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*Faculty  
Awards*

Tuesday, April 19, 2022  
2:30 - 4 p.m.

# Welcome

**Faculty Senate President-Elect – Dr. Krista Gehring**

Remarks from UHD President

**Loren J. Blanchard, Ph.D.**

Senate Report

**Faculty Senate President — Dr. Edmund Cueva**

Faculty Awards

**Dr. Adriana Visbal — Chair**

Faculty Awards Committee

Faculty Development Leave Awards

**Dr. Stephanie Coleman — Chair**

Funded Faculty Leave Awards Committee

Distinguished Faculty Award

**Dr. Azar Rejaie — Chair**

Distinguished Faculty Awards Committee

Recognition of Faculty Years of Service  
Provost & SVP Academic and Student Affairs

**Interim Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs & Provost**

**Dr. J. Akif Uzman**

**Outstanding Adjunct**

**Mehdi Esmaeilian**

Natural Sciences

**Charlet Jose**

Natural Sciences

**Dalia Sherif**

Business

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**Outstanding Lecturer**

**Kasi Bundoc**

Professional Development

**Meghan Minard**

Biology

**Sam Sen**

Natural Sciences

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**Excellence in Scholarly/Creative Activity**

**Amy Baird**

Biology

**Heather Goltz**

Social Work

**Katrina Rufino**

Psychology

## Excellence in Service

**Godwin Agboka**

English

**Julio Canedo**

Management

**Dagmar Scharold**

English

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## Excellence in Teaching

**Rob McKee**

Management

**Candace TenBrink**

Management

**Eszter Trufan**

Natural Sciences

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## Distinguished Faculty Award

**Dr. Qing (Ray) Cao**

General Business, Marketing & Supply Chain

**Dr. Edmund Cueva**

History, Humanities & Languages

**Dr. Whitney Morgan**

Management & Insurance Risk Management

## Faculty Development Leave Awards

**Dr. Kit Cho, Associate Professor of Psychology**

*Department of Social Sciences:*

Math anxiety (MA) is prevalent in the population with an estimated 17% of the population reporting a high level of MA. Although MA has been well-researched in the past few decades, there is a glaring omission of including underserved college students (Blacks, Hispanics, and nontraditional students) in this literature. This consequential omission can perpetuate and exacerbate achievement gaps in higher education and neglects a growing demographic in higher education. The effects of MA are both broad and profound, because of its link to students' career decisions, future earnings, in addition to their mathematics achievement. The primary objective of this faculty funded leave is to investigate the prevalence, consequences, and remedies to mitigate the effects of MA in underserved students in higher education.

**Jeffrey Martz, Associate Professor of Geology**

*Department of Natural Sciences:*

My faculty funded leave will be used to write the first draft of a book on the paleoecology of Petrified Forest National Park. The book will discuss the geography, climate, plants and animals of northern Arizona during the late Triassic Period, 230-202 million years ago and discuss the importance of the ecosystem to ushering in the age of dinosaurs. The book will include multiple illustrations prepared by the author.

**Jean Nganou, Associate Professor of Mathematics**

*Department of Mathematics & Statistics:*

*Dedekind-MacNeille Completion of MV-algebras and Generalized Semi-simplicity:* The goal of the project is to initiate the study a class of algebras associated to electric/electronic switching circuits with multi-state switches. Roughly, our goal in to ensure maximum stability of such systems by making sure that the algebra of outputs meets some required characteristics. We plan to compute the Dedekind-MacNeille completion of MV-algebras and extend the study of the concept of semi-simple MV-algebras. During the leave, I plan to visit some of my collaborators on this project at the University of Dschang, Cameroon.

## David Ryden, Professor of History

*Department of History, Humanities & Languages:*

*Jamaica, Emancipation, and the Birth of Britain's New Imperialism:* This book project argues that the late 1820s—when popular British antislavery reached its height—proved to be an important inflection point in the history of British imperialism: prior to that time, colonizers could defend their overseas investments by emphasizing national glory and the economic benefits accrued from distant British territories. During the years leading up to Emancipation, however, the West India sugar lobby discovered that they needed to go beyond making simple balance-sheet justifications for imperialism. In other words, they pivoted in their speeches, pamphlets, and appeals to Parliament by underscoring that their overseas holdings were part of a respectable, civilizing mission. Thus, this research project argues that the West Indian planter class were pioneers of a new imperialist rhetoric that would come to define British imperial identity for much of the nineteenth century. My analysis is based on data collected from the Society's minute books, housed at the Alma Jordan Library (UWI-St. Augustine, Trinidad). My research heretofore identifies (1) the key players during the final defense of slavery; (2) the arguments used to defend slavery; and (3) the strategy used in organizing a parliamentary opposition to Emancipation. I show how political economy, alone, needed to be fused to a nascent Victorian sensibility that would ultimately dominate British consciousness down to World War I.

