CONGRATULATIONS

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

SUMMER 2021

John Blair (ENG)

John Blair has been named the 2021 recipient of the Rash Award in Poetry by Broad River Review.

Danielle McEwen (PSY)

Danielle McEwen, Administrative Assistant III in Psychology, was awarded the Dr. Lawrence Estaville Employee Excellence Award, a Graduate College Scholarship ($2000), and a Staff Council Scholarship ($1000). She was also named a Long-Term trainee in the Autism Consortium of Texas LEND Program, which includes a $9000 stipend.

Dr. Patricia Shields receives the Regents Professor Award

Roque Mendez (PSY)

Dr. Roque Mendez became a namesake for a new student den--Den Mendez. Dr. Mendez has been with TXST since 1989 and is now educating the newest generation of students.
2021 FACULTY AWARDS & HONORS

Presidential Excellence Awards

Excellence in Scholarly/Creative Activities Professor/Associate Professor Rank
Cyrus Cassells III, English

Excellence in Teaching Senior Lecturer/Rewriter Rank
Brian Cooper, Geography

Presidential Distinction Awards

Teaching
Yasmine Beale-Rosano-Rivaya, World Languages & Literatures
Lynn Crossett, Political Science
Louie Dean Valencia, History

Scholarly/Creative
Amitai Abramovitch, Psychology
Cyrus Cassells III, English

Service
Gayle Bouzard, Sociology
Nancy Wilson, English

Excellence in Research Funding & Sponsored Programs

Natalie Ceballos and Reiko Graham, Psychology
Jennifer Clegg, Psychology
Catherine Jaffe, World Languages & Literatures
Aimee Kendall Roundtree, English

Golden Apple Awards

Teaching
Brian Cooper, Geography
Yasmine Beale-Rosano-Rivaya, World Languages & Literatures
Louie Dean Valencia, History

Scholarly/Creative
Amitai Abramovitch, Psychology
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Excellence in Teaching Senior Lecturer/Lecturer Rank
Brian Cooper, Geography

Scholarly/Creative
Deborah Cunningham, Anthropology
James Reeves, English
John Tiefenbacher, Geography
Toni Watt, Sociology

Service
Jennifer Clegg, Psychology
Michael Conner, World Languages & Literatures
Kimberly Meiten, Geography
David Navarro, World Languages & Literatures

College Achievement Awards

Teaching
Beatriz Aldana Marquez, Sociology
Dwonna Goldstone, History
Sherri Mora, Political Science
Yihong Yuan, Geography

Scholarly/Creative
Deborah Cunningham, Anthropology
James Reeves, English
John Tiefenbacher, Geography
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David Navarro, World Languages & Literatures

University Distinguished Professor

Susan Morrison, English

Texas State University System Regents Professor

Patricia Shields, Political Science
## 2020 Faculty Awards & Honors

### Mariel Muir Mentoring Award
- Aimee Kendall Roundtree, English

### Alumni Association Teaching Award
- Jeffrey Helgeson, History

### Distinguished Professor Emeriti
- John Davis, Psychology
- Richard Earl, Geography

### University Professor Emeriti
- Vicki Brittain, Political Science
- Richard Earl, Geography
- Dickie Heaberlin, English
- Elvin Holt, English

### University Associate Professor Emeriti
- Pierre Cagniart, History

### Part-Time Faculty Excellence in Teaching Award
- Peter Siegenthaler, History

### Jesse H. and Mary Gibbs Jones Professor of Southwest Studies
- Jason Reed, School of Art & Design

### Faculty Retirements
- Mark Carter, Geography
- Allan Chavkin, English
- Ana Juarez, Anthropology
- Kathryn Ledbetter, English
- Cynthia Opheim, Political Science

### Tenure and Promotion
- **Promoted to Associate Professor of Practice**
  - Todd Ahlman, Anthropology
- **Tenure / Associate Professor**
  - Amitai Abramovitch, Psychology
  - Matthew Clement, Sociology
  - Jennifer Devine, Geography
  - Jennifer duBois, English
  - Michelle Edwards, Sociology
  - Seoyoun Kim, Sociology

### Faculty Service Awards

#### Fifteen Years
- Neill Hadder, Anthropology
- Ronald Hagelman, Geography
- Osvaldo Muniz Solari, Geography
- Angela Murphy, History
- Nathan Pino, Sociology
- Nandhini Rangarajan, Political Science
- Rebekah Ross, Philosophy
- Gloria Velasquez, World Languages & Literatures
- Paul Wilson, Philosophy

#### Twenty Years
- Lynn Crossett, Political Science
- Maria Diocares, World Languages & Literatures
- Craig Hanks, Philosophy
- Yongmei Lu, Geography
- Debarun Majumdar, Sociology
- Kelly Mosel-Talavera, Sociology
- Randall Osborne, Psychology
- Toni Watt, Sociology

#### Twenty-Five Years
- Lucie Harney, World Languages & Literatures
- Rebecca Jackson, English
- Teya Rosenberg, English
- Thirty Years
- Cecilia Castillo, Political Science

#### Thirty-Five Years
- Catherine Jaffe, World Languages & Literatures

#### Forty Years
- Rebecca Bell-Metereau, English

#### Forty-Five Years
- Vincent Luizzi, Philosophy
Colleen Myles-Baltzly (GEO)

Colleen Myles-Baltzly wrote an article about craft beer published by The Conversation and the Houston Chronicle.

