



Faculty Senate Bulletin

November 2018



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Everette Swinney Faculty Senate Excellence in Teaching Award

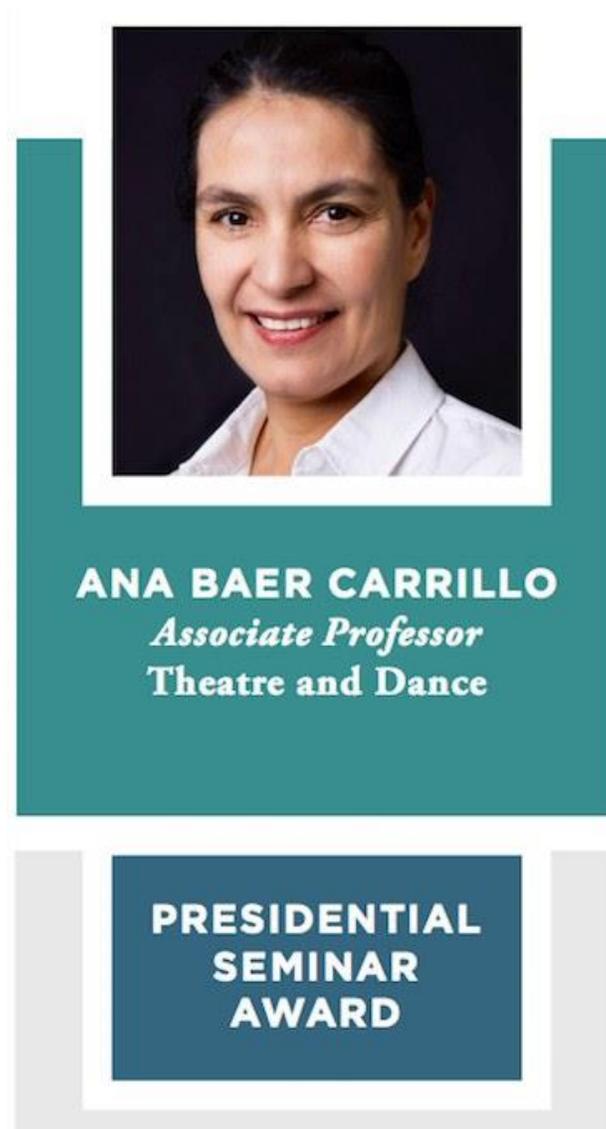


At the October 10 meeting, the senate endorsed the recommendations of the Piper Professor Committee. The committee reviewed applications for the Piper Award and the Everette Swinney Faculty Senate Excellence in Teaching Award. The senate is pleased to announce the following faculty members were selected for the Swinney Award:

- Cindy Royal, Professor, Journalism and Mass Communication
- Ann Burnette, Associate Professor, Communication Studies
- Rodney Rohde, Professor & Chair, Clinical Laboratory Science

In addition, the committee recommended Dr. Royal as the university's nominee for the Piper Award. The senate appreciates the support the university provides in recognizing and rewarding our high quality faculty.

Presidential Seminar



Ana Baer Carrillo, associate professor in the Department of Theatre and Dance at Texas State University, will deliver the [2018 Presidential Seminar](#) at **5 p.m. on Nov. 5 at the Texas State Galleries in the Joann Cole Mitte Building**. Carrillo is known for her outstanding video-choreography that expresses the inner condition of underrepresented communities. The video installation of her recent work, "Espacios Latentes/Latent Spaces," will be on exhibit at the [Texas State Galleries](#) Oct. 24-Nov. 16.

To find out more about Carrillo's work and the exhibit, visit anabaer.com/pacio.

Contact the Group Benefits Advisory Committee

Many decisions about benefits, including the choice of health care provider, are made at the state level. Dr. Janet Bezner, Senator from Health Professions, is the four-year institution of higher education

representative to the [Group Benefits Advisory Committee](#) (GBAC). The GBAC advises the ERS Board of Trustees on the planning and development of employee and retiree benefits. The Committee provides the Board with input from ERS participants, and benefits experts and professionals to ensure that state benefits provide value to participants and employers. If you have ideas or concerns about state benefits, especially health care, please contact the GBAC via email at GBACadmin@ers.texas.gov.

We've Been Doing it Your Way Long Enough: Choosing the Culturally Relevant Classroom



The College of Education and Department of Curriculum and Instruction will present authors Janice Baines, Carmen Tisdale, and Susi Long will be speaking about their work on **November 13 at 7:00 pm in the Alkek Teaching Theater.**

These three educators from South Carolina will discuss culturally relevant pedagogy and share examples from their classrooms and their new book, *We've Been Doing it Your Way Long Enough: Choosing the Culturally Relevant Classroom*.

"When we say—'We've been doing it your way long enough' we mean that school policy, pedagogy, and practice have been centered around Whiteness from the time of colonization and it's long past time to do something about it."

Please join us for this urgent conversation about making schools spaces of inclusive excellence for all students from all communities. Professors--please bring your classes.

For more information contact Jesse Gainer, jessegainer@txstate.edu

University Lecturers Series



The School of Social Work will sponsor *Hip Hop, Health, and Global Justice Week* from **November 5-10**. The purpose of the week and the week's events is to raise awareness about the innovative and meaningful ways that Hip Hop culture contributes to health, education, and justice within the United States and around the world.

Dr. Gann is leading several lectures as part of the University Lecturers Series. For more information, contact Raphael Travis, rtravis@txstate.edu.

A child and adolescent clinical psychologist by training, Dr. Gann is a long-time beat maker and Executive Director of Today's Future Sound (TFS). Dr. Gann has been working with TFS in Bay Area schools and community settings, and across the globe using Hip Hop beat making and culture as a mental health, educational, social justice and cross-cultural intervention. He has worked with more than 60,000 youth on six continents in the past six years through TFS and is currently developing the Therapeutic Beat Making (TBM) Model.



It is clear that all the valuable things, material, spiritual, and moral, which we receive from society can be traced back through countless generations to certain creative individuals. -- Albert Einstein

Contact Us!

Do you have a question, concern or issue you want the Faculty Senate to address? Want to make a suggestion? [Contact the senate via our website.](#)

More information about these and other topics can be found in the Faculty Senate minutes posted on the [Faculty Senate website](#), or by contacting your Faculty Senator (email links below) or [Senate Liaison](#). The Faculty Senate encourages you to voice your concerns and comments on any faculty and shared governance topics to these representatives or directly to the senate.

60th Faculty Senate



Front Row: [Jesse Gainer](#), Education; [Janet Bezner](#), Health Professions, **Vice Chair**; [Rebecca Bell-Metereau](#), Liberal Arts; [Ting Liu](#), Education; [Augustine Agwuele](#), Liberal Arts; [Michel Conroy](#), Fine Arts and Communication; [Lynn Ledbetter](#), Fine Arts and Communication

Back Row: [Michael Supancic](#), Applied Arts; [Benjamin Martin](#), Science and Engineering; [Rachel Davenport](#), Science and Engineering; [David Nolan](#), Fine Arts and Communication; [Diego Vacaflores](#), Business Administration; [Natalie Ceballos](#), Liberal Arts, **Secretary**; [Alexander White](#), Science and Engineering, **Chair**; [Vince Luizzi](#), Liberal Arts