Salute to Faculty
EXCELLENCE
& PROMOTION AND TENURE

October 23, 2020
High-quality faculty members are hallmarks of a great university. Their impact on student success and the research enterprise makes them one of the most valuable resources on campus. Nowhere is their influence more profound than here at UNT, where 1,700 dedicated faculty members provide great learning opportunities in a supportive environment, engage in cutting-edge research and enhance the image of the university through their work every day.

Salute to Faculty Excellence is just one of the many ways UNT honors the dedicated faculty members who help continue our tradition of prestige. We are especially grateful for the vision and commitment of the UNT Foundation in its support of four faculty awards and tonight’s special celebration. As a partner in our success, the UNT Foundation enhances the educational mission of our institution by accepting, investing and managing private gifts, endowed funds, and other assets for the benefit of the university and our students.
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INTRODUCTION AND WELCOME
Jennifer Cowley, Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs

PRESIDENT’S OPENING REMARKS
Neal Smatresk, President

GREETINGS FROM THE UNT FOUNDATION
Sam Golden, Chair, UNT Foundation

TOAST TO FACULTY EXCELLENCE
Jennifer Cowley

PRESENTATION OF UNIVERSITY FACULTY AWARDS
Bertina Combes, Vice Provost for Faculty Success
Neil Foote, Principal Lecturer, Mayborn School of Journalism

RECOGNITION OF PROMOTION AND TENURE
Bertina Combes
Neil Foote

PRESENTATION OF UNT FOUNDATION AWARDS
Mike Mlinac, President and CEO, UNT Foundation

CLOSING REMARKS
Neal Smatresk
External Awards
Professional Awards and Accomplishments

COLLEGE OF EDUCATION

COUNSELING AND HIGHER EDUCATION

Agnes Luo
- Emerging Leader Award from the Association for Assessment and Research in Counseling

TEACHER EDUCATION AND ADMINISTRATION

Amanda Vickery
- Early Career Award from the College and University Faculty Assembly of the National Council for the Social Studies

KINESIOLOGY, HEALTH PROMOTION AND RECREATION

Andrew Colombo-Dougovito
- Elly D. Friedmann Young Professional Award from the International Federation for Adapted Physical Activity

Calvin Nite
- Research Fellow Award from the North American Society for Sport Management

COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING

COMPUTER SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING

Yan Huang
- Distinguished Member Award from the Association for Computing Machinery
Professional Awards and Accomplishments

Saraju P. Mohanty
- Best Paper Award on Smart Electronics and Consumer Electronics from the Institute of Electrical and Electronic Engineers (IEEE)
- 2019 Outstanding Service Award from the IEEE Consumer Electronics Society
- 2019 Best Paper Award at the 5th IEEE International Symposium on Smart Electronic Systems
- 2019 Best Paper Award at the 37th IEEE International Conference on Consumer Electronics
- 2020 Second Place Chester Sall Award from the IEEE Consumer Electronics Society

ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING
Ifana Mahbub
- Faculty Early Career Development Award from the National Science Foundation Smart and Connected Communities

MATERIALS SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING
Jincheng Du
- Fulbright U.S. Scholar Award
- W.E.S. Turner Award
- Gordon S. Fulcher Distinguished Scholar Award

COLLEGE OF HEALTH AND PUBLIC SERVICE
CRIMINAL JUSTICE
Jessica Craig
- Visiting Scholar in the Criminology Institute at Griffith University in Brisbane, Australia
Professional Awards and Accomplishments

COLLEGE OF INFORMATION

LEARNING TECHNOLOGIES

Rose M. Baker
- Top Peer Reviewer, Global Peer Review Awards, Publons Web of Science
- Outstanding Peer Reviewer for the Journal of Information and Communication Technology
- Highly Commended Paper in the European Journal of Training and Development

COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

COMMUNICATION STUDIES

Departmental Award
- Minority Recruitment and Retention Award from the Southern States Communication Association

Jay Allison
- Leslie Irene Coger Award for Distinguished Performance from the National Communication Association

Holley Vaughn
- Keynote Speaker and Festival Leader for the Petit Jean Performance Festival
- 2020 Outreach Award from the Southern States Communication Association
Professional Awards and Accomplishments

ENGLISH

Patrice Lyke
– Outstanding Advising Award for Faculty Advising from the National Academic Advising Association
– Certificate of Merit, Region 7 Recognition from the National Academic Advising Association