Emily K. Brunson (HIST)

Emily K. Brunson and Baruch Fischhoff (Carnegie Mellon University) explores strategies for overcoming vaccine hesitancy and encouraging widespread vaccination in an article appearing on National Academies of Sciences Engineering Medicine.

Naomi Shihab Nye (ENG)

Naomi Shihab Nye was recently elected to the American Academy of Arts & Sciences, which featured a video honoring her nomination.

John Mckiernan-Gonzalez (HIST)

The Dallas Morning News interviewed John Mckiernan-Gonzalez for the article, "Are migrants fueling the COVID-19 surge? No, this is the pandemic of the unvaccinated."

Patti Giuffre (SOCI)

Patti Giuffre and MA Sociology alum, Courtney Caviness, discuss their research about workplace policies and practices impacting LGBTQ communities in the article, "LGBTQ Employment and Discrimination," in Human Inquiry.

Sarah Coleman (HIST)

Sarah Coleman had her piece, "Biden will allow undocumented students to access pandemic relief," published in The Washington Post.

Chrisopher Johnson (SOCI)

Christopher Johnson discusses his research in the article, "World religions share more in common than not, if only one looks closely," featured in the TXST Newsroom.

Jessica Pliley (HIST)

Jessica Pliley was featured in an article published in Inside Higher Education about high school dropouts who became university professors.

Yasmine Beale-Rivaya (WLL)

Yasmine Beale-Rivaya, Professor of Spanish Linguistics, has been featured on Zippia’s Future of the Job Market Report.

Franciska Boehme (POSI)

Franciska Boehme recently published an article in The Washington Post about "The Monkey Cage," which connects political scientists to America’s public conversation.

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James Reeves (ENG)

James Reeves was interviewed by New Books Network’s "Secularism" about his new book, Godless Fictions in the Eighteenth Century.

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Susan Morrison (ENG)

Tomas Q Morin (ENG)

Tomas Q Morin appeared on the cover of the latest issue of *The American Poetry Review*.

Molly Yingling (ENG)

Molly Yingling’s flash fiction piece, "Expiry," recently appeared in *Hobart*.

Nour A Ghraowi (ENG)


Abigail Heng, Jocelyn Tran, Tyler Gould (WLL)

Issac Caswell and Olivia Duffy, the first "SPARK for German" instructor team from Texas State University, completed a semester-long internship teaching German language and culture to a group of middle school students from San Marcos, Austin, and Round Rock.

Megan Miranker (ENG)

Megan Miranker (advisor: Giordano) and Chayanika Singh (advisor: Lu) were awarded Texas State University Fall 2021 Doctoral Research Support Fellowship.

Abigail Heng, Jocelyn Tran, Tyler Gould (WLL)

Abigail Heng, Jocelyn Tran, and Tyler Gould received the Taiwanese government’s prestigious Huayu language scholarship.

Brendan Nash (ANTH)

Brendan Nash (anthropology alum and current doctoral student at the University of Michigan) is featured in a video about the discovery of the Clovis trail in Michigan.

Alethea Maldonado (ENG)

English Alumna Alethea Maldonado was honored with a National Council of Teachers of English Early Career Teacher of Color Leadership Award.

Neha Shrestha (PSY)

Neha Shrestha was selected to receive a 2021-2022 Psi Chi Graduate Scholarship in the amount of $3,000.

Katie Gutierrez (ENG)

An article by MFA alum Katie Gutierrez appeared in *Texas Highways Magazine*.

Molly Miranker & Chayanika Singh (GEO)

Geography doctoral students Molly Miranker (advisor: Giordano) and Chayanika Singh (advisor: Lu) were awarded Texas State University Fall 2021 Doctoral Research Support Fellowship.

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Aimee Roundtree (ENG)
Aimee Roundtree was awarded a research contract from the Department of State Health Services (DSHS) to examine usability and user experience for DSHS digital products.

Ken Grasso (POSI)
Ken Grasso was awarded a grant from the Jack Miller Center to support the 2021-2022 Discourse in Democracy series.

Juan Angulo (PSY)
Juan Angulo was awarded a grant from the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board to support the implementation of Open Educational Resources (OER) in PSY 1300.

Ty Shepis (PSY)
Ty Shepis was awarded a subcontract from Trinity College to support the NIH R34 project entitled "Prevent Prescription Stimulant Diversion via a Web-Based Simulation Intervention."

Eric Sarmiento (GEO)
Eric Sarmiento was awarded a fellowship from the National Academy of Sciences to support his project "Co-producing knowledge of chronic flooding for community resiliences.

Bob Fischer (PHIL)
Bob Fischer was awarded a contract with Rethink Priorities to support his Moral Weight Project.