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2024 Faculty Awards Ceremony

APRIL 16, 2024

OUTSTANDING ADJUCT

Margaret Mata
English



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And the winner is ...

Margaret Mata



OUTSTANDING LECTURER

Vaishali Chaubal

Natural Sciences

Albert DeJesus-Rivera

History, Humanities & Languages

Zeenat Mitha

Arts & Communication



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And the winner is ...

**Albert DeJesus-
Rivera**



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EXCELLENCE IN SCHOLARLY/CREATIVE ACTIVITY

Liza Barros-Lane
Social Work

Laura Cesarco Eglin
English

Steve Zhou
General Business, Marketing & Supply Chain



And the winner is ...

Laura Cesarco Eglin



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EXCELLENCE IN SERVICE

Ronald Beebe
Urban Education

Travis Crone
Social Sciences

Heather Goltz
Social Work



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And the winner is ...

Heather Goltz



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EXCELLENCE IN TEACHING

Godwin Agboka
English

Anthony Foster
Social Sciences

Andrew Pavelich
History, Humanities & Languages



And the winner is ...

Godwin Agboka



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DISTINGUISHED FACULTY AWARD

Godwin Agboka
English

Windy Lawrence
Arts & Communication



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And the winner is ...

Windy Lawrence



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UNIVERSITY-FUNDED FACULTY LEAVE AWARDS

Dr. Kristin Anderson

Professor of Psychology
Department of Social Sciences

Dr. Susan Henney

Professor of Psychology
Department of Social Sciences

Dr. Yu-Han Hung

Associate Professor of Education
Department of Urban Education

Dr. Danya Serrano

Associate Professor of Psychology
Department of Social Sciences

Dr. Hsiao-Ming Wang

Professor of Criminal Justice
Department of Criminal Justice



FACULTY DEVELOPMENT PROJECT AWARDS

Dr. Ayden Adler

Assistant Professor of Arts Administration

Dr. Stephanie Babb

Professor of Psychology

Dr. Pauline Blaimont

Lecturer of Natural Sciences

Dr. Kevin Buckler

Professor of Criminal Justice

Dr. Laura Cesarco Eglin

Assistant Professor of English

Dr. Song Ge

Assistant Professor of Nursing

Dr. Krista Gehring

Professor of Criminal Justice



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continued...

Dr. Angela Goins

Assistant Professor of Social Work

Dr. Heather Goltz

Professor of Social Work

Dr. Mahmud Hasan

Assistant Professor of Safety

Dr. Susan Henney

Professor of Psychology

Dr. Leena Kumar

Professor of Political Science

Dr. Hanjin Mao

Assistant Professor of Political Science

FACULTY DEVELOPMENT PROJECT AWARDS

continued...

Dr. Rob Austin McKee

Associate Professor of Management

Dr. Meghan Minard

Senior Lecturer of Biology

Dr. Kattia Palacio-Lopez

Assistant Professor of Natural

Dr. Ohaness Paskelian

Professor of Finance

Dr. Natacha Poggio

Assistant Professor of Graphic Design

Dr. Rupak Rauniar

Professor of Supply Chain Management





FACULTY DEVELOPMENT PROJECT AWARDS

continued...

Dr. Reynaldo Romero

Associate Professor of Spanish

Dr. Claude Rubinson

Associate Professor of Sociology

Dr. Katrina Rufino

Associate Professor of Psychology

Dr. Sanghamitra Saha

Senior Lecturer of Biology

Dr. Shahnaz Savani

Assistant Professor of Social Work

Dr. Katherine Shoemaker

Assistant Professor of Statistics

FACULTY DEVELOPMENT PROJECT AWARDS

continued...

Dr. Dana Smith

Associate Professor of Social Work

Dr. Jacob Theruvathu

Assistant Professor of Chemistry

Dr. Tammis Thomas

Professor of English

Dr. Michael Tobin

Associate Professor of Biology

Dr. Rahul Verma

Professor of Finance

Dr. Orlando Williams

Professor of Music

Dr. Shengli Yuan

Professor of Computer Science



ORGANIZED RESEARCH & CREATIVE ACTIVITIES AWARDS

Dr. Sarah Albrecht

Assistant Professor of Education

Dr. Stephanie Babb

Professor of Psychology

Dr. Qing (Ray) Cao

Professor of Management

Dr. Yajaira Ceciliano-Navarro

Assistant Professor of Sociology

Dr. Kit Cho

Associate Professor of Psychology

Dr. Sucheta Choudhuri

Associate Professor of English

Dr. Kellen Gandy

Assistant Professor of Social Sciences



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ORGANIZED RESEARCH & CREATIVE ACTIVITIES
AWARDS *continued...*

Dr. Krista Gehring

Professor of Criminal Justice

Dr. Susan Henney

Professor of Psychology

Dr. Chuck Jackson

Professor of English

Dr. Peter Li

Associate Professor of Political Science

Dr. Ethan Marshall

Assistant Professor of Criminal Justice

Dr. Rolando Pelaez

Professor of Finance





ORGANIZED RESEARCH & CREATIVE ACTIVITIES AWARDS
continued...

Dr. Rupak Rauniar

Professor of Supply Chain Management

Dr. Katrina Rufino

Associate Professor of Psychology

Dr. Rachna Sadana

Professor of Biology

Dr. Courtney Standlee

Assistant Professor of Biology

Dr. Jorge Tito-Izquierdo

Associate Professor of Structural Analysis & Design

Dr. Raul Verma

Professor of Finance

Dr. Joseph Westfall

Professor of Philosophy

Dr. Ling Xu

Associate Professor of Computer Science

RECOGNITION OF FACULTY YEARS OF SERVICE

20 YEARS

Dr. Jon Aoki, Associate Professor

Department of Natural Sciences

Dr. Youn-Sha Chan, Professor

Department of Mathematics and Statistics

Dr. Gene Preuss, Associate Professor

Department of History, Humanities and Languages

Dr. Edwin Tecarro, Associate Professor

Department of Mathematics and Statistics

Dr. Rahul Verma, Professor

Department of Finance and Information Systems

Dr. Shengli Yuan, Professor

Department of Computer Science and Engineering Technology



**RECOGNITION OF FACULTY
YEARS OF SERVICE** *continued...*

25 YEARS

Dr. Weining Feng, Professor

Department of Computer Science and
Engineering Technology

Dr. Nancy Lopez, Senior Lecturer

Department of History, Humanities and Languages

Dr. Plamen Simeonov, Professor

Department of Mathematics and Statistics

Dr. Jeong-Mi Yoon, Professor

Department of Mathematics and Statistics

Dr. Vasilis Zafiris, Associate Professor

Department of Mathematics and Statistics



RECOGNITION OF FACULTY YEARS OF SERVICE *continued...*

30 YEARS

Professor Bonnie Blumberg, Lecturer
Department of Mathematics and Statistics

Dr. Catherine Howard, Senior Lecturer
Department of English

35 YEARS

Dr. Susan Baker, Professor
Department of Arts and Communication



RECOGNITION OF FACULTY YEARS OF SERVICE *continued...*

40 YEARS

Dr. Samuel Penkar, Professor

Department of Finance and
Management Information Systems

Professor Sangeeta Gad, Senior Lecturer

Department of Mathematics and Statistics

Dr. Darshan Wadhwa, Professor

Department of Accounting
and International Business





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