

Last semester, The Office of Faculty Affairs and the Writing Studio created faculty writing circles, recognizing the need for more faculty writing support on campus. Staff from both organizations pooled their knowledge and resources and reached out to campus collaborators to create the Faculty Writing Circles program.

The Faculty Writing Circles program will continue this Fall, offering a mix-and-match approach to writing support resources that allows faculty to tailor their support options to suit their individual schedules and needs. The program will address the mental and logistical challenges common to many academic writers. Interested in participating in a writing circle? Please join us on October 25 from 3-4:30 pm in the Faculty Collaborative to form a support network and create a strategic plan for achieving your semester writing goals.

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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