ECONOMICS

Guohua Feng
– Charter Fellowship Award from the Society for Economic Measurement

HISTORY

Kathryne Beebe
– Research Fellowship Award from the German Academic Exchange Service

Rachel Moran
– National Science Foundation Scholars Award

MEDIA ARTS

Xiaoqun Zhang
– Second Place in the Open Paper Competition Category of the Internal Division of the Broadcast Education Association
Professional Awards and Accomplishments

COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

PHILOSOPHY AND RELIGION

Ricardo Rozzi
- 2019 Eugene P. Odum Award for Excellence in Ecology Education from the Ecological Society of America
- 2019 Ocean Award for the Diego Ramirez-Drake Passage Marine Park from the BOAT International and Blue Marine Foundation

POLITICAL SCIENCE

Marijke Breuning
- Ladd Hollist Service Award from the International Studies Association

Paul Hensel
- J. David Singer Award for Data Innovation in Conflict Processes from the American Political Science Association

PSYCHOLOGY

Joshua Hook
- Fritz and Linn Kuder Early Career Award for Distinguished Scientific Contributions to Counseling Psychology from the American Psychological Association

Yolanda Niemann
- Jenessa Shapiro Diversity and Inclusion Award from the Society for Personality and Social Psychology, Division 8 of the American Psychological Association
Professional Awards and Accomplishments

FRANK W. AND SUE MAYBORN SCHOOL OF JOURNALISM

Thorne Anderson
- Best of Competition in the Television Feature News Reporting Category from the Broadcast Education Association’s Festival of Media Arts

Dorothy Bland
- Named one of the Top 35 Women in Higher Education by Diverse: Issues in Higher Education

Sara Champlin
- Early Career Teaching Excellence Award in the Advertising Division from the Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communication
- 2019 Top Paper Award from the Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communication Annual Conference
- Research Fellowship Grant from the American Academy of Advertising
- Humanities and Social Sciences Scholarship Recipient at the International Conference on Communication in Healthcare from the Academy of Communication in Healthcare

Tracy Everbach
- Donna Allen Award for Feminist Advocacy from the Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communication
Professional Awards and Accomplishments

Koji Fuse
- Top Paper Abstract Award from the Entertainment Studies Interest Group, Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communication

Newly Paul
- Second Place Faculty Paper in Magazine and Political Communication Divisions from the Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communication

COLLEGE OF MERCHANDISING, HOSPITALITY AND TOURISM

HOSPITALITY AND TOURISM MANAGEMENT

Xi Leung
- 2019 Best Paper Award from the Annual International Council on Hotel, Restaurant and Institutional Education Conference

Kim Williams
- Best Faculty-Led Presentation from the Southeast, Central and South American Federation of the International Council on Hotel, Restaurant and Institutional Education

MERCHANDISING AND DIGITAL RETAILING

Tammy Kinley
- ITAA Fellowship from the International Textile and Apparel Association
Professional Awards and Accomplishments

COLLEGE OF MUSIC

CONDUCTING AND ENSEMBLES
Jonathan Eaton
- 2019 Bronze World Medal in Society & Social Issues from the New York Film and Video Festival International TV & Film Awards for social justice opera A Gathering of Sons

INSTRUMENTAL STUDIES
David Childs
- Solo CD of the Year for Symphonic Euphonium II from 4BarsRest.com
- Solo CD of the Year for Symphonic Euphonium II from Brass Band World Magazine
- Solo CD of the Year for Symphonic Euphonium II from British Bandsman Magazine

MUSIC HISTORY, THEORY AND ETHNOMUSICOLOGY
Catherine Ragland
- Rea Charitable Trust, Foundation Grant for the Mariachi Águilas de UNT

COLLEGE OF SCIENCE

BIOLOGICAL SCIENCES
Jannon Fuchs
- 2020 Finalist for Goldwater Scholars Faculty Mentor Award from National Council on Undergraduate Research
Professional Awards and Accomplishments

Pudur Jagadeeswaran
- Lifetime Achievement Award from the Association of Scientists of Indian Origin in America
- Continuous Submission Award from the National Institutes of Health

PHYSICS

Marco Buongiorno Nardelli
- Associate Fellow from the Institute for Advanced Studies of Aix-Marseille University

COLLEGE OF VISUAL ARTS AND DESIGN

DESIGN

Li-Fen Anny Chang
- Best of Show Award from A Stitch to Wear: Wearable Art Competition and Exhibition for Eco Pop

