

July 20, 2020

RE: 2020-21 Academic Senate Distinguished Faculty Award Recipients

Dear Colleagues,

On behalf of the Academic Senate, it is my pleasure to announce the recipients of the Academic Senate's highest honors. These awards are given to Senate members who have achieved excellence through their activities in research, teaching, mentorship, and service. The Academic Senate Distinguished Faculty Awards are selected by the Committee on Scholarly Honors and Awards. Please join me in congratulating our colleagues on their outstanding achievements. The awards will be presented at the Distinguished Faculty Awards Event tentatively scheduled to take place Wednesday, February 10, 2021 from 5:00 to 8:00 pm at the Newkirk Alumni Center (or remotely if needed).

Distinguished Senior Faculty Award for Research
Chancellor's Professor Michele Goodwin
School of Law

Distinguished Mid-Career Faculty Award for Research
Professor Roman Vershynin
Department of Mathematics

Distinguished Early-Career Faculty Award for Research*
Assistant Professor Laura Enriquez
Department of Chicano/Latino Studies
Department of Sociology

Distinguished Early-Career Faculty Award for Research*
Assistant Professor Huolin Xin
Department of Physics and Astronomy

Distinguished Faculty Award for Teaching
Professor Philip Collins
Department of Physics and Astronomy

Distinguished Early-Career Faculty Award for Teaching
Assistant Professor of Teaching Natascha Buswell
Department of Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering

Daniel G. Aldrich, Jr. Distinguished University Service Award
Professor Arthur Lander
Department of Developmental and Cell Biology

*Two faculty members received the 2020-21 Distinguished Early-Career Faculty Award for Research



Distinguished Mid-Career Faculty Award for Service
Professor Judith Stepan-Norris
Department of Sociology

Distinguished Faculty Award for Mentorship
Professor Emerita Lorraine Evangelista
Sue and Bill Gross School of Nursing

Academic Senate – Better World Award
Professor Donald Blake
Department of Chemistry

I would like to thank the Senate members who prepared and submitted the many outstanding nomination files, and the Committee on Scholarly Honors and Awards for their thoughtful deliberations and selections.

Sincerely,



James Steintrager, Chair
Academic Senate, Irvine Division



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