

## Faculty Affairs Monthly

12/11/2024

### HAPPY HOLIDAY FROM FACULTY AFFAIRS

Season's Greetings from the Office for Faculty Affairs

During this holiday season, we at the Office for Faculty Affairs would like to take a moment to extend our warmest wishes to you and your loved ones. Throughout the past year, your dedication, expertise, and passion have fostered a vibrant and enriching academic environment. Your unwavering commitment to excellence in teaching, research, and service has not only enhanced student success but has also significantly contributed to the reputation and success of our institution.

We hope this holiday season brings you peace, happiness, and relaxation. May you enjoy this time to rest, recharge, and spend cherished moments with family and friends.

We look forward to continuing our collaboration and support for your endeavors in the coming year.

Warm regards,

Stephanie Adams, Eva Cordero, Anna Zajicek

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### Provost Award for Departmental Excellence in Faculty Mentoring

The Award for Departmental Excellence in Faculty Mentoring will be awarded to the department or academic unit on campus that best displays excellence in onboarding and mentoring of early-career and mid-career faculty, including tenure track and non-tenure track faculty. The winning department will receive \$8,000 and a trophy. The unit's name will be placed on a university plaque housed in that department for a year. The Award is sponsored by the Office of the Provost and the Office for Faculty Affairs.

### Eligibility

All academic tenure-home units are eligible to apply for the award. The winner will not be eligible for the following two academic years.

### Applications will be assessed on the following two criteria

How does your department demonstrate its sustained commitment to excellence in new faculty onboarding and mentoring of early-career and mid-career faculty?

How does your department demonstrate commitment to the professional development of faculty mentors and mentees?

The application deadline is February 28, 2025 by 5 pm. For more information or to apply please click [here](#).

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## **SAVE THE DATE 2nd Annual Chairs/Heads Winter Institute**

January 7, 2025  
8:00 am – 1:00 pm  
Law School Courtroom  
Invitation via Outlook

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## **TFSC WINTER TEACHING SYMPOSIUM 2025**

The Wally Cordes Teaching and Faculty Support Center (TFSC) is excited to announce the 2025 Winter Teaching Symposium, scheduled for January 9th from 9:30am-4:20pm.

This year, the Symposium will be held at the Leflar Law Center.

The morning will include a plenary session with Dr. Neil Allison and a plenary session with Dr. Lindsey Aloia, both recent winners of the Ro Di Brezzo Service to Teaching Award.

These sessions will be followed by lunch and then a number of breakout sessions in the afternoon. More information about breakout sessions will be forthcoming to those who sign up.

Click [here](#) to RSVP no later than 12:00 noon on Thursday, January 2.

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## 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](#).

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## 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 Webinars 1:00pm-2:00 pm CST

January 9th - LIVE ON ZOOM: Every Semester Needs a Plan

January 13th LIVE ON ZOOM: Beyond Burnout Part 2: Approaches for Faculty Well-Being

February 3rd - LIVE ON ZOOM: Reclaiming Our Time: AI and Academic Productivity

Spring 2025 14-Day Writing Challenge - begins February 23rd must register in advance

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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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