David Wolske
- 2019 STA 100 from the Society of Typographic Arts for Angle Chase 02
- 2019 STA 100 from the Society of Typographic Arts for Think/Make/Discuss/Repeat
- 2019 Bronze Medal in Promotion Materials at the Indigo Design Awards
Professional Awards and Accomplishments

Stephen Zhang
- Best of Show at the 11th Annual Signature American Watermedia International Exhibition
- Second Place Juried Exhibition Award at the 51st Watercolor West International Watercolor USA Exhibit
- 2019 Harold Gregor Memorial Award by Watercolor USA Honor Society
- 2019 Nancy Handlan Memorial Award by Watercolor USA Honor Society
- 2019 Marty McManamon Memorial Award by Transparent Watercolor Society of America Exhibition
- Work juried into the book Splash 21: Capturing the Mood
- Work included in the book 40 Portrait Masters

G. BRINT RYAN COLLEGE OF BUSINESS
INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY AND DECISION SCIENCES

Arunachalam Narayanan
- Chan Hahn Best Paper Award from the Operations & Supply Chain Management Division at the Academy of Management
Professional Awards and Accomplishments

HONORS COLLEGE

BIOLOGICAL SCIENCES
Warren Burggren
– Fellowship awarded by American Physiological Society

UNT LIBRARIES

Daniel Alemneh
– Fulbright Scholar in the Ambassador’s Distinguished Scholars Program in the U.S. Embassy in Ethiopia
UNT Awards
University Faculty Awards

SERVICE AWARDS

CITATION FOR DISTINGUISHED INTERNATIONAL SERVICE AWARD
UNT International
Doug Henry
Anthropology

PRESIDENT’S COUNCIL UNIVERSITY SERVICE AWARD
Faculty Senate
Clark A. Pomerleau
History
University Faculty Awards

TEACHING AWARDS

OUTSTANDING ONLINE TEACHER AND COURSE AWARD
Center for Learning Experimentation, Application and Research
Roxanne N. Long
Applied Arts and Sciences

‘FESSOR GRAHAM AWARD
Student Government Association
Amie Lund
Biological Sciences

PIPER PROFESSOR AWARD NOMINEE
Faculty Senate
Nancy L. Stockdale
History

PRESIDENT’S COUNCIL TEACHING AWARDS
Faculty Senate
Christopher Fuhrmann
History
Priscilla Solis Ybarra
English

J.H. SHELTON EXCELLENCE IN TEACHING AWARD
Faculty Senate
Sheri J. Broyles
Frank W. and Sue Mayborn School of Journalism
University Faculty Awards

RESEARCH AWARDS

EARLY CAREER AWARD FOR RESEARCH AND CREATIVITY
Office of Research and Innovation

Ana P. Alonso
Biological Sciences

TEACHER SCHOLAR AWARD
Office of Research and Innovation

Hong Wang
Chemistry

CREATIVE IMPACT AWARD
Office of Research and Innovation

Bonnie Friedman
English

RESEARCH LEADERSHIP AWARD
Office of Research and Innovation

John G. Peters
English

TOULOUSE SCHOLAR AWARD
Toulouse Graduate School

John G. Peters
English
University Faculty Awards

OFFICE OF THE PROVOST AWARDS

ULYS AND VERA KNIGHT FACULTY MENTOR AWARD

William E. Acree, Jr.
Chemistry

UNIVERSITY DISTINGUISHED TEACHING PROFESSOR AWARDS

Gloria C. Cox
Political Science

Margie Tieslau
Economics

Robert K. Upchurch
English

UNIVERSITY DISTINGUISHED RESEARCH PROFESSOR AWARD

Shobhana L. Chelliah
Linguistics

PRESIDENTIAL EARLY CAREER PROFESSOR AWARD

Diana Berman
Materials Science and Engineering
Promotion and Tenure
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SENIOR LECTURERS

COLLEGE OF EDUCATION
Elba Barahona, Teacher Education and Administration

COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING
Pradhumna Shrestha, Computer Science and Engineering

COLLEGE OF HEALTH AND PUBLIC SERVICE
Michael Krenek, Criminal Justice

COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS AND SOCIAL SCIENCES
Jamie Johnson, Anthropology
Richard Joines, English
Nanxi Meng, World Languages, Literature and Cultures
Caroline Najour, World Languages, Literature and Cultures
Steven Sheppard, Spanish
Emily Thurman, Spanish