## Rahul Verma, Professor of Finance

*Department of Finance & Management Information Systems:*

*Behavioral Finance and Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG) Investing: Pre and Post Covid-19 Analysis.* This research would provide empirical tests on the rationality of ESG investing during the pandemic. ESG investing is one of the hottest trends in business and almost one-third of all assets under professional management are being managed using ESG criteria. Moreover, the sustainability goals of the businesses have shifted and ESG investments have started playing a crucial role in the economy. An over-enthusiasm over ESG issues threatens a new asset price bubble and there is a need to analyze the behavior of ESG investors and how such investments are identified. This study attempts to shed new light on the issue of investors' irrationality by examining if ESG investing can be explained by the tenets of standard finance rooted in rational expectations or, by cognitive psychology-based theories of behavioral finance. The findings of the research will have far-reaching implications for investors, firms, and policymakers.

## Joseph Westfall, Professor of Philosophy

*Department of History, Humanities & Languages:*

*The Musical Kierkegaard* is a book-length study of the Danish philosopher, Søren Kierkegaard (1813-1855), and music. Ultimately, I wish to argue that Kierkegaard's widely known interest in and love of music (especially opera, and most especially Mozart's operas) is a key to sorting out the overall structure of the Kierkegaardian authorship. Kierkegaard's writings are infamously polyvocal, written from a wide variety of anonymous and pseudonymous perspectives, as well as from Kierkegaard's own. I argue that the authorship is organized in a way that is significantly musical—or, at least, deeply indebted to music—and so I consider precisely what it might mean to think of a body of written works as “musical.” Following a careful examination of Kierkegaard's thoughts on language, writing, and music, I suggest that an operatic model is the best for understanding both the structure and significance of his polyvocal authorship.

## RECOGNITION OF FACULTY YEARS OF SERVICE

### 20 Years

- Dr. Austin Allen**, Associate Professor – History, Humanities & Languages
- Dr. Kristin J. Anderson**, Professor – Social Sciences
- Dr. Utpal Bose**, Professor – Finance & Management Information Systems
- Dr. Theresa Ann Case**, Professor – History, Humanities & Languages
- Dr. Raquel P. Chiquillo**, Associate Professor – History, Humanities & Languages
- Dr. Steven P. Coy**, Professor – Management & Insurance Risk Management
- Dr. Kenneth Johnson**, Associate Professor – Natural Sciences
- Dr. Windy Y. Lawrence**, Professor – Arts & Communication
- Dr. Peter Li**, Associate Professor, Social Sciences
- Dr. John Linantud**, Associate Professor, Social Sciences
- Dr. Justo R. Manrique**, Associate Dean, Marilyn Davies College of Business
- Dr. Mohsen M. Mobasher**, Associate Professor, Social Sciences
- Dr. Chynette D. Nealy**, Professor – General Business, Marketing & Supply Chain
- Dr. William J. Nowak**, Associate Professor – History, Humanities & Languages
- Dr. Lucille Pointer**, Professor – General Business, Marketing & Supply Chain

### 25 Years

- Dr. Jane Creighton**, Professor – English
- Dr. Sandra L. Dahlberg**, Professor – English
- Dr. Ermelinda DeLaViña**, Interim Dean – Sciences & Technology
- Dr. Poonam Gulati**, Director – Qlty. Enh. Plan & Ctr. Comm. Engmt. & Svc. Lrn. Ctr.
- Dr. Dagmar Scharold**, Interim Department Chair – English
- Dr. Akif J. Uzman**, Interim Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs & Provost

### 30 Years

- Dr. Sara Farris**, Associate Professor – English

### 35 Years

- Dr. Charles Smith**, Professor – Finance & Management Information Systems

### 40 Years

- Dr. Steve London**, Professor – Mathematics & Statistics



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