

## UNT FOUNDATION AWARD WINNERS

### Outstanding Lecturer Award

*Karen Anderson-Lain*  
*Communication Studies*



Dr. Karen Anderson-Lain is a Principal Lecturer in the Communication Studies Department. She is the Director for Communication 1010 and coordinates the mentoring of teaching assistants (TAs). Since joining UNT, she has twice earned the Outstanding Teaching Award from the communication graduate student organization and a recognition from the National Communication Association in 2015 as one of six Teachers on Teaching honorees. She mentored over 140 TAs, 60 of which are still teaching. She was awarded over \$51,000 in grants and fellowships for redesigning COMM 1010; online course development; and development of the Quality Enhancement Plan focusing on critical thinking, communication, and teamwork through community engagement. Dr. Anderson-Lain's research on pedagogy and communication includes seven peer-reviewed articles; 42 conference presentations; and six top papers. She serves on the QEP Leadership Team; as a cross-disciplinary and individual mentor; and the CLASS Undergraduate Curriculum Committee. She was a proposal writer for the SACS QEP document and was recognized as part of the SACS Accreditation Review Team. She served on the ePortfolio Working Team; committee for the formation of Council of Lecturers; faculty senator; and university curriculum committee. She served on the sub-committee of the CLASS curriculum committee, which revised degree requirements for the college BA. In her department, she has chaired the executive committee; graduate standards, teaching evaluation, research, and curriculum committees; chaired three search committees; and is the coordinator for program and core assessment.