FRANK W. AND SUE MAYBORN SCHOOL OF JOURNALISM
Mark Donald, Journalism
Juli James, Journalism

COLLEGE OF MERCHANDISING, HOSPITALITY AND TOURISM
Luwis Mhlanga, Hospitality and Tourism
Linda Mihalick, Merchandising and Digital Retailing
Promotion and Tenure

SENIOR LECTURERS

COLLEGE OF SCIENCE
Seare Berhe, Chemistry
Marcia Jacobs, Teach North Texas
Hyunju Kim, Biological Sciences
Jason McAfee, Chemistry
Vincent Lopes, Physics
Rebecca Weber, Chemistry

G. BRINT RYAN COLLEGE OF BUSINESS
Madhuri Bandla, Accounting
Donna Glenn, Information Technology and Decision Sciences

PRINCIPAL LECTURERS

COLLEGE OF EDUCATION
Royce Jefferson George, Teacher Education and Administration
Julie Leventhal, Educational Psychology

COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS AND SOCIAL SCIENCES
Raina Joines, English
Jiyoung Kwon, Economics
Amos Magliocco, English
Helen Potts, Sociology
Promotion and Tenure

COLLEGE OF MERCHANDISING, HOSPITALITY AND TOURISM
Jodi Duryea, Hospitality and Tourism
Rosa Malave, Hospitality and Tourism
Marissa Zorola, Merchandising and Digital Retailing

COLLEGE OF MUSIC
Rodney Booth, Jazz Studies

COLLEGE OF SCIENCE
Sushama Dandekar, Chemistry
Krista Hines, Mathematics

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Sidney Sexton, Management

HONORS COLLEGE
Rafael Major, Honors College

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Daniel Gene Krutka, Teacher Education and Administration

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Kaori Furuya, World Languages, Literature and Cultures
Mark Joseph Hlavacik, Communication Studies
Gul Seckin, Sociology
Xiaoqun Zhang, Media Arts

COLLEGE OF MUSIC
Jaymee Haefner, Instrumental Studies
Steven Menard, Instrumental Studies
Paul Rennick, Instrumental Studies

COLLEGE OF VISUAL ARTS AND DESIGN
Alicia Eggert, Studio Art

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Julie Hancock, Management
Virginie Kidwell, Management

PROFESSORS

COLLEGE OF EDUCATION
Darrell Hull, Educational Psychology
Wendy Middlemiss, Educational Psychology
Prathiba Natesan, Educational Psychology
Promotion and Tenure

COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING
Srinivasan Srivilliputhur, Materials Science and Engineering
Haifeng Zhang, Mechanical and Energy Engineering

COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS AND SOCIAL SCIENCES
Jongsoo Lee, Spanish
Miroslav Penkov, English
Camilo Ruggero, Psychology
Robert Upchurch, English

COLLEGE OF MERCHANDISING, HOSPITALITY AND TOURISM
Sanjukta Pookulangara, Merchandising and Digital Retailing
Kiseol Yang, Merchandising and Digital Retailing

COLLEGE OF MUSIC
Stephen Slottow, Music History, Theory and Ethnomusicology

COLLEGE OF SCIENCE
Dane Crossley, Biological Sciences
Anne Shepler, Mathematics

COLLEGE OF VISUAL ARTS AND DESIGN
Nadine Kalin, Art Education and Art History
Keith Owens, Design

G. BRINT RYAN COLLEGE OF BUSINESS
Blair Kidwell, Marketing, Logistics and Operational Management
Jesse Robertson, Accounting
Promotion and Tenure

LIBRARIANS

UNT LIBRARIES
Jeremy Berg, Associate Librarian
Setareh Keshmiripour, Associate Librarian
Julie Leuzinger, Librarian
John Martin, Associate Librarian
Erin O’Toole, Librarian
Shannon Willis, Associate Librarian
Kevin Yanowski, Associate Librarian

TENURE

COLLEGE OF EDUCATION
Barbara Lynn Pazey, Teacher Education and Administration
About the UNT Foundation Awards

Each of the UNT Foundation Award recipients receives a commemorative award and a bronze eagle sculpture is presented to the Eminent Faculty award winner. Throughout the year, the bronze eagle is displayed in the honoree’s department to publicly recognize the recipient’s accomplishments and to acknowledge the support of fellow colleagues, administrators, students, and support staff. Unlike other awards, the Eminent Faculty bronze award rotates each year from department to department as new winners are announced, creating a legacy of pride over time and across the institution.

