2017 Faculty Awards

Thursday, April 18
2:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Robertson Auditorium
Followed by Reception in A300
Welcome
Senate President-Elect – Dr. Trevor Hale

Remarks from UHD President
Dr. Juan Sanchez Muñoz

Senate Report
Faculty Senate President – Dr. Carolyn Ashe

Faculty Awards
Faculty Awards Committee Members
Dr. Travis Crone, Chair

Faculty Development Leave Awards
Committee Chairperson – Dr. Kevin Buckler

Recognition of Faculty Years of Service
Interim Provost & SVP Academic Affairs
Mr. Edward T. Hugetz

Outstanding Adjunct
Charles Pelz
Criminal Justice

Joshua Reynolds
Social Work

Dalia Sherif
College of Business

Outstanding Lecturer
Angela Goins
Social Work

Abigail Koenig
Arts and Humanities

Bridget Mueller
Arts and Humanities

Adriana Visbal
Natural Sciences

Excellence in Scholarly/Creative Activity
Floyd Newsum
Arts and Humanities

Katrina Rufino
Social Sciences

Michael Tobin
Natural Sciences
Dr. Adam Ellwanger, Associate Professor of English

*Department of English:*

The funded faculty leave will allow Dr. Ellwanger to pursue a book project that will be the first full-length rhetorical treatment of metanoia, a critical concept as old as rhetoric itself. In both the Greek and Christian models of metanoia, there is some dimension of regret and reinvention. As a concept inherently related to transformation, metanoia is a critical construct for understanding how identity is signified and reinvented in the postmodern era. As a means to understanding the new ways that identity and the self are signified in postmodern contexts, a comprehensive treatment of metanoia is needed. This project will chart the historical development of metanoia from the Greek era to the Christian era, explain how metanoic rhetoric in contemporary contexts exhibits important differences from earlier models, and demonstrate how this new theory of metanoia can be mobilized as an analytic tool for understanding how the rhetoric of personal conversion and transformation operates in the secular context of contemporary America.

Dr. Lisa Morano, Professor of Biology and Microbiology

*Department of Natural Sciences:*

The funded faculty leave will allow Dr. Morano to pursue three distinct goals around the central theme of urban agriculture and sustainability. First, Dr. Morano will analyze a massive microbial data set that has already been sequenced, but not yet analyzed. The bacterial communities sequenced were from two grapevine varieties (across a growing season) with variable levels of resistance to the plant pathogen Xylella fastidiosa. It is hypothesized that particular combinations of microbial species may be playing a protective role in plant resistance. Second, Dr. Morano will establish plant nutrition experimental protocols at UHD. During 2016, the Morano lab has genetically fingerprinted varieties of kale with the goal of linking fingerprints to nutritional differences in order to more easily determine which varieties are most nutritious. Finally, Dr. Morano will expand the impact of the Center for Urban Agriculture and Sustainability (CUAS) by creating a blog series about why sustainability matters. The novel projects supported by this leave could attract additional funding and undergraduate research opportunities to UHD students.

Dr. Reynaldo Romero, Associate Professor of Spanish Linguistics

*Department of Arts and Humanities:*

The funded leave will allow Dr. Romero to investigate, summarize and evaluate language maintenance efforts for Judeo-Spanish in a new book project, and follow up on his publication Spanish in the Bosphorus. Although Judeo-Spanish is currently an endangered language, recent efforts have encouraged language maintenance, intergenerational transmission, and cultural preservation. These efforts are promoted by different organizations, with different levels of success and duration. In order to ensure that the Judeo-Spanish community is benefiting from these linguistic activities, their methodology, agency, implementation, effectiveness, and objectives need to be evaluated with sound sociolinguistic research. Dr. Romero seeks to propose new methodologies to improve language revitalization and empower the Judeo-Spanish community with a guidebook for community-based approaches to save and preserve their language. The proposed book project will include a strong sociolinguistic foundation, but its content will be accessible to any community activist or group that wishes to apply these models to their own linguistic situation, not just the Judeo-Spanish. This material is crucial, as it is estimated that by the end of this century as many as half of the world’s 7000 languages will be extinct. Judeo-Spanish is an integral part of Hispanic culture and history, and its disappearance would signify a great loss to Spanish speakers, Spanish diversity, and to research in Spanish linguistics.

Excellence in Teaching

**Maria Bhattacharjee**
Urban Education

**Ashley Blackburn**
Criminal Justice

**Ryan Pepper**
Mathematics & Statistics

Excellence in Service

**Judith Harris**
Criminal Justice

**Hank Rubicek**
Arts and Humanities

**Eszter Trufan**
Natural Sciences

Faculty Development Leave Awards

**Dr. Kristin Anderson**, Professor of Psychology

*Department of Social Sciences:

The funded faculty leave will allow Dr. Anderson to pursue a book project on power, privilege and dissent by examining the processes of systemic and psychological power and privilege, and those who resist it. This project addresses the well-documented growing inequality in the United States—the most significant social problem of the present. This project utilizes the work from multiple disciplines in the social sciences and humanities and joins together micro- (psychology) and macro- (e.g., sociology, philosophy, communications) focused literatures to examine power and resistance to it. It speaks to present-day problems, including the political strategies and rhetoric that played a role in the 2016 election of Donald Trump to the presidency.
RECOGNITION OF FACULTY YEARS OF SERVICE

20 Years

Dr. Jane Creighton, Professor – English
Dr. Sandra Dahlberg, Professor – English
Dr. Ermelinda Delavina, Professor – Mathematics & Statistics
Dr. Greg Getz, Professor – Social Sciences
Dr. Dagmar Scharold, Assistant Professor – English

25 Years

Dr. Sara Farris, Associate Professor – English

30 Years

Dr. Jeffrey Flosi, Associate Professor – Natural Sciences
Dr. Margaret Shipley, Professor – Management, Marketing & Business Administration
Dr. Charles Smith, Professor – Finance, Accounting & Enterprise Information Systems

35 Years

Dr. Steve London, Professor – Mathematics & Statistics

RECOGNITION OF FACULTY MENTORS

Ahmad, Janice
Archiopoli, Ashley
Avrithi, Kleio
Benavides, Maria
Brusman-Lovins, Lori
Castro, Esther
Cervanka, Mark
Dalton, Colin
Davis, Jonathan
Flint, RaShonda
Flosi, Jeffrey
George, Jessie
Goins, Angela
Hatfield, Elizabeth
Henney, Susan
Hessel, Tyra
Jackson, Charles
Johnson, Jerry
Karson, Lawrence
Kintzele, Paul
Miller, Stephen
Minard, Meghan
Mitchell, Laura
Pavelich, Andrew
Pfeffer, Rebecca
Putnam, Kyle
Qavi, Hamida
Sack, Jacqueline
Soibam, Benjamin
Soto, Julio Canedo
Turner, Erlanger
Tzouanas, Vassilios
Valcore, Jace
Villegas, Elizabeth
Visbal, Adriana
Yuan, Shengli