The UNT Foundation commemorative bronze eagle was designed by Stan Briney, a local artist, retired physician and former department chair at the UNT Health Science Center. Commissioned by the Salute to Faculty Excellence committee, Briney’s work captures the excellence and rich history of our institution.
Dr. Sushama Dandekar’s work as an educator in the Department of Chemistry is guided by her overarching goal: to provide her students with varied opportunities to grow into caring, responsible citizens of the world. Her thoughtfully constructed, multi-layered assignments help students discover and appreciate how their course content is relevant to their real-world experiences. By designing lessons that foster independent learning and collaboration with peers, as well as a nuanced understanding of the role of ethics in all human endeavors, she aims to better equip her students to navigate their future challenges.

Dr. Dandekar also invites highly accomplished former students to serve as volunteer study group leaders – they lead weekly discussion meetings with small groups of students to help them master organic chemistry. Her own weekly meetings with these student leaders allow her to nurture their innate human desire to make a difference in the world around them. As they blossom into confident young men and women who find joy in mentoring their peers, their passion has a ripple effect on their mentees, who become inspired to make a difference in their own ways. This unique program, which she started in 2004 with just five study group leaders, now has more than 40 leaders, all of whom wear the mantle of “Study Group Leader” as a badge of honor.

Since 2004, her annual Personal Statement Workshops have helped innumerable students construct strong application packets for scholarships, fellowships, graduate school and various professional programs. Her mentees, many of whom she stays in touch with, go on to proudly serve society as researchers, physicians, dentists, veterinarians, pharmacists...and, of course, as educators!

For her multifaceted service to UNT, Dr. Dandekar was honored with the College of Science 2019 Service Award. She is an avid reader, enjoys travel and has a passion for cooking.
UNT Foundation Awards

Community Engagement Award

The UNT Foundation Community Engagement Award recognizes a faculty member who has the sensitivity to understand and work across organizational boundaries and the leadership to build bridges among community institutions.

Shahla Ala'i
Behavior Analysis

Dr. Shahla Ala’i has been in the Department of Behavior Analysis at UNT for 25 years. She received her M.A. and Ph.D. from the University of Kansas in Developmental and Child Psychology.

For over a decade, Dr. Ala’i, Jesus Rosales and their students have collaborated with Easter Seals North Texas to serve vulnerable populations through caring and science-based interventions. In a similar fashion, she has collaborated with colleagues in Sweden, Italy, and Greece to strengthen science-based and compassionate care for children with autism. Dr. Ala’i is also a member of an interdisciplinary social justice collective, a collaboration with Alicia Re Cruz and April Bass and their students from Woman’s and Gender Studies, Applied Anthropology and Behavior Analysis.

Previously, Dr. Ala’i was a member of the Behavior Analysis Certification Board and she currently serves on several community and agency advisory boards. She has provided subject matter expertise on topics such as culture, early intervention, supervision, and ethics with various organizations, including the CDC and TEA. She is currently on several boards and disciplinary committees, most notably the ABAI Practice Board and the ABAI Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Board.

Dr. Ala’i has published and presented research on social justice, ethics in early intervention, play and social skills, family harmony, mentoring and supervision, and the relationship between love and science in the treatment of autism. She has trained hundreds of behavior analysts who have gone on to serve families and communities with honor. Some of her accomplishments include receiving UNT’s cherished ‘Fessor Graham teaching award and the 2019 TXABA Career Contributions in Behavior Analysis Award. She also was the first psychologist ever awarded the Onassis Foundation Fellowship.

According to Dr. Ala’i, community engagement is vital for the well-being of society and keeps universities relevant.
UNT Foundation Awards

Faculty Leadership Award

The UNT Foundation Faculty Leadership Award acknowledges a faculty member who significantly impacts the academic enterprise through initiatives, leadership, and service.

V. Barbara Bush
Counseling and Higher Education

Dr. V. Barbara Bush joined the faculty of the UNT Higher Education Program in 2002. In her program and department, she has chaired several committees, served as master’s program coordinator, and serves as program director at present.

Within the College of Education, she is a past chair and current member of the Faculty Assembly Committee. Dr. Bush has served the College on numerous other committees and has been recognized for her teaching and service excellence. She served seven years with Faculty Senate as a senator, secretary, vice chair, chair and immediate past chair. She also chaired and was a member of several Faculty Senate committees including the ad hoc Policy Review Committee for academic affairs policies. She currently serves as co-chair of the Faculty Senate Policy Oversight Committee.

Dr. Bush’s university, college, department and program leadership grew from her philosophy of servant leadership with the leader as a supporter of and a spokesperson for faculty, serving without a personal agenda, often behind the scenes. This type of leadership is at the heart of shared governance whereby all campus constituents have a role in the direction of the university.

Within the national educational community, Dr. Bush served a three-year term as the vice chair of a council of her national professional organization, the Association for the Study of Higher Education (ASHE). She served in other leadership capacities within ASHE for several years.

Locally, Dr. Bush has been a committee chair and co-chair of the North Texas Regional P-16 Council. This work led to a successful grant, in cooperation with Dr. Mary Harris, that initiated the development of area early college high schools. She hopes that her leadership in the local P-16 community has helped educators understand that university faculty care about student success along the educational pipeline.
John Ishiyama is University Distinguished Research Professor of Political Science. He was born in Cleveland, Ohio, and has been a lifelong suffering fan of the Browns, Cavaliers, and Indians, although he is eternally grateful to Lebron James for the ONE championship he has seen in his lifetime. He really never thought he would ever see one. He grew up in a neighborhood in Parma, Ohio, that was primarily Polish, Ukrainian and Italian, and that was where his love of Eastern European politics and cultures first emerged.

A productive scholar, Dr. Ishiyama has published eight books and more than 164 refereed journal articles and book chapters on democratization, political parties, ethnic politics Post-Communist and African politics, and the scholarship of teaching and learning.

There are many national, state and university awards that Dr. Ishiyama has won for research, teaching and service. These include the American Political Science Association’s (APSA) Frank J Goodnow Award, the highest career award for distinguished scholarship and service; the APSA Distinguished Teaching Award (the highest award for teaching); the APSA Political Science Education section Lifetime Achievement Award; the Heinz Eulau Award for best research article in an American Political Science Association journal; the Quincy Wright Distinguished Scholar Award from the International Studies Association; and the Texas Minnie Stevens Piper Award for Faculty Excellence for scholarship and teaching (the first UNT professor to win this award since 2002, and only the eighth UNT faculty member in the history of the award). He has also received several UNT awards including the UNT Foundation Faculty Leadership Award, Robert Toulouse Research Scholar Award, Ulys and Vera Knight Faculty Mentor Award and the University Distinguished Research Professorship. Further, he has generated over $4 million in external grant, award and contract funding.
Dr. Ishiyama also has played an important role in his discipline. From 2012 to 2016 he was the Editor in Chief of the American Political Science Review, the flagship journal of the APSA and the leading political science journal in the world. He also was the founding Editor in Chief of the Journal of Political Science Education, which is now one of the four association-wide journals of the APSA. As one of the founders and architects of the APSA Teaching and Learning Conference, he was intimately involved in the planning and design of the conference in its first years. He has also held leadership in the APSA, the Midwest Political Science Association and Pi Sigma Alpha, the national political science honor society. Finally, he is the Director of the National Science Foundation Research Experience for Undergraduates (NSF-REU) site on Conflict Management and Peace Science here at UNT, the only such site for political science in the country.

These days, he tries to live life day to day and has no ultimate goals – aside from maybe going fishing, or perhaps playing in a garage band. Other than that, he loves his job and would just like to keep doing what he does for as long as he can.

**Praise for John T. Ishiyama**

“An outstanding teacher in his own right, Professor Ishiyama has also proved a powerful advocate for the art and science of teaching within the discipline of political science.”

~ Steven Rathgeb Smith  
Executive Director  
American Political Science Association

“John’s research productivity and creativity is extraordinary. He has published extensively on communist politics, undergraduate education, comparative judicial politics, political parties, and African politics. His publication record in any one of these areas would constitute an impressive career: that he has managed to publish (and the research is of very high quality, both in substance and in the quality of the journals) in all of them is astounding. In 2019 alone, he has seven refereed journal articles coming out, and a career total of 139 published refereed journals. Those are numbers we see from natural scientists with enormous labs and an army of graduate students and post-docs, not from social scientists.”

~ Anna Grzymala-Busse, Ph.D.  
Kevin and Michelle Douglas Professor of International Studies  
Department of Political Science  
Stanford University

“He's a caring instructor, he's a creative teacher, he's a creative researcher, he's inclusive – I mean, he's John Ishiyama.”

~ Matthew Eshbaugh-Soha, Ph.D.  
Professor and Chair  
Department of Political Science  
University of North Texas
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